

# Proposed Zoning Code Motion

By Michael Henry

This motion was passed unanimously by the INC Zoning and Planning Committee on September 26<sup>th</sup> for presentation to the INC Delegation on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Delegates should come to that meeting prepared to vote.

## The Motion:

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC), an association of 80 registered Denver neighborhood organizations, understands the importance and the great complexity of the new zoning code and new zoning map and appreciates the opportunity for INC, other neighborhood representatives, and other citizens to be involved. INC particularly commends the very hard work of the Community Planning and Development Department (CPD), the Zoning Code Task Force, Planning Board, and City Council in this very difficult task. INC, however, wishes to make the following general comments. INC also encourages CPD, the Planning Board, and City Council to consider carefully all of the thoughtful comments made by individual RNOs and individual citizens about concerns in specific neighborhoods.

1. In stable residential neighborhoods, **height, density,** and character of new structures must be compatible with the predominant character of the neighborhood. The draft zoning map proposes too much height and density in some stable neighborhoods and the building forms in some districts do not allow the traditional heights of older, larger residences to be achieved in new residences.
2. **Solar access** is an important Denver value. The new zoning code should recognize the importance of both passive and active solar access. The new building forms should encourage preservation of solar access for residences in stable residential neighborhoods. INC recommends that the new limits for building wall and roof heights should improve the solar access conditions over that which exists in the current code.
3. Registered neighborhood organizations must receive **adequate notice** (at least 30 days) of proposed re-zonings, administrative reviews, variances, and etcetera. The current draft, which provides for RNOs to receive a copy of an applicant's second submission of a re-zoning application, is much better than the current practice.
4. Zoning for **historic districts** should match existing structures and not give the impression that higher and larger structures will be allowed and encouraged.
5. Construction of **new single-unit and duplex forms** should be allowed in General Urban, Mixed-Use, and Main Street Districts.

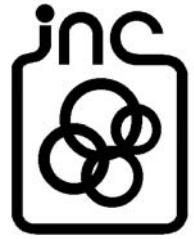
6. **Accessory dwelling units** should be allowed only where the form will fit the character of a neighborhood and where neighborhood organizations desire them. ADUs should have off-street parking requirements.

7. **Parks and parkways** are extremely important to Denver citizens and neighborhoods. INC agrees that there should be a new zone district established in the zoning code specifically for public parks and parkways (OSA). Regarding the new OSA zone district, however, INC strongly believes that control of zoning in parks should not be removed from elected City Council representatives (where it now resides as required by the City Charter) and given to the Parks and Recreation Department. Citizens must have an opportunity for: A) meaningful involvement

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**Ball Park Neighborhood Assn**  
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**Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn**  
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 Stokes Place Green Bowers HOA  
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**University Park Community Council**  
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Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.  
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RNOs are welcome to reprint the articles in their own newsletters.

and comment about new structures and uses in parks and B) a public hearing and decision-making on zoning issues in parks by elected officials.

8. The needs of neighborhood residents for on-street and off-street **parking** must be carefully balanced with the needs of nearby businesses. In some neighborhoods adjacent to business areas, residents are severely impacted by insufficient parking.
9. **Open space** is an important Denver value. The new code omits the concept of open space. Open space requirements should be preserved and should be more clearly explained in the code.
10. There must be adequate front, side, and rear **setbacks** in stable residential neighborhoods. Front setbacks are a major defining characteristic of blocks and new structures should be required to conform to the existing setback character of a block.
11. **Vegetation** should be maintained in a living state. Section 10.4.1 of the draft code requires developments to maintain plant material (including pruning, weed control, watering, replacing dead material, etcetera), but there is nothing that holds residential homeowners to the same standard.
12. The public and RNOs must be involved in reviewing **campus district plans** before they are reviewed by the Planning Board. The code should be improved to clarify that timely notice must be given to RNOs. In addition, new buildings on the edges of campus districts must transition to the heights of adjacent residential districts.
13. **Transitions** between residential neighborhoods and businesses must be sensitively regulated, regarding the height and form of structures and the environmental impacts such as placement of dumpsters, speakers, noisy generators, glare, lighting, etcetera.
14. **Outdoor patios** for eating places within 50 feet of any residential district should be required to obtain an exception from the Board of Adjustment Zoning in order to address noise and other issues that impact nearby residents.
15. The new code does not sufficiently address the presence and potential expansion of **non-conforming business uses in residential zones** to protect neighboring residences. The current noise, parking, and patio provisions are insufficient. Existing zoning decisions that address specific situations should be enforced.
16. Currently **illegal uses** (not including legally grandfathered uses) should not be legalized by new zoning code.
17. The city must commit adequate resources to **enforcement** of the new code.
18. **All comments from the public** about the new zoning code and zoning map and the city's responses to those comments should be made available promptly for the public to review in an easily accessible manner.

19. The public and RNOs must have **adequate time to review and comment** on draft number three of the code and map before the final draft is presented for adoption.

## **ZAP Committee Report**

**By Diana Helper**

From the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

A draft of "Principles for the INC Consideration of New Zoning Code and Zoning Map" was distributed to all in attendance. Discussion of each point followed and, at length, those present voted unanimously to support the draft with adjustments made during this ZAP discussion and to send it on to INC delegates. The adjusted draft will be presented to INC delegates for vote at the beginning of the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of INC Delegates. See the previous article for the text of the draft.

Copies of comments from Denver neighborhood groups regarding the Draft Zoning Code should be sent to INC President Karen Cuthbertson in an effort to keep a listing of such comments for others to review. Many residents have asked to see the suggestions and comments from other neighborhoods and individuals. The City reports it cannot handle this process.

Crissy Fangenello and Cindy Patton of Public Works spoke about the Strategic Parking Plan. The draft of this plan is being completed and is scheduled for presentation in public meetings in January 2010. It should appear on line at [www.denvergov.org/spp](http://www.denvergov.org/spp) by December 20<sup>th</sup>. Parking ratios will be part of the City's new Zoning Code. The Plan will set policy and address the broad picture, not address individual streets. When the framework is completed, Area Management Plans with goals and objectives will be presented to stakeholders in January and February 2010. Being studied are parking policy, demand, location, time, pricing, and supply.

The ZAP Chorale sang "Here's The Zone Code!," "O Dear! What Can the Matter Be (Form-based Zoning is Greek to me)," and the ADU song "Way Down along our Backyard Alley."

Historic Denver (HD) is voicing concern about the long-term maintenance of the Byers Library at 675 Santa Fe Drive. This library is proposed for closure; HD recommends it remain a library. Rosemary Stoffel reported that this is one of five remaining operating Carnegie libraries in Denver. For more information, please contact HD's Annie Levinsky at [alevinsky@historicdenver.org](mailto:alevinsky@historicdenver.org) or Alice Gilbertson at [agilbertson@historicdenver.org](mailto:agilbertson@historicdenver.org).

Penny May, Director of Excise and Licensing, spoke about that office's work. It issues over 90 kinds of business licenses and is in charge of checking 30,000 burglar alarm licenses. Communication and timely response are bywords of Ms. May; she answered dozens of

questions posed by ZAP members present. Good Neighbor Agreements (between neighbors and businesses) were suggested for many situations. These might address problems of liquor and cabaret license changes, noise, and so forth. Each agreement may list three or four conditions that must be enforceable and become part of the license when it is issued. To check on liquor licenses, visit [www.denvergov.org/denvermaps](http://www.denvergov.org/denvermaps), click on Government, click on Liquor Licenses, and then type in the address you are checking. This will show you the list of all of the liquor and cabaret licenses within five blocks of that address along with the type of license and the annual expiration date of the license.

The next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Executive Committee Recap

Karen Cuthbertson called the Executive Committee (EC) meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 14<sup>th</sup>. EC members present (or who later joined us) were Larry Ambrose, Ray Ehrenstein, Steve Nissen (Treasurer), Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, Penelope Zeller, and Brad Zieg (Vice-Chair). Also present were Katie Fisher, Co-Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, ZAP Chair Michael Henry, Education Chair Billie Bramhall, and Membership and Newsletter Chair Ken Beaudrie.

The EC passed by acclamation the motion to approve the minutes of August 10<sup>th</sup>. Steve Nissen then presented his Treasurer's Report. Steve showed INC to be solvent with an August 31<sup>st</sup> ending balance in all accounts of \$20,624.09. However, he pointed out that the Dollar Dictionary Drive still owes \$4,619.37. To approve the withdrawals, Chair Karen Cuthbertson has been signing checks along with Steve. After Karen pointed out that we needed an amendment to the by-laws, an ensuing discussion of Sarbanes-Oxley resulted in agreement with Michael Henry's "Keep it simple" suggestion that we add to the by-laws "The signatures of two officers are required."

Karen reported that we have not had success with the new grants written for our Dollar Dictionary Drive this year. She urged us to search for possible opportunities. The Daniel's Fund application is in progress. Ben and Jerry's said no and no word has come back from the sports franchises contacted. Larry Ambrose did report that Jennifer Coken had raised \$500.00 and Steve agreed to follow up with Jennifer. In addition, it was pointed out that, at our September Delegates meeting, DPS Superintendent Boasberg had acknowledged the DDD's distributions of the dictionaries and thesauri to Denver's third-graders.

Billie Bramhall is back from recuperating. She said she is feeling well now and could continue in the job if we wished. Billie was welcomed back warmly and we unanimously reconfirmed her in the position she handles so well. Billie lamented that the A-Plus Denver Plan had fallen apart after the departure of Superintendent Michael Bennet.

However, she reported that DPS has pledged that "each child moved from a closing school would be transferred to a better learning situation." Billie told us that Federico Pena wants A Plus to take on the task of checking on that purpose. She will update us.

Mrs. Bramhall told us that she would work on getting improved notification of DPS issues sent to the RNOs. She will keep an eye on the proposed sale of schools and DPS land. Still, Billie stated that our schools are underperforming and that progress is very slow.

One of Billie's expressed hopes is to see more parents and other citizens become involved with the schools as volunteers and with mentoring. She hopes more INC folks will become involved. Larry responded that his RNO, Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association, has contributed over \$300.00 to Lake Middle School. Anthony Thomas told us that Civic Association of Clayton every year picks up three huge boxes of coats from Dependable Cleaners, has them cleaned, and distributes them to local schoolchildren. Unfortunately, Mr. Thomas's efforts have not always been well appreciated. He was terminated from that school's committee "on the grounds that I was not a member of the School Community." Billie Bramhall will try to rectify that misunderstanding. Citizen participation is exactly what she is striving to build.

Membership Chair Ken Beaudrie reported that we now have 79 regular members, 17 of which are patrons and 29 associates of which 13 are patrons. The issue of renewals coming due at end of December brought forth ideas for encouraging membership in INC. Brad suggested offering a "free trial membership." Ken pointed out that he has invited these non-INC RNOs to our delegates meeting to participate in every way except voting. The EC agreed we need to find accurate information on just which RNOs are still in existence. Then, finding the citizen(s) willing to accept the role as a representative for that RNO is an important first step. Karen suggested that we make an offer of a trial membership to those non-INC RNO representatives who attend INC's annual Presidents and Delegates Dinner.

The EC unanimously applauded the work of Ken Beaudrie on the newsletter. Michael said that INC should coordinate with Julius Zsako when incorrect RNO data is thought to exist on the denvergov website.

Larry Ambrose reported from the Parks and Recreation Committee (PR) that the PooFree Parks concept is shelved. He and Katie Fisher continue to serve on the Dog Parks Master Plan Committee and are working to find common ground with Angela Casias and other members. Larry said that Angela Casias and Park Ranger Susan Fry should be at the INC PR meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Zoning in the parks remains a very active issue.

Anthony Thomas reports from H.A.L.O. that the Public Safety cameras are up but not all are operational.

## Delegate Meeting Recap

Michael Henry stressed the importance of passing an INC zoning proposal at the Zoning and Planning Committee meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> to be referred to the INC Delegation on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Penny May, the new director of Excise and Licenses, will talk to the ZAP committee on September 26<sup>th</sup> about liquor license issues.

The matter of citizens having chickens on their property raised its head. According to Ray, the Zoning Code Task Force heard from the chief chicken proponent on September 9<sup>th</sup> that six hens are perfect for egg laying with absolutely no need for a noisy rooster. The Task Force agreed to the staff recommendation to allow up to six chickens as a permitted accessory use, however Michael reported that different City Council members are discussing whether this controversial issue should be dealt with as a separate ordinance or as part of the entire zoning code update. One EC member quipped, "Chickens are okay if farm based."

Under Old Business: Karen told us that the INC is now a registered member of NUSA, an organization of neighborhood organizations nationally. And our representative to the Metro Neighborhood Homeless Organization is Yolanda Pulido who has graciously volunteered her service. We are also considering how and when to update our Neighborhood Handbook.

Under New Business: Karen said Dave Felice needs to update the INC bylaws. There was a protracted discussion on how all RNOs might bring more people of different ethnic and racial groups into the INC. Anthony Thomas recounted how his neighborhood has changed from one of predominately African American neighbors to one in which people of color were no longer in the majority. Anthony said he was pleased to see more diversity in Clayton and did not mind in the least now being in the minority. And since Hispanics and Asian Americans are increasingly evident in our neighborhoods, Karen suggested that we need more tools to aid various RNOs to achieve racial and ethnic diversity in their membership.

Katie Fisher asked that issues that need to be voted on at the INC Delegates meetings be brought forward nearer the middle of the meeting and not at the end after many delegates have departed. We agreed to have voting either before the break or shortly after returning.

Finally, it was agreed that Chair Cuthbertson would be sent to CHUNs Anniversary on October 1<sup>st</sup> as one of our representatives and the \$75.00 fee would be paid out of the INC budget. Brad Zieg plans to attend at his own expense.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

INC Chair Karen Cuthbertson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the District 3 Police station at University Boulevard and Iowa Street. Dan Chapman, President of the Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association, welcomed the delegates. He said the community of about 1900 households is trending toward younger residents and key issues are school quality and higher enrollment.

Denver Public Schools (DPS) Superintendent Tom Boasberg said DPS is experiencing its highest enrollment in 30 years and expects the trend to continue. He said schools are making good progress on the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP). Early Childhood Education is also improving, according to Boasberg. Despite reducing the dropout rate by one-third, only 50-percent of DPS students graduate from high school. "We desperately need to close the achievement gap for students of color," said Boasberg. He added that DPS does not anticipate closing any more schools and he would like to increase public involvement and communication.

Manager of Public Safety Alvin LaCabe was accompanied by Deputy Police Chief John Lamb, retiring Fire Chief Nick Nuanes, and Under-Sheriff Bill Lovingier. LaCabe said Public Safety has one-third of City employees and 43-percent of the City's budget. Despite budget shortcomings, LaCabe said the highest strategic outcome has to be public safety. "We have to deliver on getting to a fire, sending a police officer, or maintaining a jail," he said, adding that the department is looking carefully at ways of making "sustainable changes" to reduce the costs of the department. Lovingier said layoffs are the "absolute last budget consideration." Nuance said the Fire Department has 45 trucks with a crew of four on each vehicle. Denver also provides fire protection service under contract to the small cities of Glendale and Skyline. Lovingier said the Sheriff's Department has regained accreditation with the American Correctional Institution. The new downtown jail and courthouse will be "state of the art." Lovingier said the department is trying to hold steady or reduce the number of people incarcerated by involving inmates, parolees, and those recently released in community and self-improvement programs.

By a vote of 16 to 1, with 2 abstentions, the Delegates approved a resolution opposing commercial admission-based events in city parks. The resolution also calls for a public vote if a ticketed-activities policy is approved. Fur-

### Data Corrections

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ther, the resolution supports the concept of a permanent festival park facility.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Zoning and Planning:** Committee Chair Michael Henry, a member of the City's Zoning Code Task Force, reported that the third draft of the new zoning code and new zoning map will be posted on approximately October 15<sup>th</sup> at [www.newcodedenver.org](http://www.newcodedenver.org). Every neighborhood organization should be reviewing and discussing the drafts, going to meetings, and making comments. The Planning Board and the City Council will be having joint informal public discussions in mid-November. Draft #4 should be published in mid-December. Tentatively, the Planning Board will have its official hearing on January 6<sup>th</sup> and the final hearing at City Council will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Community Planning and Development Department staff has already made a large number of changes recommended by neighbors and neighborhood groups. Groups should get their comments in as soon as possible.

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Oversight:** Committee member Brad Zieg reported Formula Grants based on city population and other factors totaled \$27.25 million (50-percent) while the other half, consisting of Competitive Grants based on "shovel readiness" and other competitive factors, totaled \$26.95 million. In descending order by areas of impact, grants are infrastructure (at \$23.7 million), human services, environmental significance ("green"), safety, workforce, housing, community, and education (one-percent). The report says 701 full-time equivalent jobs were "created" while 109.5 full-time jobs were "retained." Zieg says the City staff, under the direction of Amy Mueller, is performing oversight and reporting functions "at the highest level" and the monthly ARRA Oversight Committee Meetings are complete, accurate, and fully informational.

**Treasurer:** The total of all accounts at the end of August was \$20,624.09. There were expenditures of \$1,500 for the Mayor's Neighborhood Conference, \$80 for membership in the Colorado Nonprofit Association (CNA, formerly CANPO), \$110 for Post Office Box rental, \$122.59 for meeting refreshments, and \$10,624.15 transferred to the Dollar Dictionary account. Certificates of Deposit totaled 10,709.02. There were \$2,606.52 in savings, \$2,367.56 in the Dollar Dictionary fund, and \$4,940.99 in checking.

**Dollar Dictionary:** Treasurer Steve Nissen reported the Dollar Dictionary account received \$1,548.93 in donations. The August 31<sup>st</sup> balance was \$3,179.81, about \$4600 less than the same time last year. Expenses for August were \$10,336.33. All books have been distributed.

**Education:** Chair Billie Bramhall reported former Mayor Federico Pena wants the A+ program to monitor the DPS pledge that each child moved from a school that is closing would be transferred to a better learning situation. The A+ program is designed to improve general community involvement in public schools.

## **Dollar Dictionary Drive**

**By Cathee Fisher**

HOORAY - AGAIN! But Wait, Your Help Is Still Needed to provide a "dictionary and a thesaurus of their own for every third grader in Denver Public Schools."

The Denver third-graders of DPS in 2009 (the 14th class to receive books) have all received their special books thanks to the support of thousands. In some years, funding for the Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) exceeded expectations, in some years it has not. This is one of those underfunded years. Each year when there was excess, the funds were used for the next year's purchase of books. So individual and group donations are still needed.

In 1996, we located a dictionary for 99¢ and received instead a dictionary/thesaurus combined for the same price. The dinosaur/thesaurus theme was discovered and the student's rave reviews lead to go, go, go. Later, the one-book format became two books. Then the opportunity to provide and purchase an expanded dictionary with the US Constitution, Presidential biographies, multiplication and periodic tables, plus other resources has increased our costs per student to \$3.20.

These valuable resource books have been provided since 1996 to 105,000 students and teachers at 100 elementary schools. Of the third-graders receiving the books, year 1996 students are now college seniors; year 2002 students are now high school freshmen; and year 2006 are now sixth graders.

This INC program has provided these valuable learning tools because of donations from neighborhood associations, businesses, individuals, and grants. Thank you for your help in meeting our program goals by your donations; it is a year round endeavor. Everything that happens next August and September for this year's second-graders is already in the planning stage.

Steve Nissen, DDD co-chair, does the heavy lifting of keeping the accounts and banging the fund raising drum. Thank you for everything you do to keep us focused! Nancy Jackson always reminded us the key is neighborhoods, especially our own. INC officers and board members - thank you for your support. INC meeting attendees - thank you for your attention and for passing the word.

A SPECIAL thank you goes to my compatriot and inspiration, Mary French from South Carolina, founder of The Dictionary Project. Her story was in the Denver Post in 1995 and I borrowed the idea for INC. It was many years before we spoke but her support has been invaluable in providing the books the last few years at an excellent cost. See more pictures of the INC 2009 book labeling at [www.dictionaryproject.org/national/projects/colorado](http://www.dictionaryproject.org/national/projects/colorado).

Please send tax-deductible contributions to:  
Dollar Dictionary Drive  
PO Box 18347

## From the Chair

By Karen Cuthbertson

This month's meeting is a Candidate Forum for the Denver School Board. In addition, we will debate the amendment to the Motor Vehicle Impoundment ordinance and a Charter Amendment expanding the duties and certification requirements of Denver County Sheriffs. This forum repeats a successful collaboration between INC, the Denver branch of the League of Women Voters, and Denver 8 TV. It is very important to have a good showing at these forums, not only to show our commitment to the voting process but to also submit thoughtful and insightful questions for the candidates and pro/con speakers to address. Besides, the Ivy Street Neighbors are hosting this month, and they always put on a wonderful spread!



**Athmar Park N.A.** – Our neighborhood picnic was a blast; a rare, dry Sunday afternoon and lots of great food and laughter. Construction at Alameda Square Shopping is blazing along – Lowes is slated to open in January 2010.

**Baker Historic N.A.** – Concern on current proposal for new zoning; it may match our neighborhood plan. We will meet with the Planning Department in October to confirm the plan and work out some issues and questions. Baker lost some parking as changes in ownership have occurred. Businesses were using off-street parking with a gentleman's agreement but, due to ownership changes, we have lost 200-plus parking spaces along the South Broadway area known as SoBo.

**Bellevue-Hale N.A.** – Including the University Hospital redevelopment site and Gove School (Colorado Boulevard to Ash and 13<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue), BH will be under 22-percent mid-risk redevelopment.

**George Washington H.O.A.** – The ice-cream social on August 30<sup>th</sup> was a great success. We did a mailing that included a H.O.A. membership form, event flyer, and a short survey about the makeup of the neighborhood. Our neighborhood turned to INC for help with getting event insurance for the social. We found a firm online that charged \$286 for the one-time event. We also learned that

most homeowner policies protect volunteer board of directors of organizations such as H.O.A.s. Something each of you should check with your own policies. When our group obtains more definitive information concerning insurance issues, we will get on the agenda at an upcoming meeting. Our paid membership increased from 28 to 132 households; that says we have been somewhat delinquent about doing mailings and that mailings are preferred to email blasts. The survey indicated that resident average time in the neighborhood is 18 years, down 21-percent from 2004 and 38-percent have been in the neighborhood 8 years or less. We are teaming with Crestmoor Park H.O.A. for rezoning; we want to retain ranch-style consistency. Reuse of Fallis school is a big focus; DPS is very involved.

**Golden Triangle Assn. of Denver** – We want to freeze our present zoning while we update the 14-year-old neighborhood plan to help determine appropriate zone categories.

**Mayfair Park N.A.** – Whiteman School has been mothballed. There are three options for reuse under consideration. The neighborhood supports the reuse of the school either as a temporary overflow "Green School" or Early Childhood Education – kindergarten. The school is crucial to our neighborhood.

**One Sky, One World** – International kite-fly on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Stapleton's Central Park (Martin Luther King Boulevard and Central Park Boulevard east of Quebec Avenue).

**Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn.** – Try out the new Bocce Ball courts in Potenza Park (South Cherry Creek Drive and South Holly). Game rules are posted. Ashley Delaup (Parks and Recreation Wildlife) is a great

## Call for Nominations

By Karen Cuthbertson

Call for Nominations for INC's Annual Awards

It is not too early to start developing nominations for the notable RNO volunteers in your organization in preparation for INC's annual Presidents and Delegates Dinner. Review your RNO's year and see if you have persons who might meet the following criteria:

- The Virginia Oredson award is given to a person who has encouraged Denver neighborhoods or citizens to work together in a common effort to solve community problems, has established a record of selfless community service, and has encouraged and motivated others to volunteer their services to engage in community improvement.
- The Bill Gross award is given to a person who has a strong record of working with neighborhoods to better public safety in the community and has made Denver a safer place in which to live.
- The Walt Kembel Award is given to a person or group who is/are an INC delegate(s) or are member(s) of an

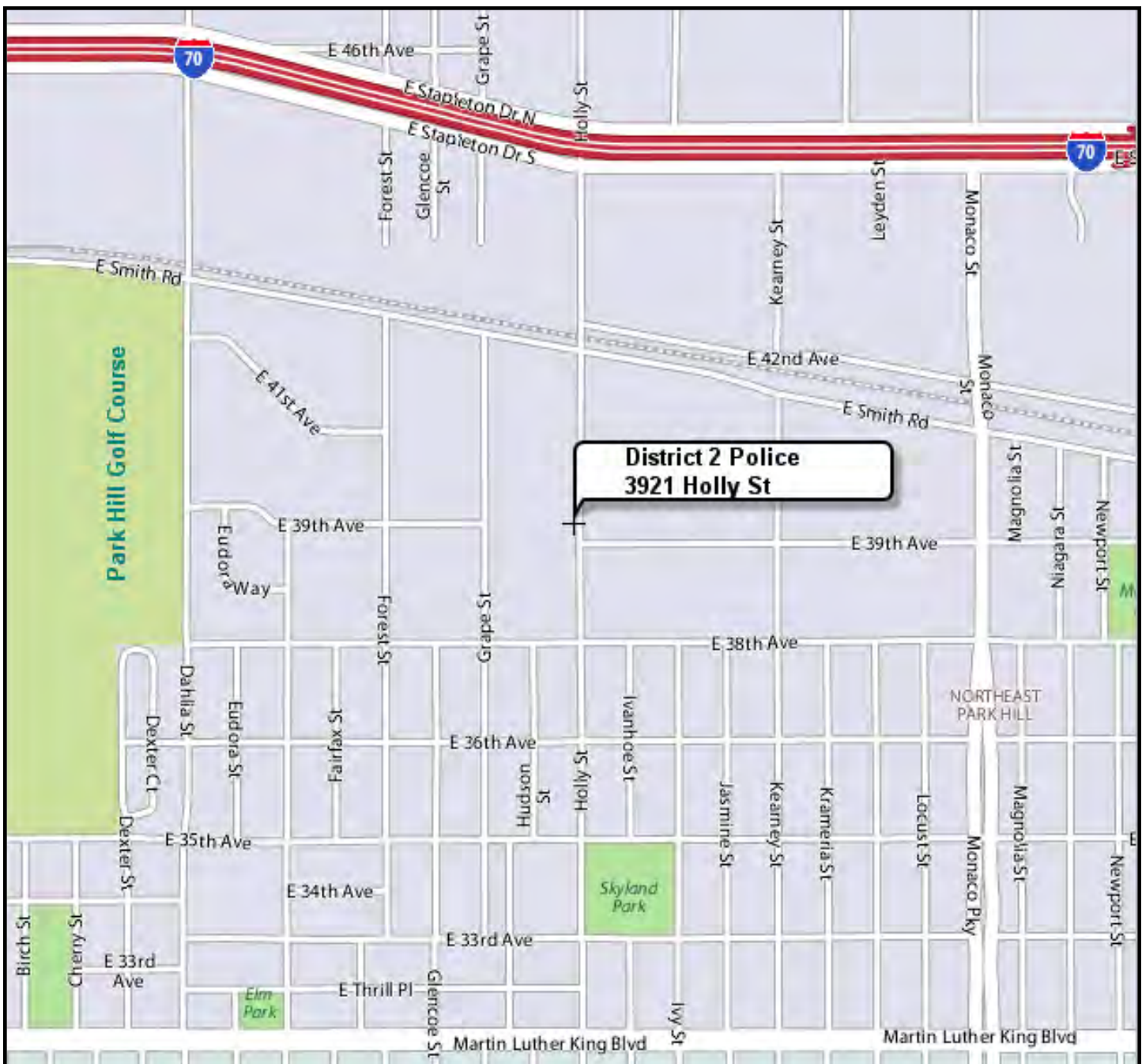
INC RNO. This person or group will have contributed to INC during the past year over and above normal expectations to develop and promote the organization or has moved INC forward or in new directions in creative or unexpected ways.

- The Nancy Jackson Award is given to a person who has made an outstanding or innovative contribution to the Dollar Dictionary Drive. (The contribution can be financial, personal time, public relations, etcetera)
- "Neighborhood Stars" Good Neighbor Awards. Neighborhood Stars are nominated by the Board of an INC-member RNO. A Neighborhood Star is awarded to a person who has worked individually or with a group over the past year on a cause or project that has improved the appearance or the quality of life in their

neighborhood. A Neighborhood Star can be anybody who lives or works in the neighborhood and does \*not\* have to be a member of an RNO (or any organization, for that matter). A Neighborhood Star can be the kid who shovels the walks of elderly neighbors, the person who picks up trash at the park playground during his daily walks, a super neighborhood-friendly business owner, a tutor/mentor, etcetera.

Bring this up at your next RNO meeting. Nominations can be submitted to

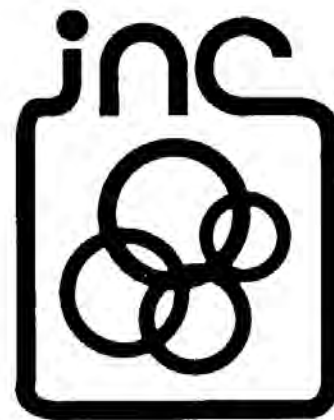
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# Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

## 2010 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)  
 Delegate Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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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In addition, we wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Dollar Dictionary Drive.

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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

**Meeting Saturday  
October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
The public  
is welcome to attend.

**Dist. 2 Police Station  
3921 Holly Street**

**See map on page 8**

**8:30 a.m.**

Coffee and chat

**8:45 a.m.**

Vote on Motion  
Submit comments regarding new  
Zoning Code and Map

**9:00 a.m.**

Denver Board of Education  
Candidate Forum  
hosted by INC, League of  
Women Voters of Denver, and  
taped by Denver8 TV

**11:00 a.m.**

Issue Forum  
Motor Vehicle Impoundment

**Noon Adjournment**

You can always view upcoming  
INC meeting locations and get  
information about presentations  
on our website. Click on the  
“meetings & more” link.  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/  
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