

Liquor/Cabaret Licenses

HOW CAN NEIGHBORHOODS EFFECTVELY RESPOND? By: Michael Henry, chair of Zoning and Planning Committee, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation and Steve Charbonneau, Denver Mediation.

Most residents and neighborhood groups in Denver would agree that well-managed liquor and/or cabaret-licensed establishments can be beneficial assets to the neighborhood and the City. However, those few establishments that are poorly managed can cause serious problems for nearby neighbors, businesses, and passers-by such as noise, litter, parking problems, or violence. Neighbors and neighborhood groups should be aware of what they can do to minimize possible problems.

Denver's registered neighborhood organizations (RNOs) receive notification from the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses whenever anyone files an application for a new liquor or cabaret license. The applicant for a new license must also post a sign at the location (to be visible from the street). The notification and the sign invite interested parties to attend a public hearing at the Department of Excise and Licenses where the application will be considered.

In the past, RNOs received approximately 45 days of notice before the public hearing; however, the Department of Excise and Licenses changed this in January to 20 days of notice with the provision that "upon written request of a relevant registered neighborhood organization the posting will be extended for an additional 25 days and the hearing will be rescheduled accordingly." This new rule puts an important responsibility on neighborhood groups to evaluate the notification promptly, decide whether a longer time is needed in order to have a discussion or meeting among the neighbors and the applicant, consider the issue at a neighborhood board meeting, and, possibly, to negotiate an agreement with the applicant about how to minimize problems that the establishment might create.

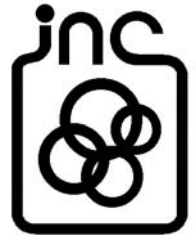
All of the Department's newly revised policies and procedures are included in a 50-page document which is available on the Excise and Licenses – Liquor Licensing page at www.denvergov.org. Neighborhood leaders should become familiar with the new policies in order to participate effectively in reviewing new applications or any other aspects of liquor and cabaret licensing matters.

In the past several years, many neighborhood groups have negotiated and signed written Good Neighbor Agreements with applicants in order to prevent possible problems. The Department of Excise and Licenses' new policies indicate:

The Department encourages regular communication between registered neighborhood organizations and applicants/licensees for resolution of issues that are of concern to the community. Many neighborhood organizations have negotiated "Good Neighbor Agreements" with applicants and licensees. As a general rule, good neighbor agreements will not be incorporated into the license. However, **if the licensee consents, particular terms of such agreements may be issued as conditions of the license, but only if they are objectively stated and enforceable by the Department pursuant to its municipal authority. All other terms of the Agreement are a private matter between the parties.** (bold-type emphasis added).

The Director of the Department, Awilda Marquez, says that she is usually willing to attach no more than three or

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Member Organizations

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 Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn
 Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
Ball Park Neighborhood Assn
 Belcaro Park Homeowners Assn
 Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn
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Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Inc
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 Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.
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 Cook Park Neighborhood Assn
Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn
 Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn
Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn 2nd filing
 Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc Filing One
 East Montclair Neighborhood Assn
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 Golden Triangle Assn. of Denver
Golden Triangle Museum District
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Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.
 Hampden Heights Civic Assn
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn
 Highland United Neighbors Inc.
 Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC
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 Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn
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 Lighthouse at the Breakers Homeowners Assn
Lower Downtown Neighborhood Assn (LoDoNA)
 Lowry United Neighborhoods
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 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
SWIC Southwest Improvement Council/Westwood
 Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn
 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn
 South Jackson Street Registered Neighborhood
Southmoor Park East Homeowners Assn
 Stapleton United Neighbors
University Park Community Council
Upper Downtown Development Org
Virginia Vale Community Assn
 Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn
 West University Community Assn (WUCA)
 Whittier Neighborhood Assn

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INC Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. See this issue for location.

The INC Executive Committee meets monthly at 1201 Williams Street in the 19th floor meeting room.

RNOs are welcome to reprint the articles in their own newsletters.

four conditions to a license. Therefore, neighbors and the applicant need to decide and agree on what conditions, if any, they wish to have attached to a license.

A potential template of a Good Neighbor Agreement to use as a starting point can be found at the following link: www.findsolutions.org and click on Cities. Every situation, however, is different and the participants must carefully consider and discuss the specific circumstances of the situation, location, and type of license. Two issues that are of particular concern to many neighborhoods and that deserve careful discussion are 1) noise levels and operating hours if an outdoor patio is being proposed near residences and 2) noise levels of any live or recorded music if the establishment is near residences. Generally, a Good Neighbor Agreement needs at least several days for adequate consultation, discussion, and drafting among those concerned. Therefore, waiting until the day before the hearing to begin the discussion is a very bad idea.

If neighbors or neighborhood groups begin to have problems with a liquor-licensed establishment (whether a Good Neighbor Agreement exists or not), they should communicate with the manager and/or owner of the establishment about the problems. Managers or owners often say that no one ever notified them about a problem so that they could resolve it. If problems persist, neighbors or RNOs should communicate the problems to the Director of the Department of Excise and Licenses – awilda.marquez@denvergov.org. The Director may then ask a detective assigned to the Department to investigate, consider assigning the issue for mediation, consider the complaint at the time that the annual renewal of the license is being considered, or all of the above. All written or e-mailed complaints are supposed to be placed in the establishment's file and be considered at the time that an annual renewal of the license is being considered by the Department. Serious complaints of violations of the law should also be sent to the Police Department.

Neighbors and RNOs should also patronize and express appreciation and support for those establishments that are good neighbors.

From the Chair

Karen Cuthbertson

So I get an email from a member of an RNO requesting to be put on INC's email distribution list for our newsletter. While I added him to the distribution list, I couldn't help but wonder why I would need to do that. "Of course," I think, "the RNO President who receives the INC newsletter will CERTAINLY forward the newsletter to their entire email distribution list; right?" RIGHT? But, sadly, the number of RNO members who are surprised when I mention that INC distributes a newsletter means that there are many, many RNO Presidents who bogart the newsletter. I

am asking all those Presidents to share the wealth and *please* forward our newsletter on to your respective memberships.

On another note, I'd like to extend my personal thanks to all those who stepped up to fill INC Executive Committee positions at our March General Membership meeting. There is one open Delegate-At-Large position. Anyone from an INC-member RNO can volunteer for this 1-year term. Please contact me if you are interested.

On yet another note, on page six you will see a list of some important upcoming meetings. One of the most important is the review/public input into the draft of the new zoning code. I'm sure you'll be hearing from Mike Henry, INC's Zoning and Planning Committee Chair, about needed volunteers to help scrutinize the code and I'm strongly urging everyone to take a good look at this document that will govern so many aspects of our daily life and quality of life for the next 50 years. Visit www.newcodedenver.org for more info.



Carshare comes to Denver. A new travel option is coming to Denver. Carsharing is currently available in more than 40 U.S. cities and beginning this spring, Denver will join that list. This alternative to personal car ownership provides members hourly use of vehicles—without the costs of insurance, maintenance, or even gas. Not a new concept, carsharing organizations (*not* carpooling) have operated for more than 20 years worldwide.

Now, a local nonprofit with more than eight years experience as a successful carshare organization in Boulder, eGo CarShare, is expanding to provide service in the Metro Denver area. Members pay a small fee to join (and must have good driving records) and then reserve cars online as needed for a low hourly rate, currently \$4, to use any of their fleet of new, fuel-efficient vehicles parked in convenient, nearby locations and accessed with a special key "fob."

Carsharing provides a perfect supplement to transit, cycling, and walking for those times when you just need a car. It is a good reason to downsize from two cars to one (or even none) if you want to save money, live or work in an area with parking shortages, or if you want to add a transportation option to living "greener."

Local nonprofit Transportation Solutions has been working with eGo CarShare to identify potential locations for cars in Denver; the first cars should be available in Denver in the next month. www.carshare.org.

Executive Committee

by Larry Ambrose

The meeting was called to order by Karen Cuthbertson on March 9th, 7:05 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street. Other Executive Committee (EC) members present were Larry Ambrose, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, Penelope Zeller, and Brad Zieg. Also present were Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Mike Henry and Membership and Newsletter Chair Ken Beaudrie.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting was passed by acclamation.

The December ending balance for all accounts was \$18,447.76. The Dollar Dictionary year-to-date balance is \$509.01. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was passed by acclamation.

Committee Reports

Dollar Dictionary - Steve reported DDD took in \$870.86 in February. The year-to-date donations are \$2,142.69. The current balance is \$31.49. DDD has repaid the funds that it owed to INC. Larry Ambrose emphasized the importance of following up on the offer extended by DPS Board member Arturo Jimenez to work for DDD recognition and support with the rest of the Board of Education.

Education Committee - Michael Henry reported that Committee Chair Billie Bramhall is trying to get Superintendent Tom Boseberg to come to speak to an INC General Membership meeting.

Membership - Ken Beaudrie reported that there are 53 RNOs, 10 of which are Patrons, and 17 Associates, 8 of which are Patrons. The Executive Committee will look at the City's new RNO list for 2009 when it is posted on denvergov.org and will follow up with phone calls to solicit INC membership.

Parks and Recreation - Committee Co-chair Ambrose reported that a symposium on the issue of the quality of recycled water being used on Denver's parks, parkways, and school grounds is being planned by the Committee for May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Those claiming that toxic waste from the Lowry Bombing Range are ultimately making it into "gray water" and representatives from Metro Waste Water, Denver Water, and environmental experts will be asked to participate in an important educational forum.

Transportation - An email was forwarded by Mike Henry to those interested in transportation issues regarding a Public Works Policy and Planning Group retreat to be held in the 19th Floor party room at 1209 Williams on March 20th from 8 to 9:30 a.m. In the first hour, the public is invited meet the Department's new planners

Zoning and Planning Committee - Chair Mike Henry reported that the recent Committee meeting with Awilda Marquez was interesting. Mike will be working on a draft

of a "Good Neighbor" agreement. The liquor license "notice period" has been shortened from 45 days to 20 days. However, Marquez said that if she were notified by an RNO within the first 20 days that an RNO wants an extension of the time to 45 days, she would extend the time. The Zoning Code Task Force (ZCTF) will see the Commercial, Business, and Mixed Use recommendations on Thursday, March 12th. There was discussion regarding public input into the ZCTF recommendations. RNOs need to be prepared to make their input in what will be a short public input process.

Karen reported on the meeting attended by Penelope, Karen, Don, and Brad with the Mayor, Peter Park, André Pettigrew, R.D. Sewald, Kevin Patterson, Bill Vidal, Terry Ware, Heather Barry, and Molly Urbina. Karen theorized that the City thinks that public participation equates to public meetings. The problem she thinks is that the City does not understand that a more meaningful role in the process is different from public meetings. Brad felt that INC started-off complaining and that this reinforced the perception of INC as naysayers and obstructionists. INC did not have a specific agenda but asked for a specific outcome. Karen said that the Mayor and his staff agreed to have internal resources look at specifics that INC brings up. Karen's hope is to present the staff of City departments with "best practices" that INC and other participants are developing. There was a consensus that the meeting was very important and that the Mayor did what he said last May he would do and now it is up to INC to follow up. Karen will share the work that has been done to date with regard to best practices for neighborhoods, the City, and developers so that people can get an idea of how best practices can work for everyone. Penelope felt that documentation regarding problems that she presented seemed not to be taken seriously.

New Business

The Neighborhood Conference will held be at Coors Field, Saturday, August 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Delegates Meeting

by Larry Ambrose

INC Chair Karen Cuthbertson called the meeting to order on March 14th, 9:00 a.m., at Merchants Office Furniture at 2361 Broadway. Councilwoman Judy Montero welcomed the delegates to Council District 9. Carla Madison, whose district borders Broadway, also attended. Judy Schneider from the host, RNO Ball Park Neighborhood Association, talked about the rapid growth of the area and a favorite local coffee house, Octane's Mobile Coffee Van. High Rise Bakery donated bagels for the meeting on this, their first day of business. Judy introduced Jinx Sanders of Mer-

chants Office Furniture whose family has been in the used furniture business at the location since 1940.

The annual election of Officers was held with the following results: Karen Cuthbertson was re-elected as Chair; Brad Zieg was elected Vice-Chair; Dave Felice was elected Secretary; Steve Nissen was re-elected Treasurer; and Larry Ambrose, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, and Penelope Zeller were elected as Delegates-at-Large. All were elected by acclamation. There remains open one Delegate-at-Large position. Francine Rew has agreed to help Dave take minutes over the next year.

The following Bylaw changes were adopted by acclamation:

Article IV – Officers. In paragraphs A., C.1., and C.2., the words “Chairman” and “Vice-Chairman” were changed to “Chair” and “Vice-Chair” respectively.

Article IV – Officers. In paragraph C.4.b., wording was changed to “Disburse funds at the direction of the Delegation except that the Executive Committee may authorize the reimbursement of monies spent by INC committees in the accomplishment of their approved tasks”; and

Article VII – Committees. Subparagraph “A” was changed to “A committee shall normally consist of two or more individuals. However, a single person may chair a committee when additional persons are not available.”

Article VII – Committees. Subparagraph “C” was changed to “Standing Committees shall be: Budget, Education, Membership, Newsletter, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Transportation, and Zoning.”

Sherry Purdie, Deputy Manager of Denver Environmental Health, reported to the delegates that the Animal Control Division is presenting an ordinance to change fees and to make violations an administrative process instead of a court proceeding. This will not change the “Leash Law.” She said that dogs most likely to bite are off-leash. This will change how enforcement takes place. City Council approved the change to an administrative process last year. They have not changed fees for almost three decades. However, what was a flat fee for pet adoption will be changed to a tiered rate so that adoption of older dogs would be less and puppies more and there will be an increase in fines to offset court fees. Disputes will be in front of an administrative law judge. She said it is true that the Humane Society of the U.S. evaluated Denver's shelter operation and found a number of things that needed to be improved. A new shelter, being built with bond-funds, will be located on West Bayaud Avenue on the Platte River near the site of the old Pound. Information is available on

line. Regarding the condition of off-leash dog parks, Parks and Recreation and Environmental Health are just beginning to work on dog parks. There was a comment regarding the City's requirement for rabies re-vaccinations every 3 years. Many veterinarians think every 5 years is sufficient, said one delegate. Another delegate said that City Park Golf Course is used as an off leash dog park. The City was asked to monitor and enforce laws there. Call 303-698-0097 or go to www.denvergov.org/animalcare for more information.

Daniel Alexander, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEM) hired recently in a national search, came from Milwaukee and is learning about Denver. He believes in an integrated process that features comprehensive management of local hazards focusing on protecting life and property. This is accomplished by managing resources such as City agencies, residents, and businesses and it requires coordination in the community. Dan pointed out the need for businesses to make plans for emergencies and make provisions for tenants and employees. He said the best way to deal with the issue of snow shoveling for people who need help is to ask citizens to make sure they know who needs help. Asked whether there is a danger from explosives and hazardous materials to neighborhoods surrounding railroad yards in the center of downtown, in north Denver, and other places, he responded that rail-yard danger is something they are looking at. He said some information is available but that some is classified. He also made a point to say that fire danger is handled by the Denver Fire Department, not the OEM. OEM will provide 2-hour emergency preparedness training for neighborhood groups. Call 720-865-7698 or email carolyn.bluhm@denvergov.org.

David F. Marquardt, Senior Landscape Architect for Parks and Recreation, was introduced by Angela Casias, an administrative assistant to Manager, Kevin Patterson. He is initiating a four- to six-week Dog Park Master Planning Process. The public is being asked to fill out a survey online at www.denvergov.org/parks. Marquardt will be evaluating current dog parks and looking at other community's parks. Casias announced that the City will be doing a pilot project in five parks that will allow a private company to provide doggie-poop-bag dispensers in return for being able to advertise on signs placed above the dispensers. Asked why the Department does not consider this a violation of the City Charter prohibiting advertising in public parks, she said the program is being done under sponsorship guidelines currently in place.

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.

Kelly Brough, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, spoke about the \$983 million City budget. There have been cuts of \$86 million (less than last year). Denver has not been hurt as bad as other areas of the country. Unemployment and housing are not as bad as other cities. Obama came to sign the stimulus because he thinks Denver will be one of the first to emerge from the recession. Sales-tax receipts are down 10.3% in January. SFCD (regional sales tax %) is down 13.3% and the State's revenue is down 16%. The 12,000 workers in the City government make up 70% of the City budget. City employees have asked to be retained; they are willing to take salary cuts and accept furloughs. The administration has implemented a wage freeze, cancelled bonuses, limited hiring, and asked for wage reductions. The City is monitoring sales tax revenue on an ongoing basis to stay ahead of the need for budget changes.

Given the current economy, Brough believes the recent bond issue was very smart of the voters to approve. The average time to spend bond money is 10 years. However, Denver is planning to spend the money over next 5 years. Federal money of \$13 million has come in. Community block grants have increased \$2.8 million and money for the homeless by \$3.7 million. The focus will be on providing a safety net through Human Services. She is working with Denver Regional Council of Governments, Xcel Energy, and Denver Public Schools to use the City bond process to expedite the expenditure of stimulus money. Brough pointed out that the new Justice Center will result in some efficiency. There was a question regarding whether the change to civilian personnel at the jail affects the size of the bargaining unit negatively. Kelly did not have the answer but will seek one. She has been holding down the fort while the Mayor has been spending a lot of time in Washington, DC getting transportation money from the federal government.

Committee Reports

Karen reported on the Executive Committee meeting with the Mayor regarding getting the City to allow neighborhoods to have a more meaningful input in the planning process. The Mayor had department heads at the meeting but the outcome was not well defined. Department heads will consider proposals from INC with regard to best practices for neighborhoods, the City, and developers so that they can get an idea of how best practices can work for everyone.

Michael Henry reported that ZAP will be meeting on March 28th. The Committee will have a special meeting (instead of the regular April meeting) to preview the new zoning code with Denver Planning director Peter Park and staff of the Zoning Code Task Force on Wednesday, April 29th, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Heitler Hall at National Jewish Health, 1460 Jackson Street. Enter the campus from East Colfax and enter the building through the main entrance. Zoning Code Task Force meetings are the 2nd and 4th

Wednesdays of the month. Five public meetings are scheduled for May.

Steve Nissen reported that the Dollar Dictionary Drive needs all the help it can get. Contributions can now be made online at www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc saving 42 cents.

Larry Ambrose and Katie Fisher reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee had received a presentation from the company putting doggie-poop-bags and advertisements in the parks but was unaware that the City was moving ahead with the scheme. The Committee will be holding a symposium on "Water Quality Issues in Denver Parks" from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 2nd. The location will be announced soon.

Katie Fisher and Paul Benington were thanked for their service on the Executive Committee.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN) – CHUN is starting to plan for our 40th anniversary celebration this year. Details will be decided later. The People's Fair is the first weekend of June.

City Park West – City Park West is getting reorganized and should rejoin INC soon.

North City Park Civic Assn. (NCPCA) – NCPCA has reorganized the member meetings to include pot-lucks, family game night, and community events. Clara Morris and a committee are planning a "Seed and Plant Exchange" in early May. Committee members include residents of Cole, Clayton, Whittier, and North City Park. It looks like this is destined to be a huge event!

University Park (UP) – The UP School annual house tour will be May 3rd. Please call 303-756-9407 for information.

Important Meetings

There are a plethora of public input meetings / events coming up in the next couple of months. INC strongly encourages all RNO members to make an effort to participate:

- Through April 30th, go to www.denvergov.org/parksandrec and complete the 15-minute dog park sur-

vey for input into the Dog Park Master Plan. Committee meetings and public input meetings April-June (currently unscheduled). Contact jenni-fier.kovarik@denvergov.org for meeting details.

- April 8th, 5:00 p.m., Census Planning Committee, City and County Building, Parr-Widener Law Library. **WE NEED AN INC MEMBER ON THIS COMMITTEE!**
- April 14th, 5:30 p.m., Strategic Parking Plan (SPP) Public Input Meeting, Webb Municipal Building, 201 West Colfax, 4.F.6/4.G.2 (4th Floor).
- April 18th to May 16th, 2009 Great American Clean-Up. Visit www.denvergov.org/solidwastemanagement for more info.
- April 18th & 19th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Doors Open Denver. This is a blast! Visit www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenver for more information.
- May 2nd, 9 a.m. to noon, INC Parks and Recreation Committee Public Forum on Water Quality in Denver Parks, Denver Police District 1 Station, 1311 West 46th Avenue.
- May 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, and 21st - New zoning code presentations. Visit www.newcodedenver.org for more information.
- May 15th, 9:00 a.m., 2009 Governor's Service Awards on the west steps of the State Capitol (nominations now open at www.colorado.gov/gccs).

Civic Center Park



The Landmark Preservation Commission unanimously approved the Civic Center Design Guidelines as a supplement to the 2005 Civic Center Park Master Plan. The guidelines embody

a year-long process of research, analysis, and public outreach. The principles, guidelines, and standards outlined in the design guidelines reflect the Department of Parks and Recreation's goals and objectives and ensure the vision of the 2005 Denver's Civic Center Park Master Plan remains intact. The document provides a crucial tool in directing and evaluating future improvements in the Park.

As one of the premier civic and cultural centers in the Rocky Mountain region, Civic Center has defined Denver's urban landscape. The Park has thrived and has been the centerpiece of large events and gatherings for nearly 100 years.

Wanting to revitalize and activate the Park, Denver is about to embark upon a comprehensive transformation for the first time since the City Beautiful Movement and Mayor Speer's administration. With the support of voters and the 2007 Better Denver Bond, the Park's major contributing features – Greek Theater, Voorhies Memorial, and the Broadway Terrace - will be rehabilitated.

These improvements, in addition to the adaptive reuse of the McNichols Building, will require collaborative partnerships with multiple City agencies, the Civic Center Conservancy, the development community, and other stakeholders.

With the guidelines now adopted, Denver Parks and Recreation can move forward with rehabilitating these historic park structures as well as considering future improvements and proposals as they fit within these design guidelines.

To view the full design guidelines, go to <http://tinyurl.com/cvnqqk>.



Designing Denver Saturday and Sunday, April 18th and 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Presented by the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs and the Denver Architectural Foundation

Doors Open Denver will celebrate the local architects that have shaped Denver during a FREE two-day event that allows you to go behind the scenes of the City's significant architectural gems and lesser-known treasures. Spend the day on a self-guided tour of both historic and modern buildings, register for an Expert Tour, or embark on an Urban Adventure, a self-guided tour based on a theme. We hope you will join us for *Doors Open Denver* 2009!

Check out the list of participating sites, Expert Tours, Urban Adventures, and special activities. Additional information is being added as details are confirmed, so check back again soon. For more information, contact *Doors Open Denver* Project Manager Carol Hiller at 303-282-5073 or caroleyii@aol.com.

Zoning and Planning By Diana Helper

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee met March 28th. It was announced that the April meeting will not be held on the usual 4th Saturday but on Wednesday, April 29th, at 7 p.m. whereat Community Planning and Development staff will present to ZAP members and friends information on the Zoning Code changes underway. The meeting will be held at Heitler Hall of the National Jewish Health Center, 1460 Jackson Street. Entry is off East Colfax Avenue where there is free parking in a large lot.

Considerable Zoning Code Update conversation advised that the text is still being written, that items are being posted on the website www.newdenvercode.com, that maps will not be available until late August or September, and that the draft of the revised Code will not be online until it is much further along. The scheduled public meet-

ings in May will be geared toward residents who are unfamiliar with this project but are important for INC/ZAP members to attend to find out what questions are asked and concerns voiced.

It also is important for Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) to study the revised Code and comment (via position papers) to their City Councilpersons and the Zoning Code Task Force (ZCTF). It is wise as well to talk with councilpersons about the information they are getting from the ZCTF and what they are saying to the ZCTF.

West Washington Park Neighborhood Association (WWPNA) has sent position papers regarding non-conforming structures and construction with business zoning, patio issues for restaurants in residential areas, and the RNOs' need for at least 30-days notification on major construction proposals. Brad Zeig suggested INC request that affected RNOs be added to the Referral List sent to agencies early in the process to give RNOs time to consider and comment on such projects before they are too far underway. This became a motion and the vote to present this to INC delegates for their consideration was unanimously in favor. See the motion on page 10.

Ray Brewer of the Residential Health and Housing Division of the Department of Environment Health explained the work of this department that inspects and enforces residential and housing regulations for environmental health standards. He encouraged ZAP members to call him via

311 for any irregularities they encounter which might create dangerous conditions. He said that one major problem at this time is bedbug infestations in some parts of Denver. Professional help must be solicited to treat such situations.

Jamie Seemiller, Jim Kroll, and James Rogers of the Denver Public Library, Western History Division, spoke about an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant-funded project that focuses on seven Denver neighborhoods. The project is "Creating Communities - Digitalizing Denver Neighborhoods." They will tell the story of each neighborhood, using various formats, in order to provide the IMLS with a number of prototypes for others to employ. Information will include archival material from neighborhoods, from library files, from City resources, and from contemporary accounts. Each "story" will have sections for Communications, Events, Records, Maps, and so on. An interactive website will be available later this year.

Other topics included distribution of "Liquor/Cabaret Licenses - How Can Neighborhoods Effectively Respond?" Topics also included announcement of two vacancies on the Landmark Commission, disappointment in the apparent lack of sufficient personnel in Community Planning and Development's Landmark Department, construction news from Cherry Creek North of two large buildings at East First Avenue and South Steele Street, Transit Oriented Development plans at the East Yale Avenue light rail site, and a reminder of the Strategic Parking Plan meeting April 14th.

Some parking at 1565 York Street, additional at 1530 Josephine Street.

The map shows a grid of streets including Humboldt St, Franklin St, Gilpin St, Williams St, High St, Race St, Vine St, Gaylord St, York St, Josephine St, Columbine St, Detroit St, Fillmore St, and Milwaukee St. Major roads E 14th Ave, E 16th Ave, and E Colfax Ave are highlighted. City Park is shown in green to the east of E 16th Ave. East High School is located near the intersection of E Colfax Ave and E 14th Ave. Three parking locations are marked: a white square at the intersection of E 16th Ave and Gaylord St labeled "Meet Here", a black square at the intersection of E 16th Ave and York St, and a black rectangle at the intersection of E 16th Ave and Josephine St labeled "Park Here". Other labels include "City Park Esplanade", "Gate (Emergency)", and "Gate (Keyed Access)".

Everyone is Welcome to Attend

8 Denver Neighborhood Connection April 2009

October 3, 2008

Dear, Inter Neighborhood Cooperation
members,

Thank you for the dictionary and
thesaurus. Our class is using these
books to help our grade level go up!
I even learned sign language! I learned
lots of cool stuff! We are taking
care of them and use them in our
writing. I love having a dictionary
by my side and not having to get up
and ask the teacher if I can borrow
a dictionary. Once again thank you

Sincerely by, Benjamin

Kaiser Elem

**CAN YOU HELP THE INC DOLLAR DICTIONARY DRIVE
RAISE THE APPR \$25,000 WE NEED TO KEEP THESE
VALUABLE TOOLS IN THE HANDS OF OUR DENVER
PUBLIC SCHOOL 3rd GRADERS, PLEASE?**

Visit www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc for more info.

The Parks and Recreation Committee Motion

On March 24, 2009, the INC Parks and Recreation Committee passed a motion to send the following letter to officials of the City and County of Denver after consideration by the INC delegation on April 11. Please be prepared to discuss and vote on the motion.

The Delegation of INC approves sending the following letter to the City and County of Denver Department of Parks and Recreation, copied to Mayor John Hickenlooper and members of the Denver City Council and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee:

Kevin Patterson, Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation
City and County of Denver
201 W. Colfax
Denver, CO 80202
kevin.patterson@denvergov.org

Dear Mr. Patterson,

At the INC Delegation Meeting meeting on March 14, 2009, your representative, Angela Casias, announced that a “pilot project” would commence in early summer wherein dog waste bag dispensers would be installed in five to ten Denver parks. Furthermore, this plan was publicly announced in a Parks and Recreation Newsletter sent out by Jill McGranahan on March 27. On January 20 of this year, Mr. Bill Airy, President of Poo Free Parks presented his company's plan for such dispensers to The Parks and Recreation Committee of INC. The plan included signage with commercial advertising to be placed above the dispensers. We encouraged Mr Airy to take the project to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, to Registered Neighborhood Organizations, and to other interested park groups as a matter of community outreach. We also voiced our concern about advertising in the park and the possible push back from the community.

Although details of Denver Parks and Recreation's “pilot project” are unknown, Parks and Recreation wrote an article which was forwarded to INC members on March 15. This article stated that “We also will be rolling out a pilot project in early summer with a company that will install and maintain dog waste stations in 5-10 parks at no cost to the City. If this pilot project is successful, we hope to roll it out system-wide to help with our overall dog waste management goals.”

In responding to questions at the INC meeting on March 14, Ms. Casias, confirmed that commercial advertising would be featured as part of the dispenser project. She maintained that such advertising was not in violation of any City legal or policy requirements, but is, rather, allowed under the Department's Policies and Procedures on Corporate Sponsorship, although Section 2.3 of these policies, states “...*The permanent placement of a corporate logo, brand, or product placement in a public park or facility is considered advertising and [is] not allowed....*”.

As we are sure you are aware, members of INC and city-wide Registered Neighborhood Associations are vitally interested in all projects slated for the City's parks. City-wide Registered Neighborhood Organizations have not been included in the planning process for these dog waste stations. Therefore, the Delegates of INC hereby call for a moratorium on implementing the pilot project for dog waste which would include advertising in Denver parks. This moratorium would be in effect until such time as RNOs, other interested parties and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have been included in a process to discuss the proposed pilot project. In the process, information could be shared on the assessment of the impacts and desirability of the dog waste project, the exploration of other alternatives that would help with the management of dog waste in parks and the project's adherence to the intent of the City laws, regulations and policies.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2009 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood organizations 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: _____
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Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

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

Included in our payment is a \$ _____ donation to the Dollar Dictionary Drive

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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**Meeting Saturday
April 11th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**Church in the City
aka BMH Synagogue
1580 Gaylord**
See map on page 10

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from
Councilwoman Carla Madison
and Dave Walstrom of Capitol
Hill United Neighborhoods

9:10 a.m.

Around the City

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

George Sparks, Denver Museum
of Nature and Science
Bond Implementation Project

10:45 a.m.

Shirley Amore, Denver Public
Library, Closing Library
Branches for four months.

11:15 a.m.

Bob Musgraves, new Executive
Director, Historic Denver

11:45 a.m.

Committee Reports

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