

Continued Discussion of ADUs

By Multiple Authors

An article about carriage houses, also known as Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) or Granny Flats, was published in the May newsletter. Both pro and con points were offered in the original article. Charlie Busch of West Washington Park Neighborhood Association offers an additional con perspective. A reply by Friends of Granny flats follows Mr. Busch's comments.

Mr. Busch: The earlier article relayed an example where the occupants of an ADU would be relatives or care givers of the residents of the main house. While this may in some instances be the case, the size of most of these units (most often 300-500 square feet) suggests that a more likely occupant may be a renter. Injecting more renters into stable neighborhoods generally increases a transitional population that could destabilize the current owner-occupied balances of our neighborhoods and make it harder to maintain single-family homes.

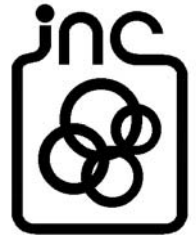
It is possible to mandate that an owner occupy either the main dwelling unit or the ADU on each property as is required by a number of cities permitting ADUs. Such a requirement could serve to curb complaints that arise from ADUs such as excessive noise. However, we understand the City has rejected this idea citing concern that enforcing such requirements would be difficult and time-consuming. As Denver residents, many of us have first-hand experience with the difficulties of enforcing code violations regarding residency requirements. Given this, even if an owner-occupancy restriction was imposed under the new Code, it seems unlikely that meaningful enforcement in a City as large as Denver could be achieved without a major investment of resources. Unfortunately, the City has stated it has no resources for such enforcement activities.

Without the certainty of an owner-occupant on the premises, neighbors adjacent to ADUs could be subjected to increased alley noise, lack of privacy, and traffic from what could easily translate into garage housing for students and young adults. Of course, there is a need for housing for such populations, but this is perhaps best accommodated in areas appropriately zoned for density. It is hard to dispute that individuals enjoying their college years and young adulthood frequently have lifestyles that can be out of synchronization with those valued by many in our predominantly single-family areas. Encouraging such uses in areas zoned for multi-family structures or in areas of change where the inclusion of such uses is from the onset contemplated as part of the housing mix can better address everyone's needs and desires.

In addition to issues of differing lifestyles, privacy issues arise from allowing ADUs in single-family home neighborhoods. As Denver residents, we spend significant resources to enhance our backyards that for many of us serve as our only outdoor oasis from the hustle and bustle of city life. While a property owner with an ADU may fill her lot with more square footage of living space, the neighbor next door or across the alley suffers the lack of privacy in his backyard that ensues from the presence of an adjacent garage apartment. The quiet enjoyment of our outdoor spaces would be compromised.

It also should be noted that each additional living unit, on average, currently demands parking for one or two cars and generates up to ten additional car-trips per day. Some cities permitting ADUs require that three parking spaces be provided and that one space be reserved

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solely for the ADU. Again, even if the new Code were to adopt such a requirement, enforcement likely would be an issue.

In the end, we must ask ourselves how much we, as residents in Denver's existing stable neighborhoods, are willing to surrender in lifestyle for the profit of others. Clearly, this type of housing should not be permitted in all of our Denver neighborhoods. The City should exempt single-family home zone-districts from this type of use and density. Otherwise, we must face the fact that such districts will no longer be single-family home districts.

Friends of Granny Flats:

In the city's words, "Denver's 53-year-old zoning code is broken and needs to be fixed. It suffers from more than a half century of incremental changes that have made it complicated, inconsistent, and cumbersome. Denver needs a new zoning-code that will support a growing economy, a sustainable environment, a diverse mix of housing, strong neighborhoods, and a high quality of life."

We also feel that the old zoning code "did not quite get it right." It was drafted during a time when people were afraid of many things about urban areas, the "Top Three" being density, traffic, and parking. Carriage houses were outlawed due to these fears. The facts at the time were not evaluated sufficiently. Those facts still exist today -- that Denver's thousands of carriage houses cause very few problems compared to the benefits for the city and its residents.

In other cities that have adopted ADU codes, only one home per thousand is converted per year. This is not something to fear.

Who are the Friends of Granny? Our leader is Bob Sperling, one of the concerned Denver citizens successful in forcing the removal of the largest radioactive dumpsite in the nation near urban dwellings, Shattuck.

Please follow this link to the State of Washington report on Accessory Dwelling Units

www.mrsc.org/publications/textadu.aspx

Delegates Meeting Recap

By Fran Rew

INC Chair, Karen Cuthbertson, called the meeting to order on May 9th at 9:00 a.m. in the Regis University Main Hall, Conference Room 333, located near 52nd Avenue and Lowell Boulevard.

Art Engel, Secretary of Berkeley Regis United Neighbors, Inc. (BRUN), said that BRUN's membership is increasing and banding together under the spirit of good will. He said that the Berkeley/Tennyson Street Corridor is one of the five "pilot districts" for the Denver Neighborhood Marketplace Initiative (DNMI) launched on May 1st, 2008, by the Denver Office of Economic

Development. The other four districts are Morrison Road, Welton Street Corridor, the Bluebird District, and Cherry Creek North. He invited DNMI leaders from the other four pilot districts to talk with him collaboratively to develop the most effective strategy for organizing merchants and residents and for creating a path through the persistent roadblocks to accessing funds.

Denver Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison, Heather Barry, responded by saying that the 2009 Neighborhood Conference is scheduled for August 1st in air-conditioned facilities at Coors Field. She indicated that she will have more information about accessing DNMI funds.

Joe Kottenstette, Marty Lordier, and Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) are working with Regis in setting the legal agreements for starting a Regis University Community Garden. The vegetables in this community garden will benefit the people who work on the garden, food banks, and provide an educational component for the university students. They were hoping to start the garden this spring but the legal agreements have caused a delay. DUG has a handbook that outlines the whole process of starting a community garden.

Ms. Lordier will let BRUN members know about the next community garden meetings. Based on a survey done for Adams County, one in five families were short of food at the end of month. That is why they started gardens throughout Adams County.

Katie Fisher, from the West University Neighborhood Association, said that Denver University (DU) has started a community garden and she offered to help BRUN network with this DU garden team. For BRUN neighbors interested in helping with this community garden, contact Joe at kottenstette5@comcast.net or Marty at africa1smith@hotmail.com.

Denver City Auditor, Dennis Gallagher, extended a welcome to the INC delegates on behalf of Councilman Rick Garcia. Mr. Gallagher is a Regis graduate and has taught part time there for about 37 years. With a lilt of Irish humor throughout his welcome, he told us that, as a Latin teacher, he had offered to add a translation of the Latin names of the arboretum of trees throughout this beautiful campus. He grew up between the old Elitch Gardens and Regis.

The Auditor explained that this Main Hall building was built in 1887 and the room the attendees were in was the Jesuit Meditation Chapel before construction of the beautiful St. John Regis Chapel, located on the opposite side of the scenic pedestrian walkway in front of the Main Hall. Since the renovation of the Main Hall last summer, this exquisitely ornate meditation chapel has reopened as a conference space.

Gallagher further explained that the City of Denver is struggling but City employees are happy to accept furlough days instead of layoffs.

An attendee asked, "How many furlough days are city

employees needing to take this year?” The delegate believed that furlough days would discourage quality people from joining the City government. Mr. Gallagher responded that after asking City employees, they answered that in this economy, they would like a job. He added, “I hope the agencies will handle this well and keep up their morale.” He was pleased that morale in the Auditor’s Office was on top, adding, “We treat people as fellow human beings. Both nonunion and union members prefer furlough days to layoffs. Next year may be worse.... We are in tough times, friends. We are all trying our best to bring in every dollar we can to see that our City is whole.” Denver has been given \$45 million in stimulus money. The Government Accounting Office estimated that seven percent of this stimulus money might be siphoned off in fraud and waste. Our City Council and the City Auditor’s Office will be doing their best to prevent this potential loss and waste of the stimulus money.”

After the break, Regina Huerter, Director of Denver Crime Prevention and Control Commission (CPCC), gave us an update from the Graffiti Oversight Committee. Ms. Huerter believes we need a system change. Graffiti is vandalism and vandalism is a crime. She explained that the Graffiti Fellowship works because various City Departments allowed staff to implement the recommendations of the Graffiti Taskforce. The Southwest Corridor is hard hit with graffiti issues. Ms. Huerter introduced the Mayor’s City Council Liaison, Amber Callender, and they took turns asking us “How do we do this better?”

The mission of the Graffiti Fellow is divided into the segments: Prevention, Intervention, and Enforcement. Ms. Huerter explained the graffiti enforcement process. A Notice of Violation requesting, “please help us get this down” is given to a property owner with a graffiti problem. The property owner is asked to sign the Graffiti Release



Marty Lordier addresses the Delegates about the Regis Community Garden.

Photo by Ken Beaudrie

Doug Linkhart, Denver City Councilman-at-Large, announced that the Economic Prosperity Task Force had finished their final report and are working at helping people across the board. This Task Force started before the economy went down and they developed an age and youth management plan.

When an INC delegate asked for a hardcopy of the revised zoning codes, Ms. Barry responded that there would be a digital copy online through the special zoning-code-update web site (www.newcodedenver.org) at the end of May.

Form to grant the City permission to take the graffiti down; if the owner was not able to take it down in three days, the City will take it down. It used to be a ten-day turn-around. This notice gives people an opportunity to use their own resources to take the graffiti down. When an owner refuses to take down the graffiti, then there is a fine. The fine is for the cost of the actual graffiti removal.

Ms. Huerter praised graffiti detectives Alarcon and Gray who are “kicking butt” in 2008 having made around 250 arrests. They put together cases to find multiple offenses to prove that they are tied together. In

November 2007, a City ordinance doubled all the different fines and put together a community-service sentencing package. This package includes minimum sentences, fines, restorative justice, and parental involvement for juvenile offenders.

All this is stemmed from the Graffiti Summit held a few years ago. Based on the results of the Summit, a Graffiti Taskforce formed and split into three working groups (Prevention, Abatement, and Enforcement) that met for months with 200 people working in the groups. The groups were informed about their partnership role with Public Works tasked to remove the graffiti as fast as possible. In Denver, there was 4.6 million square feet of graffiti removed in 2008. Currently, 20,000 citizens have signed release forms to allow the City to remove graffiti. There is an increased number of people calling asking for help to remove graffiti.

Ms. Huerter asked the INC delegates to raise their hands if they were involved with the graffiti program ten years ago; about ten hands were raised. Ms. Huerter pointed out, "This problem will never go away....The most important work is to re-evaluate what is working and what is not." For example,

Athmar Park has an adopt-a-spot program where residents sign on to keep one structure graffiti free. We need new ideas on how to make it work well. Amber hopes to continue to give new ideas. How do we pass the baton?

Denver Partners Against Graffiti (DPAG) computers and police computers are going to begin talking with each other so police have the same information as Public Works. If you are not reporting graffiti, do so, especially if it is on your own house. With a City voucher, various suppliers give a 50 percent discount for removing graffiti. (For more info, visit <http://www.denvergov.org/graffiti>.)

INC delegates' and CPCC representatives' exploration of "How do we do this better?":

- INC could help advertise that each neighborhood could help resolve this issue. The City could send out an email and publish articles several times a year listing the places where graffiti removal material is available.

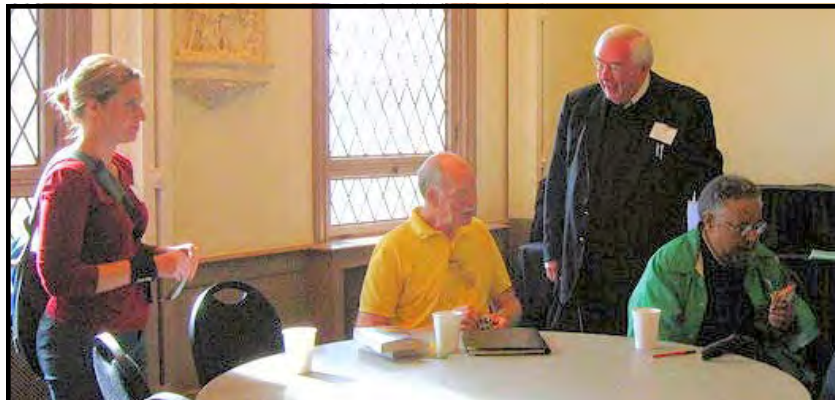
- An attendee noted that graffiti reports are documented as a crime in the neighborhood and inflates the neighborhood's crime statistics. High crime statistics lead to lower property values. That is why we do not report graffiti. *Ms. Huerter said she would bring that information back to the office to see if they can find a way to differentiate graffiti vandalism from other forms of vandalism.*

- All field employees [Neighborhood Inspection Services (NIS), Parks and Recreation, etcetera] could remove graffiti and report it if that specifically is made to be a part of their field responsibilities. Rather than view graffiti removal as only a problem of insufficient monitoring by citizens, use Denver's resources as an opportunity to make more efficient use of the current City field staff's time and resources. The same day that

the graffiti is seen, it can be reported and removed. *Ms. Huerter cautioned that graffiti needs documentation. The City needs citizen help. Do not take graffiti down yourself without a digital photo document of the graffiti. The digital photo helps us to be able to read the graffiti. If you do not have time to take a digital photo, let the*

City take down the graffiti; they will take a photo so the Graffiti Detectives can find out if drugs are sold at these locations. Graffiti can be a billboard. The longer it stays the more likely it will become a continuing tagging site. If you are removing graffiti yourself, call 311 anyway. That way, it is listed in the graffiti statistics.

- The Community Oriented Policing (COP) Shops are another place to spread the word.
- Put information in the neighborhood newsletters.
- An attendee asked to have the Graffiti Release Form online. It was noted that the form is online, but it is hard to find.
- An attendee noted that around the University of Denver, different agencies are not working together; District 3 police gives other messages, and Solid Waste wants something sent to them. We are sending conflicting



Auditor Dennis Gallagher chats.

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messages. Ms. Huerter acknowledged that several City departments currently receive complaints and that there has not been a central repository for those complaints. In addition, there is currently only one Graffiti Inspector for the whole city. A \$200,000 study was just completed on how the departments can work together. The City is implementing the recommendations including giving other city inspectors (e.g., NIS) the ability to write a Notice of Violation, having 311 take the graffiti complaint instead of transferring the call, developing easier ways to authorize graffiti removal, and more.

- An attendee noted that in coming down Federal Boulevard to Regis today, she noticed graffiti everywhere. “How do we make the most impact? Especially when we are so overwhelmed by other problems, with no time for this problem.” Ms. Huerter answered that the City Council persons for Morrison Road and Federal Boulevard are community organizers who can help the neighborhood answer the questions. She then suggested that residents should ask their Councilperson what the community should do. Would small work sessions or training sessions help to let people know? And ask the neighborhood: “How can we make this problem easier for you?” Let them know, “You can make a quick phone call to get this graffiti down. If you live in a hard hit area, help us identify it. It is different for every neighborhood.”
- An attendee noted that graffiti could be on rights-of-way, City property, in parks, or private property. We do not always know who is the owner and you might report it to the wrong person. Huerta answered, “We have made a lot of progress working with Xcel energy and CDOT. We should not expect residents to know the right-of-ways. Residents should report all graffiti to 311 and we will sort it out.”
- An attendee noted that along I-70, there is quicker cleanup.
- “Is the Denver Police Department (DPD) going to do any stings? They are a great way for citizens to get involved and learn their neighborhood. For citizens, learning to spot baggy pants with cans in them for spray painting is like profiling for graffiti taggers. Ms. Huerter responded that “Yes, the DPD stings have worked out beautifully. It’s a great thing and it will continue.”
- An attendee noted that some of the tagged railroad cars near his house were done by good artists. “Is there a positive outlet for artists to find expression?” Ms. Huerter responded explaining that graffiti vandalism is unwanted marking on property. Some of these persons have incredible artistic abilities but they cannot do it without permission. CPCC has found when you put a mural up in an area, the crime rate and graffiti decreases! This is Prevention stuff. The Graffiti Fellow works with the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs to

provide outlets for kids. We need to work within the culture to help get kids to the place that they understand that they do not have the right to vandalize. It is about changing the culture from within. Suzette Reed, Denver Graffiti Fellow, spoke about the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Mural Project, and spoke more about the Graffiti Fellowship Program (GFP) formed out of the efforts of the Graffiti Task Force. Ms. Huerter and Ms. Callender rely on the experience of the GFP. Suzette Reed’s job is to integrate that effort with businesses, etc., working in conjunction with the GFP. On July 18th at the Lincoln Park Latino Rhythms festival, the GFP is offering an opportunity for people who truly are artistic to show their artistic skills in a legal way and put up murals during the Lincoln Park event (see <http://www.denvergov.org/docx>.) Ms. Reed noted that Castro Elementary has a video that will be used in the festival as an example of murals not graffiti and pictures of the children not liking vandalized neighborhoods. We can only do that with your assistance. City Councilman Lopez is working with CDOT to remove the graffiti on 6th Avenue. Ms. Reed relayed that she would like to be available to residents and develop plans for graffiti abatement.

- There was a question about communication about graffiti with neighboring municipalities in Adams County. Graffiti artists do not know about boundaries. The delegates laughed when Ms. Huerter responded, “We say in our flyers, please just tag on that side and not here.” Then Ms. Huerter told the story of a \$5,000 mural that was destroyed by Adams County kids. Ms. Huerter added that there is an interjurisdiction law enforcement group in Englewood that meets on a regular basis. For the first time, there is communication about who is doing what and collectively they have made many busts. There are no resources from Denver to clean Adams County. We need to create an interjurisdictional plan as far as other resources. We have not tackled that.
- An attendee asked, “If it is correct that future artists do a lot of the graffiti, have you sent information to high school art classes about how this affects their future?” Ms. Huerter answered, “We have met with the different schools and taught the kids about when it is art and when it is vandalism. The Denver Public School (DPS) arts program found that good artists had convictions for vandalism. In July, when all children are together, this will be addressed, working with DPS arts teachers.” Ms. Callender added that they have tried to put together marketing messages about graffiti. For example, the Brush Off Campaign from the Denver Graffiti Department. We need to put together a simple message with Channel 8, with snippets of news media. There may be a grandmother who talks about the effect it has on her, in a way that the teenagers would respond, “I wouldn’t do that to my grandmother or mother.”

- As much as we are concerned about crime, we also know that people will not want to invest in graffiti areas. Is there a Denver area graffiti dictionary? *Ms. Huerter will send an email to the INC with a graffiti dictionary, chart, pictures, tag, gang, and hybrid graffiti in the Denver area.*
- It was noted that children could easily get a can of paint. Access to materials is hard to solve. Can we create cross-jurisdictional lock-up laws for spray paint cans? *Ms. Huerter responded that the CPCC is doing interjurisdictional work with Jefferson County, Lakewood, and the Sheridan corridor for law enforcement, stings, and to pass a lockup law there. She noted that DPD has done stings together with Lakewood police. It is an ongoing issue. Metro-area police do get together and share information about whom the graffiti comes from but there has not been a meeting with the public leadership. Ms. Huerter encouraged the delegates by saying, "We need you to keep telling us what works and what does not work. Think about the mechanisms and resources you need. Do you need brochures? Let us know community by community what you need. We cannot do this alone. We will be more than happy to go to neighborhood meetings; please invite us if we can help."*

INC Chair Karen Cuthbertson asked for approval of new committee nominations to fill City committees and requested additional new INC committee members for the following committees:

- Dog Park Masterplan Taskforce - Malcolm Murray, Susan Nagl, Larry Ambrose, Karmen Hanson
- Economic Stimulus Oversight Board - Brad Zieg
- H.A.L.O. Program Committee - Anthony Thomas
- Census Committee - Jennifer Tomeny
- INC Transportation Committee - Committee Chair Dave Webster needs more INC volunteers. This is going to be very important at this time because of Transit Oriented Developments, etcetera.
- INC Education Committee - Committee Chair Billie Bramhall needs more INC volunteers.

Ms. Cuthbertson will be sending in nominations for committee members.

Zoning and Planning Committee (ZAP) – ZAP is not meeting this month because of the special zoning-code update meeting earlier in the month.

Steve Nissen, Chair of the Dollar Dictionary Drive, needs help in funding this year. Ask your organization for a donation. Brochures are available for the neighborhood coffee shops or wherever you patronize; spread the word! Any suggestions or ideas to help pull in money would be great. Steve was able to send out 1,500 solicitation letters with a group of young people who came to us looking for something to do. This group of youth wanted to keep their group together doing volunteer work. If any of you have volunteer projects, they may be interested. That will be a

great help. Steve added, "I can no longer carry 300 books."

INC has given about one-quarter million dictionaries and thesauruses to DPS in the past 14 years.

The INC Parks and Recreation Committee (P&RC) is different from the Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (P&RAB). The P&RC will be meeting on May 19th, 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Heritage Club in the University Park area. The symposium on "Gray Water in City Parks" will be rescheduled due to the cancellations by the panel members.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



Baker Historic Neighborhood Association – We have several businesses looking into starting-up in the neighborhood. One is looking into fixing up the 1st Avenue and Broadway hotel that has been empty for years. The Broadway Master Plan and Alameda Station Redevelopment Plan are coming about; there is no immediate plan to start redevelopment.

Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association – DPS has decided to open Knight Fundamental Academy as an early education center for the 2009-10 school years. There will be ongoing research as to the plans in 2010-11 and beyond during this initial year of development.

Elyria Neighborhood Association/Globeville Business Association – Our neighborhood is undergoing many changes and planning to reconnect with our neighbors (i.e. Upper Larimer, Highlands, Globeville, Swansea, and Elyria). These changes included the 38th Street RTD transit-oriented development, updating I-70 from the mousetrap to Colorado Boulevard, and many developments on Brighton Boulevard from 29th to 38th Avenues. Public Works has recently completed the documentation for the street design for Brighton Boulevard and Parks and Recreation has completed a park study for our area.

North City Park Civic Association – The elimination of the dirt track around the City Park Golf course has pushed runners and dog walkers onto the residential side of East 26th Avenue. The increase of dog waste in residential yards has caused complaints. Our request to Park and Recreation to supply dog waste stations was rejected.

University Park Community Council – UPCC has a zoning code review committee to study drafts and maps as they become available. Plans are marching ahead for the annual Fourth of July Parade at Observatory Park.

From the Chair

Karen Cuthbertson

Many of you filled out the issues surveys that were at the Presidents Dinner in January and were on the information table at the last few INC Delegates meetings. The results of those surveys give the Executive Committee (EC) an idea of what things to "tackle" as an organization. The top concerns are equally split between graffiti, zoning/rezoning issues, and traffic/speeding in neighborhoods, with street drug dealing, robberies, and unkempt/unmown lawns following close behind. The EC discussed how best to address these issues. I am on the Mayor's Executive Graffiti Oversight Committee. We are making great progress and have a fabulous Graffiti Fellow, Suzette Reed, to help implement the recommendations of the Graffiti Taskforce. The effects of some of this progress won't be immediately visible but there is much "behind the scenes" work that is making a huge difference and is poised to do a great deal more. As for zoning issues, the INC Zoning and Planning Committee is keeping a watchful eye on the zoning code update but ZAP Chair, Mike Henry, cannot stress enough that each resident read the proposed new code for themselves. As for traffic/speeding, INC's Transportation Committee needs help to effectively deal with this issue and the Public Safety Committee needs help with safety issues (drug dealing/robberies). INC has eight standing committees; Budget, Education, Membership, Newsletter, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Transportation, and Zoning. The Education, Public Safety, and Transportation committees are in dire need of help from the INC Delegation. If you can help, please contact myself or any EC member. Thank you in advance for stepping forward.

Recycler's Corner

Tom Strickland, Solid Waste Management

Spring-cleaning and Denver's Household Hazardous Waste Program go hand-in-hand. For many of us, spring is a time when we clean out our basements and garages. The act of spring cleaning is a great way to start anew; however it can also leave us perplexed as to what to do with the leftover fertilizers, pesticides, stains, varnishes, and CFLs that we no longer need but know are not safe to throw in the trash. Through its Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, Denver can help you safely dispose of chemicals and other household hazardous waste that you come across during your spring-cleaning.

Residents of Denver are once-per-year eligible for a free collection of household hazardous waste. Residents may schedule a door-to-door collection at their home or in some unique cases, an appointment to drop off materials at the facility. Materials accepted through the program are: aerosols, automotive fluids (degreasers, oils, etcetera), batteries, caulk, grout, cleaners and polishes (drain, oven, carpet, etcetera), CFLs and fluorescent tubes, expired medications, fertilizer, garden chemicals, gasoline, fuel, kerosene, glue, hobby supplies, insecticides and poisons (bug spray, weed killers, etc.), lubricants, metal polishes, moth balls, paint, photography chemicals, sealants, stains and varnishes, solvents and thinners (turpentine, etc.), pool chemicals, and thermometers.

To schedule a collection appointment, please call **1-800-HHW-PKUP (1-800-449-7587)**. *Please note that you must have at least three different types of items or 25 pounds of materials to schedule an appointment.* Home collections are limited to the contents of the supplied collection kit bag (approximately 12-gallons of materials based on container size) and drop-off collections are limited to 125 pounds. Additionally, up to five automobile batteries and a total of five fluorescent bulbs (tubes and CFLs) can be included with a collection. If you have household hazardous waste in excess of 12 gallons or 125 pounds and are willing to pay for its collection, you should speak to the hotline operator about that when you call to make your appointment.

For more information on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program call 311 or visit denvergov.org/denverrecycles.

Recycle Your Outdated Phone Book This Summer

Many Denver residents will receive new phone books on their doorsteps this summer. As you replace your outdated phone books with your new ones, please remember that **all phone books are accepted in your Denver Recycles purple cart**. Please be sure to remove all magnets and plastic bags. If you are not part of the Denver Recycles program and want to find your nearest drop-off location to recycle your phone book, please visit denvergov.org/denverrecycles.

Not only are phone books recyclable, many are made with recycled material. For example, Dex's *White- and Yellow Pages* contains up to 35 percent post-consumer paper. Recycled phone books can also be made into various products including cellulose insulation, fruit packing trays, paper-board boxes, mulch, and animal bedding.

Residents not wishing to receive phone books can contact the publishers of the following phone books to ask to be removed from their delivery lists: **Dex** (1-877-243-8339), **Yellow Book** (1-800-929-3556) and **Verizon** (1-800-888-8448).

Recycling Myth Busters: Learn the Truth. Part 6 of 12

There are many myths about recycling passed along from person to person. We are here to explain some of those myths so you can be the best recycler possible.

Myth: All containers need to be rinsed, washed, and have their labels removed.

FALSE. In many cases, no rinsing is required. Soda, water, shampoo, and soap bottles just need to be fully emptied before placing them in with your recycling. Milk and orange juice bottles might require a light rinsing to help prevent odors. Soup cans could require a little more rinsing and “stickier” food containers such as mayonnaise or peanut butter jars might need to be scraped or wiped clean to remove as much food residue as possible.

Labels can remain on bottles, cans, and jars and do not need to be peeled-off or removed. The heat generated in the remanufacturing process of plastic, glass, and metal containers results in the labels simply being burned off. When rinsing out a container, be sure to save water and energy by pouring only a small amount of cold water into the container. Then put the lid back on, shake the container, and pour out the water. This process will loosen up food particles inside the container and avoid the unnecessary use of hot water.

Thanks for doing your part and recycling all that you can! To resolve questions, please contact us by calling 311 or visiting us online at denvergov.org/denverrecycles.

Executive Committee Recap

By Fran Rew

INC Chair Karen Cuthbertson called the meeting to order on Monday, May 11th, 7:00 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street. Other Executive Committee (EC) members present were Larry Ambrose, Ray Ehrenstein, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, and Don Tressler. Also present were Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Mike Henry, Membership and Newsletter Committee Chair Ken Beaudrie, Parks and Recreation Committee Co-Chair Katie Fisher, and assistant to the Secretary, Fran Rew.

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

Treasurer's Report: The April ending balance for all accounts was \$20,693.40. Of this amount, \$1,287.20 will be transferred to the Dollar Dictionary Drive account.

The EC members recommended several possible best uses for the INC funds.

- INC web site update and redesign.
- Membership with a national association of neighborhoods and the Congress for a New Urbanism (CNU).
- Assist qualified RNOs with INC annual membership fee.
- Upgrade the INC brochure.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was passed by acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD). Mr. Nissen reported that his solicitation letters got \$1,600 in donations. The DDD needs to have a total of \$25,000 by July to purchase both dictionaries and thesauruses. He explained that INC needs \$5,000 more to distribute just the dictionaries without the thesauruses. EC members agreed to share the responsibility for writing grants for funds, making donations, and distributing the DDD flyers.

Membership: Ken Beaudrie reported that there are 71 RNO members, 16 of whom are patrons. There are 25 associate members, 12 of whom are patrons.

Newsletter: INC's newsletter editor, Ken Beaudrie, was recognized for his excellent editorial leadership. EC members requested an extra emphasis in the INC newsletter accenting intent to represent both sides of any issue in the most effective manner. They recommended putting the author name at the top of each printed viewpoint, equal space for opposing views within the same newsletter, and a printed disclaimer statement in each newsletter.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Co-chair Katie Fisher said Larry Ambrose explained that the panel discussion about gray water is being rescheduled to either the third Tuesday in June or July from 7 to 10 p.m. The location is not yet chosen.

Mr. Ambrose requested that Karen send the official INC request for a moratorium preventing advertising on dog pooh-bag dispensers in parks until the public process has been completed. He wants to hand this INC letter to Mr. Patterson at the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) meeting. He said that until he asked, the PRAB was not going to put the INC concern on their agenda.

Ms. Fisher reported that the Denver Parks and Recreation (P&R) Special Events Task Force has not responded with answers to questions sent to them. Dave Felice sent out an email about an upcoming Denver P&R meeting at the Alma Recreation Center, May 21st at 3 p.m. Dave Webster is on the task force that will address the questions concerning admission-based events.

Mr. Ambrose asked for recommendations for a policy or other approach to prevent the increase of smokers in Sloan's Lake Park and the adjacent residential lawns as a result of the no-smoking policy in the adjacent hospital. It is not illegal to smoke in a park but what about cigarette trash in the park? The EC suggested that Sloan's Lake neighbor Chuck Brandigan was having some success in dealing with this problem.

Zoning and Planning Committee (ZAP): ZAP is taking a month off because of the very well attended meeting conveying the zoning information. The zoning code update meeting scheduled at the Convention Center will be taped by Channel 8 TV and will be available online. Visit www.denvergov.org/denver8tv. Channel 9 did a long presentation about how Denver is going into new zoning and talked about the meeting coming up.

Education Committee: There was no Education Committee report. Committee Chair, Billie Bramhall, is in need of volunteers to help especially as currently there is so much happening regarding Denver's Public Schools. Ms. Cuthbertson recommended that all nominees for the Education Committee be emailed to Billie Bramhall at bramhall1@msn.com. State Representative Beth McCann is holding a meeting about education May 14th.

Transportation Committee: There was no Transportation Committee report. Committee Chair, Dave Webster, is also in need of volunteers to help. Contact Dave at dj-jl-webster@att.net.

Public Safety Committee: INC is in need of a chairperson for this committee. Anthony Thomas volunteered to represent INC on the High Activity Location Observation Program Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Cuthbertson requested that the EC members update their EC and Committee Chair email distribution lists please!

NEW BUSINESS:

Results of INC Issues Survey: The results of the INC issues survey, taken at the Presidents Dinner, were discussed. The issues that interested the RNOs the most are (1) zoning (inappropriate or out of character development), (2) traffic, (3) graffiti, (4) speeding, (5) robberies, and (6) street drug dealing.

When Fran Rew pointed out that robberies and street drug dealing could become an increasing response to joblessness, Ms. Cuthbertson recommended that INC EC member Brad Zieg could bring that concern to the Economic Stimulus Committee chaired by Amy Mueller.

The Executive Committee discussed advertising the City-wide Crime Summit for the RNOs and the Citizen's Police Academy. Ms. Cuthbertson said she would put an article about this in the INC newsletter. The Academy is usually about a three to four month program. There is a youth academy in the summer.

Another recommendation was to print information about how neighborhoods can arrange for radar vans.

INC Audit: INC needs volunteers to audit the INC books. There was discussion of hiring a professional audit as a matter of procedure in order to qualify for grants when needed. Mr. Thomas said he would send Ms. Cuthbertson the name of his CPA. The Neighborhood Resource Center may also have recommendations for an affordable professional auditing service.

Annual Congress for New Urbanism (CNU): Each EC attendee was emailed a CNU brochure. Ms. Bramhall (who is volunteering at the CNU) and Mr. Henry recommended that at least one of the EC members attend. Karen informed CNU that INC agreed to be a sponsor. A motion was unanimously passed to approve spending up to \$200 to send people to some of the CNU events. Larry would like to go to the TOD session.

INC Membership Renewals: Ms. Cuthbertson will be sending out email invoices asking for membership renewals. Concentrating on INC members from last year, phone calls for membership renewal can be selectively divided, each EC member picking an RNO representative the member knows best. Mr. Thomas noted that much of the contact information for RNOs on the Denver site is wrong. Mr. Nissen recommended putting a plug in for the DDD during the membership renewal phone calls.

Dog Park Task Force Nominees: INC's Parks and Recreation Committee (PRC) Co-Chairs Ms. Fisher and Mr. Ambrose requested that they be consulted before approving nominees to represent the INC on PRC issues. Mr. Ambrose recommended that Ms. Cuthbertson send an email invitation to the nominees to attend the next INC PRC meeting.

Upcoming INC Delegates Meetings: The EC members reviewed the upcoming meeting speakers and locations. Ms. Cuthbertson requested that the information for all future meetings be resent to her so that she can restore the INC database. Currently, only August and November do not have locations and speakers designated. Ray Ehrenstein said that one future speaker could include Ashley DeLaup on the topic of coyotes; she has talked at Temple Emanuel. Mr. Thomas said he would mail his printed copies of dates and speakers for the INC records.

The upcoming Neighborhood Conference was discussed. It is scheduled for August 1st at Coors Field. In past years, INC has not had a Delegates meeting the same month at the Conference; however, INC will meet in August because it's the DDD labeling meeting.

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

Foreclosure Addressed By Beth Truby, OED



The Denver Office of Economic Development (OED) launched two new programs to address residential foreclosure and to spur the revitalization of neighborhoods heavily impacted by foreclosure.

The OED launched a \$25 million Mortgage Credit Certificate Program, which will assist homebuyers and homeowners with high-cost or sub-prime loans that are at risk of foreclosure. They also announced partnerships with two consortiums led by the Denver Housing Authority and the Denver Urban Renewal Authority to redevelop foreclosed properties through the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

The Mortgage Credit Certificate Program will benefit approximately 180 households throughout Denver. The Program is funded through \$15 million from Denver's Private Activity Bond capacity and \$10 million from the state

of Colorado Private Activity Bond capacity provided through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.

Created through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program is providing Denver with approximately \$9.6 million to acquire, redevelop, and resell foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight.

More information about both programs is available online at the OED Web site, www.milehigh.com. The site includes a wide variety of housing information for renters, first-time homebuyers, and current homeowners.

Dollar Dictionary Drive

By Steve J. Nissen

PLAYERS NEEDED! The Dictionary Drive Team needs more RNO players if we are to achieve our winning goals in 2009. We are less than half way to the goal we must achieve by early July. We need your neighborhood organization on this RNO team. We can play as well as the Nuggets and the trophy will be the thousands of dictionaries and thesauri we distribute to the excited third-graders this autumn. A donation from your RNO will get you a player position on this fine team. Big and small players welcome; size does not matter.

Players currently on the 2009 team are:

Ballpark Neighborhood Assn
Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn
Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn
Civic Association of Clayton
George Washington Homeowners Assn
Greater Park Hill Neighborhood Assn
Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn
Hilltop Heritage Association, LLC
Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA
Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn
Mayfair Neighbors
Stapleton Master Community Assn
Virginia Vale Community Assn
West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn

On a happy note, the Great-West Life and Annuity Insurance Company uniquely recognizes its long-term employees and recognizes that financial contributions enhance the growth, vitality, and longevity of charitable organizations. In celebration of employees achieving 25 or more years of service at Great-West, the company provides a gift of \$100.00 to a non-profit of the employee's choice. Al Habercorn of the Baker Neighborhood, along-time active supporter of INC, has achieved the 25-year goal and has designated the Dollar Dictionary Drive as the lucky recipient. Congratulations to Al from all of us at INC and a big thank you for your continued support.

Parks Ads Resolution By Parks and Recreation Committee

WHEREAS, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) is a network of approximately 70 registered neighborhood organizations in Denver, and

WHEREAS, provisions of the Charter of the City and County of Denver have kept advertising out of the City's system of parks and parkways for more than a hundred years; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation Policy and Procedures on Corporate Sponsorship approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board November 10, 2005 state that advertising generally is not allowed in designated parks, parkways, Mountain Parks, natural areas, golf courses, outside recreation facilities, or outside other park buildings; and

WHEREAS, the permanent placement of a corporate logo, brand, or product placement in a public park or facility is considered advertising and is not allowed; and

WHEREAS, the appointed members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have acquiesced to the Manager of Parks and Recreation without considering the issue of violating Department's own policies and the ramifications thereof and refused to allow comment by members of the public on this issue at a recent meeting of the Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, The Manager has negotiated or is negotiating a contract to lease space to a for-profit corporation called "Poo Free Parks", owned by Mr. Bill Airy, to have more than 200 logo-bearing advertising structures to be erected within Denver City Parks; and

WHEREAS, "Poo Free Parks" describes such advertising in their promotional literature as "reaching thousands of Denver residents every day in places where your message has never before been permitted--Denver's premier pet-friendly parks."; and

WHEREAS, such advertising has never been allowed in any form to be placed in the parks that are owned by the citizens of the Denver; and

WHEREAS this type of advertising sets a precedent for further commercialization of Denver parks

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that INC hereby submits a request to the Mayor of the City and County of Denver and asks for immediate rescission of any contract, permit or license that has been issued for such illegal advertising to be displayed in our parks.

Dog Park Statement

By Parks and Recreation Committee

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) is composed of approximately 70 varied neighborhood organizations in the City and County of Denver that in turn represents a broad spectrum of people with varied opinions. We appreciate the opportunity to have INC representatives as members of the Dog Park Master Plan task force, writing this master plan. Recognizing the various opinions and perspectives on dog parks, INC has developed the following positions on issues we feel are important to create a successful Dog Park Master Plan that community members can support.

INC supports enforcement of park rules. Park rules are necessary to guide people in the use of the park and to protect the park. Rules need to be available and communicated to the public, and rules need to be enforced. The park experience for all users is diminished when rules are not enforced. Adequate/increased funding for enforcement is a primary consideration when looking at current dog parks and any possible expansion.

INC supports the need to protect and maintain a safe environment for users of dog parks. Safety for people and pets is critical when developing a Dog Park Master Plan. Behavior guidelines for pets and people in dog parks should be established and a system to monitor behavior needs to be in place when dog parks are being used.

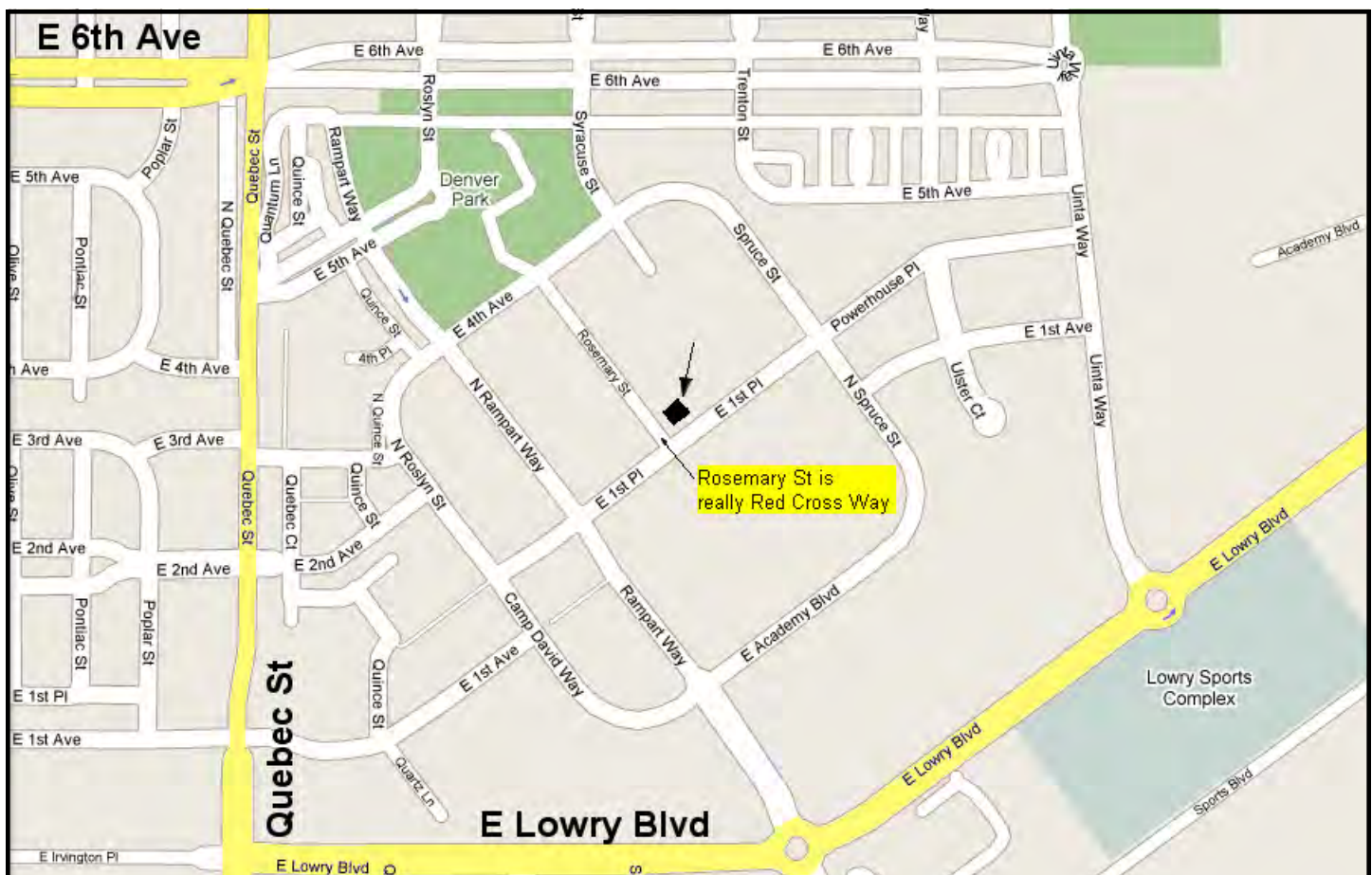
INC supports a healthy environment for dogs and users. All parks, including dog parks, must maintain health standards for dogs to protect users, other dogs, and the environment.

INC supports dog parks being sustainable. Dog parks must be able to be maintained with a defined standard of maintenance. This would include appropriate surfaces for dogs and users, sanitation, and additional vegetation for a park-like environment.

INC is not in support of private dog parks in public parks or fees for public dog parks. Denver dog parks were established to provide a desired space to dog owners. Access to dog parks with fees restricts their use and is inconsistent with the goal to provide a service to all dog owners.

INC supports dog parks to be multi-use. Dog park design should be creative and have multiple uses for various dog activities.

INC supports management of dog parks by the Department of Parks and Recreation under the ordinances of the City of Denver.



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: ☐
 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 [☐]

Included in our payment is a \$ _____ donation 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
June 13th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**John Hand Theater
7653 E 1st Place**

See map on page 12

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from Sally Kurtzman,
Lowry United Neighborhoods
And Councilwoman
Marcia Johnson

9:10 a.m.

Around the City

9:45 a.m.

Kelly Brough
Mayor's Chief of Staff
Budget Update

10:15 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

Jan Thomas
Denver Preschool Program

10:45 a.m.

Bob Musgrave
Executive Director
Historic Society—The Future of
Historic Preservation in Denver

11:10 a.m.

Tom Boasberg, DPS Superinten-
dent, New directions for DPS

11:40 a.m.

Committee Reports

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