

Medical Marijuana Regulation

The City Council has had several meetings in the last few months to discuss how Denver should respond to the issue of regulation of medical marijuana dispensaries. There will be a public hearing at the City Council meeting on January 11th to consider a comprehensive bill; the prime sponsor is District Six Councilman Charlie Brown.

In year 2000, a strong majority of the voters of Colorado approved Constitutional Amendment 20 that allows the use of marijuana by those who have been "advised by his or her physician that the patient might benefit from the medical use of marijuana in connection with a debilitating medical condition." In the past several months, approximately 180 medical marijuana dispensaries have opened or applied for sales-tax licenses for locations inside Denver.

If passed, the City Council bill (that has not yet been assigned a bill number) would require that each medical marijuana dispensary:

1. Must be licensed by the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses. Any currently operating dispensary must obtain a license no later than March 1st.
2. Must be operated by someone who passed a criminal background check.
3. May not be allowed in any location where retail sales are prohibited by the zoning code.
4. Must not be located within 1000 feet of a school or child-care establishment.
5. Must not be located within 1000 feet of another medical marijuana dispensary.
6. No marijuana may be smoked, eaten, consumed, or ingested on the licensed premises.
7. The dispensaries must not be open to the public between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

The proposed bill allows dispensary locations that are open by January 1st to be licensed even if they do not meet the spacing restrictions.

The state legislature will also consider state regulation of medical marijuana dispensaries in the upcoming legislative session.

The Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Zoning and Planning Committee discussed the issue of medical marijuana dispensaries on December 19th and voted unanimously to recommend that the INC delegation pass the following motion:

INC strongly urges the Denver City Council to amend the proposed ordinance regulating medical marijuana dispensaries to require, at a minimum, the Department of Excise and Licenses to notify the affected registered neighborhood organizations and to post the property concerning any application for a medical marijuana dispensary and to allow a 15-day comment period by the public.

Delegates should come to the INC meeting on January 9th prepared to discuss and vote on this motion.

All neighborhood groups are encouraged to study this issue and to communicate to City Council and/or testify at the January 11th public hearing.

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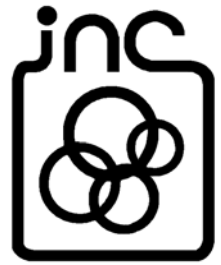
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From the Chair By Karen Cuthbertson

WE NEED YOUR AWARD NOMINATIONS! PLEASE SUBMIT THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Go to www.neighborhoodlink.com/inc/home to review the criteria.

I hope everyone's holidays were joyous and restful. We all needed some rest, I think. I've been a neighborhood advocate for almost two decades and I do not remember a busier year than 2009. I'm just glad there are so many really smart folks out there willing to pick up the gauntlet and



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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
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 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 sec-
 ond 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.

continue advocating in 2010. We need some of you to help on the INC Education Committee, the Dollar Dictionary Committee, and the INC Public Safety Committee. There are several Boards and Commissions that will have vacancies this year. The INC Chair, Treasurer, and three At-Large positions are term-limited and need to be filled come March. If you are interested in stepping up for any of these slots, please contact me. I thank you in advance. Together we really can make a difference.

Zoning and Planning

By Diana Helper

The INC Zoning and Planning Committee (ZAP) meeting was held December 19th. Gideon Berger and Cindy Patton of Community Planning and Development and Crissy Fanganello of Public Works spoke about the Living Streets inter-disciplinary, multi-sector partnership. Its goals are to stimulate dialog and bring together partners to make recommendations for Living Street plans. They said that land values increase five to eight percent in areas with good “walkability.” The lack of sidewalks in many Denver neighborhoods needs to be addressed. The Pedestrian Master Plan recommends a city assessment to be used for construction and repair of sidewalks rather than the present system of fixing one property at a time when the owner needs a sidewalk or the existing sidewalk is unsafe. Walking instead of driving keeps people healthy and maintains clean air. ZAP members said right-of-way issues need attention and asked for Living Streets’ recommendations for Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) and Community Planning and Development Department to include in area plans. Also present were Jessica Osborne and Dr. Chris Urbina of Public Health and Rebecca Cales of Transportation Solutions.

A proposed city ordinance regarding dispensaries for medical use of marijuana was discussed. It was agreed that even though these places are “use-by-right” as pharmacies, new locations should be posted and the appropriate RNOs notified, allowing opportunity for comment. Some members believe that these dispensaries tend to raise crime levels. The ZAP members voted unanimously to take this statement to INC in January for a vote by delegates: “INC requests that when a new application for a medical marijuana dispensary license is received by the Department of Excise and Licenses, at the minimum, the site shall be posted and the appropriate RNOs notified with fifteen days to allow comment before licensing.” The public hearing on this bill will be at City Council on January 11th. All neighborhood organizations are encouraged to discuss the marijuana dispensary issue and provide comment to City Council.

ZAP members filled the remainder of the meeting with a large number of important concerns including:

G-MU-3 zoning, as proposed in the new zoning code, dictates that new construction be placed far forward on the lot, generally blocking the sight-lines for residents whose dwellings are some fifteen feet farther back. This is a safety hazard as well as intrusive. In addition, much larger structures would be allowed thus destroying neighborhood character.

Deep concern was expressed over the proposal to close Recreation Centers.

Some members are concerned that Councilpersons are not responding to zoning code comments sent in by citizens and that planners have not read the comments sent by RNOs.

What response has been received to INC’s letter about the zoning code?

It is hard to find out the maximum size of structures in the new zones.

Concerns over the new zone plan to calculate size by Floor Area Ratio (FAR) instead of square feet.

The zoning administrator would be able to make some decisions or delegate decisions to others without notification to or input from citizens.

The rezoning hearing on the Lowry Vista Project, a large acreage intended to be preserved as much-needed open space, is January 25th. A zoning change to a mixed-use area is planned with 600,000 square feet of retail buildings on a site distant from homes and not served by mass transit. Many residents of the area are opposed to the zoning change and hope for a large turnout Jan. 25th.

The Dollar Dictionary Drive is short of funds; many RNOs have not contributed. Please make sure that your RNO has donated; any extra money is very welcome.

The “Create Denver Expo” next April will have workshops and exhibits by creative Denver resources. It is suggested that INC be included featuring the many creative events, programs, other free activities (block parties, July 4th events, jumbo yard-sales, house tours, creative ways of handling zoning matters, and so forth). The City needs to know how creative neighborhoods are.

The next ZAP meeting will be January 23.

Executive Committee Recap

By Fran Rew

Karen Cuthbertson called the meeting to order on Monday, December 14th, 7:00 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street. Other Executive Committee (EC) members present were Larry Ambrose, Ray Ehrenstein, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, and Brad Zieg. Also present were Ken Beaudrie, Katie Fisher, Mike Henry, Susan Morrison, and Fran Rew.

A motion to approve the INC Delegates Meeting Minutes for November was approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report:

The November balance is \$15,843.05. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November was approved by acclamation.

The EC discussed whether they felt it would be useful to modify the INC By-laws to reflect a different policy regarding authorization of paying expenses. The current policy has continued to work effectively since the founding of INC. The EC explored the possibility of a policy that could do more to ensure future continued effectiveness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INC's Presidents and Delegates Dinner:

Susan Morrison confirmed with the INC Executive Committee that each RNO president could respond to INC's invitation to the dinner with only one guest. The r.s.v.p. deadline is January 14th.

Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) Committee:

Steve Nissen reported that the November balance in the DDD budget is \$660.43.

The EC requested a report format change to a profit and loss style in place of the activity report format with the hope that this format would be more understandable.

Grant Writing for INC's DDD: The EC considered Brad Zieg's recommendation to support INC grant writers by purchasing the hardcopy of the *2009-2010 Colorado Grants Guide* from the Colorado Nonprofit Association (CANPO) for \$175, or paying \$150 for online access to this guide. The decision was to wait to see if this reference could be accessed free through the Denver Public Library. (Editor's note: Karen Cuthbertson confirmed that the report is available at the library.)

Membership and Newsletter Committee:

Ken Beaudrie reported that INC has 80 RNOs, of which 17 are patrons, and 31 associates, of which 10 are patrons.

Parks and Recreation Committee (P&R):

Larry Ambrose and Katie Fischer reported that, at the Parks and Recreation Department Citizen's Advisory Board Meeting, there were many unhappy participants wanting to be heard about the proposed closing or privatization of the La Alma Recreation Center. Two other items requiring public approval, one item being Admission-Based Events in Public Parks, were supposed to be on the agenda and there was not enough time to address the proposed closing of La Alma Recreation Center in this meeting.

Karen Cuthbertson recommended that the minutes from the INC Parks and Recreation Committee be put into the INC Newsletter.

Larry Ambrose said the INC P&R plate is so full with park issues that include gray water usage, new dog parks, zoning in the park, nuisance abatement, \$4.5 million in Parks and Recreation Department salaries, millions in consulting contracts, admission-based events, contracts being let, etcetera that, as yet, they have not covered recreation centers.

The INC EC hopes that the Mayor will appoint someone from the many willing and able RNO representatives to represent INC in the open position on the Parks and Recreation Citizen's Advisory Board.

Transportation Committee:

Brad Zieg said there would be a meeting Friday, December 18th. Mike Henry said the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS) for the new light rail corridors are completed and neighborhoods should be interested in those. The topic of transportation will also be covered in the ZAP meeting on Saturday, December 19th.

Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee:

At the last Zoning Code Update listening session, Karen Cuthbertson gave a condensed three-minute presentation of INC's position. There is another Zoning Update listening session on Thursday, December 17th. They are going to have office hours for very specific questions about your neighborhood. The subject of a message from Julius Zsako to all RNOs regarding an update to the Building Code was discussed. Brad noted that this is a process driven by a national organization to ensure uniformity of building codes nation-wide and Michael observed that this is probably not something that most RNOs may need to invest much time in.

Mike Henry said the zoning of medical marijuana dispensaries should be discussed at a ZAP meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

INC fundraising booth at the CHUN People's Fair: Steve Nissen is waiting to hear from CHUN regarding recommendations for best possible fundraising options for INC at the People's Fair.

INC Bylaws Update:

Larry Ambrose volunteered to assist Dave Felice with updating the INC bylaws.

Steve Nissen noted that the current bylaws need "housekeeping" edits for typographical errors and confusing verbiage. Karen noted that all suggested changes to the By-laws would need to be approved by the EC and submitted to the Delegates for final approval.

Steve Nissen pointed out that INC needs a very clearly stated nondiscrimination policy in their By-laws in order to get grant approval.

Mike Henry recommended that the EC talk about the By-laws as a primary agenda item at next month's meeting. Karen Cuthbertson recommended that Steve Nissen email a marked up copy and Karen could email it out to everyone.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recruitment of officers for the Executive Committee (EC) of 2010:

Karen Cuthbertson sought volunteers to work with her on a Recruitment Committee. Larry Ambrose and Michael Henry volunteered. The Committee will meet in January. (Note: Any INC RNO member is welcome to join this committee and to run for office.)

Upcoming Delegates Meetings:

Karen Cuthbertson assigned individuals to contact and schedule specific presenters for upcoming Delegates Meetings.

Anthony Thomas asked if there would be a presenter to talk about the Biennial Year of the Americas. Karen said she met with Heather Barry and the Mayor's Neighborhood Conference Committee. Karen said she would follow up on that. Katie Fischer recommended that a "State of the Union" type of annual update be included in the newsletter. Annual Neighborhood Conference: Larry Ambrose said INC's name should be prominent in INC's neighborhood conference that, since the first INC conference, has been called the "Mayor's Neighborhood Conference."

INC Official Documents: Karen Cuthbertson is going to put the INC official documents on a disk. The EC discussed the possibility of putting these documents on the INC website.

Larry Ambrose recommended that INC pay to have their own website instead of using the current, free website with limits on options to customize the site.

Awards at the Annual Dinner: At this time, Karen Cuthbertson has received two award nominations from the RNOs. In January, the EC will review the nominations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Delegation Recap

There was no meeting of the Delegation in December.

Recycler's Corner By Tom Strickland

Changes to Large Item Pickup (LIP) Service and Overflow Trash in Barrel Service Areas

The City is facing unprecedented budget challenges and Solid Waste Management is not immune to making cuts. Our challenge has been to determine how best to reduce budget expenditures while maintaining the highest possible level of service for you. As you can imagine, this has been no easy task given the diversity of the neighborhoods we serve and the needs of more than 168,000 homes.

Effective January 1st, the **Large Item Pickup (LIP) collection service will be reduced from once every five weeks to once every nine weeks.** LIP items, such as household furniture and mattresses, should only be set out for collection on your scheduled LIP week. It is important that you follow the LIP schedule because additional per-

sonnel and equipment will not be available to respond to requests or complaints that are outside the current week's LIP schedule. We strongly discourage residents from placing items in the alley outside of the LIP collection schedule for neighbors or scavengers to take. Dumping items in your alley outside of your LIP schedule can create an eye sore, attract litter and rodents, increase illegal dumping, and block access through your alley.

In addition, effective January 1st, **Barrel overflow trash collection in barrel service areas will be reduced from weekly service to service once every three weeks.** Overflow trash is any trash outside your City-issued black trash barrel. **Only place overflow trash out for collection on your normal trash day during your scheduled overflow trash collection week.** Overflow trash does not include large items. Large items should only be set out for collection on scheduled LIP collection weeks.

We recognize that adjusting to these service changes may be difficult for some so we appreciate your cooperation in taking the time to learn how to maximize the use of these services. We encourage Denver residents to recycle more. Recycling helps save the City money because it costs less to recycle than it does to landfill waste. If you are already recycling, then please pay close attention to whether there are items you are not regularly recycling at home. If you are not currently participating in the recycling program, visit us online at: denvergov.org/denverrecycles or call 311 to sign up for recycling services. There is no charge for recycling service and it is easy to participate.

Make Less Waste: Reduce, Reuse, or Donate Large Items

With less frequent collection of large items and overflow trash, we encourage residents to find alternative options to setting items out for collection. Think about how you might be able to reuse, sell, or donate unwanted items to reduce your trash volume.

Here are some ideas on how to give a new life to old items:

- Refurbish large items. Try putting a slipcover on a sofa or refinishing a table or dresser.
- Hold a garage or yard sale and make a little extra money off your unwanted items.
- List your large items on websites such as *craigslist.com* or *freecycle.org* as "for sale" or as "free if picked up." Remember the saying, "*One person's trash is another person's treasure.*"

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.

- Contact nonprofit organizations such as Goodwill, The Salvation Army, or other charities to find out if they will accept your household items for donation.
- Organize a swap meet on your block or in your neighborhood. Swap meets are a great way to meet your neighbors.
- Check out the Denver Recycles' online Recycling Directory for locations that reuse or recycle items, instead of disposing of them.

Create Denver

The Denver Office of Cultural Affairs (DOCA) invites individuals, organizations, and associations to submit happenings, workshops, lectures, and other programming ideas for *Create Denver Week*, a new project that kicks off with the fifth annual *Create Denver Expo* on Saturday, April 10th. Information on both projects follows below.

Create Denver Expo

The fifth annual *Create Denver Expo* will kick off *Create Denver Week* on Saturday, April 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Wellington E. Webb Municipal Office Building. DOCA seeks exhibitors and workshop presenters for the Expo, offering Denver's creative community a "one-stop" opportunity to learn about the various City, nonprofit, and commercial resources available to help grow and stabilize creative businesses. The Expo attracts approximately 400 attendees, representing a wide array of artists and creative businesses.

The Expo will include approximately 30 exhibitors and more than 20 workshops and panel discussions. Consultants, affinity organizations, and experts in creative industries who are interested in having a presence at the Expo may learn more and submit proposals at www.denvergov.org/createdenver. **The deadline for submission of a proposal is Friday, January 29th.**

Create Denver Week

Create Denver Week is a weeklong program that exemplifies Denver as the Creative Capital of the Rocky Mountain West by providing a platform that:

- showcases Denver's talented and dynamic creative community including individuals, associations, organizations, and businesses;
- recognizes the contribution that the creative sector makes to Denver's vibrancy and economic vitality;
- catalyzes the creative community to consider itself a cohesive collective and economic sector; and
- grows the creative sector through educational programming, inspirational dialogue, and ideation.

Individuals, organizations, and associations are invited to submit programming they will implement and market as part of *Create Denver Week*. Programs should be consistent with the goals of *Create Denver Week*. All programming ideas will be vetted by the Create Denver Advisory

Committee for inclusion in the *Create Denver Week* calendar of events. Some remuneration may be available for signature programming concepts. For more information about *Create Denver Week*, suggested programming ideas, and to submit a proposal, visit www.DenverGov.org/CreateDenver. **The deadline for submission of a program proposal is Friday, January 29th.**

Create Denver is an initiative of the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs.



Avoid broken pipes and costly damage with cold weather tips

The same natural forces that trigger cold-weather breaks in Denver Water's more than 2,800 miles of underground mains can cause pipes to burst in your own household or business plumbing. Here are some tips for avoiding costly damage:

- Know the location of your water shut-off switch and test it regularly.
- Keep your thermostat set above 65 degrees Fahrenheit when leaving your house or business for several days.
- If the temperature drops to -5 degrees Fahrenheit or below, keep open cabinet doors leading to exposed pipes (such as access doors for sinks) so that household air can warm them.

Share your comments on the Moffat Collection System Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Denver Water's Moffat Collection System Project. The project proposes to enlarge Gross Reservoir north of Boulder to help resolve three major supply challenges: a future water supply shortfall, the risk of running out of water in a future drought, and a serious vulnerability.

Help keep medicine out of our watershed

A two-year pilot program allows people to dispose of unwanted medication in a secure and environmentally safe way. Dispose of your old medications in tamper-resistant boxes located at several metro-area King Soopers stores, two Tri-County Health Department offices, a Denver Health clinic, as well as City Market stores in Breckenridge and Dillon.

Renovating La Alma Pool By Parks and Recreation

Bring your best ideas for renovating and creating a fun-filled Aquatic experience at La Alma Pool! Denver Parks and Recreation needs your help to determine the future design of the Aquatic Play Area, from water toys to misters.

The La Alma Pool Aquatic Play Area is part of the "Better Denver" bond program approved by residents in 2007.

Denver Parks and Recreation adopted the Game Plan, its 50-year vision for Denver Parks and Recreation, in 2005. One of the four guiding principles for DPR is equity throughout the system. Through the voter-approved Better Denver and by focusing CIP funds in other areas, residents throughout the City will enjoy improvements in their neighborhood recreation center.

Denver's \$550 million, voter-approved, Better Denver Bond program works to improve, reserve, renovate, and create amenities that touch citizens' lives including roads, libraries, parks, recreation centers, child care sites, hospitals, public safety, City buildings, and cultural facilities.

The meeting is Wednesday, January 13th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the La Alma Recreation Center, 1325 West 11th Avenue.

INC Financial Statement

By Steve Nissen

Quarterly balances for Fiscal Year 2009

Certificate of Deposit

June 30 Balance	\$10,689.99
Sept. 30 Balance	10,768.99
Dec. 31 Balance	10,807.63

Savings Account

June 30 Balance	2,605.42
Sept. 30 Balance	2,606.96
Dec. 31 Balance	2,607.94

Dollar Dictionary Account

June 30 Balance	10,089.38
Sept. 30 Balance	87.95
Dec. 31 Balance	126.59

Checking Account

June 30 Balance	6,466.85
Sept. 30 Balance	4,870.99
Dec. 31 Balance	3,666.81

December 31st All Accounts \$17,208.87

Dollar Dictionary Drive

By Steve Nissen



Fifteen years? Yes, INC's Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) launches its fifteenth year of providing a free dictionary and thesaurus of their own to every third-grader in Denver Public Schools. Over the past fourteen years, we have provided over 225,000 books to more than 100,000 students. The third-grade is the time when students transition from 'learning to read'

to 'reading to learn.' It is our hope this project will assist in making better readers of our youth and thus, better leaders in the future.

Our fund raising efforts are re-energized at the beginning of the year. The budget for this project is \$30,000 per year. We invite you to join our many wonderful and loyal supporters of this great National-Award-Winning project. We accept donations from individuals, businesses, and neighborhood organizations as well as charitable grants (we would greatly welcome the assistance of anyone having grant-writing expertise). INC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are fully tax-deductible. All funds raised for the DDD go directly into the project; INC has no paid staff and only minor administrative expenses such as postage and printing of brochures. Donations can be made payable to "Dollar Dictionary Drive" and mailed to the address at the end of this article or may be made on our secure online site at: www.neighborhoodlink.com/INC/home (click on "Dollar Dictionary Committee").

The books will be ordered in mid-summer and all are invited to help as volunteers during the month of August in placing gift labels into each of approximately 15,000 books. The time and location will be announced on the website or contact any INC representative for details. In September and October, neighbors are invited to arrange a distribution event with their local school; that will allow you to experience the joyous response of the elated students as they receive the books.

For suggestions and further information, please contact Steve Nissen at 303-733-8524 or Cathee Fisher at 303-548-5769.

Dollar Dictionary Drive
P. O. Box 18347
Denver, CO 80218

INC Elections

Elections of officers of INC will be held in March. To be eligible, a candidate must be a delegate to INC from a member RNO. The following announces the positions and their duties:

Chair: The Chair shall be responsible for seeing that the purposes of the Association are carried out in accordance with these Bylaws and policies; preside at all meetings of the Delegation and the Executive Committee, propose the agenda for all meetings, appoint an Audit Committee of three (3) Delegates to review the Treasurer's records at the end of the fiscal year, appoint the Chair of all committees with the approval of the Delegation, and be ex-officio a member of all committees.

ViceChair: The ViceChair shall perform the duties of the Chair in his/her absence or at his/her request and perform other duties as directed by the Delegation.

Secretary: The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings and keep and preserve the records of the organization.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds, keep and preserve accurate and complete records, disburse

funds at the direction of the Delegation except that the Executive Committee may authorize the reimbursement of monies spent by INC committees in the accomplishment of their approved tasks, and present a printed financial report quarterly to the Delegation.

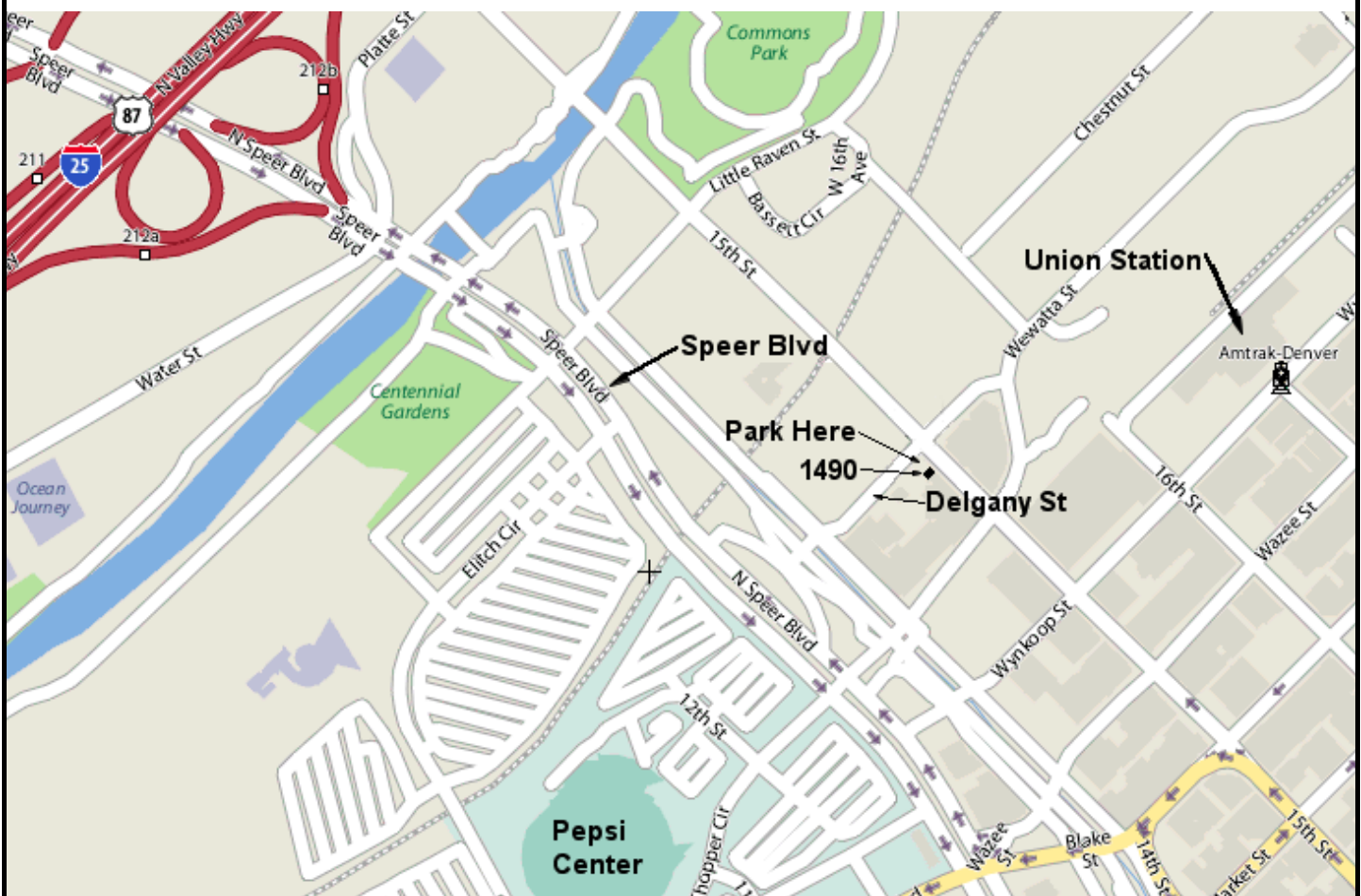
Delegates-at-Large: Delegates-at-Large shall perform such duties assigned by the Delegation.

Nomination of candidates for all positions shall be received from the floor at the March meeting. In particular, the Chair, Treasurer, and three Delegates-at-Large positions will be vacant since current holders are term limited. Remember that current officers not term limited must be re-nominated.

INC needs the participation of neighborhood activists. Without people like you, INC cannot accomplish its mission. Please consider running for office. Let our Chair know that you are interested in running, have a fellow delegate nominate you, or nominate yourself at the meeting.

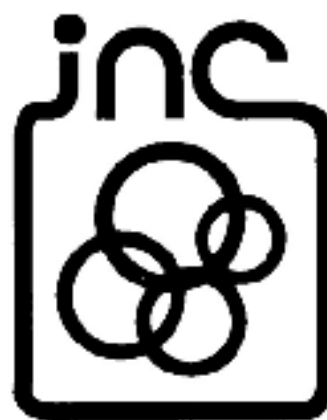
Please note that RNO membership in INC expires at the end of December. Memberships are "graced" until the start of the March meeting. Therefore, in order for delegates to run for office or to vote for candidates, their RNO must renew its membership prior to the start of the March meeting. An application form is included on page nine.

Free parking is available in the lot fronting the building. Ignore the payment kiosk!



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.**

We wish to donate \$_____ to the Dollar Dictionary Drive.

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: _____
Address: _____
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E-mail Address: _____
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Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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

**Meeting Saturday
January 9th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

1490 Delgany Street

See map on page 8

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from Judy Schneider,
President of Ball Park N.A.
and Councilwoman Montero

9:10 a.m.

Around the City

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Martha Rodriguez
Census Outreach Specialist
Denver's 2010 Census Plan

10:50 a.m.

Cheryl Clark
Consultant and Trainer
Community Building

11:30 a.m.

Committee Reports

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