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DNC Neighborhood Impact

With the Democratic National Convention just around the corner, Denver local government has been steadily working for months on plans to welcome 30,000 visitors to Denver as well as implementing new and amended laws to help facilitate those who will protest and want to exercise their First Amendment rights to assemble while in town. Neighborhoods close to downtown and including the central business district have been wondering how parades, marches, and traffic might affect their daily routines near the Pepsi Center and area parks.

On April 10th, Denver Councilman Rick Garcia, who chairs the City Council’s Neighborhood, Community, and Business Revitalization committee, will host and moderate a panel of persons on Democratic National Convention authority about how the plans are going. The presentation will address the Convention’s challenges, opportunities, and impacts on the City and its neighborhoods. The panel will include:

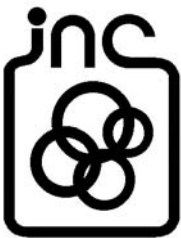
- ✦ Sky Gallegos, DNC Deputy CEO, Intergovernmental Affairs
- ✦ Katherine Archuleta, Mayor’s Office, Policy Advisor, Policy, and Initiatives
- ✦ Mike Dino, CEO Denver Convention Host Committee
- ✦ Michael Battista, Deputy Chief of Operations, DPD
- ✦ David Quinones, Division Chief, Special Operations Division, DPD
- ✦ Sharon Linhart, Downtown Denver Partnership, DNC Task Force

Councilman Rick Garcia represents the historic neighborhoods of Northwest Denver that are the closest to the Convention’s epicenter and where all expected activities might occur when hosting a national political convention. Garcia says, “hosting a DNC is a once in every 100 years opportunity for intermountain western cities and states. All eyes will be on Denver and Colorado during August 25th through 28th and all our citizens should know what is expected of them to ensure that Denver shines.”

Security and public safety are major concerns to residents who work and travel to downtown Denver from surrounding neighborhoods. Denver Police Department panel representatives will discuss general safety plans and any expected interruptions on streets and thoroughfares during the Convention week in August. In addition, any approved city permits for park use and parades will be covered as well as updates on the many planned free events for the public to participate in the convention outside of the convention hall. Local small businesses interested in selling services and seeking contracts with the DNC has been another regular topic of questions in business circles. DNC Host Committee Executive Director Mike Dino will certainly discuss the Convention’s progress on local business utilization and any continuing opportunities.

The Forum will be held on Thursday, April 10th, 6:00 p.m., at North High School Auditorium, 2960 North Speer Boulevard

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INC Member and Associate Organizations (Patrons in Bold)

Member Organizations

17th & 18th Lafayette St Neighbors
 Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn
 Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn
 Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
 Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn
 Berkeley Neighborhood Assn
 Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Assn
 Bow Mar Heights Improvement Assn
Broadway Partnership / MDLDC
Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Inc
 Cherry Creek East Assn
 Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn

Cherry Creek Townhouse Corporation
 Cherry Point Homeowners Assn
 Civic Association of Clayton
 Colfax on the Hill, Inc
 College View Neighborhood Assn
 Congress Park Neighbors
 Cook Park Neighborhood Assn
Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn
Country Club Historic Neighborhood (CCHN)
 Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn
Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn
2nd filing
 Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc
 Filing One
 Curtis Park Neighbors
Downtown Denver Residents Org
 East Montclair Neighborhood Assn
 Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc
 George Washington Homeowner's Assn. Inc.
 Globeville Civic Assn #1
 Godsgate Neighborhood Org
 Golden Triangle Assn. of Denver
Golden Triangle Museum District
 Greater Mar-Lee Community Org
Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.
 Hampden South Neighborhood Assn
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn
 Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC
 Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.
 Hutchenson Hills/Willow Point HOA
 Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn
 Ivy Street Neighbors Assn
 Lower Downtown Neighborhood Assn (LoDoNA)
Lowry Community Master Assn
 Lowry United Neighborhoods
Mayfair Neighbors, Inc
 Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn
 North City Park Civic Assn
 Old San Rafael Neighborhood Assn
 Overland Neighborhood Assn
 Park Forest Homeowner's Assn
 Ruby Hill Neighborhood Assn - RHINO
SWIC Southwest Improvement Council/Westwood
 Santa Fe Drive Redevelopment Corp

Sloan's Neighborhood Assn
 South City Park Neighborhood Assn
 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn
 South Jackson Street Denver Neighborhood
 South Park Hill Neighborhood Org
Southmoor Park Homeowner Assn
Southmoor Park East Homeowners Assn
 The Unsinkables
University Park Community Council
Virginia Vale Community Assn
 Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn
 Washington Park East Neighborhood Assn
 West Highland Neighborhood Assn
 West University Community Assn (WUCA)
West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn
 Whittier Neighborhood Assn
 Windsor Gardens Association
 Wyman Historic District Neighborhood Assn

Associates

Auditor, City and County of Denver
 Bonna Gayhart
Councilman Doug Linkhart
Councilman Rick Garcia
Councilwoman Carol Boigon
Councilwoman Marcia Johnson
Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann
 Denver Health Medical Center
Denver Mayor's Office
Denver Parks and Recreation
Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc.
 FRESC (Front Range Economic Strategy Center)
 Gertie Grant
 Harriet R. Hogue
 Historic Denver Inc.
 League of Women Voters of Denver
 Leetsdale Cop Shop
 Morrison Road Business Association of Denver
 Palace Lofts Homeowners Assn
 Pam Schenkein
Stapleton Master Community Assn
 Transportation Solutions



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INC Delegates' Meetings are held on
 the second Saturday of each month at
 8:45 a.m. See this issue for location.

The INC Executive Committee meets
 monthly. All members are welcome.
 Call the Chair for time and location.

Executive Committee Recap by Larry Ambrose

The meeting was called to order on March 10th at 6:30 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street. There were seven Executive Committee (EC) members present, Larry Ambrose, Karen Cuthbertson, Katie Fisher, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, and Brad Zeig, with former Treasurer, Al Habercorn, Membership and Newsletter Chair, Ken Beaudrie, ZAP Committee Chair, Mike Henry, Education Committee Chair, Billie Bramhall, and Transportation Committee Chair, Dave Webster.

The minutes of the February Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

Outgoing Treasurer Al Habercorn reported that there is still more than \$16,000 in the INC accounts. Karen indicated her intent to work with the Executive Committee members and Committee Chairs to put together a budget for the upcoming year. Karen asked that all Committee Chairs develop 2008 committee goals and budgets by the April EC meeting.

Billy Bramhall indicated her intent to organize three A+ Education subcommittees 1) Teacher and Principal Recruiting, 2) Requests for Proposals and 3) School Closings, Use, and Dispositions. Billy will serve on the School Closings, Use, and Dispositions Committee and continue to work on the A+ Committee. She would like to do a questionnaire to determine INC members' priorities. Ken Beaudrie pointed out that, under new Bylaw rules, Committee members do not have to belong to INC. Larry Ambrose pointed out that a source of Committee volunteers might be found in groups already involved in DPS issues, such as NW Mommy's that have more than 600 members. Don Tressler pointed out that RNOs have people involved in education issues or committees who might be interested in participating in the INC Committee.

Ken Beaudrie reported on membership. There are 66 RNOs, 11 Patrons, and 21 Associates of which 10 are Patrons. Over the past two years, there are 32 members who are not members now and 21 from 2007 have not renewed their membership. The Executive Committee members agreed to call the list of these former members to remind them of the benefits of belonging to INC. Ken reminded the group of his frustration with those who pay at the last minute or not on time.

Regarding the Newsletter, Karen emphasized the need to meet submission deadlines. Ken indicated that it would be of great benefit at least to have notification of the size of Articles, if not the articles themselves.

After discussion of the need to be on time to Executive Committee meetings, it was decided to move the meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in order to better accommodate members' work and dinner needs.

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Delegates Meeting Recap by Larry Ambrose

INC President Dave Webster called the meeting to order at the newly constructed Westwood Community Center at 1100 South Lowell Boulevard at 9:05 a.m. on March 8th. Steve Hildmann, Greater Mar Lee Neighborhood Association, welcomed the delegates to the Westwood and Mar Lee neighborhoods. Jan Marie Belle, Director of the Southwest Improvement Council, which operates the Community Center, recounted how, what was a horse farm, evolved into a modern and vibrant center of community activity. Jan noted that money was allocated for the rebuilding the Community Center as part of a 1998 bond issue but the project did not start until Mayor Hickenlooper made it happen after he took office.

Jeanne Faatz, District 2 Councilwoman and Former State Legislator, welcomed the delegates noting that her council boundary was a couple of blocks south of SWIC. She explained the conservative nature of her constituency by pointing out that Southwest Denver voted down all but two of the bond issues that passed citywide in the last election. They also voted against making enforcement of marijuana a low priority for Denver Police.

Duly warned not to light up, delegates were on their best behavior for Southwest Denver District 4 Police Lieutenant, Ed Hall. He explained that the District was Denver's second largest; encompassing 26 square miles. Because 149 officers handle 21 to 23 percent of the City's entire call load, it is said that they know how to "do a lot with less." The District's "Broken Windows" crime prevention program is considered a great success. It has rotated from Westwood where there was a 16.7 percent reduction in crime over six months to Greater Mar Lee and Harvey Park where there was a 18.6 percent reduction over four months to, most recently, Athmar Park where crime has gone down 18.6 percent over just six weeks. Captain Rudy Sandoval holds community meetings every other Wednesday at 10 a.m. There are three COP Shops in the District, two Community Resource Officers, and two High School Resource Officers at Lincoln and Kennedy. Most recently, District 4 Officers have been working cooperatively with Lakewood and Englewood on graffiti stings. Lieutenant Hall praised Councilwoman Faatz and her staff for the support given to the District. Through her office, the District was able to obtain their own license plate reading patrol car (a remarkable high-tech device that reads passing vehicles plates and instantly compares them to a database of cars stolen or owned by fugitives from the law). This device, along with five extra patrol cars on duty from April through November, comes in especially handy in dealing with the cruising on Federal Boulevard. Lieutenant Hall ended by urging delegates to become more in-

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Dollar Dictionary Drive

INC is proud to have had a wonderful kickoff at the Annual Presidents Dinner in January. This is our 13th year of providing these valuable learning tools to the third-grade students in Denver Public Schools.

Several individuals came forward with generous donations on the night of the dinner. A number of Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNO) donations have been received since. We are grateful for a generous donation received from former Denver Councilwoman Cathy Reynolds in the amount of \$1,000. This kind of support and awareness of educational needs is truly appreciated.

We hope to double the number of RNOs submitting donations this year. This is also a great opportunity to make connections with your neighborhood schools and to be a part of their education mission.

We know that not every RNO has a burgeoning treasury but we would ask you to consider what you may be able to contribute. Some RNOs simply take up a collection at their annual meeting; some take up collections more frequently. We hope to reach all RNOs by mail in the near future but you need not wait for a letter and brochure. Many of you know about this project and are graciously spreading the word. Individual donations are always welcomed as well. We would love to have you be one of our 250 individual donors.

If you know of a business that will display the Dictionary Brochure, call one of the Dollar Dictionary Co-Chairs: Cathee Fisher 303-333-3141 or Steve Nissen 303-733-8524 and we will drop them off.

Donations can be made at either:

Dollar Dictionary Drive www.neighborhoodlink.com/
P.O. Box 18347 denver/inc. Click on
Denver, CO 80218 "Dollar Dictionary Committee"

From the Chair

As I start my tenure as INC Chair, I would like to let the Delegation know what my goals are for this year. I intend to return to the tradition of offering workshops on topics such as developing a neighborhood plan, historic preservation, zoning 101, SLAPP suits, and more. Of course, I would be delighted to hear ideas for other workshop topics from the Delegates. I am also working to get chairs and members for all our standing Committees, so be expecting a call from me! Additionally, I would like to increase INC's part in encouraging communication between RNOs. To that end, I would like everyone to know that the INC website has blog, which I encourage folks to use, and has a page (Meet Your Neighbors) where we can put links to your RNO's website. Please feel free to send me your website address and I will be sure it gets included. Lastly, INC is in the process of scheduling our annual meeting to discuss policy and legislative topics with the Mayor

(particularly relating to Mayoral promises from his election campaign). Please let me know any specific topics you would like us to discuss in our hour with His Honor.

I look forward to a creative and productive year.

Karen Cuthbertson.

Zoning and Planning By Diana Helper

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee met March 15. An unscheduled, independent cameraman wished to videotape the meeting and was allowed to do so.

Daniel Hoops and Daniel Markofsky, property owners in the Sloan's Lake area, presented opposition to proposed downzoning in their area. Support for this downzoning was presented at the February ZAP meeting and a brief recap of that position was given by Jude Aiello following the opposition presentation.

Sharon Klein and Janice Tilden of the Board of Adjustment (BOA) for zoning spoke about how the BOA makes its decision based on the opinions of the local Councilperson, affected neighbors, Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO), and the City Administration's view. They emphasized the importance of RNOs writing to BOA, even if the RNO stand is "neutral," and urged participation in BOA cases and attendance at BOA meetings. BOA members are named by the Mayor for five-year terms. Each February a new member replaces a retiring member. The BOA meets on Tuesday, 49 weeks of the year. It is independent of the Planning Office except that a city zoning staff person and a city attorney attend the hearings.

Former City Council member Sal Carpio was honored by ZAP for his sponsorship of the 1979 city ordinance that recognizes and enhances the status of RNOs.

Larry Ambrose, Carolyn Etter, Dave Felice, and Dave Webster spoke about the proposed policies for charging admission at Denver Parks for events that would be closed to those not paying. There is an Admission-Based Special Events Task Force discussing these proposed policies even though the City Charter states that the Manager of Parks and Recreation cannot lease or sell any part of a city park without a vote of the people. (The City interprets this in a way that seems to eliminate the need of a vote of the people.) The speakers said admission-based events in Denver parks have been denied for 100 years, that access to public parks should not be blocked in any way, and that the answer is to create a new Special Event Park that has proper amenities for large events rather than use our public parks for admission-based events. Many cities have such event parks. RNOs need to communicate with the Mayor if they are opposed to allowing admission-based events to restrict access to public parks.

Susan Livingston of Belcaro described an attempted demolition of a historic home by a developer who had no

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Athmar Park—Broken windows has been going on for about six weeks now and has resulted in a drop in overall crime by 21%. With the warmer weather coming, we are hoping that the percentage does not drop.

Bow Mar Heights Improvement Assn.—BMHIA supported the Dollar Dictionary Drive by donating \$100.

Denver Parks and Recreation—Events for March were announced. On April 1st, there will be a Central Recreation Center Public Meeting. New spring and summer recreation brochures are now available at all recreation centers and at the Children's Museum of Denver.

Lowry United Neighborhoods—We are monitoring the Lowry Vista "land grab" of 60+ acres on Alameda Avenue and Clinton Street (Windsor Gardens) that the Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA) sold to developers IR6 (International Risk Group) for \$10. Yes, \$10! The land contains land-fill, but still, this property is quite valuable so LUN is watching and working on coordination among LRA, IRG, and the Lowry Community. See you in Lowry in April! Come and see our exciting neighborhood on April 12th at the Soiled Dove.

Park Forest—Come one, come all to our neighborhood yard sale this May 3rd and 4th and our annual picnic on June 7th at Beezoff Park. Park Forest is between Mississippi and Alameda Avenues around Dayton Street.

South City Park—Our bi-monthly newsletters are available at our website (www.scnpa.org). Come visit us there. The low-income housing development at 1601 Colorado Boulevard is going up. Something big is also poised to happen at Josephine Street and East Colfax Avenue and the "City Park Jazz" is on the horizon.

University Park (UP)—The UP Small Area Plan is in its final drafting. UP School will have its annual home tour

May 4th in UP and is planting a school garden. Residential construction continues at a lively pace.

Whittier NA—"A Taste of Whittier" Spotlights Whittier K-8. Featuring tasting plates from around the world and around the corner, The Denver Foundation and Footers Catering will present "A Taste of Whittier" on Tuesday, April 29th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the school located at 25th Avenue and Downing Street. This family-friendly event will include prize drawings, carnival games, and entertainment including a student-inspired version of "Are You Smarter Than A Whittier Student?"

The newly-formed Whittier PTFCO (Parent, Teacher, Family, Community Organization) invites the community to join them for their inaugural community event and fundraiser. The proceeds from the event will directly benefit the children at Whittier K-8. Tasting and carnival tickets can be purchased at the door. Prize items and sponsorships are still being accepted. Contact Karen at 303-986-5929.

Colfax Marathon



Come celebrate the Third Annual Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon with Denver, Aurora, and Lakewood on Sunday, May 18th. This is an important event that celebrates the revitalization of America's longest continuous street — Colfax Avenue.

The route this year has been restaged in response to comments from runners in last year's race. The full-marathon course will start and finish in Denver's beautiful City Park and will take walkers, joggers, and runners along Colfax through Lakewood and downtown Denver. The half-marathon will be run east along Colfax Avenue to Fitzsimmons and back to City Park. The course highlights interesting historic sites along Colfax Avenue and, of course, views of the majestic Rocky Mountains.

A one-mile fun run/walk event will be held in conjunction with the marathon on Saturday, May 17, for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Training programs are available for different age groups that include nutrition and training tips.

The Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon launched a new Charity Partners Program in 2008. Charity partners are nonprofit organizations that use the visibility and event management platform of the Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon as a tool to fundraise for their own purposes.

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Data Corrections

Keep INC informed of changes in your organization's president and delegates. Notify the membership chair at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

Organizations and persons not affiliated with INC should also communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the editor at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

Photo Red-Light



The Photo Red-Light Program is coming to Denver. It is a program to reduce dangerous side-impact collisions at intersections.

The Denver Police Department announced the City and County of Denver and Redflex Traffic Systems Inc. have entered into a contract for Redflex to assist the City in implementing a Photo Red-Light Traffic enforcement program. This project has been in the planning stages for several years. The city has evaluated Photo Red-Light programs across the country to determine the best technology and service provider for this traffic safety program. The Denver Police Department believes this contract will provide Denver a state-of-the art digital photo and video program to reduce dangerous side impact collisions at intersections.

Denver's Traffic Engineer in conjunction with the Denver Police Department selected the following four intersections for the installation of the first Photo Red-Light Cameras.

- 6th Avenue and Lincoln Street
- 8th Avenue and Speer Boulevard
- 6th Avenue and Klamath Street
- 36th Avenue and Quebec Street

The INC Public Safety Committee gave input and support toward Photo Red-Light being employed at the highest accident intersections in Denver.

In the future, the installation of Photo Red-Light Cameras at additional intersection will considered only after the evaluation of the implementation of the program using these initial four intersections.

The next step in this process is to obtain the plans and permits for these intersections. Permitting, installation, and training on the Photo Red-Light Program are expected to be completed and operational by late May or early June.

Once the cameras are installed, there will be a 30-day warning period for red-light traffic violations detected with this photo and video system as registered owners of the vehicles detected will receive a warning in the mail. After the 30-day warning period, registered owners of the detected vehicles running a Red-Light will receive a notice of violation in the mail. The owner will have the opportunity to examine the digital photo and video images and pay the fines outlined using a secure website and personal identification number listed in the notice of violation. Traffic summons and complaints will only be issued after an individual case is reviewed by the Denver Police Department.

The main goal of the Denver Police Department Photo Red-Light Program is Public Safety. According to the 2007 Focus on Safety report of The National Campaign to Stop Red-Light Running, at least 736 fatalities and more

than 165,000 injuries were caused by Red-Light running in the United States in 2005. Intersection crashes account for more than 45 percent of all reported crashes and 21 percent of fatalities. 9,213 Americans died because of an intersection-related crash in 2003, — a rate of more than one an hour.

The Denver Police Department will keep the community updated on the progress of this project.

Historic Park Agreement



Denver's Daniels Park is to receive much needed improvements. Officials with Douglas County and the City and County of Denver have finalized a cooperative agreement defining roles and responsibilities for implementation of the Master Plan for Daniels Park, the historic

1,000-acre ranch north of Castle Rock that has been part of Denver's Mountain Parks system since the 1920s.

Discussions for park improvements, which have spanned more than 15 years, resumed in earnest shortly after Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper took office, Douglas County officials said.

"Hearing Mayor Hickenlooper's message of regional collaboration let us know we were welcome to renew this partnership toward a mutually beneficial end," said Douglas County Board of County Commissioners Chair Melanie Worley. "Many hard-working staff and dedicated citizens from both communities deserve our thanks for this incredible accomplishment," she said, referring to the public process that included 86 public meetings in Denver and Douglas County to solicit input for the Park Master Plan.

"Daniels Park is one of our Mountain Parks jewels," said Mayor Hickenlooper. "Our partnership with Douglas County will allow Daniels Park to grow into the vision that was created through our master planning process. Like most successful partnerships, it also promises to increase the value of this park to users beyond what either we or Douglas County could accomplish on our own."

As part of the Cooperative Agreement, Douglas County will invest in roadway and regional trail improvements including traffic safety improvements to Daniels Park Road, pullouts for park patrons to enjoy the highly acclaimed views and bison herd, a regional trailhead and other amenities including a Douglas County Sheriff's office for improved security at the Park. Denver will be responsible for the historic territorial roads, parking lots, picnic facilities, entry monuments, and portions of the bison fence.

Outside the park, to the South, Douglas County will also invest in a site marker indicating the historical significance of the area.

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Police Monitor Report



The Office of the Independent Monitor (OIM) publicly released its 2007 Annual Report on Monday, March 17. The report details investigations of 2007 officer-involved shootings and in-custody deaths, complaint investigations and findings, the status of OIM goals, and issues and concerns identified by the Independent Monitor over the past year.

The mission of the OIM is to provide fair and objective oversight of public safety and ensure transparency and accountability. The OIM is responsible for (1) monitoring and participating in investigations of sworn police and sheriff personnel; (2) making recommendations to the Manager of Safety, Chief of Police, and Undersheriff/Director of Corrections regarding case findings and discipline; and (3) making broader policy recommendations.

"This report demonstrates the City of Denver's commitment to providing transparency and accountability to the public regarding the Police and Sheriff Departments' efforts to police themselves and hold their employees accountable for their conduct," said Independent Monitor Richard Rosenthal. The Independent Monitor added: "Whatever criticism I may have lodged regarding the Department of Safety in this report must be tempered by the fact that the Police and Sheriff Departments have, overall, done an excellent job in policing themselves and holding themselves accountable during the course of the year."

Officer-Involved Shootings and In-Custody Deaths

There were seven on-duty officer-involved shootings, two DPD in-custody deaths, and one officer-involved traffic collision that resulted in the death of a civilian. Five officer-involved shootings were found to involve no policy violations. One shooting resulted in the imposition of discipline for failing to call out the shooting, another shooting is still pending administrative review by the Manager of Safety. One in-custody death was found to be "in-policy," the second in-custody death is still pending administrative review. The officer-involved traffic collision resulted in a misdemeanor criminal filing by the District Attorney against the involved officer.

There were eight in-custody deaths in the County Jail during 2007. Four were by suicide and four were as the result of pre-existing medical conditions. Six of the in-custody deaths did not involve any policy violations; one in-custody death investigation is still pending, another in-custody death case is pending possible imposition of discipline.

In the last five years, the number of officer-involved shootings has ranged from three to ten annually. The average number of shootings over the past five years has been

seven per year. There was only one officer-involved shooting fatality in 2007.

Issues and Concerns Identified by the Independent Monitor in this Year's Report:

1. The Police Department has had difficulties in imposing timely discipline in serious cases due to delays in scheduling of Disciplinary Review Boards and Chief's Hearings.
2. Overall timeliness of officer-involved shooting administrative reviews has drastically improved. However, the Chief of Police and the Manager of Safety have taken more than six months to review an officer-involved shooting where the Monitor expressed concerns with the officer's tactics. Despite the fact that the incident was nearly one year ago, the Manager of Safety has not made a finding.
3. The DPD has allowed officers who have lied during the course of internal investigations to continue to work in assignments that require the officers to testify in court on a regular basis.
4. The Police and Sheriff Departments, as a matter of practice, do not terminate employees who have repeatedly lied during the internal affairs investigation and disciplinary processes.
5. The Sheriff Department does not put officers on administrative leave, even after the Undersheriff/Director of Corrections has concluded that an officer should be terminated or when a recommendation for termination is probable.
6. The Colorado Fraternal Order of Police Legal Defense Fund provides its Denver sheriff deputy members (who have been suspended without pay for misconduct) an option to be reimbursed for lost pay in lieu of proffering an appeal, thereby undermining the Department's ability to impose discipline.

The Community-Police Mediation Program:

Fifty-nine mediations were conducted during 2007, a 44% increase from 2006, making Denver the second largest community-police mediation program in the country. Complainant and officer satisfaction with the mediation process and outcome increased significantly between 2006 and 2007 and even more significantly when compared to the traditional internal affairs complaint handling process.

The OIM's Annual Report and its executive summary can be accessed online at www.denvergov.org/oim.

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For those who want to participate but are not up to running, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities. More than 2,000 people are needed to bring this event together from start to finish. Volunteer on your own or gather a group and work together.

The Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon is a wonderful way to celebrate one of our city's unique assets. To sign up as a marathon participant, register a relay team, volunteer, or to learn more about the race, visit www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org.

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Karen reported on the Mayor's Graffiti Executive Oversight Committee, which is tasked with working with the Graffiti Fellows to implement the recommendations of last year's Graffiti Taskforce. The District Attorney's Office has agreed that there will be no deals made for anyone charged with a graffiti charge. Also, the City will be able to combine individual acts together to make felony charge.

Mike Henry circulated for signature letters promulgated by the ZAP Committee and approved by the General Membership regarding the need for the Zoning Code Task Force to incorporate environmental considerations and the Mayor not to eliminate important aesthetic features of the new Justice Center in making cost cuts.

Dave Webster will head up the Transportation Committee and recruit members. He feels there are many issues such as the unfinished Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) and light rail that will need to be addressed. Mike pointed out the hard work that he and others put into the STP and said, "We still haven't seen the plan." Larry asserted that Community Planning and Development is running roughshod over Northwest Denver by planning to run collector streets through the neighborhoods under the guise of calling them "Multi-modal Green Streets." He said that this was being done in conjunction with developing corridors to light rail developments. At least two other EC members responded that this was going on in other parts of the City as well. Larry pointed out that eminent domain can be used for condemnation one mile either side of a light rail corridor.

Steve Nissen reported that a grant application was submitted to the Kiwanis Club on behalf of the Dollar Dictionary Drive. Mike Henry pointed out the need to follow up on a donation from Gene Tepper. Steve will check with Jan Marie Belle to see if the Southwest Community Center can serve as a distribution point.

Karen, Steve, and Al will conduct the required annual audit of INC's books.

Under Old Business:

Mike Henry will help in organizing space and programs for upcoming meetings.

There was a discussion of RNO representatives for the Stakeholders Committee for Neighborhood Vital Signs. Mike explained the concept as one to determine what is important to neighborhoods. Anthony and Dave, who have attended past meetings, have concerns about the effort.

Larry will set up a meeting regarding an INC information policy and Internet broadcast plan.

It was suggested that the Chair ask Paul Bennington of the Old San Rafael Neighborhood to serve as Vice Chair.

There will be an agenda item for the next meeting asking what goals and objectives the members and delegates want INC to pursue.

At the membership meeting, although it was published, one of the proposed changes to the Bylaws was not pre-

sented. It was Article V A., a provision allowing Committees to consist of one member. It was agreed that, due to the oversight, this provision would have to be proposed for next year.

It has been some time since the Mayor has met with the officers of INC. Karen will schedule a meeting of INC with the Mayor. Members should be thinking of topics about which he needs to hear. For example, there are few, if any, INC representatives on City boards and commissions.

According to Karen, fundraising opportunities such as operating beer booths at the Peoples Fair, June 7th and 8th are available to INC and RNOs. Karen indicated that an Executive Committee retreat to reexamine and set goals might be scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ZAP Motions

On March 15th, the INC Zoning and Planning Committee voted to forward the following motions for consideration by the INC Delegation on April 12th. Delegates should come prepared to vote.

1. INC should communicate to the management of the Denver Parks and Recreation Department its great appreciation for the effective and tireless work of the Department's Community Liaison, Joan Wilson.
2. INC should communicate to the City Council its support of the proposed amendments to the City's noise ordinance, particularly the reduction of the time on weekends during which construction noise is allowed. The current ordinance allows construction noise on Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The proposed change would allow construction noise on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
3. INC should communicate to the Mayor and the Manager of the Community Planning and Development Department that INC a) is saddened and concerned about the loss of three very capable, expert, hardworking, and community-oriented staff members of the Landmark Preservation Commission, Everett Shigeta, Chris Murata, and Alice Gilbertson and b) urges the Mayor and CPD to quickly recruit replacements and maintain and strengthen the mission and competency of the Commission staff including an education component about the value of historic preservation in Denver, a citywide inventory of historic resources, and a proactive systematic effort to protect them.

Stray Cat Strut

Rocky Mountain Alley Cat Alliance (RMACA) is conducting their 2nd Annual Stray Cat Strut. There will be entertainment throughout the evening but the "Strut" is not a dance for humans nor will stray cats be performing. It is a

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Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2008 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood representatives who believe that neighborhood organizations deserve a greater participation in city government and possess a shared vision that individual neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another. **To join as a member neighborhood organization, the organization must be registered with the city as a Registered Neighborhood Organization. Log on to Denvergov.org for details. The names of Patron members and associates are listed in bold in our newsletter.**



Join as a voting neighborhood organization: Regular Member (\$35) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

See below to apply as an INC Associate

Organization name: _____
 Address: _____
 Borders: North _____ East _____
 South _____ West _____

President's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ President is a voting delegate: ☐
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Voting Delegate Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____
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Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)
 Delegate Name _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []

Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

Organization Name: _____
 Organization Address: _____
 Agent's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
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Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
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volved with the work of the DPD by calling Kevin Johnson at 303-370-1500 and enrolling in the Denver Citizens Police Academy.

Jason Longsdorf, formerly a city transportation planner for Denver Public Works and member of the Union Station Advisory Committee, has moved on to work for Parsons Brinkerhoff, one of the world's leading planning, engineering, and program and construction management organizations. Jason presented the latest plans for the Union Station/Central Platte Valley light-rail transportation and development scheme. The developer hopes to have the nearly half billion-dollar, multi-modal, above and below ground project up and running over the next four to five years.

Councilwoman Faatz again took the floor to explain her serious concerns with Certificates of Participation (COPs) as a form of municipal debt. "Denver's Road Home," the City's homeless housing plan, is planning to issue COPs to finance \$20 million plus interest worth of homeless housing units. The Councilwoman noted that the City has obligated itself to \$378 million in debt plus interest for the Justice Center and \$550 million plus interest for infrastructure improvements, albeit with voter approval. However, Faatz points out that COPs require no voter approval and have no identifiable funding stream, which must be found on a year-to-year basis. She is worried that money will have to come from the General Fund or from the budget of the Human Services Department.

Jamie Van Leeuwen, Project Manager of Denver's Road Home who lobbied for the \$20 million in new housing, presented the group with statistics and demographics about Denver's homeless citizens. "The exact financing mechanisms for the project have not yet been determined," he said. He touted the success of the Mayor's homeless program so far and its potential of success in the future. It costs \$40,000 per year to keep somebody outside, according to Van Leeuwen. The alternative, he says, of providing housing, medical, and social services will save lives and money. Regarding where the \$20 million of new housing for the homeless will be constructed, Mr. Van Leeuwen reported that no sites have been selected yet and there will be a "community process" before decisions are made.

University Park Neighborhood President, Stephen Griffin, is a Doctor of Philosophy student in Human Communication Studies at the University of Denver. He asked for access to the mailing lists of five RNOs that he would use randomly to select a study-universe of 50 people for his research project. If any neighborhood associations would be interested in having their members participate, they may contact Steve at 303-282-7296 or by email at stephen.griffin@du.edu.

The election of new INC officers ensued. There were between 26 and 28 delegates present during the electoral

process. Following are the officers who were unanimously elected:

- Karen Cuthbertson – Chair
- Larry Ambrose – Secretary
- Steve Nissen – Treasurer
- Brad Zeig – Delegate-At-Large
- Katie Fisher – Delegate-At-Large
- Anthony Thomas – Delegate-At-Large
- Penelope Zeller – Delegate-At-Large
- Don Tressler – Delegate-At-Large

Because no nominations were put forth for a Vice Chair, the search will go on for a volunteer. (Editor's note: Paul Benington has been appointed Vice-Chair by Chair Karen Cuthbertson.)

The following Bylaw amendments were adopted by a unanimous vote of the Delegates present.

ARTICLE VII. — COMMITTEES

- B. A Committee Chairman should be a Delegate. Any individual of an MO may serve on a committee. However, the INC Chair may appoint any resident of the City of Denver to fill these positions with majority approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III. — MEMBERSHIP

- B. Powers of the Delegation

2. When timing requires immediate action, any INC Officer may propose that INC take a position or choose to act on any matter by making a recommendation for "exceptional action" to the INC Chair. The Chair will telephone, email, or meet with the members of the Executive Committee to obtain their approval of the Officer's proposed action. If the action is approved by the Executive Committee, the Chair will direct the Membership Chair to immediately notify the member RNO Delegates by email and/or telephone of the proposed action and to request a reply within 24-hours recommending approval or disapproval of the action. If a majority of the member RNO Delegates recommend approval of the exceptional action, the Chairman shall authorize the action and inform the Delegation of the action at the next monthly Delegation meeting.

Following the foregoing election and ratification, a lively discussion continued past noon regarding issues and ideas surrounding Denver's proposals to solve the problems of homelessness.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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dinner with a live and silent auction. Items to be auctioned will be for both cats and humans and will include jewelry and airline flights. It will take place on April 12th at the Renaissance Denver located at 38th Avenue and Quebec Street. Tickets are \$50 and the proceeds fund the RMACA's neuter programs.

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demolition permit, that must be reviewed by the Landmark Commission (LC). A neighbor sounded the alert and application for historic designation has been filed although the interior architecture had already been dismantled.

In the light of the recent resignations of LC members, ZAP urges the support of INC delegates to communicate to the City INC's regret for the loss of three experienced and valued staff members and urges that the LC be maintained and strengthened by hiring sufficient competent staff to accomplish the important functions of the LC. ZAP so moved and voted unanimously to ask INC delegates to vote to communicate this to the Mayor and Peter Park.

The Zoning Code Task Force postponed its discussion of Solar Access. The ZCTF is discussing whether to present the entire redone zoning code altogether instead of in separate parts (residential, business, etc.). Thus it may take longer to reach the public presentation stage.

Other items discussed were the hearing on Mountain View Protection ordinance for a property at 18th Street and Sherman Avenue and the need for RNOs to speak up in land-use cases. The next ZAP meeting is April 26th.

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Daniels Park is known for its bison herd, dramatic views of the Rocky Mountains, historic ranch buildings, the Kit Carson Campsite, distinctive stone shelter, and the TallBull Memorial Grounds. The Park's neighbors include the historic Cherokee Ranch and Castle, Castle Pines North, Castle Pines Village, The Sanctuary Golf Club, and the Backcountry Open Space of Highlands Ranch.

With the finalization of the Cooperative Agreement, both governments will now work to finalize the Master Plan, develop funding and phasing plans for their respective responsibilities, finalize the design, engineering, and construction of identified phases in the agreement, and complete the Plan, as funding allows, within the maximum period of seven years.



The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

**Meeting Saturday
April 12th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**Soiled Dove
Underground
7401 E 1st Ave**

See map on page 11

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from
Councilwoman Johnson

9:05 a.m.

Welcome from Sally Kurtzman
Lowry United Neighbors

9:10 a.m.

Auditor Dennis Gallagher
Financial Charter Changes

9:55 a.m.

Karla Maraccini
Denver Drug Strategy Plan

10:30 a.m.

Vote to confirm
Paul Benington as
INC Vice-chair

10:40

Break

10:50 a.m.

Committee Reports

11:10 a.m.

Around the City

12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

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