Public School Property Disposition

By Billie Bramhall

In the summer of 2008, the Urban Land Institute (ULI) advised Denver Public Schools (DPS) on the possibility of disposing of twelve properties that may have no further value to DPS with the intention that any proceeds from these possible sales would be used for improving education for Denver pupils. INC assisted DPS and ULI in convening several neighborhood-based meetings to receive input from various stakeholders in making their recommendations. INC received a copy of their report. If anyone wants a copy of that report, please contact the persons listed at the end of this article.

On April 13th and May 13th, DPS carried that study a step further and issued two reports describing their 11 currently vacant school facilities (Del Pueblo, Fallis, Knight Academy, Mitchell, Remington, Rosedale, Smedley, Whiteman, and Wyman elementary schools; Byers and Gove middle schools; and Crofton), three vacant land properties, and the Old Bus Depot. It is worth noting that Knight, Crofton, Smedley, Mitchell, and Del Pueblo currently have interim DPS occupants for the 2009-10 school year (the first three are schools, the second two are administrative offices).

On June 18th, the Board of Education recommended beginning a disposition process for four facilities: Byers, Gove, Remington, and the Old Bus Transportation Depot (48th and Brighton Blvd), because it is not believed that they will be needed for their former uses in the foreseeable future. DPS will look to sell or engage in long-term leases of the facilities when market conditions warrant and will engage in a community-input process on these properties.

Further, DPS is engaging in a process in Southeast Denver to address significant overcrowding issues at the elementary level. Part of the solution may involve opening permanent offerings in one or more of the following facilities; Whiteman, Fallis, Rosedale, and/or Knight Academy. As part of this process, DPS will have a dialogue with neighbors.

DPS has stated that the highest and best use of a school facility is a school but recognizes that DPS cannot fill every school building with students at this time or in the near future. The data DPS used to predict whether vacant buildings would be surplus utilize population estimates adopted by DRCOG for the next 20 to 25 years, recognizing that projections beyond the next 5 to 10 years may not be accurate because of demographic changes. They also assume that DPS' capture rate of pupils will remain at 72% of Denver school age children though the capture rate varies significantly by region. Generally, Denver population growth is expected to be strong over the next 20 years.

In addition to looking at population growth by area, DPS has carefully examined the current drawing power of schools by looking at data on choice-in and choice-out, school capacities (e.g., Rosedale is a lovely building but has a small capacity of 280), condition of the building (e.g., mechanical and electrical systems, central air-conditioning, etcetera), and Charter School needs.

Discussion with neighborhood groups and other key stakeholders will take place for each of the four facilities in the disposition process and those that may be utilized to help mitigate overcrowding problems in Southeast Denver. If you live near one of these facilities, you may have heard from DPS already on some of these issues; if not, you should hear from them this fall. DPS wanted to

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Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
Ball Park Neighborhood Assn
Belcaro Park Homeowners Assn
Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn
Berkeley Neighborhood Assn
Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors
Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Assn
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Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods
Cherry Creek East Assn
Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn
Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.
Cherry Point Homeowners Assn
Civic Association of Clayton
Colfax on the Hill, Inc
College View Neighborhood Assn
Congress Park Neighbors
Cook Park Neighborhood Assn
Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn
Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn
Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn 2nd filing
Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc Filing One
Curtis Park Neighbors
East Montclair Neighborhood Assn
Elyria Neighborhood Assn
Elyria Swansea/Globeville Business Assn.
FAX Partnership
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Globeville Civic Assn #1
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Golden Triangle Museum District
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Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.
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Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA
Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn
Ivy Street Neighbors Assn
Lighthouse at the Breakers Homeowners Assn
Lower Downtown Neighborhood Assn (LoDoNA)
Lowry Community Master Assn
Lowry United Neighborhoods
Mayfair Neighbors, Inc
Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn
North City Park Civic Assn
Old San Rafael Neighborhood Assn
Overland Park Neighborhood Assn
Park Forest Homeowner's Assn
Platt Park Peoples Assn
Plaza III Townhomes Association
Rangeview Neighborhood Assn
Ruby Hill Neighborhood Assn - RHINO
SWIC Southwest Improvement Council/Westwood
Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn
South City Park Neighborhood Assn
South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn
South Jackson Street Registered Neighborhood
Southmoor Park East Homeowners Assn
Stapleton Master Community Assn
Stapleton United Neighbors
Stokes Place Green Bowers HOA
The Unsinkables
University Neighbors
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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.

come to INC to discuss this with us sooner but we cannot allocate the necessary time until the October meeting. Please regard this article as an important heads-up snapshot of the information and present thinking. In some cases the process is moving forward rapidly. There is also a commitment by DPS to share information with neighborhood organizations that are affected and to provide additional information at the INC October meeting. I know the Superintendent is coming to our September meeting for his first meeting with INC and I hope we can put off discussing this issue at that meeting in order to concentrate on the needs of our school system to achieve educational excellence, attract more Denver children, improve achievement scores, and lower our dropout rate. For further information about school closings, contact the following staff members at DPS: Jeannine Balsamo, Asset Manager for DPS, can be contacted regarding facilities in the disposition process (Jeannine_Balsamo@dpsk12.org). Will Lee-Ashley can be contacted regarding facilities in the Southeast that may be utilized to address overcrowding (Will_Lee-Ashley@dpsk12.org), or feel free to contact Billie Bramhall (bramhall1@msn.com, 303-534-2272).

Dog Waste Bags

By Parks and Recreation Committee

The following proposal is being promulgated to RNOs around the City by the INC Parks and Recreation Committee in the interest of keeping Denver's beautiful parks a fine asset to the City and with an awareness that citizens are being asked to help lower the City budget. This proposed action is a way for dog-waste bags to be provided by citizens for the use of persons walking their dogs in neighborhood parks. It will:

- Save the City the considerable expense by supplanting the Department of Parks and Recreation's budget for the purchase of new bags and by providing additional dispensers where needed.
- Free Parks staff time, now spent in the endeavor of filling park dispensers with bags, for other department duties.
- Follow the Mayor's and City's Green Initiative by utilizing recycled bags which would otherwise be thrown away and by neighborhood volunteers walking gently in the parks—no motorized vehicles needed.
- Follow the Mayor's and City's Partnership Plan, creating wide community involvement in the City and its great parks and promoting proper dog-care by the citizens whose responsibility this is.

Proposal for Dog Bag Dispensers in Denver Parks

Recognizing the need to address the dog waste concerns in Denver parks and the desire to participate with the City in reducing budget costs, we propose the following plan to resolve the need to provide dog bags in Denver parks at no cost to the City.



There are a variety of signs and dispenser in the parks.

Purpose: This project is intended to provide dog waste bags and dispensers in the Denver parks and to save the City of Denver the expenditure it has been making in the purchase of the bags.

Proposal:

1) Dispensers will be made by volunteers and volunteers will be available to recommend locations for dispensers and assist with dispenser installments on existing poles by coordinating with the local park maintenance supervisors and staff. *A photograph of a dispenser design is on page 4. These dispensers are already installed in Bow Mar Heights, Pinehurst, and Washington Parks where neighborhood volunteers keep them filled with recycled plastic bags.*
2) Individual registered neighborhood organizations will appoint a committee to be in charge of this project. Parks and Recreation will review the project with recommendations for any changes annually. The recommendations will be shared with the appropriate community organizations.
3) The involved registered neighborhood groups will agree to make a good faith effort to keep the dispensers filled at all times. Recycled and reused plastic bags will be used for the dispensers.

4) Bags of dog waste will be disposed of in the existing park dumpsters and barrels by the dog owners.
5) The first parks to get these dispensers will be the ones listed as "targets" on the Poo Free Parks proposal and the existing off leash dog parks.
6) It is the intention of the committee to promote this project so that all parks in Denver eventually have dog pick-up bag dispensers to support responsible dog ownership and improve the picking up of dog waste.



Dispenser in Washington Park (17" tall / 4" in diameter)

Delegates Meeting Recap

By Dave Felice

The Delegate's meeting was called to order by INC Chair Karen Cuthbertson at 9:00 a.m. District 10 Councilwoman Jeanne Robb welcomed the delegates to the meeting at the Daniels Building in the Cherry Creek North neighborhood. She mentioned that improving the Fillmore Street crossing at the Cherry Creek Shopping Center is part of the "Living Streets" pilot project. Robb also said she and District 8 Councilwoman Carla Madison are working closely on a feasibility study regarding streetcars along the Colfax corridor. Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Association President Wayne New provided a brief history of the neighborhood; for example, the 1,800 households were originally the town of Harman and that the original town hall still stands on the northeast corner of 4th Avenue and Saint Paul Street. The important neighborhood issue is balancing commercial and residential development.

District 3 Community Resource Officer Anthony Burkhardt, a 20-year veteran, encouraged delegates to report any suspicious activity. "If you feel uncomfortable, call us," said Burkhardt. He also advised attendees to keep all valuables out of cars, to keep house windows and doors closed when you are not at home, and to be very wary of offers of on-site home and auto repairs.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee Chair Karen Cuthbertson reported on progress regarding the upcoming Mayor's Neighborhood Conference and encouraged all to attend the August 1st event. A special treat will include a "behind the scenes" tour of Coors field.

INC Parks and Recreation Committee co-Chairs Katie Fisher and Larry Ambrose reported their appreciation that the Denver Parks and Recreation Department is re-evaluating their park advertising policy and that they are currently developing more consistent policies and procedures regarding uses of all park lands. They also noted the ongoing Dog Park Master Plan meetings and they are still pursuing establishing a forum to discuss questions concerning the safety of the gray water currently being used in Denver parks.

Jennifer Tomeny reported that the Denver Census Committee will not meet again until August.

INC Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Mike Henry reported that ZAP will meeting on July 25th will include the new principal preservation planner Jeremy Wells, a discussion with Councilman Rick Garcia, and a representative from the Office of Economic Development regarding amendments to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. Attendees expressed concern that the City is rushing to judgment on the Zoning Code update. Several delegates said the information is difficult to obtain and digest. They are concerned that little time is left for citizen comment. Former Councilwoman Cathy Donohue expressed concern about the impact of the proposed new zoning provisions on the parks. Michael Henry noted that, as currently written, the manager of Parks and Recreation, an administrator who is not elected, would have virtually complete authority over what can be built or developed in the parks. Council-



Delegates talk. Photo by Ray Ehrenstein

woman Robb mentioned that Councilman Rick Garcia has written to Community Planning and Development director, Peter Park, about the proposal that "up-zoning" include a bonus for higher density.

INC Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) Chair Steve Nissen reported that the DDD is closing in on meeting its need for this year, noting however, that donations are still needed and welcome. He also invited volunteers to help label and pack the books at Morey Middle School August 6th and 7th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Steve also welcomed Kathi Fisher back from her sojourn to New York State.

No reports were received from the INC Membership, Transportation, and Public Safety Committees or the Denver Economic Strategy Committee.

Paul Kriescher, a residential energy specialist from Lightly Treading, and Training Director Deacon Taylor spoke about his company's energy audits. Lightly Treading is contracted to Xcel Energy to provide residential audits designed to improve energy usage and he asked all attendees to spread the word that he provides free, one-hour workshops on improving home energy efficiency to gatherings of 10 or more. Mr. Kriescher noted that our homes are the largest source of carbon emissions over which we have control and that many Denver residents could save $150 on their monthly utility bills by making improvements costing less than $1,000. Lightly Treading also trains contractors on proper installation techniques and on thinking more holistically about solving home-energy usage problems. For more information and/or to sign up for a presentation, contact Mr. Taylor at 303-733-3078 ext. 309 or visit www.LightlyTreading.com.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Executive Committee Recap
By Dave Felice

The Executive Committee (EC) meeting was called to order by Karen Cuthbertson on July 13th, 7:00 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street. Other EC members present were Larry Ambrose, Ray Ehrenstein, Dave Felice, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, Penelope Zeller, and Brad Zieg. Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Michael Henry, Membership and Newsletter Chair Ken Beaudrie, Parks Committee Co-Chair Katie Fisher, and Assistant to the Secretary Fran Rew also attended. Education Chair Billie Bramhall and Transportation Chair Dave Webster were absent.

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

Steve reports the June 30th ending balance for all accounts was $29,851.64. The Dollar Dictionary year-to-date balance is $10,597.03. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was passed by acclamation.

Committee Reports

Education Committee – Karen reported that Billie is reviewing the Denver Public Schools (DPS) process for disposing of excess assets including those that the Urban Land Institute reviewed last year and the current slate of school closures. See Billie's report on page one.

Membership – Ken reported there are 77 regular and 17 patron member organizations. There are 27 regular associate and 12 patron associate members.

Parks and Recreation – Katie and Larry received a letter from attorney Malcolm Murray regarding advertising on dog waste bag dispensers. Murray's unofficial preliminary opinion is that it might be better to change the policy than to try to make a proposed contract fit existing policy. Katie and Larry said Parks and Recreation Manager Kevin Patterson acknowledged that policy and practice might not always be synchronized. Any policy action by the City's Parks and Recreation Board requires a full hearing.

Public Safety – Anthony is the INC representative and only citizen representative on the HALO Committee to determine where new high-definition security cameras will be placed throughout the city.

Transportation – There was no report from Dave Webster.

Zoning and Planning Committee – Chair Michael Henry said the new zoning maps are available but not always updated based on neighborhood comments and suggestions. Michael says the proposed Zoning Code revision requires close attention by everyone interested. Michael says only a vote of City Council can change zoning regulations.

Dollar Dictionary Drive – Steve reported not all expected contributions have been received so he is confident the deficit of approximately $3,000 will be made up soon. The EC approved purchase of both the dictionary and thesaurus for all Denver classes.

Old Business

Karen reported there is concern the Board of Adjustments (BOA) is not providing timely notices to affected neighborhoods. Karen is to contact BOA Executive Director Jan Tilden regarding improving communication with neighborhood representatives

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.

On recommendation by Brad, the EC approved a one-year trial membership in the NeighborhoodsUSA organization (www.NeighborhoodsUSA.org).

New Business

Al Habercorn is conducting a checkbook audit.

Michael encouraged INC to recruit a volunteer to serve on the board of the City's Homeless Initiative to work on coordinating services.

The EC approved Karen's request for a $2,000 contribution from INC to support the Mayor's Neighborhood Conference on August 1st at Coors Field. Larry suggested INC get co-sponsorship billing.

The EC decided not to renew membership in the Colorado Nonprofit Association (CNA) at this time. The organization was formerly known as Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations (CANPO).

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

DDD Volunteers Needed
By Steve Nissen

The Dollar Dictionary Drive needs volunteers for an hour or all day on August 6th and 7th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed to unpack and count books, emplace gift labels in the books, and repack them into boxes for shipment to DPS schools. The location is Morey Middle School, 840 East 14th Avenue. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Lots of parking is available on Emerson Street, 13th Avenue, and Clarkson Street.

We still have a way to go to reach our fund raising goal. With your help, we will make that goal. Books for a classroom of students cost $75. The goal for our third-graders is that each of them becomes an active reader, a good writer, and a creative thinker. The books are a great value as a resource for literacy and learning for our youngest citizens.

All donations are fully tax deductible and may be sent to Dollar Dictionary Drive, P.O. Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218 or can be made online at our secure website: www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc (Click on 'Dollar Dictionary Committee').

The best opportunity for thrills and satisfaction with this program is visiting the students and personally giving them their own books. Since this is the project's 14th year, the principals and teachers will be excitedly awaiting this gift from the community for their students. Contact your neighborhood's school principal to set up a brief program. The principal may want to do it on back-to-school night or after Labor Day. Everyone's schedule varies but it is an opportunity to interact with our fellow citizens and is always great fun. Cathee Fisher can provide you with more information.

A special thanks to all our 2009 donors so far. They are numerous individuals, Denver Kiwanis Foundation, six individual businesses, and the following RNOs: ABC Streets Assn., Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn., Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn., Ballpark Neighborhood Assn. Inc., Bear Valley Improvement Assn., Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn., Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn., Civic Association of Clayton, Crestmoor Park Home Owner Assn. 2nd Filing, George Washington Home Owner Assn., Greater Park Hill Neighborhood Assn., Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn., Hilltop, Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point Home Owner Assn., Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn., Mayfair Neighbors, North City Park Civic Assn., Overland Neighborhood Assn., Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn., Stapleton Master Community Assn., University Neighbors Neighborhood Assn., University Park Community Council, Virginia Vale Community Assn., and West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn.

For further information, please contact: Cathee Fisher 303-548-5769 or cathee@earthlink.net or Steve Nissen 303 -733-8524 or pennissen@cs.com.

Denver Police Academy
By Michael Rappe

We would like to announce our fall edition of the Denver Police Department Citizens' Academy to be held at the Denver Police Department Academy 2155 Akron Way from September 16th through December 2nd beginning at 6:30 p.m. The class is conducted each Wednesday evening during these dates and the class runs from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Denver Police Citizens' Academy is free of charge and is open to all Denver residents and our suburban neighbors as well. This is an opportunity for the Denver Police Department to showcase the police officers who serve and protect Denver, to instruct the public on the activities conducted by the Denver Police Department on a daily basis, and to increase awareness of the Denver Police Department.

The curriculum covered during the academy sessions includes: fundamental duties of a police officer, the Denver Police Department organization, the Denver Police Air Operations Unit, K-9 Operations, a Special Weapons and Tactics Unit demonstration, the use of force by police officers, a tour of Denver Police Communications facilities, demonstrations of arrest control techniques, emergency vehicle operations by Academy instructors, a Gang Bureau presentation, District Attorney presentations, narcotics investigations, DNA/crime scene investigations, Traffic Enforcement Unit, and Driving Under the Influence Laws are covered.

Instructors for each session are police department personnel assigned to these units; attendees are given the opportunity to ask questions about the areas covered, to get information on these subjects, and to become more in-

formed on the daily activities of the Denver Police Department.

If you are interested in registering for the Citizens' Academy or would like to receive more information on the Academy or material covered, please contact the Citizens' Academy Coordinator, Technician Michael Rappe, at 720-913-6878 or mike.rappe@denvergov.org. An application must be submitted to the coordinator. A criminal check will be conducted on applicants who, after being accepted, will receive a notification letter.



Athmar Park N.A. – Our Annual Neighborhood Picnic is August 16th at Huston Lake Park. Come over and join us for a burger and a beer.

Bonnie Brae N.A. – Our annual picnic and election will be held on September 13th from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. We are trying to "go green" and introduce more earth friendly options and ideas to our neighborhood.

Cherry Point HOA – We had our annual block party on June 13th with over 150 people attending. There was food, face painting, and two fire trucks from our local fire station. A July 4th parade was held for kids and adults. We are having problems with homeowners and their renters not taking care of the lawn or the exterior of the house. There is nothing in our covenents to prevent this. Any ideas are welcome.

Green Valley Ranch Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) – CAB has been very involved in the recent ground breaking of the new P-12 DPS school. We are also very involved in community input of the new library. Our organization is also working on the expansion of neighborhood watches.

North City Park Civic Assn. – The festival held on the grounds of the DIA YMCA drew more than 150 people. We had live music; educational tents; a water slide so all could keep cool; and free hotdogs, ice cream, and barbeque. A "thank you" to Dave Goens, the NCPCA Board, and the Denver Foundation for sponsoring this wonderful festival.

Sloan's Lake N.A. – Sloan's Lake is working with Parks and Recreation to design a $120,000 entry feature at the northwest corner of Sloan's Lake Park. We are, for the second year, treating the maintenance crew at the park to lunch on July 22nd. We will have a neighborhood booth at the Dragon Boat Festival on July 25th and 26th. Zoning code is anathema to most members who feel decisions should be made over the next few years. Members are asking how much money would be saved now if the process were put off until more affluent times?

Stapleton United Neighborhoods (SUN) – 1, SUN will ask for a further review of existing PBG context and ADUs; 2, SUN is working with LUN on neighborhood unity; 3, SUN supports the fund raiser for the Smith Elementary School after school summer program; 4, the Puerto Rico Festive, the first major festival in Central Park since it was turned over to Parks and Recreation, was a big success; and 5, SUN is starting a "green series" – composting, solar energy, green parenting, and water conservation.

University Park Community Council (UP) – UP is currently working on the zoning code revision.

Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn. – Cook Park and Leetsdale Cop shop Picnic at Cook Park on August 4th in conjunction with National Night Out. There will be free ice cream sundaes and music by the Denver Jazz Quartet.

From the Chair
By Karen Cuthbertson

Congratulations to INC Executive Committee member Penelope Zeller who was chosen by the Denver Office of Economic Development and the Urban Land Institute, Colorado District Council, to participate in the Real Estate Diversity Initiative. This nine-month program is designed to increase awareness of opportunities in the real-estate industry among women and minority groups. One other note also regarding a worthwhile program - please check out the story on page six about the Citizen's Police Academy. I strongly recommend that all RNOs have at least one member attend.

Zoning and Planning
By Diana Helper

The INC ZAP (Zoning and Planning) Committee met July 25th. Please note that the August meeting will be held on August 15th, a week earlier than usual. A number of city planners will be present at that meeting to discuss and answer questions about the draft Zoning Code. The revised maps should appear on line about August 3rd.

Brief reports around the room covered many zoning code topics, parks, and business. Councilwoman Marcia Johnson urged close study of setbacks, especially rear. Scale models were requested to help understand size comparisons. Information on traffic and parking is needed. Zoning Code language must be reviewed with an eye toward all possible ramifications. Recent Zoning Code Task Force meetings have been held on short notice. Working

meetings will continue in October and November. Completion may not occur until early 2010.

City Councilman Rick Garcia and Jeff Romine of the Office of Economic Development talked about proposed amendments to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and the status of the Denver Housing Plan. Funding is needed to implement the complete Plan but the Housing Plan Task Force is updating housing need data, understanding what can be done now, working with CPD (Community Planning and Development), and providing information to the public.

Jeremy Wells, Denver's new chief Historic Preservation Planner, spoke about design review, expanding advocacy education in planning and permitting sections, partnerships, a resource survey, notifications to neighborhoods, working with neighborhoods, and historic values. Tyler Gibbs of CPD said there are four full-time Historic Preservation staff members and two city architects who work with that section part-time.

Bob Musgraves and John Olson of Historic Denver spoke of their analysis of the draft zoning code and urged close study of lot sizes, assemblage or splitting of lots, scale, and setback and height limits in all the various new categories. Conservation districts have not yet been defined; they will be custom tailored to each site.

Emily Kreisa, Public Works' new bicycle and pedestrian Senior Planner, told of a multimodal access project for non-motorized travel, combining city bikeways and trails with those of the Parks and Recreation Department for safe, convenient routes to parks, businesses, transit stations, and schools. A new, free bike map will be printed. ZAP members asked that RNOs be involved in bike and pedestrian plans and said sidewalks are needed in many neighborhoods.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Remember, next meeting is 9:30 a.m., August 15th.

INC Financial Statement

By Steve Nissen

Second Quarter 2009

Certificates of Deposit	
March 30 Balance	$8,630.68
June 30 Balance	10,689.99
Savings Accout	
March 30 Balance	2,603.79
June 30 Balance	2,605.42
Dollar Dictionary Account	
March 30 Balance	1,287.20
June 30 Balance	10,089.38
Checking Account	
March 30 Balance	7,766.55
June 30 Balance	6,466.85
All Accounts	
June 30 Balance	$29,851.64

Disability Parking

By Dale Coski



In 1993, Denver initiated the Disability-Parking Enforcement Program (DPEP). This program consists of volunteers who give their time and talents to enforce disability parking within Denver. This year, the Denver Office of Disability Rights (DODR) is revitalizing the program in an effort to recruit more volunteers. The Right-of-Way Enforcement division will also begin to enforce disability-parking laws in Denver's private and public lots. DODR encourages all citizens of Denver to participate and help uphold our City's disability-parking law by joining this very viable program. For more information on Denver's DPEP and the new disability-parking ordinance, call 720-913-8480 or visit www.denvergov.org/disabilities.

People interested in the volunteer program must apply and meet the necessary requirements:

1. Must live in Denver.
2. Volunteers will be screened by an oral board and a background check is required.
3. Must complete six hours of classroom work. The classroom work consists of review of parking laws, writing tickets, officer safety training, testifying in court, safe driving, and community relations. When a student graduates, they are then given a special police identification that allows the officer to write tickets on public or private property in Denver.
4. Special Officers must work in pairs for safety. Friends and spouses are encouraged to apply!
5. Volunteers must be 21 years old.
6. Volunteers must volunteer at least six hours a month to this viable program.

If you are interested, download the application at www.denvergov.org/portals/670/documents/dpep application.doc and mail the document to Denver Office of Disability Rights Attn: Dale Coski, 201 W. Colfax Ave Dept 1102, Denver CO 80202

Council Leadership

Denver City Council re-elected Jeanne Robb and Rick Garcia to second terms as President and President Pro-Tem for the 2009-2010 year. President Robb, representing District 10, and Garcia, representing District 1, were unchallenged and received unanimous support during the annual council election that takes place on the third Monday of July. Both Robb and Garcia are in their second terms as Council members and have served seven years on Council as members of the "Class of 2003," the year that saw the swearing in of ten new members with all but one of those members still seated in office.

Thanks for Participating

By Julius Zsako

Thanks for getting involved!

The Zoning Code Task Force extends its thanks and appreciation to the thousands of citizens who have helped shape the New Code as well as to the Denver City Councilpersons who have sponsored the recent district level meetings to discuss the draft code language and maps. More than 12,000 citizens have visited www.newcodedenver.org and 3,300 have attended New Code meetings. Your collective comments and suggestions are helping improve upon the draft code language and maps. All comments received at community meetings and via the website are being reviewed by the staff and will be carefully considered as we continue to work on the draft code language and maps.

This unprecedented community involvement has been a tremendous asset as we continue the effort to fix Denver's 53-year-old, unwieldy, patch-worked zoning code with a comprehensive rewrite that will support a growing economy, a sustainable environment, a diverse mix of housing, strong neighborhoods, and a high quality of life.

We look forward to discussing the revised draft code language and maps in each City Council District throughout August. Please check www.newcodedenver.org for the meeting dates and times.

Submitted on behalf of the Zoning Code Task Force Co-Chairs, Diane Barrett and Steve Kaplan, by Julius Zsako, Communications Director, Denver Community Planning and Development.

School Supplies Needed

By DDHS



Denver Department of Human Services (DDHS) launched its Annual School Supply Fundraiser running through August 10th. The DDHS School Supply Drive is funded completely through donations. The school supplies will be given to 3,000 homeless, foster, and underprivileged youth the week before school begins. Donations will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the following city locations.

- Denver Human Services facilities at 1200 Federal Boulevard, 2855 Tremont Place, and 4685 Peoria Street
- Webb Building, 201 W. Colfax, 311 Call Center, Denver Office of Cultural Affairs and Career Service Authority
- City and County Building, 1437 Bannock Street, Mayor's Office
- Denver Recreation Centers at the check-in desks.

DDHS needs the following items of school supplies for children in grades K-12: Backpacks, crayons, colored pencils, plastic supply pouches, loose leaf paper, protractors, #2 pencils, scissors, pencil sharpeners, spiral notebooks, rulers, calculators, dictionaries, and money.

Mail checks to Sara Brown Memorial Fund, Denver Human Services attn: Jessica Harris, 1200 Federal Boulevard, Denver, CO 80204. All donations are tax-deductible. Last year, DDHS distributed school supplies to over 2,700 underprivileged children in Denver.

More information can be found online at www.denvergov.org/humanservices/tabid/432230/default.aspx#schoolsupplydrive along with a promotional flier. Questions about donations should be directed to Jessica Harris at Jessica.harris@denvergov.org or 720-944-2028 or to Chrisanne Wilhelmi at 720-944-2485 or chrisanne.wilhelmi@denvergov.org.

Energy Workshop

By Kristin Elsmore

The Smart Energy Living® Consumer Workshops will be held on August 30th at the Colorado School of Mines Green Center in Golden. Smart Energy Living Alliance is sponsoring the workshops to give residents information they need to save money, energy, and water and to find green jobs and job training. The workshops will cover everything from emerging energy technologies, do-it-yourself weatherization tips, how to select a qualified contractor, and how wind, solar, and geothermal sources could power your home. For more information or to register, go to www.smartenergyliving.org or call 303-216-2026 Ext. 105.

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Grow Local Colorado Campaign Takes Off

The Grow Local Colorado campaign has sprouted with a proclamation by Mayor John Hickenlooper designating that May 14 will be Grow Local Day in perpetuity. The goal of the campaign is to promote growing local food, the local economy, and the local community and to encouraging the planting of 2,009 new gardens this year. The Mayor also supports the establishment of a vegetable garden in Civic Center Park; that garden was planted on May 28.

The Grow Local Colorado campaign is an initiative headed by Ellen Rosenthal of the Living Earth Center and the founding partners include representatives from Transition Denver, the Mile High Business Alliance, and Denver Botanic Gardens. It is supported by a broad coalition of businesses, non-profit organizations, and leadership groups along the Front Range.

Grow Local committee member, Dana Miller of Transition Denver (www.transitioncolorado.ning.com), ex-

plains, "The campaign hearkens back to the Victory Garden movement of the 1940s when Eleanor Roosevelt challenged Americans to support the troops by growing their own food and saving money." For the purposes of this modern campaign, a new garden is defined as any place where food has not been grown before such as containers of cherry tomatoes on a balcony or pots of herbs on a windowsill.

Denver's garden is located in the northwest corner of Civic Center Park's formal garden area. The edible landscape was designed by horticulturists from Denver Botanic Gardens and the vegetables were planted and are being cared by for by volunteers from the Grow Local Colorado Campaign, Denver Botanic Gardens, Slow Food Denver, and Denver Urban Gardens. Plans are underway to donate the produce from the garden to Urban Peak, a program for homeless youth.

As part of the Grow Local campaign, gardeners are encouraged to register their new gardens on the web site at www.growlocalcolorado.org; over 600 new gardens have been registered. The web site also offers tips on starting a garden, provides local food resources, and connects people with gardening skills and land with those who want to learn or who do not have space for a garden. Folks are also encouraged to share their surplus with local food banks.

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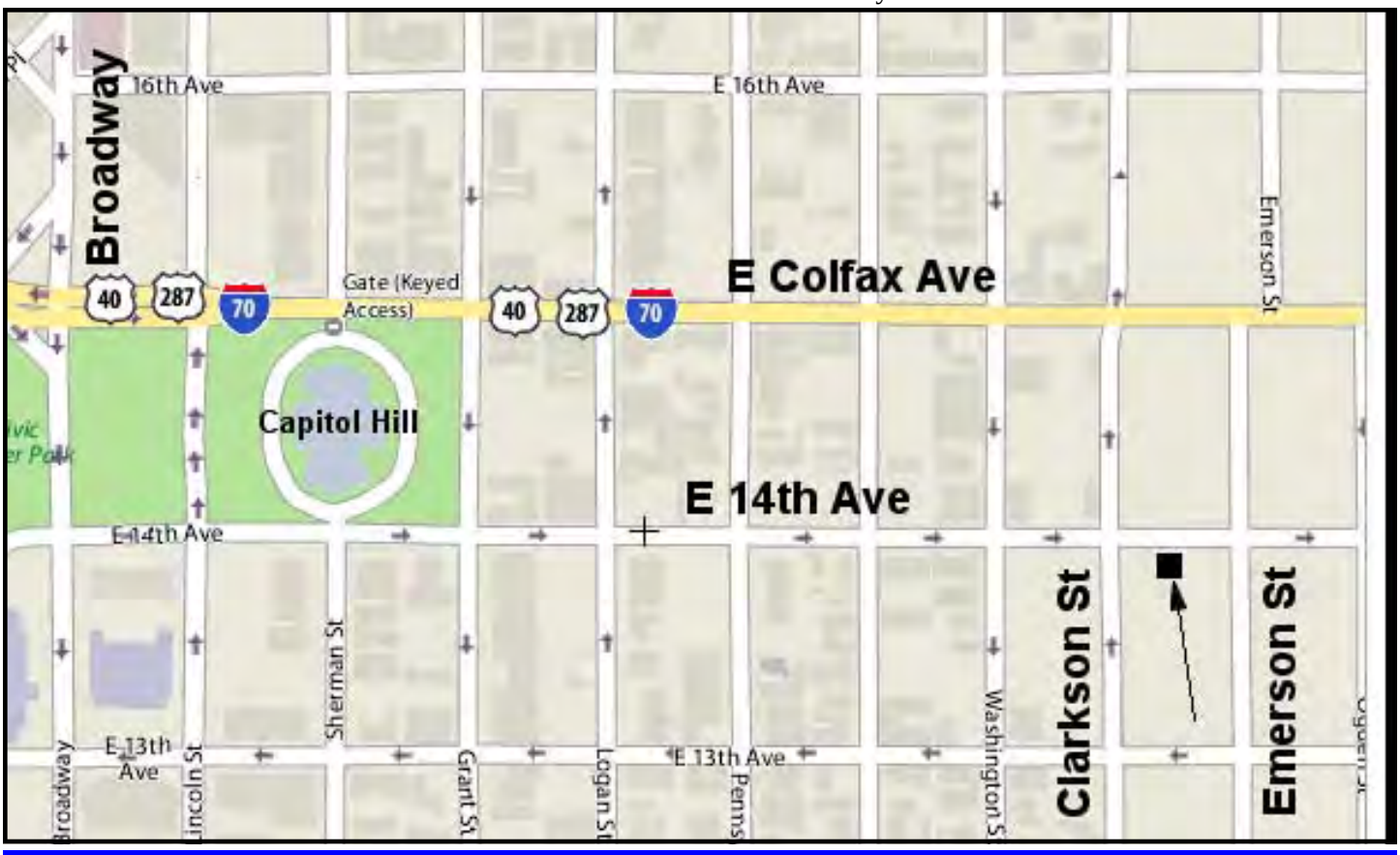
Homeless Initiative

By Nan Morehead

The Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI) is seeking new board members and has requested INC to solicit persons who could represent neighborhood concerns in the work of MDHI.

The mission of MDHI is to implement a comprehensive homeless housing and service Continuum of Care System in the 7-county metropolitan region surrounding Denver. A Continuum of Care is a regional system for helping homeless people or those facing imminent risk of homelessness by ensuring that appropriate housing and services are available. The Metropolitan Denver Continuum of Care includes prevention, outreach and assessment, emergency shelter, transitional housing, supportive services, permanent supportive housing, and permanent housing. MDHI works closely with Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties to ensure that planning groups have the resources and support that they need to move forward with planning and implementation of strategies to end homelessness.

MDHI board members will be required to attend monthly board meetings (second Thursday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.) and one additional committee meeting per month. Anyone interested in applying should contact Nan Morehead of the Denver Department of Human Services – nancy.morehead@denvergov.org, 720-944-2857, or Michael Henry – 303-377-6609.



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.**


Denver City and County Building

Join as a voting neighborhood organization: Regular Member ($35) ❑ Patron ($75) ❑
See below to apply as an INC Associate

Organization name:_____
Address:_____
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Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular ($20) ❑ Patron ($75) ❑

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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
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Meeting Saturday August 8th

The public is welcome to attend.

Morey Middle School 840 E 14th Avenue

See map on page 10

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from Bessie Chachas, President, Alamo Placita N.A. and Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

9:10 a.m.

Highlights from Around the City

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Police Captain Judy Will on Nuisance Abatement

11:10 a.m.

Christine Benero, President and CEO, Mile High United Way

11:40 a.m.

Committee Reports

Noon Adjournment

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

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