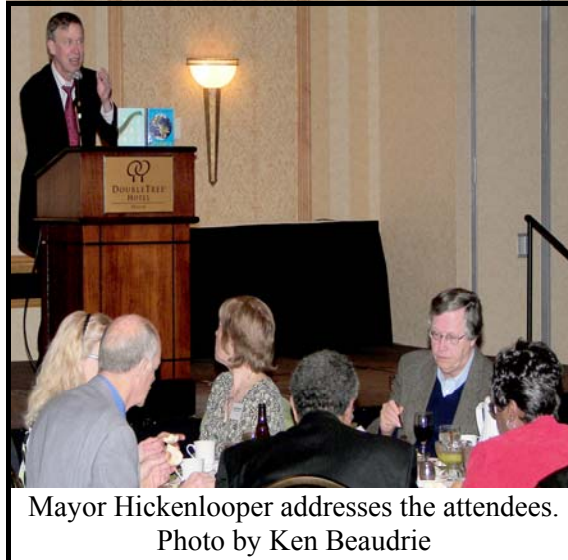


Presidents Dinner

It was a crisp evening outside, but the atmosphere inside was warm as Inter-Neighborhood members, guests, city officials, VISIT DENVER staff, and members of the Denver Police and Denver Sheriff's Departments gathered at the DoubleTree Inn to celebrate the accomplishments of volunteers from across Denver. Richard Scharf, President and CEO of Visit Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau, showed off the Bureau's new tourism promotional video and Mayor John Hickenlooper spoke glowingly about the contributions of neighborhood advocates. The Mayor noted that officials in other cities ask him constantly about how "this gets done in Denver and that gets done in Denver" to which he replies, "It's the people." The Mayor acknowledged the many City officials in attendance and thanked them for their work in very stressful times. INC Chair Karen Cuthbertson reported the sad news that Dr. Carter Ballinger had died but asked attendees to celebrate his life and many contributions to INC. Karen thanked the INC Executive Committee, INC Committee Chairs, INC representatives on various Boards and Commissions, and all those who actively participate in advocating for quality of life in Denver neighborhoods. She also thanked the members of law enforcement for their dedication to providing for public safety and noted retiring Commander Rudy Sandoval for his superior leadership and service in Police District 4. While attendees enjoyed a delightful meal, comedian and motivational speaker Darryl Collier got more than a few laughs with his stories of growing up in Denver and insights about the foibles of being human. The awards presentations followed with Neighborhood Liaison Heather Barry presenting the Neighborhood Star awards to Betty Aguilar, Ray Allen, Sarah Bradley (accepted by Steve Nissen in Sarah's absence), Andrew Brock, Bobbie Brown,



Mayor Hickenlooper addresses the attendees.
Photo by Ken Beaudrie

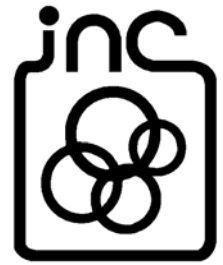
Casey Davenhill, Jaye Kephart, David Price, John Russell, and Judy Schneider. After hearing about their stellar achievements, these "Stars" received a standing ovation. Karen then presented the awards named for now-deceased INC dignitaries. The Bill Gross award went to Anthony Thomas, the Nancy Jackson award to Steve Nissen, the Walt Kembel award to Cathy Donohue and INC was very pleased that Walt's daughter, Debbie, was able to attend the evening. The Virginia Oredson award went to Bill Johnston, who should probably get a second award for "shortest acceptance speech." The evening wrapped up with an INC

"anthem" (see page 8) penned by Diana Helper and led with the able assistance of Denver Auditor Dennis Gallagher. It was a fitting end to a wonderful evening. The Dinner Planning Committee did INC proud. Many thanks to Diane Wolta, Susan Morrison, and Jane Lorimer.

(FOOTNOTE: In the finest Roseanne Roseannadanna tradition of "it's always something," Karen completely forgot to announce INC's contribution of \$2,000 to kick off the 2010 Dollar Dictionary Drive to get the DDD on its way towards the \$30,000 needed this year. Please take this donation as a challenge from INC to go back to your individual neighborhood organizations and look for a few extra dollars. Thank You!)

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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**
 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
 Highland United Neighbors Inc.
 Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC
 Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.

Humboldt Street Neighborhood Assn
 *Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA
 *Inspiration Point N.A.
 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
 *Montbello 20-20
 *Morrison Road Business Association of Denver
 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 **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 HOA**
 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
 Whittier Neighborhood Assn

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*Bernie Jones PhD
 *Bill Johnston

*Bonna Gayhart
 *Brad & Christine Klafehn
 *Cathee Fisher
 City Council Pres/Dist 10 Councilwoman Jeanne Robb
 ***Councilman Doug Linkhart**
Councilman Paul Lopez
Councilman Rick Garcia
 ***Councilwoman Carla Madison**
Councilwoman Carol Boigon
 ***Councilwoman Marcia Johnson**
 ***Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann**
 Dennis Gallagher, Auditor
 Denver Community Group
 ***Denver Health Medical Center**
 ***Denver Mayor's Office**
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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.

Delegation Recap

By Fran Rew

INC Chair Karen Cuthbertson called the meeting to order on January 9th at 9:00 a.m. in the meeting room at 1490 Delgany Street.

Judy Schneider, President of Ball Park Neighborhood Association, baked all the goodies for the meeting. She reported that there would be a security summit at Coors Field, on Monday, January 20th from 6 to 9 p.m.; topics include medical marijuana and a panel discussion with nonprofit organizations about homelessness. She said the nonprofits help to gain tremendous success with Denver's problem of homelessness.

District 9 Councilwoman Judy H. Montero talked about Union Station's rating and loans. The economy has not been this bad since 1933. When the economy turns around, we will be poised to renovate Union Station.

Carla Madison, Councilwoman from District 8, wanted to address the issues regarding medical Marijuana dispensaries (MMD). Some people say MMDs should be addressed as a business. Others say MMDs should be kept out of residential areas. The embedded business areas are already approved. The requirements are that the MMDs need to be a minimum of 1,000 feet from schools and day care centers. That is more stringent than liquor license requirements. Denver had to set these requirements before the State put their restrictions in place. Denver's requirements include a minimum of 1,000 feet between each MMC; that is also the liquor licensing requirement. City Council members are hoping that the State establishes their restrictions soon.

Angela Casias, the Marketing and Communications Specialist for Denver, reported about the proposed fee-based Open-Air Cinema in public parks. She pointed out that "free" open-air cinemas have been operating in public parks in other countries for the last 20 years. A for-profit company is proposing to host an event with a three-year contract in City Park. The estimated single-event attendance is 1,500 people. The total attendance over their proposed 30-day contract from July 14th to August 14th is estimated to be 18,000. There would be no cost to Denver. Denver's estimated benefit would be about \$10,000 annual revenue based on a ten-percent seat tax if it sells out at 100-percent every night.

All the revenue goes to the General Fund and then re-distributed. Denver Parks and Recreation would get an estimated \$60,000 annual revenue and City Park would get \$45,000 annual revenue for irrigation and turf. The lessee would also pay an extra cost for damage insurance. Parking starts after hours when the museum and zoo staff and participants have already left for home.

The fee-based Open Air Cinema is being considered for location on the west side of City Park's Boathouse Pavilion. It would fill about 40,000 square feet of space that is slightly larger than one-half-percent of the park space available. Casias said that Section 2.4.4 of the Denver City Charter permits leasing this amount of park space for a non-park space use. Denver Parks and Recreation considers movies a park use.

Casias said that there is an online PowerPoint presentation about the proposed fee-based Open Air Cinema on denvergov.org/parksandrecreation showing rows of bleacher-like structures. The cinema would include a state-

of-the-art screen; viewers would have the option of having dinner and drinks set up and served. If it rains, people will probably get a rain check. Open Air Cinema will pay for security. Parking will cost extra.

The proposed fee-based Open-Air Cinema in the smaller Civic Center Park would also use about 46,000 square feet that represents about nine-percent of Civic Center Park; it would be located in the same area the main stage for the Taste of Colorado is located each year.

Martha Rodriguez, Census Outreach Specialist for Denver's 2010 Census Plan stated that in

February and March, the Census postcard form would arrive at more than 130 million addresses throughout the United States. The form asks only ten questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It will be sent out in English and Spanish. Call 311 if you need help with any other language or other assistance in processing the form.

Your address is where you are "docked" for the past six months. Campsites will be distributing the Census by hand.

It is easy, important, and safe. The deadline for turning in your census information is April 1st.

Census takers take an oath that the information is confidential. There is possibly a five-year prison term for breaking that oath. Information cannot be used against you.

Rodriguez emphasized that census numbers bring money and power to each locality. Each person counted



Angela Casias of Parks and Recreation speaks to the delegates.
Photo by Ken Beaudrie

represents a minimum of \$826 per year in Federal funding over the next ten years. The Denver Census count determines how much the Federal government will give to Denver in the next ten years.

There is a long list of programs that benefit from census distributions including health services, housing for the elderly, Head Start programs for children, school funding, road construction and maintenance, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, programs for veterans, unemployment insurance, youth recreation services, and student loans.

The Federal government distributes more than \$400 billion across the nation annually to state, local, and tribal governments based on Census data. The Brookings preliminary report of October 2nd, 2009 reported that in 2008, Colorado's Federal Assistance Programs (FAP) expenditures were about \$4.2 billion (\$858.19 per capita). The top four Colorado FAPs were the Medical Assistance Program (\$1.7 billion), the Federal-Aid Highway Program (\$545 million), the Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees (\$287 million), and the Head Start Program (\$194 million).

Denver continues to grow at a rate of two-percent. The census results will help Denver to support the influx that will be coming to Denver in the next ten years, not just the people here now. The Denver population was 598,707 in 2008.

Because of the many U.S. foreclosures and all the construction happening in the past ten years, it will be more challenging to discover which addresses may not receive a Census. In 2007, the Census staff started the Local Update of Census Addresses. In addition, an all-volunteer committee called the Complete Count Committee (CCC) is helping the Census Bureau to take on that challenge. Delegate Jennifer Tomeny is the INC representative for this CCC Census committee.

If you forget to send in the form, Census staff will come to knock on your door to help you fill out your postcard questionnaire. As a last resort, Census staff will ask your neighbor the ten questions on your behalf.

The American Community Survey is another form that is sent to random individuals in the population; this is distributed every month.

Local Census Office jobs are available. The Denver Region will hire many people for the following positions to conduct the 2010 Census. Call 1-866-861-2010 to see if positions are available in your area! All positions require a written test. A practice test is available on-line. Go to www.2010censusjobs.gov. Pay rates and length of appointments will vary depending on location and position.

Doug Linkhart, Councilman-At-Large, encouraged RNOs to ask how to use the neighborhood to get things done. The City Council will soon be initiating a program called "Be the Denver Difference," asking citizens to harness the power of neighborhoods at the block level so that you can help each other. The city cannot do everything for

everybody. RNOs can let their City Council members know how they can help do the work. Sarah McCarthy, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Resource Center, drafted this program.

Cheryl Clark, Consultant and Trainer for Community Building, encouraged the delegates to consider the question: "What is neighboring and why do we need it?"

Cheryl gave an example of how schools in Denver are expected to work with a gathering of Mexican parents. In Mexico, it is not a common thing to gather at a school; it is considered an insult. This is an example of a relationship-structure we set up that does not reflect the culture we need to honor. The challenges come from a lack of knowledge and lack of an ability to honor.

How do we learn to recognize that we all do things a different way? We have to step back from what it is we think we know. We need to be open to learning. Others are doing things without us because we are not connecting.

For example, how effective is it to give a chicken to a neighbor who is a vegetarian? The idea of neighboring is to connect and to build relationships by recognizing which of your assets will effectively benefit a neighboring relationship. Not coming from a problem-based relationship but coming from an asset-based relationship.

Create the stage to have honest dialogue. It is important to know that there are communities that function very well without having to come through mainstream society. Acknowledge these communities have some expertise; admit your lack of knowledge. Then listen. We cannot expect different results from doing things the same way. If we build our relationship on those assets, we are now in a position to serve. If that relationship is built on a relationship with a church, we go to that church. It is not about the time, it is about the trust.

Cheryl will be teaching workshops through the Neighborhood Resource Center that will offer guidance for community relationship building for participating neighborhood representatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning and Planning Committee: The Zoning and Planning Committee discussed the issue of medical Marijuana dispensaries on December 19th, 2009, and voted unanimously to recommend that the INC delegation pass the following motion:

"INC strongly urges the 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."

Mike Henry explained there are 390 centers that already have their sales tax license. It is clear that there could not be a public hearing for each of them. A compromise is to send out a notice to neighborhoods so they could

comment. For example, if the licensing agency did not know there was a school, neighbors could notify the agency. They might know that someone was a convicted felon. Some felt it was an insult to ignore the RNOs by omitting communications. That is the purpose of the motion.

Speaking as an individual and not for her RNO, a delegate cautioned that Medical Marijuana Dispensaries are a safety issue around day cares - robberies increase. It is important to keep these businesses at a distance apart.

A Park Hill delegate agreed that Marijuana brings in gangs and crime and noted that she is not against it for medical reasons but for crime reasons.

The vote on the motion was 27 in favor, none opposed, two abstentions.

Mike reported that the zoning draft-four should be posted online on January 18th. City Council may approve the final version about April 19th. It has already been delayed twice.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Larry Ambrose and Katie Fisher reported that the committee did not meet in December but had a great holiday party. The Committee did not have a chance to address the planned fee-based Open Air Cinema because it came too fast. The Committee is opposed to park admission-based events in general but in favor of developing an admission-based event park.

On December 10th, a public hearing regarding park fee-based events was held at the Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and many other INC members were there. The opposition far out-numbered the proponents. The City recommended that the events be limited to three days only and that there be a 15-day space between events. Denver Parks and Recreation claims that the Open Air Cinema is not an admission-based event but a lease of their park.

This is part of the biennial and it needs to be done quickly. They have to get a tavern license. Larry noted that this will bring advertising and alcohol into the park. Larry felt it sets precedents that violate the City's Charter and Denver Parks and Recreation's own policies. "You cannot lease a park or a portion of the park without the vote of the people. If we want to change the Charter, we should do that. Maybe we should have an admission-based event but not in a neighborhood park. Go online and read the charter."

Because Larry and Katie begged for a Public Hearing, there will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 19th, in the Denver City Council room. The regular INC Parks and Recreation meeting will be rescheduled for a new

place and time in February, to be announced by email to committee members.

The following Resolution from floor was moved and seconded against the use of public parks for admission-based event.

Resolution: Park Use Agreement with Open Air Cinema
WHEREAS, INC believes that Denver's public parks are critical to its resident's quality of life;

WHEREAS, Denver's parks are public property;

WHEREAS, Denver's parks must continue to be free and open to the public;

WHEREAS, Denver's City Charter prohibits the leasing of park land for commercial purposes without a vote of the electorate;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that INC does not support the Department of Parks and Recreation's proposed Park Use Agreement with Open Air Cinema or other fee-based admission events in city parks.

Casias said that this use is considered a park use. Katie said the verbiage is confusing about what is a lease, and what is a use. "We don't understand. Why are we moving quickly? We do not have to do it. Let us stop and know what we are saying."

The Resolution passed: 15 in Favor, 7 opposed, abstentions 5.

This INC motion will be read at the January 19th public hearing with the Denver City Council.

Dollar Dictionary Drive Committee: Steve Nissen reported that the DDD ended 2009 in the black. The DDD will have a kick-off at the INC Presidents and Delegates Dinner. Steve gave a special thank-you to the representatives from the League of Women Voters (LWV) at this INC delegates meeting for the LWV annual grant to the DDD.

Transportation Committee: Dave Webster reported that there is a study considering a streetcar on Colfax. The Committee talked about a Broadway streetcar. Streetcars can run on five-minute headways.

One delegate responded that all the cost for a streetcar infrastructure is a total waste of money. Dave responded that most places with streetcars have increased economic activity. The delegate responded that confusion exists about having no overhead-lines for light-rail. We need to know the facts about streetcars.

Membership Committee: INC membership dues are due now but can be paid as late as the March Annual Meeting. Also, get registered with the City as a RNO by the end of this month. Heather Barry reported that the website for

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.

accessing re-registration would be updated at Denver-Gov.org.

Nominations Committee: INC needs new Executive Committee officers. Chair Karen Cuthbertson, Treasurer Steve Nissen, and three At-Large positions are term limited.

Award Nominations: There are two more days to accept award submissions.

INC Presidents and Delegates Dinner is January 28th. The r.s.v.p. may be closed at this point.

The meeting adjourned 11:56 a.m.

Executive Committee Recap

By Fran Rew

Karen Cuthbertson, INC Chair, called the meeting to order on Monday, January 11, 7:00 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street. Other Executive Committee (EC) members present were Larry Ambrose, Billie Bramhall, Ray Ehrenstein, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, and Penelope Zeller. Also present were Katie Fisher, Mike Henry, Susan Morrison, Fran Rew, and the INC Dinner Party Planning Committee.

A motion to approve the INC Delegates Minutes for November 2009 passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Nissen showed a spreadsheet format for the current fiscal year from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. A motion was moved and seconded to keep the Treasurer's Report in its previous balance sheet format. The total INC balance of all accounts as of December 31, 2009 is \$17,208.87. The treasurer's report of 2009 was approved by acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INC's Presidents and Delegates Dinner:

Susan Morrison, on the INC Dinner Party Planning Committee, reported that at this time there are 165 reservations.

Karen Cuthbertson announced that she e-mailed the agenda for the dinner to the EC members and recorded additional award nominations from the EC members. It was agreed to limit the number of Neighborhood Star awards to ten. Cuthbertson said she would have all the INC committee chairs stand up at the dinner to explain what they do. Fisher said even if the chairs stand up and say only their name and committee that would help the committees to connect with delegates. Don Tressler said that delegates could be directed for specific actions.

Dollar Dictionary Drive:

Steve Nissen reported that the DDD was in the black. The DDD balance as of December 31 is \$126.49.

A motion was made for INC to donate \$2,000 to the DDD as a kick-off grant. The motion passed with only Steve Nissen abstaining from the vote.

Nissen recommended that, at the INC Presidents and Delegates Dinner, a "Gift of Words" card be given to all

participants to encourage them to contribute. Mike Henry recommended that the card encourage delegates to go back to their RNOs and get donations from their RNOs groups early on.

Penelope Zeller said the Jefferson County Association of Realtors is encouraging realtors to donate for the neighborhood and community and to be involved. Katie Fisher and Mike Henry said that if the DDD had enough money, the DDD could expand to parochial schools and outside of the Denver area.

Education Committee:

Billie Bramhall wants to reconstitute the education committee and survey with the RNO members of INC to find out what they are doing for their schools. For example, Katie Fisher reported that West University Community Association (WUCA) has given a grant to her neighborhood's middle school. Katie Fisher said their middle school scores have drastically changed. WUCA invited the principal to attend a WUCA meeting and heard that the schoolchildren needed hats and gloves so WUCA got them that.

Bramhall reported that A+ Denver has started to meet again. Billie will be asking how they are going to work with the schools.

Bramhall requested contact information from both the INC Executive Committee and the delegates for anyone interested in being a part of the INC Education Committee. Bramhall will call the contacts she receives.

Membership and Newsletter Committees:

No report at this time.

Parks and Recreation Committee (P&R):

Larry Ambrose and Katie Fisher reported that the Committee had a great December holiday party with a great group of people.

There will be Public Hearings regarding the Dog Park Master Plan on the 16th and 30th of January. For locations of Public Hearings go to www.denvergov.org/PublicMeetingsNoticesRFPs/

The P&R Committee is considering whether dogs should be permitted to run off-leash early in the morning and late at night in City Park for a 1-year pilot project. Ambrose said that if City Park had an off-leash section similar to Barnum Park's off-leash section, it would get heavy use because it would be the only one within the city limits. Ambrose wrote about Barnum Park with a photo at <http://denverdirect.blogspot.com/2009/12/barnum-park-off-leash-example.html>.

Penelope Zeller said that, in Washington, DC, there are fenced in dog parks. INC took a position on dog parks that is not in favor of off-leash dog parks.

Ambrose explained that, right now for the fenced dog parks, you have to have a dog license that costs \$15 per year. Only ten-percent of dogs in Denver are licensed. They are going to start charging people to go to dog parks;

you will need a license and a special tag to go into dog parks.

Cuthbertson requested that Larry either publish his committee's minutes or submit a meeting summary each month in the INC newsletter.

Billie Bramhall expressed concern about the closing of recreation centers. Billie thinks INC should send a letter to the City asking for nonprofits to run the recreation centers. Fisher and Ambrose explained that there are not enough people on the P&R Committee to bring up all these issues. Ambrose asked Bramhall to come to an P&R meeting.

Public Safety Committee:

Anthony Thomas and Karen Cuthbertson each applied to be a member of the city's Nuisance Abatement Oversight Committee but have not heard back.

Zoning and Planning Committee:

Mike Henry reported that there was nothing new. There would be a ZAP committee meeting in two weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

INC's Annual Fundraiser:

Capital Hill United Neighbors (CHUN) has not sent Steve Nissen the information about INC's fundraising options in the June 2010 People's Fair.

Bulk Mailing:

Steve Nissen reported that INC received approval for a bulk-mailing permit. INC needs a minimum of 200 pieces to use their bulk-mailing permit.

Nissen also reported that INC's exemption from City Sales tax was approved.

Draft of Basic Design for a New Domain Web Site for INC:

Karen Cuthbertson emailed all EC members and Committee Chairs a draft of an INC website that she developed. There was discussion of content such as including the duties and responsibilities of the officers, and other members of the Executive Committee, INC's Position Statements on current and past neighborhood issues, the INC Bylaws, et cetera.

Penelope Zeller recommended that at the next delegates meeting, the EC explains the need for an INC domain web site and the EC's progress towards that end at this time. Zeller recommended seeking participants to contribute their feedback through an INC Website subcommittee. This subcommittee would suggest domain names, investigate prices, and find a Webmaster.

Bramhall said she would ask someone to volunteer as webmaster. Cuthbertson asked for an INC Website subcommittee point person. Ambrose said he would help but not until after February.

New Business

Brad Zieg is going to attend the Citizens Police Academy training.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Marade":

Cuthbertson said that January is too late for the INC to consider joining the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK)

"Marade." She recommended that in November 2010, INC members be invited to participate in the MLK "Marade."

Fran Rew recommended that INC network with other neighborhood supporting organizations in the 2010 MLK "Marade." Rew's Topic-Talk Walks group networks with many neighborhood-supporting groups through volunteers who schedule walking conversations in neighborhood urban parks.

Rew recommended that INC members walk in the MLK "Marade" in a collaborative network of groups celebrating how far we have come toward our shared "Dream of Peace." We can be there for each other through our MLK "Marade" connections to help support each other's shared dream for the rest of our journey throughout the year.

As a part of the celebration, Rew recommended handing out origami jumping frogs with the INC logo, slogan, and web site information. Rew jumped an origami frog across the INC Executive Committee table as an example and passed around an example of a template Rew created for both an INC frog and a Topic-Talk Walks frog. Katie Fisher suggested that they could create a jumping frog race at RNO events.

Cuthbertson suggested that the frogs and templates could be used as a fund-raiser for the DDD at the CHUN Peoples' Fair.

Sharing INC's History:

Anthony Thomas said that the original INC Articles of Incorporation were officially signed on April 23rd, 1980, even though INC unofficially began in 1975 with a handful of founding neighborhood activists. Some INC founders are still alive, willing, and able to share the INC history with RNOs. Some of the INC founders include Bernie Jones, Jorge Merida, Payne Page, Bernie Suttan, and Bow Suttan.

Mike Henry recommended that INC could plan a barbeque, maybe in April, with past INC presidents.

INC Bylaw Update:

The EC discussed proposed changes to the INC Bylaws.

All EC members were in favor, by consensus, of the changes to the INC Bylaws including the verbiage to be coming and of recommending to the delegation that these be incorporated in our March annual meeting. Ken Beaudrie will be asked to list the changes to the INC Bylaws in the INC February newsletter.

INC New Officer Elections:

Recommendations for new officers for the INC March 2010 election were discussed.

Neighborhood Zoning Flyer

Steve Nissen approached the committee about a possible revival, and revision, of the "Neighborhood Ambassador" program as first promoted by Julius Zsako in 1990. The idea would offer an opportunity for RNOs, or individuals, to place a friendly courtesy reminder on properties that violate, or habitually violate, zoning ordinances. The reminder would be a friendly and informative greeting from

concerned neighbors, your friendly neighborhood organization, or whatever. The proposal was dismissed for lack of positive interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Zoning and Planning

By Diana Helper

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee met January 23rd. Peter Park, Manager, and Caryn Wenzara, Senior Planner of the Department of Community Planning and Development (CPD), spoke about changes that have been made in the Fourth Draft of the proposed Zoning Code revision. This draft and the accompanying maps had recently been posted on line. Many changes have been made since Draft Three came out. A summary of these changes was to be posted on line the following week. ZAP members were urged to read the new draft carefully and respond, as it is to be presented (with any intervening changes) to the Planning Board at a public hearing on February 17th.

Topics discussed were Use Tables, new descriptions for embedded businesses, setbacks, bulk-plane, step-backs and sculpting, grading requirements, transitions between zones, ADUs (accessory dwelling units), campus, hospital, and entertainment districts. In the new Parks Zone (actually OS-A), the square foot threshold for proposed buildings in parks is being studied, according to City Councilwoman Carla Madison, who attended the ZAP meeting. Mr. Park stated that a language change clarifies that the Parks and Recreation Manager does not have authority over City Council for park zoning decisions. The information in Articles 10 and 11 has been reorganized for easier use.

All ZAP members were then given the opportunity to comment and ask questions, many specific to their neighborhoods, for discussion and answers by Mr. Park and Ms. Wenzara. This session included many zoning code subjects. It concluded with a fine rendition of this year's INC anthem, "Zoning Code! Ala Mode!" (see the next column for the lyrics).

It was announced that the city proposes to reduce parking requirements near Transit Oriented Development (TOD) sites, upon notification to appropriate regional Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) that would have an opportunity to oppose such a reduction. Many think the present reduction is excessive.

ZAP members were warned of an instance of a liquor license application that had been posted prior to completion of the application, giving the RNO too little time to review the details.

Regarding medical marijuana, there is a move to request that embedded business (small business surrounded by residential area) not be zoned for medical marijuana dispensaries. Also, there was word of the alleged need to

demolish some homes after their basements have been used for growing marijuana plants.

A discussion of updating INC ZAP Committee priorities for 2010 resulted in the list you will find beginning below.

The next ZAP meeting will be February 27th.

Presidents Dinner Anthem by Diana Helper

ZONING CODE! ALA MODE! (Tune: Jingle Bells)

Zoning Code! Here's our Ode! In the works so long!
Folks are pining for streamlining, something sleek and strong!
But my dears, these recent years, keep adding things on top,
We need This, we must add That, the toppings never stop!
Some years or more ago, the process was begun,
It couldn't be so hard, in fact it might be fun!
Task Force made a dent, consultants came and went,
Let's start again-- and finally, then, we'll publicly present!
Zoning Code! What a load! Draft 1, what a roar!
Public took a look and said, this needs Less and More!
Where's the maps? We're not saps, they will tell us true!
Get back to the drawing board and bring us out Draft 2!
They added maps to see, but folks still said, Dear Me!
Add these and those, -- the layers rose, as toppings on Draft 3!
The code was piled up high, and with a mighty sigh,
At last draft 4 was set before the hungry public eye!
Zoning Code! Ala Mode! Everyone wants some!
Many flavors drizzling down, with sprinkles, yum yum yum!
Blobs of cream, it's supreme, cherries come alive!
Fun is fun, let's get it done -- Nuts to number 5 ?!!

ZAP Priorities

By Michael Henry

These priorities were adopted by the INC Zoning and Planning Committee on January 23rd.

1. Continue to advocate for implementation of INC recommendations from 2007 and 2008 to standardize and improve processes for meaningful citizen involvement in planning in all City departments.
2. Improve the information to neighborhood organizations about how to work with city government and developers.
3. Continue to participate in, monitor, and share information with neighborhoods about the Zoning Code Update and to propose solutions for any problems with implementing the new Zoning Code and Zoning Map.
4. Develop ways for INC and other neighborhood organizations to communicate and interact with candidates in upcoming City elections about zoning and planning issues.
5. Monitor and share information about the development and implementation of rules regarding medical marijuana dispensaries.
6. Continue to work with the Community Planning and Development Department and City Council to implement the recommendations from the 2005 INC residential zoning and construction subcommittee.
7. Continue to advocate implementation of the Denver Strategic Transportation Plan.

8. Work with the Denver Community Planning and Development Department and other potential partners to update and republish the INC Neighborhood Handbook
9. Continue to monitor upcoming vacancies on Denver boards, commissions, and task forces affecting zoning and planning issues and to recommend neighborhood-friendly members or prospective members.
10. Continue to monitor implementation of the 2007 bond projects.
11. Advocate for implementation of a comprehensive city-wide policy for the maintenance and installation of safe sidewalks.
12. Continue to advocate for the improvement of the Neighborhood Registration and Notification Ordinance and its implementation.
13. Encourage all neighborhood organizations and the City Government to work together to mitigate the many bad effects of foreclosures upon the surrounding communities and the individuals affected.

From the Chair By Karen Cuthbertson

More than 200 people, including neighborhood representatives, City Council Members, City Department heads, Denver Police, Denver School Board, and many others just enjoyed INC's annual tribute to the neighborhood advocate volunteers who spend countless hours working to improve quality of life in Denver neighborhoods. In March, the INC Delegates will select new Executive Committee members, including a Chair, Treasurer, and three Delegates-At-Large. Without you volunteers, INC would cease to be. Please consider stepping forward to continue the 30-year tradition of INC volunteerism that is the envy of cities nationwide. Is it a lot of work? Yes. Is it worth it? H E double hockey sticks, YES!

Revision to By-laws By Karen Cuthbertson

The Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Executive Committee is proposing the following amendments to the INC By-laws. Delegates will be asked to vote on adopting these amendments at the March Annual Meeting.

General: Change all occurrences of "Vice-Chair" to "Vice Chair".

Why? Correct typographical error.

ARTICLE II. — PURPOSE

Add: *G. Execute our purpose without regard to race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, except to serve a historically disadvantaged group.*

Why? Many Dollar Dictionary Drive grantors ask that applicants provide documentation regarding equal opportunity policies.

ARTICLE III. — MEMBERSHIP

Add: F. Patrons. MOs or Associates making a donation exceeding their required dues or fee *in the amount indicated on the current year's INC membership application* shall be acknowledged as a "Patron".

Why? To clarify that Patron status equates to contributing to INC the exact amount documented on the membership application.

ARTICLE IV. — OFFICERS

Correct: A. Officers. Officers of INC shall be: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) Delegates-at-Large. Officers shall be elected by the Delegation for a term of one (1) year or until their successor is elected. Officers shall assume their duties as of the close of business of the ~~election meeting~~ *Annual Meeting*.

Why? To conform the verbiage in this paragraph with other references in the INC bylaws to the Annual meeting (i.e.; all other references in the bylaws regarding the annual meeting refer to an "annual" meeting" not an "election" meeting.)

ARTICLE IV. — OFFICERS

Correct: C. 1. a. Be *an* ex-officio ~~member~~ of all committees.

Why? Correct grammatical and typographical errors.

ARTICLE IV. — OFFICERS

Add: C. 3. The Secretary shall, *c: Renew documents as necessary.*

Why? To specify which Executive Committee member is responsible for filing/renewing recurring state and local non-profit documentation.

Correct: C. 5.a: Delegates-at-Large shall:

Perform such duties *as* assigned by the Delegation

Why? To correct a grammatical error.

Correct: D. Nominations shall be *made* from the floor at the March meeting, unless otherwise directed by the Delegation.

Why? To correct a grammatical error.

ARTICLE V. — MEETINGS

Add: B. Annual Meeting. The regular Delegate meeting held in March shall be the Annual Meeting at which the election of Officers *and consideration of proposed Bylaw changes* shall take place.

Why? To clarify that bylaw changes may only be considered at the Annual Meeting.

Correct: C: Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chair, or shall be called at the written request of at least ten (10) Delegates with not less than seventy-two (72) hours notice. Notice shall be given by telephone, ~~or~~

email, or newsletter, to all Delegates. No business shall be conducted that is not mentioned in the call to the meeting.

Why? To correct a grammatical error.

ARTICLE VI. — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Correct: B. Meetings. Meetings may be called by the Chair, or shall be called at the request of two (2) members of the Executive Committee, with not less than ten (10) days notice. Notice shall be given by telephone, or email, or newsletter.

Why? To correct a grammatical error.

ARTICLE VII. — COMMITTEES

Correct: A. Standing Committees shall be: Budget, Education, Membership, Newsletter, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Transportation, and Zoning. ~~Standing Committees~~

Why? To correct a typographical error.

ARTICLE IX. — DISSOLUTION

Correct: In the event of INC's dissolution, the assets of the corporation shall be apportioned to ~~exempt~~ classified as tax exempt organizations under 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. The assets shall not be distributed to its MOs, Delegates, Officers, or any individual.

Why? To conform to IRS language.

Recycler's Corner

By Tom Strickland

Join the Denver Recycles Action Network

Are you a committed recycler that wishes you had support to get your neighbors, family, friends, and community more involved in recycling and other waste reduction efforts in Denver? Well now you do. We would like to introduce you to the Denver Recycles Action Network!

The Denver Recycles Action Network is your chance to help increase Denver's recycling rate and commitment to reducing waste by using your enthusiasm and creativity to inspire and educate those around you about the Denver Recycles program and how they can participate. Like you, about 97,000 other Denver households recycle with the purple cart. However, about 70,000 eligible households still do not participate at all in Denver's free curbside recycling program. Additionally, some participants are somewhat confused about what is recyclable and many others are not aware of the additional resources Denver Recycles offers such as our online Recycling Directory, LeafDrop, Treecycle, and Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale. You can help change all that.

The Denver Recycles Action Network is a volunteer program designed to be flexible and take advantage of each individual volunteer's skills and connections within the community. All we ask is that you commit to a minimum of 30 minutes a month to educating those around you about Denver Recycles and how they can reduce their waste.

How you achieve that goal is up to you whether it be by knocking on your neighbors' doors, sending out announcements through a list-serve or blog, organizing a recycling sign-up drive or workshop at your child's school or your church, or some other outreach method of your choice.

Denver Recycles will assist in your volunteer efforts by providing you with the training, informational resources, and staff support you need. We will communicate with you regularly about what special recycling events we have on the horizon and what results we are achieving together as an Action Network.

To become a member of the Denver Recycles Action Network, attend our group Action Network training on February 27th, 9:30 a.m. to Noon, at the Rude Recreation Center. You will gain the knowledge you need to be an effective advocate for Denver Recycles and you will meet other committed recyclers in Denver with whom you can share your ideas and experiences. Space in the February meeting is limited, so please r.s.v.p. by February 16th in order to secure your spot. You can r.s.v.p. by calling 720-865-6810 or signing up online at denvergov.org/denverrecycles (Please note: Participants in the Denver Recycles Action Network must be at least 18 years old or accompanied by a parent or guardian). *Together we can help Denver Recycle More!*

Recycling Right: Cardboard

If you are not putting it in your purple cart then you are not recycling it. Denver residents like you have proven they are great recyclers. However, according to a recent study, we are still throwing away more than 27,000 tons of valuable recyclable paper each year and much of that is cardboard.

You can ensure that your cardboard gets recycled by:

1. Place all cardboard inside your recycling cart as instructed. With Denver Recycles' automated collection system, only materials inside the purple carts can be lifted up by the mechanical arm and emptied into the top of the recycling truck. Cardboard and other materials left outside your cart cannot be collected for recycling.
2. Refrain from stacking cardboard against your recycling cart or on the ground. Cardboard left outside of your recycling cart will **not** get recycled even if it is flattened and stacked right next to your cart. Instead, it will either be left behind or picked up as overflow trash and sent to the landfill. So if you actually want to recycle your cardboard, please put it in your purple cart.
3. Flatten and break down all boxes into pieces no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet. To ensure that you recycle all the cardboard you can, but also leave room in your cart for all the other valuable recyclable materials, please follow our simple guidelines for recycling boxes:
 - ◆ Make sure the cut cardboard lays flat in your cart, so it does not take up usable space; or
 - ◆ Leave cardboard out of your cart until your recy-

cling day. Then lay it flat in the cart on top of the rest of your recyclables and close the lid. This will help to ensure that cardboard does not get stuck in the cart and will enable you to fit more cardboard in your recycling cart.

A Gift of Words By Steve Nissen

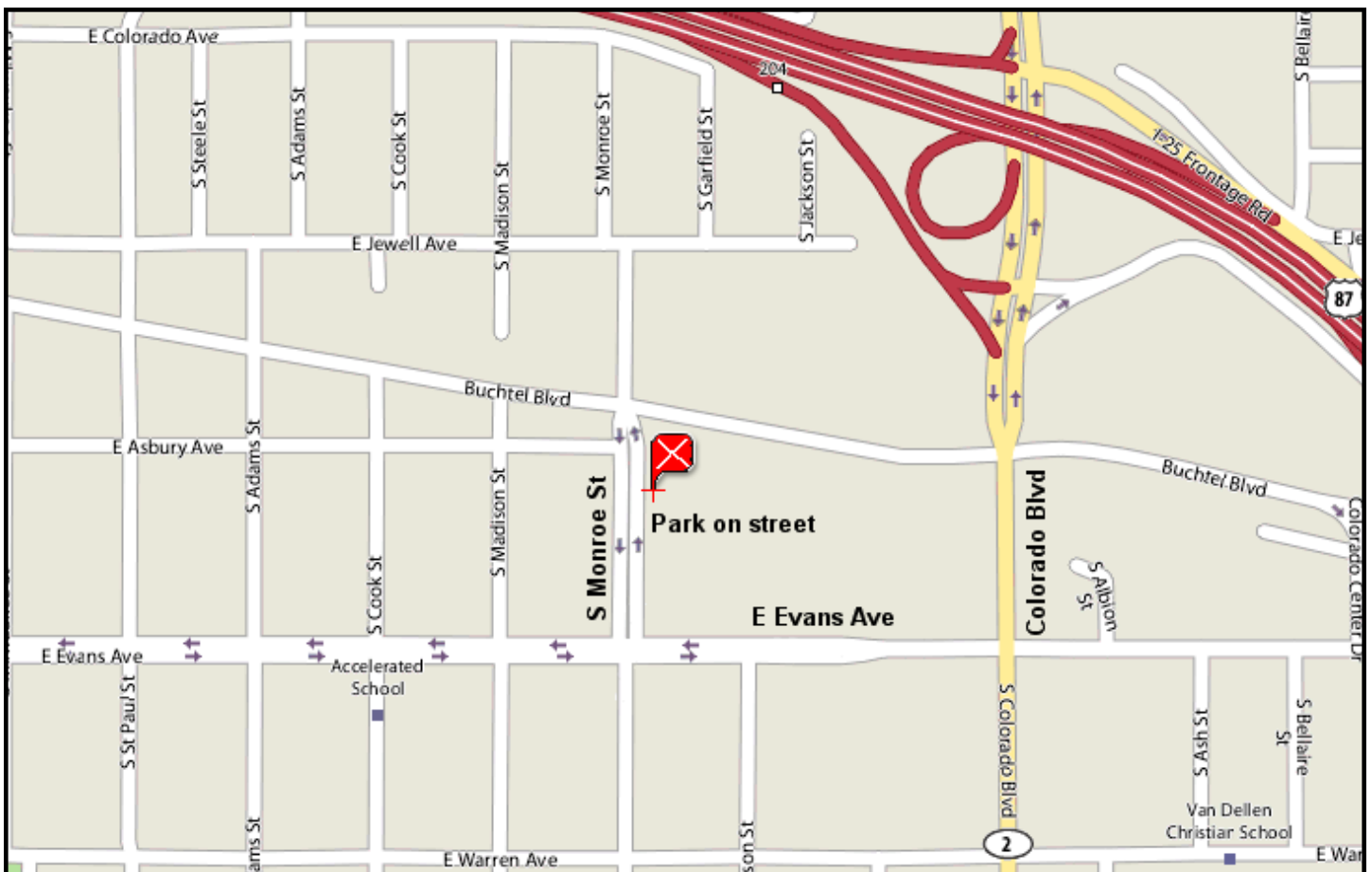
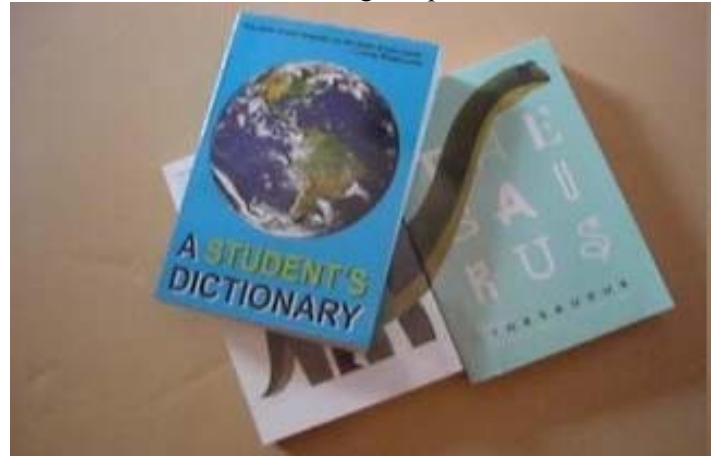
It is 2010 and INC's dictionary drive is underway for the fifteenth season. A dictionary and a thesaurus for every third-grader in Denver Public Schools is our goal. These 'Gift of Words' from your neighborhood and other organizations are an investment in the education of our younger generation and a testament that our neighborhoods do care about student achievement in DPS.

The Executive Committee of INC has authorized a contribution of \$2,000 to kick-off the Dictionary Drive of 2010. We encourage every registered neighborhood organization citywide to participate in whatever manner they are able. Your past participation and support has assured the success of this project for the past fourteen years. INC and 100,000 third-graders are grateful for that vote of confidence and support. Thank you.

Our readers are asked to help spread the word of this great project as well. Donations are the financial support for this project and can be sent to: Dollar Dictionary

Drive, P.O. Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218. Credit card donations can also be made online at: neighborhood-link.com/INC/home (click on "Dollar Dictionary Committee").

On an added note, I want to express my gratitude for being the recipient of The Nancy Jackson Memorial Award. Many of you knew Nancy and are aware that she went beyond the norm in dedicating time and energy to the Dollar Dictionary Drive for which we are all very grateful. Receiving this award is an honor. I am proud of INC and the dictionary project as it represents an act of giving and caring for the community and its future, which we all are a part of. Thanks to INC for this award and the meaning it represents.





Steve Nissen accepts the Nancy Jackson Award.
Photo by Fran Rew



The Virginia Oredson award went to Bill Johnston.
Photo by Ken Beaudrie



Anthony Thomas is presented the Bill Gross Award.
Photo by Ken Beaudrie



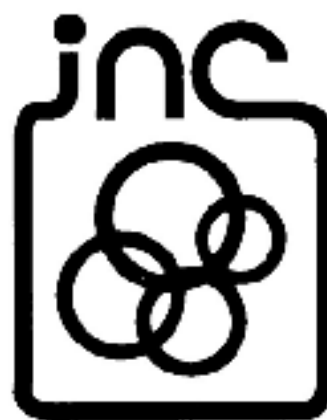
Cathy Donohue awaits the Walt Kembel Award.
Photo by Ken Beaudrie

The following neighborhood volunteers are awarded Neighborhood Stars by Heather Barry, the Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison: From left to right: Judy Schneider, Betty Agui-lar, Ray Allen, Steve Nissen (accepting for Sarah Bradley), Andrew Brock, Bobbie Brown, Casey Davenport, Jaye Kephart, Dave Price, and John Russel.



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 _____
South _____ West _____

President's Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ President is a voting delegate: ☐
E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [☐] U.S. Mail [☐] Don't want newsletter [☐]

Voting Delegate Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____
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Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)
Delegate Name _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [☐] U.S. Mail [☐] Don't want newsletter [☐]

Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

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

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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

**Meeting Saturday
February 13th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**Heritage Club
2020 South Monroe St**

See map on page 11

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from Bill Winn, President of University Park Neighbors
and Councilman Charlie Brown

9:10 a.m.

Around the City

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Roxane White
Mayor's Chief of Staff

11:00 a.m.

Angela Casias
Parks and Recreation
2010+ Vision

11:30 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/INC/home

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