

Notice of Election for Chair Position

By Brad Zieg

The Annual Meeting of INC was held in March wherein elections for INC officer positions occurred. The newly elected officer's names appear on the last page of this newsletter. The election for the office of INC Chair resulted in a tie vote. A run-off election for the position of INC Chair will continue as the first official business of the April Delegates Meeting (The decision of a special session of the Executive Committee. See the recap of the meeting on page nine.). Only the two candidates currently nominated by the Delegation (Steve Nissen and Judy Schneider, alphabetically) will be subject to consideration. Only officially named Voting Delegates, from RNOs whose dues are paid prior to the election, are eligible to cast votes. Each member RNO can have two voting delegates. Inform the membership chair of any additions or changes to your delegates; the email address is listed on the back page. Be there on time if you wish to vote for the Chair position. Ballots will be issued to the voting-delegates as they initial the sign-in roster at the beginning of the meeting.

Zoning Code Hearing

By Sue Cobb, Denver Community Planning/Development

The Denver Planning Board has confirmed the schedule for its April public hearing on Denver's new zoning code and map thus setting the stage for City Council review and adoption in May and June as planned.

The Planning Board hearing will be Wednesday, April 21st at 1 p.m., in the Wellington E. Webb Municipal Building, 201 West Colfax Avenue, in the fourth floor conference room 4.F.6. The public is invited to attend and share comments. Please note that this hearing starts earlier than regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings. Those unable to attend will be able to view the hearing afterward on Denver 8 TV and online.

Community Planning and Development staff will hold new code office hours in conjunction with the hearing to answer specific questions from the public. If you plan to attend the new code office hours, please reserve a time by registering at the following link: www.surveymonkey.com/s/MXCCQLN.

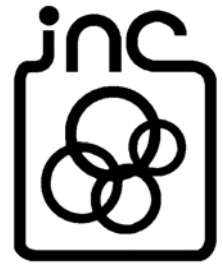
The "Planning Board Public Hearing" draft of the new code and map and a corresponding staff report will be available March 31st at www.newcodedenver.org. In response to community feedback, the City created an extra week (or a total of three weeks) for public review of these documents prior to the April 21st hearing. Following the hearing, the Planning Board will prepare a recommendation to forward to City Council.

The full timetable for the remainder of the New Code adoption process is as follows:

- ♦ April 21st Planning Board public hearing, followed by Board recommendation to City Council
- ♦ April 28th Blueprint Denver Committee consideration of new code
- ♦ May 24th City Council – first reading of proposed zoning code ordinance
- ♦ June 21st City Council – public hearing and final consideration of proposed ordinance adopting the new code.

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 Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
Ball Park Neighborhood Assn
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 Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors
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 Congress Park Neighbors
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.
 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
 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
 Lighthouse at the Breakers
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Lower Downtown Neighborhood Assn (LoDoNA)
 Lowry Community Master Assn
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 Platt Park Peoples Assn
 Rangeview Neighborhood Assn
 Ruby Hill Neighborhood Assn - RHINO
 Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn
 South City Park Neighborhood Assn
 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn
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 Southmoor Park Homeowners Assn
Southwest Improvement Council - SWIC
Stapleton Master Community Assn
 Stapleton United Neighbors
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University Park Community Council
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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.

Executive Committee Recap

By Fran Rew

Karen Cuthbertson, INC Chair, called the meeting to order on Monday, March 8th, 7:00 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street. Other Executive Committee (EC) members present were Ray Ehrenstein, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, and Brad Zieg. Also present were Ken Beaudrie, Billie Bramhall, Katie Fisher, Mike Henry, and Fran Rew.

This represents the last Executive Committee Meeting for this group of INC EC members before the newly elected officers form the new EC. Karen Cuthbertson thanked the members for their diligence and dedication. Cuthbertson said that the INC EC members' efforts have made a positive difference for all Denver residents. All the members of the EC applauded the generous contribution of time and abundant talent that Karen Cuthbertson gave to the INC during her two years of service as Chair of INC.

A motion to approve the INC Delegates Minutes for February passed by acclamation. A motion to amend the official minutes for the February EC meeting to correct a sentence about the criteria for scheduling the annual neighborhood conference passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Nissen reported the February 28th ending balance is \$21,072.13 that included a balance in the DDD of \$5,252.09. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report passed by acclamation. Nissen submitted a detailed INC budget. Cuthbertson recommended that, after the March elections, the newly elected INC board could access this document.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD):

Steve Nissen reported that the DDD raised \$655 at the Presidents and Delegates Dinner. The DDD balance ending February 28th was \$5,252.09. DDD now has \$6,900 total receipts and \$1,063 total expenditures.

New DDD donations have been coming from DDD's insert in YourHub.com. One in-memoriam donation came from a donor in Nevada who shared the DDD mission.

Nissen sent out 1,622 new DDD flyers. This year's bulk mailing cost was \$185. Last year, without the new bulk mailing status, the cost was over \$700. A motion to assign the \$185 annual bulk-mailing fee to the DDD budget tied three in favor and three opposed. Cuthbertson will ask other board members their vote to break the tie.

Education Committee:

Billie Bramhall talked with Bill Johnston and Monique Lovato about reforming the INC Education Committee. Bramhall would like to send out a questionnaire to INC members to find out their priority issues in education. Cuthbertson recommended that Bramhall format 10 questions or less and email the INC members with a link to the

questions on SurveyMonkey.com. This service is free for 10 questions or less.

Membership and Newsletter Committee:

Ken Beaudrie said that, at the end of 2009, there were 87 registered neighborhood organizations (RNOs) that were members of the INC. Currently there are 58 RNO members, 12 of these are patrons. There are 24 associate members, 10 of these are patrons.

Karen asked Ken to make sure to ask INC members to come to the March INC Delegates meeting by 9 a.m. because it is a secure site and you may not get in afterward.

Michael Henry pointed out that the information about RNOs is only as good as the information Julius receives for posting on the DenverGov.org web site. Mike will bring an official RNO list to the March INC Delegates meeting for review and correction.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

Katie Fisher reported that the meeting day for the Parks and Recreation Committee would be changed to Monday, March 15th, just this month, because of the caucus on Tuesday, March 16th.

La Alma Recreation Center got a two-year reprieve from being "privatized," thanks to the leadership of Sergeant Dean Sanchez from the La Alma neighborhood.

Dave Felice asked for a new task force for admission-based special events.

Public Safety Committee:

A graffiti tracking software that Denver Police have been testing has helped Graffiti Detectives Gray and Alarcon put together a case against a tagger that resulted in jail and a \$100,000 bail bond. The software tracking system keeps track of all the tagging incidences put together to assess the appropriate value of the tagging vandalism damage.

Transportation

Brad Zieg said he would be meeting with the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) summit in a few weeks.

Zoning and Planning Committee:

Michael Henry said that there is a motion in the INC newsletter about Byers Library from Steve Hildmann and Chris Citron. March 27th is the next ZAP meeting. Zoning topics covered will include Union station, the history museum, Civic Park, and an INC Position Statement on the new zoning code.

Don Tressler noted confusion regarding the rezoning of the 36-acre site of the former Archdioceses of Denver Seminary in Cory-Merrill; six acres were zoned R5 and the remaining 30 acres could get campus zoning. Mike said that the upcoming ZAP meeting would include a discussion of this and other concerns with the latest draft of the proposed zoning code and map.

Henry said that Denver City Council is now the people who can recommend changes to proposed code and map. Cuthbertson recommended that Tressler get something in

writing from Community Planning and Development regarding the proposed zoning for the former seminary site.

Old Business

Denver Office of Strategic Planning

Brad Zieg reported there were no updates.

INC 30th Anniversary Picnic

Unless someone volunteers to be the coordinator for this event, at the March INC Delegates meeting, this recommendation will not be pursued.

People's Fair

INC currently does not have a volunteer coordinator for their outreach and fundraising booth at the People's Fair. Fran Rew volunteered to be a co-coordinator with an INC person who has some experience volunteering as a coordinator at this event or similar events. Cuthbertson volunteered to share her notes about her experience administering the booth in the past.

Instead of selling beer, INC will be selling Pepsi beverage products this year. Rew hopes to find out whether INC's product options will include a healthy Pepsi beverage option like IZZE, in addition to a Pepsi water product.

New Business

District One Candidate Forum

INC is waiting to hear whether Denver 8 TV has a budget to tape a District One Candidate Forum for the special election to replace Councilman Rick Garcia.

Berkley-Regis United Neighbors is scheduling a candidate forum at the Oriental Theatre. Cuthbertson noted that the Oriental Theatre would be a good venue for a taping.

Cuthbertson and Mike Henry noted that a unique relationship between INC, Denver 8 TV, and the League of Women Voters of Denver to provide citizens of Denver full candidate and issue forum coverage has matured and strengthened over the many years we have collaborated and that INC should take advantage of this partnership should the Denver 8 budget allow.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Delegation Recap

By Dave Felice

Chief Marie Kielar of the Denver Sheriff's Department welcomed delegates to the Annual Meeting of INC on March 13th at the new downtown Justice Center. Chief Kielar said this was the first meeting held in the facility. The jail will be occupied in May while the adjacent courthouse is still under construction. About 1,200 inmates will be moved to the new facility that has a capacity for 1,500. There will be 160 officers per shift. Sergeant Paul Oliva said the new facility is specifically designed to be safer for both inmates and staff and provides better housing for those incarcerated. He explained that inmates at the jail are classified by institutional behavior, the nature of charges, and any special

needs. Karen Cuthbertson read a statement by Councilwoman Jeanne Robb, acknowledging involvement of the Golden Triangle neighborhood in development of the new jail.

City Council members At-Large Carol Boigon and Doug Linkhart attended the meeting and greeted delegates. William Cornell was introduced as the new representative for North City Park Civic Association. Linkhart asked for suggestions on how to spend a public safety surplus of \$25 million. He said the City is looking at a special program for "paroled homeless," and possibly some sort of segregated incarceration facilities for sex offenders.



Councilwoman Boigon addresses the delegates

Photo by Ken Beaudrie

Fabby Hillyard, Director of Volunteers for the Biennial of the Americas Arts and Culture Festival, introduced Donna Good, President of the Biennial. Good explained that the event, "a celebration of the Americas from the Arctic Circle to Tierra Del Fuego," would take place during the entire month of July at various locations. There are three "platforms" for the Biennial, according to Good: Roundtables featuring government leaders, honoring cultures, and re-opening the Carnegie Library-McNichols Building adjacent to Civic Center Park. Many of the events, including a rock concert in Lincoln Park, would be "free or affordable to the general public (and) only the presidential gala may be out of reach." Good, whose experience includes running the Summit of Eight in 1997, said the Biennial is the biggest international event she has ever organized. The conservative budget of \$2.8 million is provided mostly by corporate sponsors and partnerships. Good said activities around the City will use spaces where events have been held previously to minimize adverse impact on neighborhoods. Hillyard said the Biennial will be posting an online newsletter every two weeks listing volunteer opportunities.

Amendments to the INC By-laws were accepted by acclamation of the membership. There was a tie in voting for Steve Nissen and Judy Schneider for Chair. Members acclaimed Brad Zieg for Vice Chair, with two negative votes. Ray Ehrenstein was acclaimed Secretary. Karen Cuthbertson was also acclaimed as Treasurer. A motion to

have Schneider and Nissen as Co-Chairs was rejected by Nissen. Elected Delegates-at-large were Larry Ambrose, Eugene Howard, Randle Loeb, and George Mayl. The delegates expressed appreciation to Karen Cuthbertson for her work as Chair and to Fran Rew for her work as assistant to the secretary.



Candidates Nissen and Schneider address the delegates
Photo by Ray Ehrenstein

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning and Planning (ZAP): Chair Mike Henry reminded delegates the Zoning Code rewrite is in "the final stretch," with Version 4.1 expected online by March 23rd. There was to be a full discussion at the ZAP meeting on March 27th. The Code is expected to go to Council on June 21st. ZAP presented a motion opposing closure of Byers Branch Library. The motion passed with 22 affirmative votes, eight negative votes, and nine abstentions.

Dollar Dictionary: Steve Nissen reminded delegates to take and distribute the new brochures. The goal is to raise \$30,000 to provide a dictionary and thesaurus to 6,300 third-grade students in Denver Public schools. So far, \$7,000 has been accumulated.

Parks and Recreation: The Admissions Based Special Events Policy (ABSEP) Task Force was to meet on March 23rd. Parks and Recreation did not respond to a letter from ABSEP Task Force members suggesting better community representation on the Task Force. The La Alma Recreation Center will stay open at least another two years. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will now be meeting at the Webb Building on the second Thursday each month. Master planners have decided all dog parks will be fenced.

Census: Census Day is April 1st. Spanish-language posters have been put up in some neighborhoods, particularly in the Southwest Denver, to try to discourage people from participating in the census.

Recycler's Corner By Tom Strickland

Landscaping your yard just got cheaper. On Saturday, May 1st from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Denver will be holding its annual "Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and LeafDrop Compost Sale." The mulch is made by grinding up Christmas

trees collected from residential homes this past January; the compost is made from leaves collected in last fall's Leaf-Drop program. This event is an opportunity for Denver residents to save some cash on their landscaping projects this spring and reuse materials that otherwise would have been sent as trash to the landfill.

New this year: Recycle your plastic flowerpots at Havana Nursery! Garden Centers of Colorado will be collecting plastic garden pots for recycling as part of this event. Plastic garden pots of any size or color, hanging baskets (with wires removed), carrying trays, and flower pack holders will be accepted.

There will be five sites around Denver where residents can pick up free mulch (while supplies last). They are:

- Northeast Denver: **Havana Nursery** (10450 Smith Road., just south of I-70 on Havana Street) *Loader service for trucks and trailers or dig-your-own mulch.*
- Northeast Denver: **Fred Thomas Park** (Quebec Street and 26th Avenue) - *Dig-your-own mulch.*
- Northwest Denver: **Sloan's Lake Park** (Sheridan Boulevard and 17th Avenue) - *Dig-your-own mulch.*
- Southeast Denver: **Veterans Park** (Iowa Street and Vine Street) - *Dig-your-own mulch.*
- Southwest Denver: **Bear Creek Park** (On Raleigh Street south of Dartmouth Avenue) - *Dig-your-own mulch.*

Compost will only be **SOLD** at the Havana Nursery site (10450 Smith Road.) by A1 Organics for the incredibly low price of \$3 per 10-gallon bag (about 40 pounds) or about \$30 per cubic yard (plus tax). Compost will only be available while supplies last so come early and bring your own bags or containers if you plan to dig your own supply from the pile. Loader service for trucks and trailers will also be available for compost; there will be a limit of 3-cubic yards of compost per vehicle.

Please remember:

- The event is for Denver residents only. Bring a shovel or pitchfork and your own bags or containers to collect your supply of mulch or compost if you plan to dig your own from the pile.
- Only the Havana Nursery site will have loader service (mulch and compost) for trucks and trailers. Residents loading material into trucks or trailers must bring along a tarp to make sure loads are covered before leaving the site.
- Only the Havana Nursery site will accept plastic flower pots for recycling. Plastic garden pots are also accepted for recycling anytime at local participating garden stores. For a list of participating stores visit online at GardenCentersofColorado.org
- Commercial vehicles are prohibited from taking or selling the City's mulch.

Compost is a soil amendment made from decomposed organic material that can be mixed into soil or spread thinly

over lawns to help reduce water and fertilizer needs. Mulch is ground wood chips that can be used to control weeds, help soil retain moisture, and protect shallow-rooted plants from weather extremes.

Recycling Correctly: Shredded Paper

April is upon us; that means it is tax time! After you are done filing your taxes, you may find that you have multiple copies of paper records. Have you ever wondered what to do with them?

If you have records that you would like to discard but that contain personal information, you can shred them for recycling. Shredded paper is accepted by Denver Recycles but in order for the shredded paper you place in your recycling cart to actually be recycled, you must follow these steps:

- Limit the amount of shredded paper in your recycling cart by only shredding paper that contains personal information such as your Social Security number, driver's license number, credit card number, or other identifying information.
- Place shredded paper in a sealed paper bag in your recycling container. **No plastic bags, please!**
- Take a marker and write **"SHRED"** on your sealed paper bag. This helps the recycling processing center to easily identify shredded paper and separate it from other recyclables so that it can be processed properly.
- Do not place shredded paper loose in your cart. It will not be processed and might be blown away as litter as your recycling cart is emptied.

According to the IRS, you must keep records that support items shown on your tax return until the period of limitations for that return expires. The period of limitations is the period in which you can amend your return to claim a credit or refund or the period in which the IRS can assess additional tax. For complete information on why you should keep records, what kind of records you should keep, and how long you should keep them, see IRS Publication 552, *Recordkeeping for Individuals*, at www.irs.gov.

Shredded paper is not as easy to recycle or as valuable as whole paper. The length of a paper fiber determines its value since a longer fiber can be used to make a higher-grade paper and can be recycled more times. When you shred paper, you cut individual paper fibers to a shorter length, thus reducing the recycling potential. Shredded paper can also be problematic in single-stream recycling programs such as Denver's since it needs to be pulled out by the processor so that it does not clog machines, lower the value of a batch of paper, or end up as trash.



Athmar Park N.A. – Come visit our fabulous new Lowe's at Alameda Avenue and Zuni Street. Find just the right doo-hickey right here in Denver.

Baker Historic N.A. – Things are going well. Graffiti is on the rise but not as bad as some years.

Berkeley Regis United Neighbors – District One City Council candidate forum will be held on March 24th. The Tennyson street-scape project and public meetings are ongoing.

Bonnie Brae N.A. – There is an artistic group of neighbors that have created wonderful tile mosaics that are being displayed in our alleys, the goals being to clean up the alleys, get neighbors together, and to create additional great things to look at while walking in our neighborhood.

Congress Park Neighbors—Congress Park is supporting "Clean With a Friend in 2010," a neighborhood wide effort to make a difference by cleaning up our part of the City.

Cory-Merrill N.A. – Regarding the Pope John Paul Center, we were surprised last month to learn that the 28 acres was not part of a planned building grout (PBG) will not be rezoned to Campus Zoning. It will remain R-5. About 8 acres of the Center are in two different PBGs.

Curtis Park Neighbors – We are working on the last landmark application to include the remainder of structures that are part of the National Historic District established in 1975. The Neighborhood was recognized by *This Old House* magazine as Colorado's best historic neighborhood for 2010.

East Montclair N.A. – East Montclair's flea market will be held on June 12th beginning at 9 a.m. at Ashley Elementary School at 1914 Syracuse Street.

Friends of the Mayan, Inc. – The Friends invite you to come to the "Doors Open Denver" architecture tours on the

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.

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weekend of April 17th and 18th. Chris Citron will give tours of the Mayan Theatre at 9:30 a.m. each morning.

Lowry United Neighborhoods – Four attacks on Lowry and other neighborhood groups at the City Council hearing went unchallenged by the District Five council person. The non-voluntary homeowner's association on Lowry, with an \$800,000 budget, is involved in the marginalizing of other zero-based, voluntary RNOs. A Colorado Open Records Act request, in essence, has been denied despite notices on all emails sent from Councilwoman Johnson that state these records are subject to the Act.

Sloan's Lake N.A. – Sloan's supports the Red Bull Flugtag, a non-admission based, free event estimated to attract 50,000 spectators scheduled for the end of August.

Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN) – The recreation center is planned for completion in December. Working with Councilman Hancock, SUN is sponsoring a naming contest for the recreation center including a program for schoolchildren in surrounding Northeast Denver neighborhoods. OZ Architects are working with citizens on the library design. The new school architecture is being conceived now. The Denver Language School is opening this summer with immersion K-2 in Spanish and Mandarin Chinese.

University Park N.A. (UP) – The annual UP school home tour is May 2nd. Come tour five terrific UP houses.

Foreclosure Recovery



Denver has been awarded \$29.3 million to boost foreclosure recovery. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced \$29.3 million in Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding to benefit Denver. The Denver Office of Economic Development will receive \$18,994,444 and Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. will receive \$10,263,440 to address residential foreclosure and to spur the revitalization of Denver neighborhoods heavily impacted by foreclosure.

Provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the new round of funding complements \$9.6 million in NSP funding that was awarded to Denver in 2009. Originally created through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program is enabling Denver to acquire, redevelop, and resell foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight.

The Denver Office of Economic Development will use the new round of funding in targeted areas across 12 neighborhoods to address foreclosures and vacancies causing destabilization. The funding enables Denver to return 325 abandoned or foreclosed properties back to productive use to create affordable housing for households whose income does not exceed 120 percent of the area median income and with 25 percent of funds directed toward house-

holds at or below 50 percent of the area median income. Denver will acquire and rehabilitate 245 abandoned or foreclosed homes, land bank 15 properties, demolish 50 vacant properties, and redevelop 35 vacant or demolished properties as housing. Additionally, 195 households will receive loan assistance to ensure that low- and moderate-income households will be able to purchase affordable homes near public transit lines. The goal of these activities is to increase sales of residential properties and raise median values in targeted neighborhoods while supporting local business development, creating jobs, and ensuring better public transit.

The Denver Office of Economic Development endorsed Chicanos Por La Causa's application for NSP funding. Chicanos Por La Causa has been awarded \$137 million to administer NSP activities in eight states. The award includes \$23,433,236 for Colorado activities that will benefit eight Denver neighborhoods with approximately \$10 million in NSP activities.

Last year, the City contracted with two separate partnerships, led by the Denver Housing Authority and the Denver Urban Renewal Authority, to administer the NSP throughout the following neighborhoods that have experienced the greatest incidents of foreclosure: Montbello, Green Valley Ranch, Northeast Park Hill, Elyria Swansea, Skyland, West Colfax, Villa Park, Barnum, Athmar Park, Westwood, and Mar Lee. To date, 12 properties have closed using NSP assistance including a foreclosed-upon 36-unit apartment complex. The first single family home is currently under contract for sale.

The Denver Housing Authority and Denver Urban Renewal Authority teams include a wide range of partner agencies with experience in rehabilitation and development - including Habitat for Humanity, Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, NEWSED, Northeast Denver Housing Center, Del Norte, and the Urban Land Conservancy.

The Denver Office of Economic Development is dedicated to advancing economic prosperity for the City of Denver, its businesses, neighborhoods, and residents. Working with a wide variety of community partners, OED operates to create a local environment that stimulates balanced growth through job creation, business assistance, housing options, neighborhood redevelopment, and the development of a skilled workforce.

Teen Depression

By Jennifer Jewell

Major depression is a serious condition that affects a large proportion of teenagers. Typical symptoms include problems with mood, irritability, and physical complaints such as problems with sleep, energy, appetite, and concentration.

Klein Buendel, Inc. and the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine are looking for teens with major depressive disorder (MDD) to participate in a research study to examine the effects of exercise on depression. The official study title is “Depression Outcomes Study of Exercise (DOSE)” or DOSEforTeens.

This study continues previous work that Dr. Andrea Dunn conducted to examine exercise to treat adult MDD. Study personnel include Dr. Andrea Dunn, the previous Principle Investigator of the adult DOSE study, and Dr. Philippe Weintraub, an adolescent psychiatrist from the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine.

The depression study consists of the following:

1. In the initial phase, lasting up to 12-weeks, all eligible, depressed adolescents will receive exercise in combination with clinical monitoring of depressive symptoms.
2. All participants will receive a free one-year membership to the local Denver recreation center and all exercise will be supervised by a recreation therapist to ensure participants are performing the required amount of exercise.

If an adolescent has the following characteristics, he or she may be eligible to participate in the study:

- Aged 12-17
- Having symptoms of major depression that include five or more of the following symptoms during the same two-week period that are a change from previous functioning that may consist of:
 - Trouble sleeping
 - Trouble with appetite
 - Trouble with low energy
 - Problem with low self-esteem or guilt
 - Loss of pleasure or enjoyment, or loss of interests in activities
 - Recurrent thoughts of suicide

Participants are NOT eligible if they:

- Are currently receiving treatment for MDD
- Had past or present hypo manic or manic episode(s)
- Are having active symptoms of psychosis such as hallucinations or delusions
- Are having significant problems with alcohol or street drug use
- Are pregnant
- Live outside of the Denver city limits

If you are a teenager, a parent or guardian of a teen, or are treating a teen who is interested in this study, please contact the Project Coordinator at 303-565-4321, extension 3673. There will be rolling admission into the study until December. This study is being funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH R34MH082153).

Vegetables in Parks

By Dana Miller

The Grow Local Colorado Campaign is thrilled to be partnering with Denver Parks and Recreation and the Parks Stewardship Program in 2010 to grow Edible Public Demonstration Gardens in four Denver parks: Civic Center, Berkeley, Highlands, and Highlands Gateway. The produce will be planted, maintained, and harvested by local volunteers. The food will go to Denver’s residents in need - delivered to such organizations as The Gathering Place, arthLinks, and the Food Bank of the Rockies. The purpose of the gardens is to demonstrate the beauty of edible gardens and to inspire and encourage Denver citizens to grow more vegetable gardens. The gardens will also engage community participation by inviting local residents, nonprofit groups, schools, and businesses to “adopt” and tend one of the garden plots.

“In 2009 we were thrilled to partner with the City in growing a productive vegetable garden in Civic Center Park,” says Grow Local Colorado Campaign Director Dana Miller. “This pilot project was a great success, so much so that the edible gardens will be expanding to additional Denver Parks. The purpose of the Grow Local Colorado Campaign is to promote local food, the local economy, and the local community and these gardens support our mission beautifully.”

Individuals, community groups, nonprofits, and local businesses are invited to “adopt” a garden and help plant, maintain, and harvest the plots from May through October. To volunteer and for more information go to www.GrowLocalColorado.org or call Dana Miller at 303-300-3547.

The Grow Local Colorado Campaign is a grassroots volunteer organization founded by representatives from Transition Denver, the Mile High Business Alliance, the Living Earth Center, and Denver Botanic Gardens.

Zoning and Planning

By Diana Helper

The Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee of INC met March 27th. The group was advised that members of the Planning Office will meet with them on Saturday, April 17th, at the usual ZAP time and place to talk about Draft 4.1 of the proposed zoning code (that will be posted online approximately March 31st). On April 24th, there will be the regular ZAP meeting that will develop a proposed position statement regarding the new zoning code and map for consideration by the INC delegation.

Mark Bernstein, Denver Downtown Area Planner for the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Department, spoke about work that is part of the Better Denver bond issue in the

Civic Center Park. His responsibility encompasses the downtown area all the way to the Central Platte Valley.

The Civic Center preservation work is being done in line with sustainability. For example, fifty percent of the pavers are being salvaged for reuse. Sandstone for the Greek Theater was originally Turkey Creek sandstone - now "extinct" - so there was a search for a near match that has been located in Oregon and is currently being cut at a Wyoming stone smith works.

Historic records indicate that a number of Greek Theater murals by the artist Allen True can no longer be seen so great pains are being taken to find out if they have been plastered over. The hope is to find and restore them.

Mr. Bernstein said that the original plan for Civic Center rigorously indicates precise north-south and east-west sight-lines (as well as height limitations) for the symmetry of Civic Center from the City and County Building to the State Capitol and from the Seal Fountain to the Greek Theater, including the former Carnegie Library (current McNichols building) site. There likely will be a plan to match the Carnegie "footprint" with a garden on the south side of the Center. It is hoped that "activation" of the park and a large mix of citizens using it will occur.

There was considerable discussion regarding the status of the McNichols building that Mr. Bernstein said is on City property but not managed by Parks and Recreation; he felt it is part of the Civic Center District and that means any plans for changing it will go to the Landmark Commission for review. Some at ZAP believed it was not part of the District and there was confusion as to who has the final say over its exterior renovation.

Later in the meeting, former councilperson Cathy Donohue discussed her experiences attending two public meetings on the McNichols building renovation and the recent article and drawings of it in the Denver Post. She urged all interested to attend the next meeting that has not yet been announced. A number of people said they would attend.

There was ample time for individual reports and comments "around-the-room." These included mention of the June 5th INC/City Neighborhood Conference: "The Denver Difference Block by Block" that will be at Coors Field. Reserve the date!

Other items: The P&R Department plans to remove South Federal Boulevard from its official Parkway designation. (Parkways are under the jurisdiction of P&R, by charter, so we are not sure how this will be accomplished.) P&R finds it hard to meet Parkway regulations in this area.

The Ballpark Neighborhood Association is negotiating with P&R to purchase its "triangle" park now taken over by drug dealers. P&R has been unsuccessful in cleaning it up so far. The RNO does not have any plan for its use. It is unclear if this park is officially dedicated or not. If it is, it cannot be sold. Drug dealers will find another location.

If an undedicated public park is sold, must a like amount of open space be provided in its stead, unless it is kept as a privately maintained park?

The problem of "cruising" (loud, fast circuits driven in public parks) is being handled by closing off the circuits; that moves the cruising problem to another park. Enacting a cruising law should solve this problem permanently.

Other items included zoning concerns, historic preservation, liquor stores, medical marijuana dispensaries (now to be called "centers"), and increasing traffic problems.

Special Session

By Ken Beaudrie

The Executive Committee met in special session on April 1st, 7 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street in accordance with Article VI, paragraph T of the By-laws at the request of Secretary Ray Ehrenstein and Delegate-at-large Larry Ambrose. Presiding was Acting Chair, Brad Zieg; attending were Secretary Ray Ehrenstein, Treasurer Karen Cuthbertson, and Delegates-at-large Larry Ambrose, William Cornell, Randle Loeb, and George Mayl. Committee Chairs Ken Beaudrie, Katie Fisher, and Mike Henry as well as Chair candidates Steve Nissen and Judy Schneider also attended. Dave Felice was present as well.

The agenda was the results of the election of officers at the Annual Meeting. There was considerable discussion regarding the validity of the elections. Much of the dialogue centered around if, or if not, a new election should be held at INC's April meeting of the Delegation. After considerable debate, the majority that emerged was that, since the officers other than chair were elected by acclamation, a re-vote would not likely change the results and therefore these elections should stand. These winning candidates were recognized as current members of the Executive Committee. Only the position of Chair remained unresolved.

Karen Cuthbertson introduced a motion, seconded by Delegate-at-large William Cornell, to wit: That the elections held at the Annual Meeting be completed by a run-off vote for Chair at the beginning of the April meeting of the Delegation. The motion was carried by majority - five yeas, zero nays, zero abstentions, with two recusals.

Other topics were also informally discussed such as how Robert's Rules of Order should be utilized in INC meetings and how to ensure the proper people vote at the meetings of the Delegation.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 p.m.

Dollar Dictionary Drive

By Steve Nissen

The 2010 Dollar Dictionary Drive is well underway with great response so far. We still need support from many and hope all our Member RNOs will participate in this great

project. We have twenty loyal RNO supporters participating so far. They are: Ballpark, Cherry Creek North, Civic Association of Clayton, Congress Park, Cory/Merrill, Crestmoor Park (2nd filing), Elyria, Far Northeast Neighbors, Harkness Heights, Historic Montclair, Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point, Inspiration Point, INC, Neighbors and Friends for Cheesman Park, Northwest Neighbors Coalition, Overland, Park Forest HOA, University Hills, University Park, and W. 29th Ave N.A. We have received, to date, two grants, donations from four businesses, and one hundred fourteen individuals. Thanks to all for those endorsements of this project.

We have had great response from *Your Hub*. Several folk have called and offered support with labeling and distribution of the books as well as sending donations. That help is critical and very much appreciated as well. We have been fortunate to receive several “memorial donations” this year in memory of Jim Dumas, Bob Dunmire, Marion E. Greenstone, Albert Kalasky, and Chris Shaw. Memorial donations, as well as bequests, are greatly appreciated and are also directed to helping Denver third-graders become better students.

Donations are always welcome and can be made via credit card at our online website: www.neighborhoodlink.com/INC/home (click on Dollar Dictionary Committee). Our mailbox also awaits you at: Dollar Dictionary Drive, P. O. Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218.

Thanks again for your belief and support of this project.

Street Sweeping

By Ann Williams, Public Works

A Reminder from Denver Public Works—Seasonal City-wide Street Sweeping has begun. **Avoid a citation by signing up for a free e-minder!**

Citywide seasonal street sweeping began, Thursday, April 1st, and Denver Public Works needs your help to keep Denver clean! Check the red and white signs posted on your block for street-sweeping parking restrictions (not every block has restrictions) so that Public Works Street Maintenance can provide the best street sweeping service possible.

There are two ways to help remember your street sweeping day:

- Sign up to receive a **free** e-mail to remind you of your sweeping day. Visit www.KeepItCleanDenver.org and click on the “Show Your Pride, Move Your Ride” sweeper icon to sign up. Be sure you know what day of the week your sweeping day falls on (for example, “the 3rd Thursday of the month”) so that you can enter it on your reminder sign-up.
- Call Denver’s customer service line, 311, and request “No Parking” sticker reminders for your calendar.

Financial Statement

By Steve Nissen

FISCAL 2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENT Year Ending March 31, 2010

Certificates of Deposit

June 30 Balance	10,689.99
September 30 Balance	10,768.99
December 31 Balance	10,807.93
March 31 Balance	10,886.75

Savings

June 30 Balance	2,605.42
September 30 Balance	2,606.96
December 31 Balance	2,607.94
March 31 Balance	2,608.70

Dollar Dictionary Drive

June 30 Balance	10,089.38
September 30 Balance	87.95
December 31 Balance	126.59
March 31 Balance	9,940.92

Checking Account

June 30 Balance	6,466.85
September 30 Balance	4,870.99
December 31 Balance	3,666.81
March 31 Balance	3,949.23

2009 Fiscal Year End Balance—All Accounts 27,385.60

Park Irrigation

By Angela Casias, Parks/Recreation

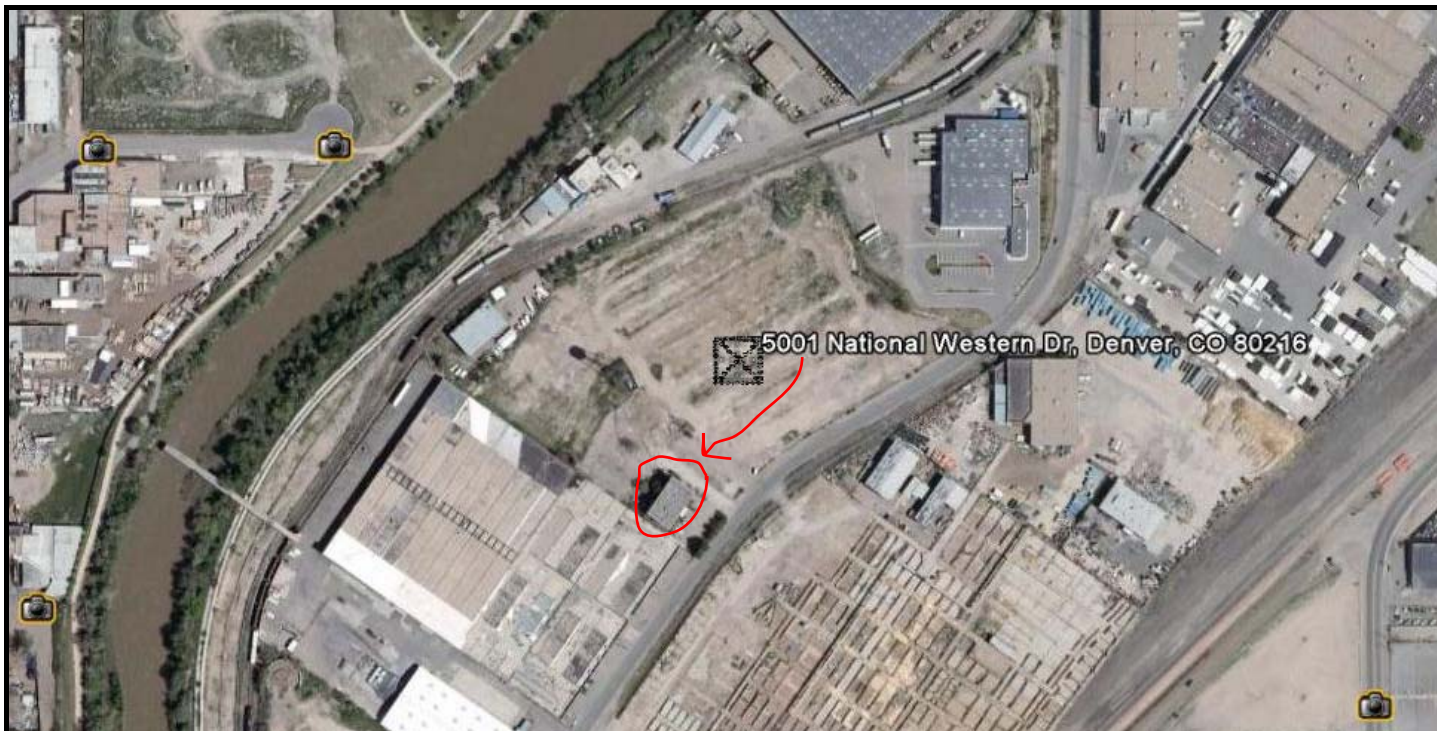
Residents will see a lot of activity in Denver parks this summer but not all of it will be related to recreation. A total of nine irrigation projects are currently under construction, nearly one-third of the 37 irrigation projects funded by the Better Denver Bond Program. This will complement the 16 already completed by Denver Parks and Recreation. Another 12 are in the design phase and six of those will begin construction this summer.

The \$17 million in irrigation improvements is estimated to save up to 247 acre-feet of water and up to \$192,000 annually based on current water rates. The goal is to reduce water usage to between 15 and 18 gallons of water per square-foot. In parks with the most outdated infrastructure, this represents a savings of 27 percent in addition to reduced labor and repair costs.

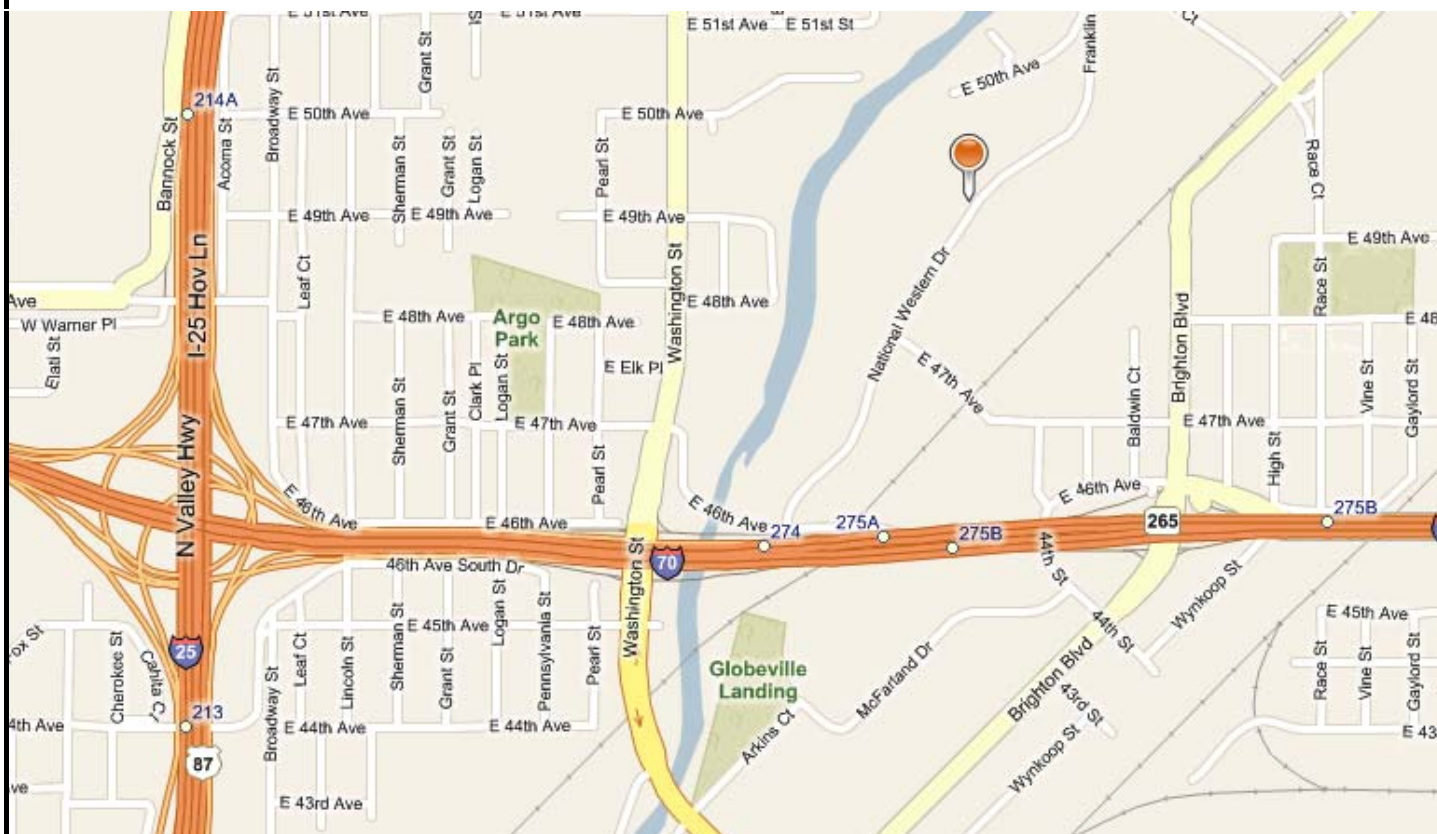
Denver’s \$550 million voter-approved Better Denver Bond program works to improve, preserve, renovate, and create amenities that touch citizen’s lives including roads,

libraries, parks, recreation centers, child care sites, hospitals, public safety, City buildings, and cultural facilities. (Editor's note: Angela provided an extensive chart detail-

ing the projects, location, cost, and dates but it was too extensive to fit into this format.)



Take the exit from I-70 to Washington Street, proceed north on Washington Street to East 46th/ East 47th Street intersection, proceed eastward on East 46th Street to National Western Drive. Turn northeast on National Western Drive and follow the road to
5001 National Western Drive. Look for the INC signs!



THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP - April 18th to June 20th

What is it? This spring, you can help us with our local cleanup, beautification and community improvement program, the *Great American Cleanup™*. Millions of residents across the country are taking part in this springtime campaign to clean up and beautify communities all across America. The *Great American Cleanup™* is brought to you by **Keep Denver Beautiful** in partnership with Keep America Beautiful, Inc., and National Sponsors, and state and local sponsors.

Pick up litter – Cover up graffiti – Clean up Denver

Community Cleanups – Anyone. Any day. Any time. If you've got an hour or two, we can use you. Pick an area or we'll suggest one for you. Perfect for groups, (families, athletic clubs, youth groups, etc.)



Neighborhood Cleanups – Rally your neighbors for a block or alley cleanup, then kick back and enjoy the summer. **These cleanups must be REGISTERED at least 2 weeks before the cleanup date AND they must be held the WEEKEND prior to your LIP week. To find your LIP date, call 3-1-1 or visit www.denvergov.org/LIP**



Limited quantity of FREE cleanup supplies & GIVEAWAYS.

For more information, contact Keep Denver Beautiful at 3-1-1 or email neddra.niblett@denvergov.org, or visit www.DenverGov.org/KDB

YES, we want to take part in the activities checked below for the GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP™

- ☐ Community Cleanup (please fill in your group's preferred date below) ☐ Please suggest a cleanup area.
- ☐ Neighborhood Cleanup – What is your LIP district? _____

Name of Volunteer Group: _____

Contact Person(s): _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

- Street _____ City _____ Zip _____
- Approx. Number of Volunteers: _____ • Our Preferred Event Date: _____
- Preferred Event Location(s) - Blocks: _____

Signature of Volunteer/Group Leader: _____

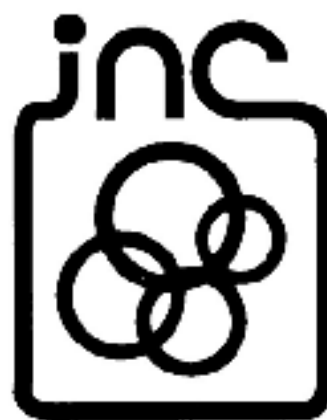
YOU WILL BE CONTACTED REGARDING SUPPLIES AFTER YOUR REGISTRATION IS RECEIVED.

Return to: 1390 Decatur St., Denver 80204 or fax – 720-865-6832



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: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [☐] U.S. Mail [☐] Don't want newsletter [☐]

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

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

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

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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

**Meeting Saturday
April 10th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**5001 National Western
Drive**

See map on page 11

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from Tom Anthony,
Elyria Neighborhood Association

9:10 a.m.

Elect INC Chair

9:30 a.m.

Around the City

10:15 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

Ashley DeLaup
Wildlife Ecologist
On Coyote Hazing

11:00 a.m.

Andre Pettigrew
Director, Office of Economic De-
velopment
OED Update

11:40 a.m.

Committee Reports

Noon Adjournment

You can always view upcoming
INC meeting locations and get
information about presentations
on our website. Click on the
“meetings & more” link.
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/INC/home)
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