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Mountain Parks Master Plan



The first draft of the 2008 Master Plan is available for public review. Few people realize that between 300,000 and 400,000 Denver residents visit a Denver Mountain Park each year and close to 2.5 million people visit the Denver Mountain Park system from all over the world. This 14,000-acre nationally known mountain park system, spread across four counties, has inspired awe as well as controversy since its inception in 1912. Editorials last year questioned whether the Mountain Parks were even important to Denver residents and called for the recent master planning process to provide an answer and to outline their future. The first draft of that report, the 2008 *Denver Mountain Parks Master Plan*, now is available for public review and comment. A fifty-member, multi-county task force, chaired by Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann and civic leader Landri Taylor, oversaw the 12 months of public input, research, and planning behind the recommendations.

The plan can be downloaded at www.denvermountainparks.org or www.denvergov.org/Mountain_Parks. Comments will be taken until September 19th. They can be sent to susan.baird@ci.denver.co.us, mailed to Ms. Baird at 201 West Colfax Department 605, Denver, Colorado, 80202 or posted as a blog at www.denvermountainparks.org. A presentation of the plan is scheduled for the September 13th INC meeting. The plan will be presented for approval to the DPR Advisory Board and City Council in October. The goals of the Master Plan are to:

- Establish how often Denver residents use Denver Mountain Parks and whether they consider them important to their quality of life.
- Create a solid plan of stewardship---funding, communications, and regional partnerships.
- Chart ten years of improvements such as new trails and programs for kids.

Some of the major findings of the plan include:

- Denver residents use the Denver Mountain Parks in heavy numbers, between 300- to 400-thousand people a year. They visit other open space parks such as Jefferson County Open Space parks in equal numbers.
- Over 2.5 million people visit the Denver Mountain Parks each year from all over the world. Red Rocks and Buffalo Bill are in the top ten tourist attractions in the region.

- Over 60% of Denver residents think that the Mountain Parks contribute to their quality of life. These parks make Denver unique and a national leader in open space protection.

- Marketing and communication materials are critical since many people do not realize that these parks are owned by the City and County of Denver.

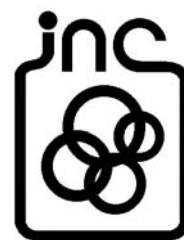
- Once residents are aware that Denver owns these parks, they are in favor of supporting them and maintaining them properly.

- Some of the key Denver Mountain Parks already generate revenue to Denver and have the potential of earning more, earmarking that increase for the Mountain Parks.

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Member Organizations

17th & 18th Lafayette St Neighbors
 Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn
 Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn
 Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
Ball Park Neighborhood Assn
 Belcaro Park Homeowners 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 Hills Vista Community Assn.
 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
 Elyria Swansea/Globeville Business Assn.
 Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc
 George Washington Homeowner's Assn. Inc.
 Globeville Civic Assn #1
 Godsman 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
 Harman Neighborhood Assn Inc.
 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 Park Neighborhood Assn
 Park Forest Homeowner's Assn
 Platt Park Peoples Assn
Plaza III Townhomes Association
 Rangeview Neighborhood Assn
 Ruby Hill Neighborhood Assn - RHINO
SWIC Southwest Improvement Council/Westwood
 Santa Fe Drive Redevelopment Corp
 Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn

South City Park Neighborhood Assn
 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn
 South Jackson Street Denver Neighborhood
 South Park Hill Neighborhood Org
Southmoor Park East Homeowners Assn
Southmoor Park Homeowners Assn
 The Unsinkables
University Park Community Council
Upper Downtown Development Org
Virginia Vale Community Assn
 Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn
 Warrens University Community Council
 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

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Councilwoman Carol Boigon
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 Historic Denver Inc.
 League of Women Voters of Denver
 Leetsdale Cop Shop
 Morrison Road Business Association of Denver
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 the second Saturday of each month at
 8:45 a.m. See this issue for location.

The INC Executive Committee meets
 monthly at different locations. The pub-
 lic is always welcome. Check the INC
 website for location and agenda.

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- The most promising long-term funding option is a return to a dedicated funding source, similar to other Colorado cities and counties and like the Mountain Parks had for forty years.
- It is a source of pride to people that almost all of the Denver Mountain Parks are protected in perpetuity from sale or lease.
- With the cost of gasoline and the growing need to get kids outdoors and active, the Denver Mountain Parks have a vast, untapped potential to serve more Denver kids and families. These are mountain parks close to home.

No other city has a park system that includes the near top of a mountain (Summit Lake on Mt. Evans), Red Rocks amphitheatre and park, a ski resort, bison, Buffalo Bill's grave, and miles of scenic drives. The system of scenic parks and roads was designed by the nationally renowned Olmsted Brothers firm in Massachusetts and is registered on the National Register of Historic Places. The Master Plan was funded by Parks and Recreation, a 2006 Great Outdoors Colorado \$75,000 planning grant, and funding from the Denver Mountain Parks Foundation, a non-profit foundation dedicated to restoring the Denver Mountain Parks. For more information, please call Susan Baird at 720-913-0617.

Dollar Dictionary Drive

Morey Middle School was the site of a flurry of activity for the 2008 labeling process. Approximately 6,500 dictionaries and 6,500 thesauruses were labeled and are now being distributed to 100 Denver Public Schools (DPS). This is the thirteenth year INC is providing these books free to every third-grader in DPS.

Our great appreciation is extended to all who helped make this possible through your donations and of course to all who came and helped us place the labels in the books. This year was exceptional in that we were faced with many unexpected glitches in the process. With the generous help and perseverance of many, the task was completed in a timely manner.

We encourage support from neighborhood folk in distributing the books to the students in their school's classrooms. Please contact your local school to make those arrangements. The third-grade teachers will be happy to schedule a time when you can come in and make a personal presentation of the books to the students. It is recommended that presentations be made early so the students may begin using the books in their studies.

The unpleasant news is that we have a funding shortfall. We are \$9,000 short of meeting this year's costs and the startup costs that are needed early on for next year's project. We ask the help of all registered neighborhood organizations and individuals who can give to this worthy

tax-deductible project. Please share this request with your friends and organizations that may be able to help us meet our goal.

Any questions are welcome and may be directed to either:

Cathee Fisher at 303-333-3141 or cathee@earthlink.net
Steve J. Nissen at 303-733-8524 or pennissen@cs.com

Zoning and Planning

The INC Zoning and Planning Committee (ZAP) met August 23rd.

Steve Nissen reported that the Dollar Dictionary Drive is still \$5,000 short of its \$30,000 goal and urged everyone to look for additional contributions among their neighborhood and other zoning and planning contacts. Make checks to "Dollar Dictionary Drive." You may purchase a \$10 Macy's (Cherry Creek store) certificate for discounts on sales this November 22nd that will contribute to the Dictionary fund as well. Please contact Steve Nissen.

Dave Webster was congratulated on becoming a member of the Denver Planning Board.

Peter Park, Manager of the Department of Community Planning and Development (CPD) introduced Michael O'Flaherty, the head of Zoning Permitting and Development Review. He spoke on improving communication with neighborhoods by e-notification to Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNO). Some ZAP members requested an e-service to include more contact persons in RNOs. For this list-serve, the RNO would be responsible for updating. Also, central e-accounts are being set up at zoningreview@denvergov.org and, for one and two-family residences, at residentialpermits@denvergov.org for your questions and comments.

It was requested that appropriate RNO notification be sent when applications for re-zoning are made rather than waiting to notify until the request goes to Planning Board. To do this, a clear explanation must be written to assure RNOs that the early notice is not a completed plan and that more information should be obtained from the zoning administrator if the RNO is interested. (A future ZAP project!)

A map showing Single Family and Duplex Demolition Permits from 2007 through August 16th and a list of such permits by statistical neighborhoods from 2004 (incomplete) through August 19th were distributed. It was unclear whether these figures include permits granted or only demolitions. University Park showed the most demolitions (136 from 2004 until now) followed by Hilltop (135) and Cory-Merrill (124). Forty-two statistical neighborhoods had five or fewer—of those, 22 neighborhoods had none.

Councilwoman-at-Large Carol Boigon distributed a Background Paper on adding "Assisted Living Facilities" to the Denver Zoning Code. She seeks ZAP input regard-

ing the concept of such facilities being defined in the Code as separate from “nursing homes” and thus having their own regulations regarding height, parking, etcetera in various business or multiple-family residential zones. Contact her at boigonatlarge@ci.denver.co.us.

Continued discussion about what City agencies and rules govern and what can be placed in tree lawns or parking strips brought out numerous examples from ZAP members of unsafe and unaesthetic sites in our neighborhoods. These included the imposition of kiosks, Qwest boxes, boulders, sharp rocks, concrete, and fences - especially those that fence street trees from public view. Attention must be given to sight lines, handicap accessibility, and the goals of Denver’s Greenprint, Green Streets, Living Streets, and Pedestrian Master Plan. Peter Park advised that a \$40,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente has been made for Living Streets. Further ZAP discussion of these issues will include staff from CPD, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation to formulate a statement of improvement measures needed. This statement is deemed a matter for both public and private land ownership and should consider priorities for Denver’s water use as well.

City Forester Jude O’Connor spoke about the new set of tree regulations and the ways in which the City will assist citizens whose trees are cited as needing attention. Some 2,000 citations are made each year. Educating the public on the great value of trees and the availability of Forestry assistance is important. Please see article elsewhere on this page.

ZAP members reported on several miscellaneous matters. They were other tree concerns, down-zoning, the way Planned Unit Development Zoning is now handled, land-marking of homes in Curtis Park, a proposed hotel in Cherry Creek, INC Parks and Recreation Committee’s vote to request INC delegate support of open space rather than a building at Civic Center Park’s southwest corner, and an action to write a letter of welcome to the new Manager of Parks and Recreation, Kevin Patterson, requesting timely updates on special INC concerns.

Those who testify at liquor license hearings often do not know how to present their views. A session explaining this process will be held immediately after the next ZAP meeting on September 27th from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. (The ZAP Committee will meet as usual from 9:30 a.m. until noon.)

On October 18th, there will be a joint discussion for neighbors, developers, and city staff regarding rules and regulations for the planning process. The aim is to come up with strategies, understandings, and “best practices” about when and how to engage with particular City agencies. Details will be in the next *Denver Neighborhood Connection*.

--Diana Helper, ZAP member

Parks and Recreation

The INC Parks and Recreation Committee, at its’ meeting on August 19th, voted unanimously to recommend the following resolutions to the INC Delegation for consideration on September 13th. Please come prepared to discuss and vote on the motion.

The resolution follows:

“INC is very supportive of efforts to preserve and restore Civic Center Park and in that regard believes that the Design Guidelines are, for the most part, well thought out and protective of the existing historic elements of the Park. Nevertheless, there are several aspects of the draft Guidelines that need improvement, which are:

1. The most significant change that is needed regarding the draft Guidelines is to clarify that they do NOT provide for an enclosed structure in the southwest quadrant of the Park that is the location for what is now referred to as the “South Garden.” In particular, the graphics strongly suggest a possible structure and the text of the draft Guidelines does nothing to counter that suggestion. While City staff have repeatedly stressed in their public presentations concerning the Guidelines that a structure is not envisioned, that position needs to be recognized in the actual Guidelines themselves.

2. Instead, what is needed is for the draft Guidelines to reference open space as a guiding principle. In that regard, not only are north/south and east/west views important for the integrity of the Park but diagonal views are also important and should be referenced and preserved by the Guidelines.

3. The proposed cover for the Greek Theater is not in the Master Plan; therefore its inclusion in the Guidelines is inappropriate and should be deleted.

4. While the Guidelines depict and protect trees on the east side of Civic Center Park, the existing trees on the west side are omitted from the graphics and are not otherwise recognized and protected. This omission should be corrected so that all of the existing trees are included in the Guidelines.

INC should also send a letter regarding Civic Center Park to the Mayor, the Parks and Recreation Department, and to City Council urging the City to improve Civic Center Park as quickly as possible by improving safety, security, and crime control; improving graffiti and litter cleanup; improving services for the homeless who spend time in the Park; provision of more and better programs in the Park; and implementing the improvements from the 2007 bond issue.”

The draft of the guidelines can be found at:

www.denvergov.org/default.aspx?

[alias=www.denvergov.org/Planning_Design_and_Constr](http://www.denvergov.org/Planning_Design_and_Constr)

Public Comment Wanted

Public comment requested for new rules and regulations. Denver's tree-lined streets are a testament to the lasting care that street-trees have received from Denver's residents. For more than 100 years, this responsibility has been placed on Denver's residents (DRMC §57-18b). Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes the care of every citizen to maintain a healthy urban canopy of trees.

The care of Denver's street-trees is important because a healthy urban forest contributes to the livability of our city on the high plains. Denver's Forestry Department strives to clearly communicate with property owners about specific code discrepancies and allow them to respond accordingly. While this model of residential care for street trees has been largely successful, occasionally property owners are unwilling to perform their obligations to keep Denver's streets safe and free of hazards.

To encourage timely compliance with tree safety requirements, Forestry plans to implement a system of fines directly toward those refusing to fix a safety problem. Public comment is currently requested as rules and regulations are developed. Draft regulations can be viewed at www.denvergov.org/forestry.



Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods - Our Zoning Committee and President Colleen Dyer will be recommending Mike Henry for the "Denver's 150 Who Make a Difference." Roger Armstrong is now our Interim Executive Director, as Drew O'Connor has moved over to The Civic Canopy to work with Bill Fulton. We wish Drew well.

Cory-Merrill N.A. - Cory-Merrill, concerned regarding language, is anxiously anticipating the new zoning code language and proposed mapping.

Downtown Denver Residence Org. - The planned modification of Union Station is moving along. A landscape architecture firm was picked recently and, on August 7th, they held their first meeting. They outlined their initial concept for the project. Nothing cast in stone, just ideas for the open space on the front side (facing Wynkoop), elevated walkway to the train tracks and on 17th over the bus station, and the area surrounding the Light Rail Station. The next meeting is September 4th at the Webb building. Input is encouraged. We have also had a number of Public Safety Forums; both general and focused on the Democratic National Convention.

Greater Mar-Lee Community Org. - We are still having great success with a block-by-block graffiti clean-up. Graffiti has decreased quite a bit. Panhandlers are very aggressive in our community but District 4 Commander Sandoval is working to get help for the individuals and keep the public safe.

North City Park Civic Assn - Forrest Hobbs resigned as President; Vice-president David Goens is now President. Angela Lombard is organizing a group to assess, develop, and potentially implement a program to activate the old YMCA property in Skyland. Penelope Zeller continues efforts on launching the Post Foreclosure Program in Denver neighborhoods.

Old San Rafael Neighborhood Assn - Old San Rafael is currently urging City Planning not to disavow the protections that the Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinance provides to neighborhoods. City Planning is no longer willing to regulate PUDs effectively because the City does not want to be burdened with the administration and enforcement of PUD regulations. Currently, a PUD is proposed for a blighted property in San Rafael. The PUD fails to require appropriate landscaping requirements, limits on the size of the existing liquor store, or the rehabilitation of windows and doors boarded up for 20 years. City Planning has rushed this application to the Planning Board with little review and no consideration of the alternative PUD processes provided by the code. This is not a neighborhood-friendly process.

University Park Community Council - The Small Area Plan is going to the Blueprint Denver Committee August 14th and is presently scheduled for City Council Final Hearing on September 8th. The sidewalks along Buchtel included in the Bond will be scheduled online at denvergov.org/betterdenver.

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.

From the Chair

Karen Cuthbertson

I have some good news to share. **Dave Webster**, former INC Chair and current INC Transportation Committee Chair, **has been appointed to the Denver Planning Board**. The Planning Board was established to provide general supervision of the policies of the Planning Office. The Planning Board advises the Mayor and City Council on the Denver Comprehensive Plan, supplements to the Comprehensive Plan, and various components of land regulation including zoning and view planes. Kudos to Dave for stepping up to this three-year position and **congratulations on your appointment**. On another note, I floated the idea at the July INC meeting that INC take December off and there was general head-nodding. Well, the **Executive Committee (EC) is formally placing a motion before the Delegates that the December INC Delegate meeting be dropped**. This would involve a change to the INC bylaws (which can only be undertaken at the March General Membership meeting) but the EC would like the Delegates to vote on the idea in advance.

Executive Committee Recap

by Larry Ambrose

The meeting was called to order on August 11th at 7:00 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street. Executive Committee (EC) members present were Larry Ambrose, Paul Bennington, Karen Cuthbertson, Katie Fisher, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, and Brad Zeig. Also present were Newsletter and Membership Chair Ken Beaudrie, Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Mike Henry, and Transportation Committee Chair Dave Webster.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the July 14th Executive Committee meeting be approved by acclamation. Ken Beaudrie pointed out that he publishes the INC minutes under the title "recap" inasmuch as they have not been approved by either the Executive Committee or the General Membership at the time they are published in the Newsletter and they are therefore, not minutes.

Mike Henry, who was absent from the July Executive Committee meeting but read the minutes, expressed concern that Karen had ruled that it would be inappropriate for the INC Board to make an endorsement of Steve Hildman for the Library Commission. It was pointed out that the Bylaws expressly call for the Executive Committee to recommend to the General Membership recommendations for City appointments to boards and commissions. Karen then revised her ruling to be that the INC Executive Committee cannot act unilaterally.

Treasurer Steve Nissen reported that INC account balances totaled \$30,867.98. A motion was made and sec-

onded to approve the Treasurer's report by acclamation. Steve reported that a Form 990 non-profit corporation income tax return was filed timely with the IRS.

Karen reported that Billie Bramhall had reported that the DPS Board had briefly toyed with the idea of putting a bond issue up for a vote in the November election.

Ken Beaudrie reported memberships of 81 RNOs 19 of which are Patrons, 20 Associates 10 of which are Patrons. Anthony Thomas reported he had contacted and left messages for a number of RNOs regarding joining INC. Three of those contacted returned calls with some success: Cherry Creek North N.A., Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors and the Cop Shops. Dave Webster indicated that City Park West N.A. was planning to rejoin INC.

Ken was given kudos for the new continuous formatting of the Newsletter. Karen is still planning to sending Ken a programming tool that allow readers to link back and forth to different sections of the Newsletter. Ken Indicated he is leaving town the day after Labor Day and asked that all Newsletter items be turned in to him by August 25.

Karen, as the Public Safety Committee, reported that cruising at Huston Park Lake was getting out of hand but she was hesitant to do anything about it for fear it would push the problem somewhere else. Larry Ambrose said that District 1 Police had succeeded in eliminating cruising at Sloan's Lake Park by enforcing noise and circling ordinances. Karen asked Larry to find out specifically what citations were issued by DPD that seemingly had such effect.

Dave Webster reported nothing new on the long overdue Strategic Transportation Plan that Councilwoman Marcia Johnson had said would be coming out in mid-July.

Mike Henry reported the Zoning Code Task Force was expecting the first pieces of the new code wording to be revealed in mid-September. A meeting about best parking practices will be held on Thursday, August 14th at the City and County Building.

Steve Nissen reported a \$100 donation to the Dollar Dictionary Drive in memory of Virginia Oredson. A check was received from Eugene Tupper for \$2,000. The Dollar Dictionary therefore has a deficit of a bit more than \$7,000. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Steve for \$83 for food for volunteers during the distribution at Morey Middle School. Larry reminded Karen and Steve that he is willing to write and send out a news release to try to get a story in the *Denver Post* and/or the *Rocky Mountain News* regarding the Drive and its need for support when he receives information and photos. Dave Webster will ask Uptown Sampler for a donation. A motion by Larry to move \$7,000 from INC accounts to the Dollar Dictionary account in order to cover the deficit was approved. Karen suggested that unless the deficit is covered, it might be necessary to revisit support for the program next year.

Karen admonished the Parks and Recreation Committee (P&RC) for the action of one of its members in sending questions to the Parks and Recreation Department that the Committee was formulating to submit for approval to the INC Membership. Co-Chair Don Tressler indicated he would communicate this policy to the errant member. Mike Henry indicated that the Parks Advisory Board is only an advisory group. Thus, he did not think that an INC member who was on both the P&RC and the Advisory Board would have a conflict of interest as long as the individual was clear on what hat he or she was wearing.

Karen announced the delegate workshop promoting dialogue between developers, neighborhoods, and the City would be held on October 18th.

Regarding upgrading the INC web site, Karen will do a dummy for the Committee's perusal. Larry will do a paragraph for the Newsletter recruiting volunteers to work on the web site and to be part of a Marketing and Public Relations Committee.

Under New Business: Karen will be seeking to find volunteers to organize the President's Dinner from members of RNOs who are good at organizing.

A discussion regarding City Council member participation in INC meetings resulted in a consensus that "Around the City" should be moved back to the beginning of the General Membership meetings. This way, Council members will be more likely to hear about what neighborhoods are concerned.

It was decided that Jill McGranahan, Community Relations at Denver Parks and Recreation would be asked to address the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding a new communications policy rather than the Delegation.

A motion was made and seconded to cancel the December General Membership and Executive Committee meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Delegates Meeting Recap by Larry Ambrose

INC Chair Karen Cuthbertson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 9th in the cafeteria of Morey Middle School at 840 East 14th Avenue. Andy Baldyga from Colfax on the Hill welcomed the delegates to the "Hill." The purpose of his organization is to bring residents and businesses together. An example is the widespread community support for "Mainstreet Zoning" on East Colfax.

Councilwoman Jeanne Robb representing District 10, wherein Morey Middle School and the delegates sat, was introduced as the new President of City Council. She described herself as "bicoastal" inasmuch as her District includes 1st Avenue in Cherry Creek and Colfax Avenue in Capitol Hill.

District 8 Councilwoman Carla Madson was introduced. She ebulliently announced that the DNC protest

group "Tent State University" was moving to Cuernavaca Park in the Central Platte Valley.

Amy Mueller, Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Hick-enlooper, made a lengthy and detailed presentation on the City's \$550 million bond projects recently approved by Denver's taxpayers. The year 2012 will complete the 68 main projects that are being managed by CH2Mhill, a global leader in full-service engineering, consulting, construction, and operations. All of this work will be done with sustainability in mind by 1) using recycled materials, 2) recycling salvage and water 3) reducing water usage, and 4), using LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification whenever possible on 10 new buildings over 5,000 square-feet.

The City is using CH2Mhill because 1) the City has been too busy with the Democratic Convention, 2) City staff will learn efficiencies from this private sector multinational consulting firm, 3) unlike City employees, they will keep things from "getting stuck" and 4) the City can avoid having to hire permanent staff (who cannot be thrown away very easily and cannot be recycled).

For those who do not know who the City "Bond Czar" is, his name is Don Hunt. Ten-percent of the projects have begun in the first year. Hundreds of people are working on projects and Ms. Mueller wants us to know they are working hard. If you would like to know more about how these projects are making Denver better, go to www.denvergov.org and click on Better Denver.

In response to questions from the membership and guests, Ms. Mueller and the CH2Mhill consultants revealed 1) there will be no cost overruns because another group of local consultants working with global consultants, CH2Mhill, "scrubbed" the projects for costs and have validated the projects' scope-scale-timelines, 2) no one is quite sure where the new Denver Public Library advocated for the northwest side of town by Councilman Rick Garcia will be located.

The meeting at Morey Middle School corresponded with the organization and distribution of the Dollar Dictionaries and Thesauruses. Steve Nissen reported that the Dollar Dictionary Drive is, at this point, short on funding for the year. Books were not delivered on time and that they had to be picked up for delivery to Morey resulting in additional cost. Thesauruses arrived on a palate, not in boxes and Steve had to go "dumpster-diving" to find enough boxes for distribution to the schools. INC members were asked to help distribute the Dictionaries when they arrive at their respective neighborhood schools.

Terrance "Terry" Ware from the Housing and Neighborhood Development, Business, and Housing Services office of the Mayor's Office of Economic Development (MOED) spoke about the activities of his office. It is charged with identifying business districts within Denver and providing access to capital, markets, and labor. The "Neighborhood Market Initiative" that has identified sev-

His office is also charged with promoting “affordable housing.” In order to promote the development of this type of “middle class” housing, the City must reach out to the private sector. One such project consisting of 40 to 60 condominium units is going up at I-25 and Yale Avenue. Affordable housing is geared toward working people of lower income. The Enterprise Foundation has been hired to analyze the new Zoning Code Update to make sure there are no barriers to affordable housing. In clarifying the different roles of Community Planning and Development Department and the MOED, Ware said that MOED’s focus is on implementation rather than planning.

Co-Chair Don Tressler reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee had met on July 16th and voted 14 to zero to ask the Delegates of INC at the annual meeting to approve a change in the Bylaws to give the Committee permanent committee status. The next meeting will be on August 19th at the District 3 Police Headquarters.

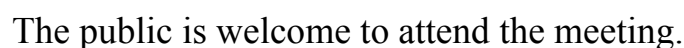
The Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the following INC workshops:

September 27th, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street, 19th Floor. The subject is “How to Testify at Liquor License Application Hearings” (with thanks to Awilda Marquez, Director of Excise and Licenses for suggesting this and offering to host).

October 18th, 9:00 a.m. to noon at East High School (tentative location). The subject is “Dialogue to Develop Roles and Responsibilities Regarding Planning and Development in Denver” (Sponsored by INC, the Urban Land Institute, and CPD)

More information on these workshops will follow!



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: ☐
 E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []

Voting Delegate Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []

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: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
 PO Box 181009
 Denver, CO 80218-1009

Meeting Saturday September 13th

The public
is welcome to attend.

**Southwest Improve-
ment Council**
1000 S Lowell Blvd.

See map on page 8

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from Councilman Paul
Lopez and Jan Marie Bell of
Ruby Hill Neighborhood Org.

9:10 a.m.

Police Chief Gerald Whitman
Update of What's New and Com-
ing to DPD

9:25 a.m.

Bill Vidal, Manager of Public
Works
Strategic Transportation Plan Un-
veiled

10:15 a.m.

Susan Baird, Parks and Recrea-
tion Planner
Denver Mountain Parks Master
Plan

11:00 a.m.

Ferd Belz, Cherokee Denver
Successfully Engaging Residents
in Development

11:10 a.m.

Delegate votes on referendums

11:30

Around the City

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

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