

INC Awards

Nominate that Special Neighborhood Person for an INC Award!

One of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation's most enjoyable tasks is to acknowledge those individuals who have been endorsed, by an organization or individual, for an award because of the outstanding efforts those individuals have put forth to help Denver neighborhoods. Nominations are now open. These awards are presented at the annual INC Presidents and Delegates Dinner.

There are four main awards named for some of INC's finest leaders, all now deceased. One is the **Virginia Oredson Award**. Virginia was the secretary of INC for several years in the 1980s and was very active with the Montclair Civic Association. She was a gentle lady with firm ideas about protecting her neighborhood from crime and problem bars as well as encouraging neighborhoods to work together through INC. The Virginia Oredson Award is given to a person who:

- Has encouraged Denver neighborhoods or citizens to work together in a common effort to solve community problems.
- Has established a record of selfless community service and has encouraged and motivated others to volunteer their services to engage in community improvement.

Another INC award is the **Bill Gross Award**. Bill was the chair of INC in the early 1990s, was very active as president of the Whittier Neighborhood Association, and was an organizer of the Northeast Denver Congress. His particular passion was building partnerships between neighborhood groups and the Denver police to improve neighborhood safety.

The Bill Gross Award is given to a person who:

- Has a strong record of working with neighborhoods to better public safety in the community.
- Has made Denver a safer place in which to live.

Another INC award is the **Walt Kembel Award**. Walt was the treasurer of INC in the late 1990s and was active in the Cherry Creek North neighborhood where he constantly and vocally tried to maintain the neighborhood character of smaller, modest homes in the North Cherry Creek area.

The Walt Kembel Award is given to a person or group who:

- Is an INC delegate or a member of a member RNO.
- Has contributed to INC during the past year over and above normal expectations to develop and promote the organization or has moved INC forward or in new directions in creative or unexpected ways.

Another INC award is the **Nancy Jackson Award**. This award is given to a person who has made an outstanding or innovative contribution to the Dollar Dictionary Drive. The contribution can be financial, personal time, public relations, fundraising, and etcetera.

Another category of awards are the **"Neighborhood Stars" Denver Good Neighbor Awards**. Neighborhood Stars are nominated by the Board of an INC-member RNO. A Neighborhood Star is awarded to a person who has:

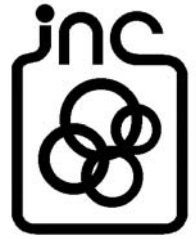
- Worked individually or with a group to make "Denver a Better Place to Live."
- Worked individually or with a group over the past year on a cause or a project that has improved the appearance or the quality of life in their neighborhood.

Send nominations to:

AthmarAtLarge@ecentral.com Nominations must be received by January 9th, 2010.

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 Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn
 Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn
 Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
Ball Park Neighborhood Assn
 Belcaro Park Homeowners Assn
 Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn
 Berkeley Neighborhood Assn
 Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors
 Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Assn
Broadway Partnership / MDLDC
Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Inc
 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
 Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc
 George Washington Homeowner's Assn. Inc.
 Globeville Civic Assn #1
 Golden Triangle Assn. of Denver
Golden Triangle Museum District
 Greater Mar-Lee Community Org
Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.
 Green Valley Ranch Citizen's Advisory Board
 Hampden Heights Civic Assn
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn
 Highland United Neighbors Inc.
 Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC
 Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.

Humboldt Street Neighborhood Assn
 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
University Park Community Council
Upper Downtown Development Org
Virginia Vale Community Assn
 Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn
 West Highland Neighborhood Assn
 West University Community Assn (WUCA)
West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn
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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.

Denver's New Zoning

By Michael Henry

(Michael Henry is chair of the INC Zoning and Planning Committee and a member of Denver Zoning Code Task Force.)

Ever since the United States Supreme Court approved the constitutionality of zoning in 1926, most American municipalities, including Denver, have developed zoning codes to regulate the placement, shape, and separation of buildings and their uses. In early 2005, a 15-member Denver Zoning Code Task Force was appointed by the Mayor and the President of City Council to recommend a new Denver zoning code. The Task Force has almost completed its work and the Denver Planning Board and City Council will be reviewing the new Denver zoning code and the new Denver zoning map in the next few months.

There has been extensive public outreach during the last four years and many ideas and suggestions from the public have been incorporated into the draft code and draft map that are available at www.newcodedenver.org. Many registered neighborhood organizations have submitted very thoughtful comments, many of which have been adopted in the latest draft. More comments from the public are still welcome. The Planning Board and the City Council will hold joint listening sessions to hear from the public on November 18th and 19th. The City Council plans to have a final public hearing on February 22, 2010.

The INC ZAP Committee and INC Delegation have worked extensively to study and comment on the proposed zoning code and zoning map. INC's draft comments were printed in the October INC newsletter and, with a few amendments, were adopted unanimously by the Delegation on October 10th and will be forwarded to the city.

The new zoning for Denver is important to all citizens because:

- ♦ Zoning, along with many other factors, can have a major impact on the quality and character of a neighborhood.
- ♦ The last major re-write of the Denver zoning code was in 1956. It is 53 years old and very outdated.
- ♦ The current zoning code has very little recognition of the great diversity of the buildings and context in Denver's many different neighborhoods. One size of allowable building forms does not fit all single-family neighborhoods. The new code will require that new buildings in stable residential neighborhoods should fit the character and context of the neighborhood.
- ♦ The new code will encourage that much of Denver's new growth will be channeled to higher-density areas such as around transit stations and downtown.
- ♦ The city hired a consultant to study how the new code can encourage affordable housing and many of these ideas are in the new code.

- ♦ The city hired a consultant to study how the new code can encourage environmental sustainability and many of these ideas are in the new code.
- ♦ The new code will be much better organized and the procedures will be much clearer, making it easier for owners, citizens, architects, and city staff to use.

INC looks forward to further discussion with the Zoning Code Task Force, the Community Planning and Development Department, and City Council before this extremely important project is completed.

Executive Committee Recap

By Fran Rew

Karen Cuthbertson, INC Chair, called the meeting to order on Monday, October 12th, 7:00 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street. Other Executive Committee (EC) members present were Larry Ambrose, Steve Nissen (Treasurer), and Brad Zieg (Vice Chair). Also present were Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Mike Henry, Membership and Newsletter Chair Ken Beaudrie, Assistant to the Secretary Fran Rew, and Parks and Recreation Committee Co-Chair Katie Fisher.

In the absence of a quorum of INC Officers, pending issues were discussed and will be reviewed at the next EC Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The September balance is \$18,334.89. A CD matures before there is time for an in-person quorum vote on whether to renew a maturing CD. The board will exchange email recommendations.

Certificates of Deposit

March 30 Balance	8,630.68
June 30 Balance	10,689.99
September 30 Balance	10,789.99

Savings Account

March 30 Balance	2,603.79
June 30 Balance	2,605.42
September 30 Balance	2,606.96

Dollar Dictionary Account

March 30 Balance	1,287.20
June 30 Balance	10,089.38
September 30 Balance	87.95
September 30 Liability	-5,556.00

Checking Account

March 30 Balance	7,766.55
June 30 Balance	6,466.85
September 30 Balance	4,870.99

September 30 All Accounts 18,334.89

Less liability -5,556.00

September 30 Net Worth 12,778.89

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) Committee: Steve Nissen's September DDD budget report shows that as of September 30th, the DDD balance is \$930.20. The total annual

income was \$16,877.80 and the total annual expenses were \$14,401.31.

INC is a 501(c)(3) organization; that means donations are tax deductible. INC Memberships are not tax deductible but donations to the INC's Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) are tax deductible. We may want to write grants for the DDD. Before November 1st, Karen Cuthbertson and Steve Nissen will submit an application for a DDD grant to the Daniel's Fund.

Fran Rew encouraged the INC to consider creating a collaborative grant with the Denver School system that would give 50-percent of the funds to education-related endeavors and 50-percent specifically for the DDD drive up to a specified amount for the DDD drive. Fran recommended that the grant be written to specify that third- to sixth-grade students could be encouraged to lead an in-class donation process. Fran suggested that the collaborative grant could include a proposed matching fund for \$1 or more for every 25 cents that the students raised. Her thought was that this would automatically empower students and schools with a more active connection to the DDD distribution process.

Transportation Committee: Brad Zieg is going to co-chair the Transportation Committee with Dave Webster. Charlie Bush, from West Washington Park, is attending the "Living Streets Initiative" sponsored by the Downtown Denver Partnership, as an INC representative.

Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee: Michael Henry reported that the motion presented at the October 10th INC Delegates meeting passed unanimously. There were no other ZAP Committee updates.

INC and RNOs need to be vigilant and vocal to be sure that changes to public assets include public meetings. For an example, consider the recent case of the Library Commission deciding to close Byers Library without any public input meeting. The City Council said there was no public process and it should not happen. INC needs to be vigilant to be sure the public process is honored.

There will be a Solar Access Consultants Report in November submitted by Peter Park, Director of Denver Community Planning and Development (CPD).

Peter Park will be sharing a matrix that compares current zoning with proposed zoning. Individual RNOs took it on themselves to put together sophisticated analyses. Brad Zieg encouraged INC to support the CPD's effort. Karen Cuthbertson said that it would behoove the RNOs to share their individual analyses with CPD.

Oversight Committee - American Reinvestment and Revitalization Act (ARRA): Brad Zieg reported that the Denver City Auditor's office has "best practices" status regarding the administration of ARRA funds.

Education Committee: On October 10th, as a part of the INC monthly delegates meeting, Denver 8 TV taped the Board of Education Candidate Forums, sponsored by INC and the Denver League of Women Voters. Mike Henry

thought the forum was terrific. Karen Cuthbertson said that all the candidates were there. To view the video of these forums, go to denvergov.org/Denver8TV and click on the "Denver Decides" icon. Links to each forum are located in the right hand column.

NEW BUSINESS:

Colorado Nonprofit Association (CANPO)

(www.coloradononprofits.org/)

In the next INC Executive Committee meeting, Brad Zieg will ask for a vote as to whether the INC wants to get a membership in the Colorado Nonprofit Association. Brad will investigate to determine whether there is sufficient information within the CANPO to warrant INC's membership to support their member Registered Neighborhood Organizations.

INC Fundraising Recommendations for Consideration

The \$35 fee for INC membership was determined to remain unchanged.

In the past, a beer booth at the CHUN Peoples' Fair had raised money for the INC. INC either needs someone to volunteer to run a fundraising beer booth in the Peoples' Fair or to take on alternative INC fundraising.

Fran Rew challenged the INC to create a fundraiser that included at least an alternative to beer – an alternative as simple as seltzer water with a twist of lemon. If the INC accepted the challenge, Fran and her husband Richard Rew offered to volunteer for two hours each day of the People's Fair to design and demonstrate construction of INC origami handouts with INC contact information in the shape of jumping frogs and airplanes.

INC's Presidents and Delegates Dinner

The INC Presidents and Delegates Dinner on January 28th, 2010, to be at the Stapleton Doubletree Hotel, was discussed. Steve Nissen recommended that everybody who attends the dinner pay \$5 and that nonmember RNO presidents pay \$35 for the dinner and RNO membership.

At the next INC Executive Committee meeting there will be a proposal to authorize a \$300 fee for entertainment by comedian and motivational speaker, Darryl Collier. He has been doing corporate motivational speaking for years. The Planning Committee is going to visit one of his shows.

From the Chair By Karen Cuthbertson

The INC Presidents and Delegates Dinner Planning Committee is hard at work getting the details together for our annual event scheduled for January 28th, 2010. One of the things they do is compile a list of the INC member organization Presidents and voting Delegates to invite to the dinner. All member organizations can make that a much easier job if you will please, PLEASE get any changes and updates to Ken Beaudrie right away. In addition, all organizations could start talking about possible nominations for INC's awards. See page one for a description of the

qualifications. Volunteers are an often overlooked backbone in our neighborhoods. This is an opportunity to recognize those who keep your neighborhood's strong.

Delegates Recap

By Karen Cuthbertson

INC Chair Karen Cuthbertson called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. in the District 2 Police Station at 39th Avenue and Holly Street. Michael Henry presented the motion regarding the zoning code update that came from the INC Zoning and Planning Committee.

After discussion, Michael accepted a friendly amendment and the final amendment passed with a vote of 20 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions. (Editor's Note: see page seven to read the text of the final amendment.) The remainder of the meeting was given over to a Board of Education candidate forum sponsored by INC and the Denver League of Women Voters (LWV). Denver 8 TV taped the forum for later broadcast and it is available for viewing online at denvergov.org/Denver8TV (click on the "Denver Decides" icon). INC is very grateful to Beverly Weaver for moderating the forum and for the very hard work of LWV Co-President Nancy Ulrich and the Denver 8 staff and crew.

Denver Recycles

By Solid Waste Management

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to reduce costs and increase efficiencies, Solid Waste Management (SWM) and Denver Public Schools (DPS) finalized an agreement this year that allows the City to provide trash and recycling services to Denver Public Schools and its administrative buildings. Trash service through SWM began in September for all schools and Denver Recycles began rolling out recycling collection services in September with plans to have all DPS schools recycling by the end of the 2009-10 school year. Prior to this agreement, DPS was collecting its own trash using a small fleet of trucks and some schools had contracts with private haulers for recycling services.

The City and Denver Public Schools are extremely excited about this partnership and its benefits. Because Denver's public schools are in neighborhoods where SWM is already providing residential trash and recycling services, SWM can incorporate them into existing residential collection routes and provide more efficient services at lower

cost. In addition to cost savings and operational efficiencies, this partnership also ensures that there will be a consistent district-wide recycling program at every Denver public school and administrative building.

The recycling collection service at schools is being complemented by an education and outreach program designed for DPS students. To help schools kick-off their new recycling programs, Denver Recycles presents to school staff and offers assemblies for students. Denver Recycles provides each school with classroom recycling bins, large purple recycling carts, classroom posters, and teaching materials. Through these education efforts, students and schools will not only recycle more and generate less trash but will also understand the environmental benefits of their actions.

To help Denver's students continue with this valuable learning experience outside of the classroom and to establish good environmental and civic habits, Denver Recycles encourages all Denver families eligible for our services to recycle at home. To learn more about trash and recycling service at Denver Public Schools or to sign your family up for recycling, please call **3-1-1** or visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

Recycling Myth Busters: Learn the Truth.

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: My recycling does not do anything to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

It is false. Actually, recycling is one of the easiest, hands-on activities that make a big impact in helping to reduce global warming and greenhouse gas emissions. The amount of material that Americans procure, produce, deliver, and dispose of as goods and services accounts for 42-percent of the U.S.'s greenhouse gas emissions (*U.S. EPA, 2009*). This percentage factors in emissions generated by land use and food and product production across the entire life cycle of a product. The life cycle of a product includes extraction (mining, agriculture, or forestry), manufacturing, packaging, transportation, and ultimately disposal.

The potential greenhouse gas emission savings from waste reduction, recycling, and improved product design are significant. Currently, the U.S. recycles approximately 32-percent of its waste saving an equivalent amount of greenhouse gases to removing 39.6 million cars from the road. Increasing the recycling rate to 35-percent would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an additional 5.2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

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.

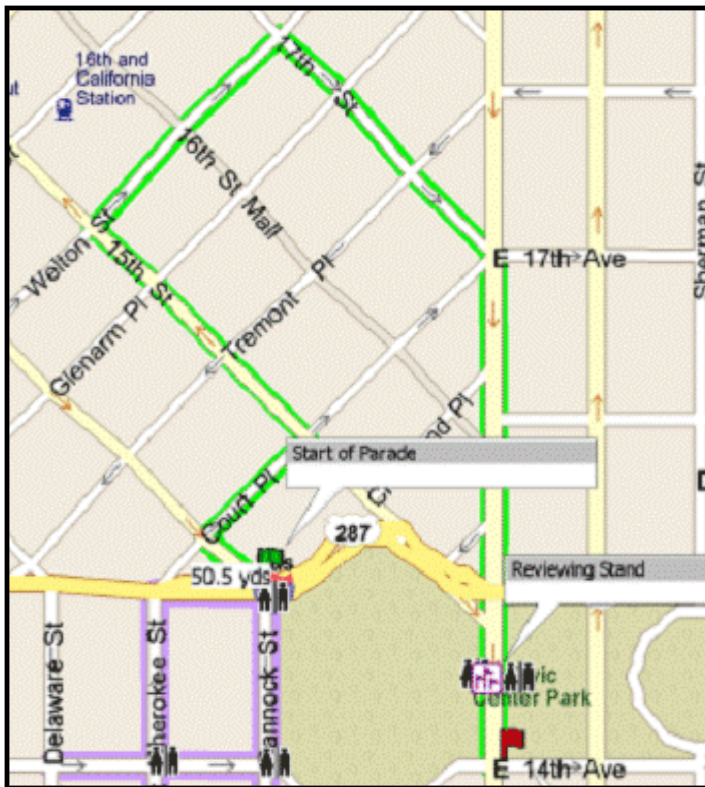
Organizations and persons not affiliated with INC should also communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the editor at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net.

Veteran's Day Parade

Denver will host the annual Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 7th beginning at 10 a.m. Prior to the parade, there will be a presentation of a Bronze Star for Valor to a fallen soldier's widow. Immediately following the parade, there will be a tribute to fallen Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans from Colorado at the Colorado Veterans Memorial.

The parade has been held by City annually since 1942. It is organized by the City and the Denver United Veterans' Council to honor veterans and those in active military service.

The parade will start and end in Civic Center Park. A tribute to veterans will take place in the park immediately following the parade. The parade will proceed via 14th Street to Court Place, northeast to 15th Street, northwest to Welton Street, northeast to 17th Street, southeast to Broadway, and then south to 14th Avenue. The reviewing stand will be located between Colfax and 14th Avenue on Broadway.



Denver LeafDrop Begins By Solid Waste Management



Cooler weather has quickly arrived and the leaves are beginning to fall earlier this year in Denver. So let the annual ritual of raking, mulching, and com-

posting leaves begin! Denver Recycles' LeafDrop program began on October 5th providing Denver residents the opportunity to reuse and recycle their leaves this fall.

Residents are encouraged to reuse and recycle their leaves by digging them into the garden, composting them, or using a lawn mower to mulch small amounts into their lawns. This adds nutrients and helps the soil retain much needed moisture.

Denver residents that cannot reuse all their leaves at home can bring them for recycling to one of the Sunday-only or weekday-only drop-off sites listed below. Then residents can help to close the recycling loop next spring by reclaiming their leaves in the form of rich compost at the Denver Recycles' annual Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and LeafDrop Compost Sale.

Weekday Drop-off Options

Open now through December 4th, 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. but closed on weekends and holidays. Residents can drop off bagged leaves only at these sites. Havana Nursery – 10450 Smith Road just south of I-70 on Havana Street or Denver Solid Waste Transfer Station – 7301 East Jewell Avenue. (Quebec Street and Cherry Creek South Drive)

Sunday Drop-off Options

November 1st, 8th, and 15th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- ◆ Northwest: Sloan's Lake Park – 17th Avenue at Sheridan Boulevard.
- ◆ Southwest: John F. Kennedy High School – Newland Street and Brown Place.
- ◆ East Central: Cranmer Park – 3rd Avenue and Clermont Street.
- ◆ Southeast: South High School – Louisiana Avenue and Franklin Street.
- ◆ Northeast: Smiley Middle School – 26th Avenue and Holly Street.

Brown Bag Them and Go!

Residents can save their plastic trash bags and Denver Recycles' time by bringing their leaves in paper yard-debris bags. Unlike plastic bags, brown paper bags can be composted with leaves. Many hardware, home improvement, and department stores sell paper yard debris bags. Or even better, bring your leaves in reusable containers or tarps that we can empty and give back to you.

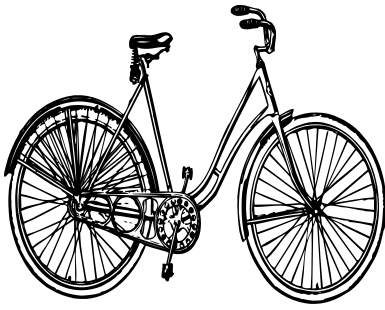
Important Reminders

- ◆ Do NOT drop leaves at these sites except during the times and dates specified.
- ◆ LeafDrop is only for Denver residents.
- ◆ In case of bad weather, call 720-865-6810 to check for cancellation.
- ◆ No branches or other wastes, please.

For more information visit [www.DenverGov.org/
DenverRecycles](http://www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles) or call 720-865-6810.

The Denver LeafDrop is sponsored annually by Denver Recycles, a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management in cooperation with A1 Organics.

Share a Cycle By Transportation Solutions



During the month of November, Transportation Solutions and The Cherry Creek Bike Rack will once again be collecting used kids' bikes for the annual *Share a Cycle* bicycle collection drive. Drop off unwanted used bikes daily

between November 1st and November 30th at The Cherry Creek Bike Rack (171 Detroit Street in Cherry Creek North) or at their companion shop, Campus Cycles (2102 South Washington Street, just west of the University of Denver). Bikes will be cleaned, refurbished, and distributed to kids in need served by Denver Kids Inc. and the Denver Department of Human Services before the winter holidays.

This year's program will partner with Denver Kids Inc. and the Denver Department of Human Services to distribute bikes to kids in need. Denver Kids Inc. helps students, grades K-12, who face the personal challenges of higher risk environments, successfully complete high school, explore post-secondary options, and become productive members of the community. The Denver Department of Human Services is a city agency working to protect abused and neglected children and adults by making sure they live in safe environments and by helping help both individuals and families in crisis. In addition, the agency helps connect people to vital community services.

Do not have a bike to donate? Cash donations are also accepted and will be used to provide helmets and locks for children who receive bikes. Donations are accepted at The Cherry Creek Bike Rack, 171 Detroit Street, as well as at the Transportation Solutions office. All donations (cash and bikes) are tax deductible. For more information about donating or for other questions, please call 303-377-7086.

Macy's Community Day By Steve Nissen



Macy's is holding their annual Community Shopping Day again this year to allow non-profits the opportunity to raise funds for their respective organization. INC is participating again for the

benefit of the DDD. See page 8 for details.

This event allows for great savings during these economic times as you meet your shopping needs and plan for holiday giving etcetera. These tickets make great gifts. Please call your shopaholic friends and order your tickets soon as time is running out. If you contact us soon, by phone or email, we promise to get the tickets to you.

Our fundraising has come up short for the year and the shopping day event is a great way for you to help us meet our shortfall. Our special appreciation to all who have supported us thus far in 2009:

201 individuals

Grants from: Denver Kiwanis and the League of Women Voters

The following businesses (support them):

Denver Museum of Nature and Science
Great-West Life and Annuity Insurance
Creative Wiring
Washington Park Profile
Joy Wine and Spirits
Casey's Construction

Our loyal fellow RNOs

ABC Streets Assn, Alamo Placita, Baker Historic, Ballpark, Bear Valley Improvement Assn, Bellevue-Hale, CHUN, Cherry Creek North, Cherry Point HOA, Civic Assn of Clayton, Country Club Historic District, Crestmoor Park, East Montclair, Geo. Washington HOA, Greater Park Hill, Harkness Heights, Hilltop, Historic Montclair, Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point, Inspiration Point, Mayfair Neighbors, North City Park Civic Assn, Overland, Sloan's, Stapleton Master Community Assn, University Neighbors, University Park Community Council, Virginia Vale Community Assn, West University Community Assn, and West Washington Park.

See details on the following page.



At
CHERRY CREEK
and
PARK MEADOWS

Saturday, November 14, 2009

**Buy a \$10 ticket and help support the programs of
Inter-Nighborhood Cooperation**

Your ticket entitles a 10-20% discount off almost **EVERYTHING**
at Macy's **Cherry Creek or Park Meadows**, plus an additional
\$10 off of one purchase of \$25 or more on
Saturday, November 14, 2009.

Plus, enter to win a \$500 Macy's Shopping Spree!

ALL proceeds from tickets sold by **INC** volunteers will be donated to
DOLLAR DICTIONARY DRIVE

Contact Steve J. Nissen for tickets: 303-733-8524 or
Pennissen@cs.com



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Mission
INC believes
neighborhood
organizations
deserve a greater
role in participating
in city
government, as
well as a shared
vision that
neighborhoods are
stronger when
they work together
and learn from one
another.

*31 Years of
Service, and
counting*

October 21, 2009

Peter Park, Manager
Community Planning and Development
City and County of Denver
201 West Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Mr. Park,

At the INC Delegation meeting on October 10, 2009, submission of the following **comments regarding the proposed zoning code and map** was approved by the Delegates with a vote of 20 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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

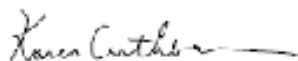
1. In stable residential neighborhoods, **height and density** and character of new structures must be compatible with the predominant character of the neighborhood. The **draft zoning map proposes too much height and density in some stable neighborhoods** and the building forms in some districts do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

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7. **Parks and parkways** are extremely important to Denver citizens and neighborhoods. INC agrees that there should be a new zone district established in the zoning code specifically for public parks and parkways (OSA). Regarding the new OSA zone district, however, **INC strongly believes that control of zoning in parks should not be removed from elected City Council representatives** (where it now resides as required by the City Charter) and given to the Parks and Recreation Department. Citizens must have an opportunity for: 1) meaningful involvement and comment about new structures and uses in parks and 2) a public hearing and decision-making on zoning issues in parks by elected officials.
8. The needs of neighborhood residents for on-street and off-street **parking** must be carefully balanced with the needs of nearby businesses. In some neighborhoods adjacent to business areas, residents are severely impacted by insufficient parking.
9. **Open space** is an important Denver value. **The new code omits the concept of open space.** Open space requirements should be preserved and should be more clearly explained in the code.
10. There must be adequate front, side and rear **setbacks** in stable residential neighborhoods. Front setbacks are a major defining characteristic of blocks and new structures should be required to conform to the existing setback character of a block.
11. **Vegetation should be maintained in a living state.** Section 10.4.1 of the draft code requires developments to maintain plant material (including pruning, weed control, watering, replacing dead material, etc.), but there is nothing that holds residential homeowners to the same standard.
12. **The public and RNOs must be involved in reviewing campus district plans** before they are reviewed by the Planning Board. The code should be improved to clarify that timely notice must be given to RNOs. In addition, new buildings on the edges of campus districts must transition to the heights of adjacent residential districts.
13. **Transitions** between residential neighborhoods and businesses must be sensitively regulated, regarding the height and form of structures and also the environmental impacts, such as placement of dumpsters, speakers, noisy generators, glare, lighting etc.
14. **Outdoor patios** for eating and/or drinking places **within 50 feet of any residential district should be required to obtain an exception** from the Board of Adjustment Zoning in order to address noise and other issues that impact nearby residents.
15. **The new code does not sufficiently address the presence and potential expansion of non-conforming business uses in residential zones** to protect neighboring residences. The current noise, parking and patio provisions are insufficient. Existing zoning decisions that address specific situations should be enforced. Any change to a non-conforming business use in a residential zone should be presented to the Board of Adjustment Zoning for review.
16. The **Main Street 2 zone district does not sufficiently protect adjacent residential areas** from adverse impacts.
17. Currently **illegal uses** (not including legal grandfathered uses) **should not be legalized by new zoning code.**
18. The city must commit adequate resources to **enforcement** of the new code.
19. **All comments from the public** about the new zoning code and zoning map and the city's responses to those comments **should be made available promptly** for the public to review in an easily accessible manner.
20. The public and RNOs must have **adequate time to review and comment** on draft #3 of the code and map before the final draft is presented for adoption.

Thank you,



Karen Cuthbertson
Chair - Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

cc: Tina Axelrad and Caryn Wenzara, CPD
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Mission
INC believes neighborhood organizations deserve a greater role in participating in city government, as well as a shared vision that neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another.

**31 Years of
Service, and
counting**

October 1, 2009

Kevin Patterson, Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation
City and County of Denver
201 West Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Mr. Patterson,

At the INC Delegation meeting on September 12, 2009, the following resolution regarding **admission-based events in Denver parks** was approved by the Delegates with a vote of 16 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

WHEREAS, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) is a network of approximately 100 registered neighborhood organizations and associate members in Denver, and

WHEREAS: INC supports the long-held principle of free and open access to named Denver urban public parks, and

WHEREAS: **City Charter prohibits leasing public park land for commercial purposes without a vote of the general electorate;** and

WHEREAS: Allowing, in named Denver urban public parks, fenced off commercial events where admission is charged and only those with the price of admission can enter, is a **major shift of public policy and park management which should not be effected without a vote of the general electorate;**

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

- (A) The membership of **INC opposes the closure of public park space from the public for the purpose of commercial admission-based events** in named Denver urban parks; and,
- (B) INC believes that any proposal to allow exclusive commercial use of park space for special events must be referred to the general electorate of Denver by Denver City Council.
- (C) **INC supports the development of a year-around special events park** in a central location of the City where both admission and non-admission based events can take place.

Thank you,

Karen Cuthbertson
Chair - Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

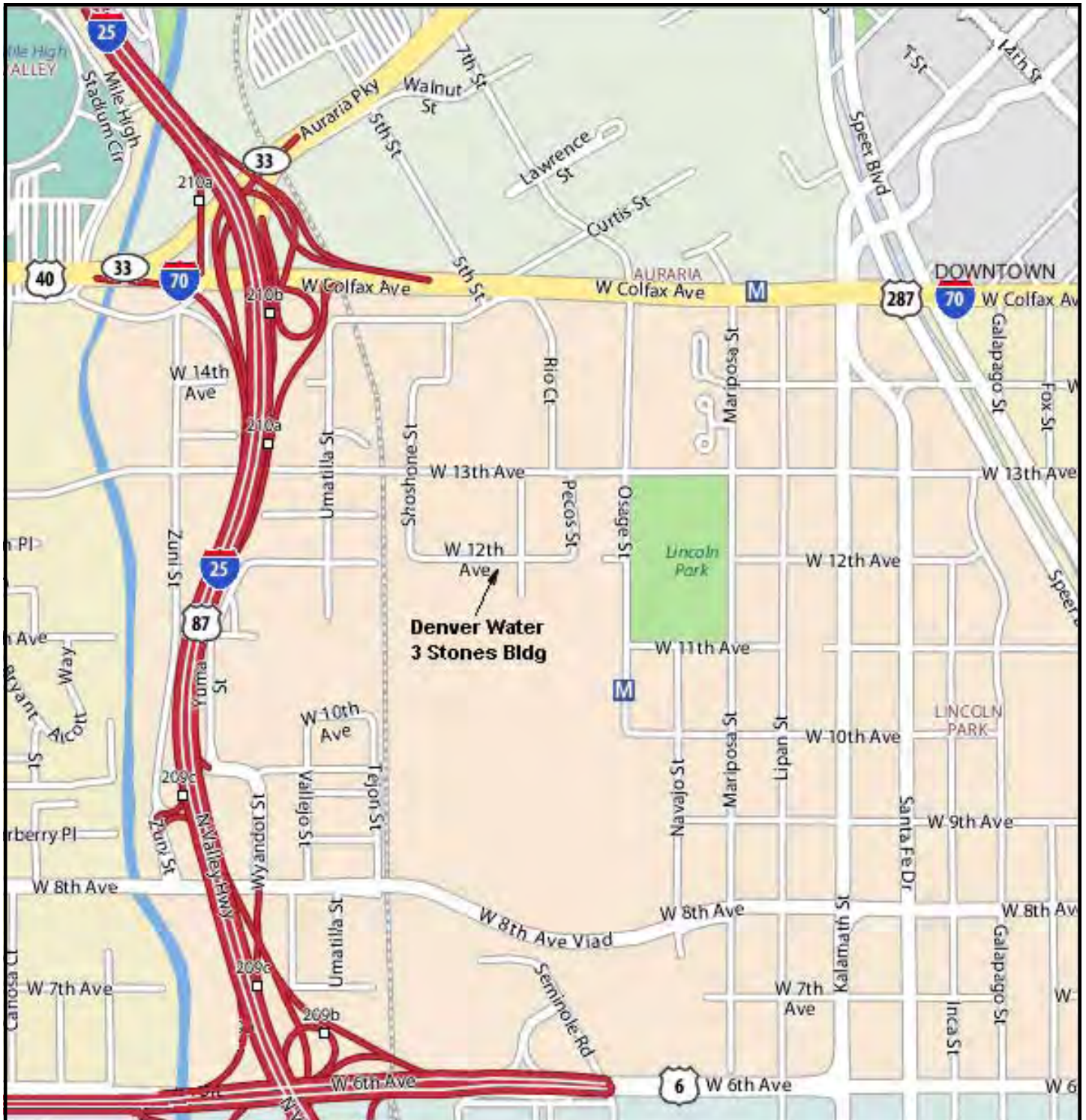
cc: Mayor John Hickenlooper
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A Reminder

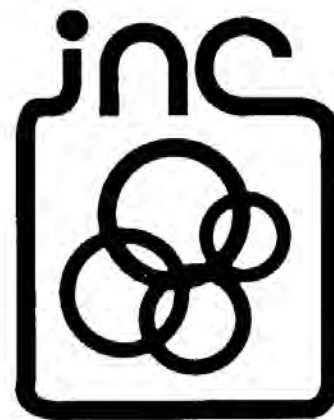
The membership year is coming to an end. Now is the time to start the process within your organization of obtaining approval and funds for membership renewal. We will be sending e-mail reminders later. But there is a membership form in this newsletter (next page) so take advantage of the opportunity to begin the process now.



Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2010 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood representatives who believe that neighborhood organizations deserve a greater participation in city government and possess a shared vision that individual neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another. **To join as a member neighborhood organization, the organization must be registered with the city as a Registered Neighborhood Organization. Log on to Denvergov.org 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 _____
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President's Name: _____
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Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

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

In addition, we wish to donate \$_____ to the Dollar Dictionary Drive.

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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Meeting Saturday November 14th

The public
is welcome to attend.

**Denver Water
Three-Stones Bldg.
1600 W 12th Ave.**

See map on page 12

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and chat

9:10 a.m.

Around the City

10:00 a.m.

Randle Loeb
Point in Time Report

10:15 a.m.

Jeff Schoemaker
Green Ways

10:40 a.m.

Aaron Miripol
Urban Land Conservancy

11:15 a.m.

Angela Casias
Parks and Recreation

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