

# Denver Public Library Ranking

By M. Celeste Jackson

The Denver Public Library (DPL) announced today that the library system ranks fourth nationally among large system libraries. This is reported in the 2010 edition of Hennen's American Public Library Rating (HAPLR) system (<http://bit.ly/9nWKJ3>). Colorado's largest public library system, DPL is included among libraries serving a population of 500,000 or greater. Additionally, DPL is one of only three large library systems to have consistently been ranked among the nation's top public libraries since the inception of the ranking index.

Hennen's American Public Library Rating system is a national index that ranks the nation's libraries according to a variety of measurements. The findings of this rating system are featured in *American Libraries* magazine and the rankings are reported nationwide by major newspapers. The 2010 HAPLR Rating index reports on data collected in 2008 covering mostly 2007 data and published in 2009 by the *Institute of Museum and Library Services*. In 2009, the HAPLR Ratings index listed Denver Public Library eighth in the category of large libraries.

Several factors are sighted in deeming a library first-rate. Following are some areas in which the Denver Public Library excels:

- Number of books and other materials loaned. In 2008, the Library loaned 9,776,905 books and other materials.
- Number of reference questions answered by staff. In 2008, Staff answered 821,921 reference questions.
- Amount of money a library spends per capita on materials. In 2008, Denver Public Library spent \$7.56 per capita on materials.
- Average number of items borrowed per customer. In 2008, Denver Public Library customers borrowed, on average, 17 items each.
- Total collection size. In 2008, Denver Public Library collections included 2,382,672 books, CDs, videos, and periodicals.
- Size of the Library staff. In 2008, Denver Public Library provided top-level service to customer through the efforts of 447 staff members.

From 2001 to 2003, DPL was ranked number one by HAPLR. Calendar year 1999 was used in determining the Library's first number-one ranking.

In 1999:

- The Library loaned 10,748,758 books and other materials.
- IStaff answered 1,334,164 reference questions.
- Denver Public Library spent \$9.50 per capita on materials.
- Denver Public Library customers borrowed, on average, 21.25 items each.

- Denver Public Library collections included 2,092,199 books, CDs, videos and periodicals, as well as 2,311,732 government documents.

- Denver Public Library provided top-level service to customer through the efforts of 505 staff members.

DPL by the Numbers: <http://denverlibrary.org/about/press/facts.html>

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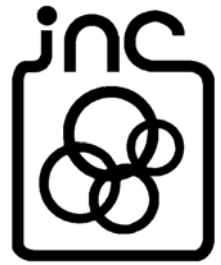
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Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. See this issue for location.

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 Ray Ehrenstein

Newly elected INC Chair Steve Nissen called the INC Executive Committee (EC) to order on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street. Also present were Vice-Chair Brad Zieg, Treasurer Karen Cuthbertson, and Secretary Ray Ehrenstein – the latter both newly elected. Also newly elected and present were EC Delegates-at-large William Cornell, Randle Loeb, and George Marl. Membership and Newsletter Committees Chair Ken Beaudrie, Education Committee Chair Billie Bramhall, Parks and Recreation Committee Co-Chair Katie Fisher, and Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Michael Henry attended. Education Committee member Bill Johnson visited.

The Minutes of the March 13<sup>th</sup> Delegates Meeting were accepted by acclamation. Discussion brought agreement that, in the future, Minutes of Delegates Meetings will be reviewed, amended if necessary, and approved by the Delegation at Delegates Meetings rather than by the EC at EC meetings. This was moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote. The EC will continue to meet the second Monday of the month.

Former Treasurer Steve Nissen distributed copies of the March Treasurer's Report. He reported that the INC books are completed through March 31<sup>st</sup> and that the financial records are in very good shape. The summary is - Total Certificates of Deposit: \$10,886.75; Savings: \$2,608.70; Dollar Dictionary Drive: 9,940.92; and Checking: \$3,949.23. The ending Balance in all accounts is \$27,385.60. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

INC has until the end of May to complete its audit according to the City's rules. Karen will ask Delegate Al Habercorn if he will serve as auditor for this task.

Thanks were extended to Tom Anthony for hosting the March Delegates Meeting at his home. He is to be commended for good citizenship and bravery. However, it was agreed that the INC Chair is responsible for arranging meeting sites, that they should be accessible public places, and have ample free parking. Steve proposed that the meetings be condensed if possible. However, after discussion, it was agreed the three-hour meeting was still best in that it allows folks from "Around the City" to each have a moment to speak.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Dollar Dictionary Drive: Co-chair Steve Nissen reported donor cards provided at the INC Presidents Dinner yielded a return of \$730. A mailing of 1,600 solicitation-pieces had a response rate of five percent to date, much more than the usual one to two and one-half percent rate of response for such requests. The DDD is in the black.

Education: Chair Billie Bramhall said Bill Johnson is the only committee member and that more are needed. William Cornell volunteered to join. Billie hopes

to have increased contact between RNOs and Denver Public Schools (DPS), with a DPS representative attending committee meetings. She is hopeful due to newly expressed interest from the Superintendent of Schools. Bill presented and we discussed a survey for RNOs members regarding school concerns. Karen suggested using "Survey Monkey," a free service. Randle Loeb asked about age limits. Ken said we have none and we agreed that input from a broad age and geographic area is desirable.

Membership/Newsletter: Chair Ken Beaudrie reported INC has 77 RNO memberships (15 Patrons) and 24 Associate memberships (10 Patrons). The board discussed qualifications for RNO status that is determined by City ordinance. Broadly stated, an organization should be volunteer run and open to all residents in the RNO's area. After discussion regarding what notices are acceptable to be forwarded in the INC newsletter or via email in INC's name, Brad moved that the Chair have the ability to determine INC policy in forwarding such announcements; it was seconded and passed.

Parks and Recreation: Co-Chair Katie Fisher reported that the City Parks and Recreation Department (PR) has moved the PR Advisory Board monthly meetings to the Webb building. A lawsuit had been mentioned by individuals because of several complaints that ADA rules were not being met at previous meeting sites. Kudos is awarded to Katie and the complainers! Angela Casias of PR wishes to speak at each meeting of the Delegation. A brief time allotment was agreed upon for her and for Heather Barry of the Mayor's office, although they will be scheduled to speak either before or after Around the City.

Public Safety: Steve suggested that Anthony Thomas would be a good choice for this committee.

Public Nuisance Committee: Susan Moore has told Karen that Karen is a member of that new committee; it has not yet met.

Transportation: Brad deferred to his Co-chair Dave Webster (absent). Steve said that Julie Coppock wishes to join this committee. Michael says it is important that INC be represented at the City's Strategic Parking Plan meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Zoning and Planning (ZAP): Chair Michael Henry urged attendance at the special April 17<sup>th</sup> ZAP meeting. Peter Park will be present. INC needs to develop a position paper on the proposed zoning code by the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Delegation.

Miscellaneous: Karen will send the updated INC By-laws to the Secretary who will send them to EC members and the INC newsletter editor. Katie requests that the EC preferred contact information be updated. Also, Julius Zsako needs to have new INC Chair contact information as well as an alternate contact.

**Future EC topics:**

- INC's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated this year; it should be a "pot luck."
- The manner of establishing the 2010 INC Budget was discussed.
- A new INC brochure is to be undertaken by Karen and Steve.
- INC website development should be pursued, with Karen as web mistress.
- INC speakers need to be scheduled months ahead.
- An INC-sponsored Fourth of July event (2011) was proposed by William Cornell.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

## Delegation Recap By Eugene Howard

Acting Chair Brad Zieg called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. at the home of Tom Anthony who welcomed the delegates to the Elyria Neighborhood on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Brad announced that the first order of business was the run-off election for the position of INC Chair. Candidates Steve Nissen and Judy Schneider were given a brief opportunity to address the voting delegates before the vote.

Judy Schneider – speaking: She addressed her area of residence, the bylaws of the Ball Park Neighborhood Association (BPNA), and how they allow her to participate. She lives in Congress Park but is a paid member of the BPNA and participates. This is why she feels she can participate and run as an officer. One of her goals, if elected chair, is to grow the membership. Only 30 percent of the 200-plus RNOs are members. INC needs to attract newer and younger members. She asked "Did you know INC has a Facebook page?" Schneider also suggested Twittering and monthly mixers. She claims that conversations with the City often are nothing more than "lip service" but we need to have the City work for us instead of us working for the City. She asked "Why me?" The answer "I love doing community work, this is my passion, and I want to help INC grow."

Steve Nissen – speaking: Steve claimed over thirty years of working together in cooperation and that this is very important. He has been involved with INC for 20+ years. Often, the best ideas come from the bottom up; that is why working with the City is important. These are the elements we need to continue building on. Issues that are close to the people are the places in which we (INC) can work. There is no question whether we can bring new members into INC. Some of the 200+ RNOs are actually HOAs. There are mixers taking place among the RNOs – the kind of interaction that makes INC great and is what I will stand for and an area that I will lead in if elected chair.

Following these remarks, the vote was taken. Ken Beaudrie and Diane Wolta double-counted the ballots revealing the result as 36 votes for Nissen, 20 for Schneider.

Steve Nissen immediately assumed the floor and conducted the remainder of the meeting as Chair of INC.

### News from around town:

Good Neighbor Agreements were signed for an establishment taking over the Bash nightclub space and another for a group taking over a restaurant. These were designed to curb underage drinking and poor behavior of the patrons.

Improvements to the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall were reported.

Robin Riddel Lima of Golden Triangle stated that the Colorado History Museum has closed. He hoped it reopens in 2012. He stated that a King Tut exhibition is coming to town and that the Denver Police may be looking to open a police museum.

Stapleton United Neighbors is starting a swim team, promoting movies in the park, and revealed the construction of an overpass that connects neighborhoods is about to start.

The CHUN Peoples Fair will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The old Emerson school at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Ogden Street is being taken over for preservation by the Denver Historic Society. The City is being asked to create a map of where all of the licensed Medical Marijuana Dispensaries are located.

East High School is under renovation. There is an attempt to reduce the vehicle-speeds around the school to keep students safe walking to school and the patrons of City Park.

Green Valley Ranch is having a big Earth Day event next Saturday. Shred-it will be there to shred documents. They are having a new library groundbreaking and will have a new school complex opening in the fall.

Berkeley Regis reported that the Tennyson redesign has been completed and is now with the City for funding.

Elyria/Swansea reported that Denargo Market has received approval on their TIF so they can now seek bonds. They are not sure when construction will begin due to the economy. CU has been approached on how they might improve Brighton Boulevard. They have an I-70 challenge - looking at alternatives for recommendations back to the Colorado Department of Transportation. There are two Regional Transportation Department bus stops in the area that may or will help stimulate the area. They are working to get plans completed during this down time so when the economy turns around, plans will be in place.

North City Park is experiencing a lot of illegal "fix and flips." They recommend that residents be diligent in insuring work being done in the neighborhoods are following permitting and zoning requirements. If not, we should call 311 to report the violation. There will be a Spring Gardening Event on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Inspiration Point reports that some dog owners are not following the leash laws. It seems to be an increase due to the "freedom" experienced in off-leash parks nearby. Clear Creek goes through this neighborhood and Denver has sold land that abuts the Creek. This is blocking access



to the bike path and the greenway forcing bikers and creek users into the residential neighborhood. There are also contract bus drivers traveling through the neighborhood. Some are good drivers but some are not, causing some dangerous situations.

Denver Parks and Recreation: There is a Free Day at the recreation centers on April 19<sup>th</sup>! Take advantage of this free day. Spring into the health fair – May 13<sup>th</sup> Hosted by Tom Green. There will be opportunities to win free passes and other events. There is a lot of irrigation and trail rehabilitation taking place this summer. Cheesman and Congress Parks both will have irrigation projects. Denver Parks and Recreation has a Facebook Page.

Lowry is asking INC to fill a void of banding together on issues to “go up against” the City. There is strength in numbers on important issues. Another voice asked that INC to be more issues-focused.

Grow Local Colorado has teamed up with the City to expand plots.

Heather Barry informed the delegation of Doors-Open-Denver, an event next weekend. Approximately 30 downtown buildings will be opened for free tours. She also mentioned Earth Day, an Energy Savings Drive for targeted neighborhoods. Also noted was that the Cherry Creek Library is now open, post renovation. Importantly, she announced that the Annual Neighborhood Conference would be held on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at Coors Field. She asked that people register by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Ballpark Neighborhood Association announced that the Denver Rescue Mission did a big clean-up (good neighborhood agreement requires four clean-ups per year).

It was announced that Captain Rudy Sandoval was retiring in Police District Four. A reception was being held in his honor later in the day at the Police Protective Association Event Center.

West Washington Park Neighborhood Association (WWPNA) stated that stoplight-to-stopsign conversions taking place in WWPNA has been successful in slowing down traffic in the area.

Katie Fisher stated that a May 8<sup>th</sup> Shred-a-thon is being hosted by University Neighbors. In the past, they made a couple of thousand dollars (by charging \$5 dollars per box).

Ashley DeLaup spoke about the “coyote problem” within the City. Coyotes are now everywhere. They are not large animals as they weigh approximately 30 to 35 pounds. With the drought of 2008, Coyotes lost much of their natural food sources so they moved into the City where they could find all of their needs within a quarter-mile radius of their den. Denver is drawing from the experiences of other cities to mitigate their impacts and numbers. They live in family groups. Instead of removal (which leads to more coyotes due to their adaptive breeding behaviors), the City is looking to “teach coyotes appropriate urban behavior.” Urban coyotes are no longer afraid

of humans and are very comfortable in the urban environment. When you see a coyote, you should try to attract its attention and then “scare” them with something that makes a lot of noise. Whistles, rattles, air horns, et cetera are appropriate as is loud yelling. Coyotes become dangerous mainly because they have been fed by humans and then become aggressive when they “expect” food but do not get it. Coyotes breed during January, February, and March; this is when they are most visible and apt to be aggressive. However, hazing coyotes – yelling at them, making noise at them, squirting them with vinegar water in a water gun, et cetera – will teach them to be leery of humans.

Andre Pettigrew of the Office of Economic Development (OED) spoke on building sustainable neighborhoods and communities. He talked of business retention – reaching out to businesses to see what their issues are. The main issue involved borrowing capital. OED has and will loan \$5 million in small business loans. They are helping companies start or relocate within the City of Denver. OED is concerned about access to markets – making sure contracts that the City issues are made available to women-owned, minority-owned, or small businesses. Ninety-five percent of the businesses in Colorado employ less than 10 people. Small business is the economic engine of Denver and Colorado. Another objective is a skilled and talented labor pool. Work force centers are located throughout the City where training, computer access, and resume development resources are made available. Connecting people to jobs is another important function. If a local company is getting a loan or contract from the City, that business has anticipated growth, a need for employment, and hopefully, from the community. The quality of place-making is helping to bring businesses to the area. Having desirable places to live is what attracts people and businesses to Denver and Colorado.

The Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program is the program that targets neighborhoods for property acquisitions, refurbishing, and then resale. There are also Commercial and Residential rehabilitation services. Businesses and residents can take advantage of the many programs available.

#### Committee Updates:

The INC **Parks and Recreation Committee** meeting will be Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Heritage Club. The Denver Parks and Recreation meetings have been relocated to the Webb building better to accommodate the meeting.

**Transportation Committee** – No Update

**Dollar Dictionary Drive Committee** – The object is to equip every third-grader with a dictionary and thesaurus.

The meeting adjourned at XXX?



**Alamo Placita N.A. (APNA)** – APNA is organizing monthly happy-hours the last Tuesday of each month. Details can be found on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/APNeighbors](http://www.facebook.com/APNeighbors).

**Athmar Park N.A.** – Police District Four is quite sad to have to say “goodbye” to Commander Rudy Sandoval whose leadership, vision, and high expectations for his officers and his commitment to community policing have resulted in the lowest number of complaints against DPD despite the District being the largest in Denver. A job very well done, Commander, and here is to a well-earned retirement!

**Berkeley Regis United Neighbors** – The Tennyson Street landscape design is done. Now it goes to the City for funding.

**Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN)** – CHUN’s Peoples’ Fair will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Plan to attend this great urban celebration. CHUN encourages other neighborhood groups to do what it has done encouraging the Department of Excise and License to create a website to publicize the list of licensed medical marijuana dispensaries so that the public can be aware where licensed establishments are located.

**Curtis Park** – The Five-Points Jazz Festival will be held on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 p.m. until who knows. It is a free event!

**Denver Parks and Recreation Department** – The Spring into Health Event at the Denver Zoo is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$8 at our two dozen recreation centers. Come to see guest speakers Tom Green and the Adult and Senior Resource Fair.

**Green Valley Ranch Citizens Advisory Board** – The Second Annual Earth Day celebration is April 17<sup>th</sup>. The

new library groundbreaking was March 13<sup>th</sup>; the library will open in the first quarter of 2011.

**Golden Triangle Museum District (GTMD)** – The Colorado History Museum is closed and looking forward to a new home in the District in 2012. King Tut is coming to the Denver Art Museum. The Denver Police Department is hoping to lease a building from the City, located on the block between 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenues and Cherokee and Delaware Streets, for the Denver Police Museum. The GTMD has written a letter of support for this ninth museum in the district.

**Humboldt Street N.A.** – Humboldt received good news last week from Councilwoman Carla Madison regarding our two and one-half year battle for rezoning the commercial area that wraps two sides of our historic district. City planner Peter Park has agreed to incorporate all the provisions of our rezoning application. Humboldt is now vigilant in monitoring for timely progress in the thorough implementation of those provisions.

**Neighbors and Friends of Cheesman Park** – The new concrete sidewalks are almost done – to the pleasure of a few people and the disappointment of others. We now have lots of new sidewalk and much less green grass in the park.

**South City Park neighborhood Assn. (SCPNA)** – Safety, parking, and land use issues abound in SCPNA. East High School’s entry plaza is being renovated; the opportunity to buy a commemorative brick or paver is yours. So if you have a meaningful connection to East, do not miss this timely project.

**Stapleton United Neighbors** – Stapleton has a tentative plan available online for the I-70 overpass for Central Park Boulevard to help alleviate traffic on Quebec Street to Northfield. The Annual Stapleton kickball tournament to benefit the March of Dimes is coming up. Dates are available at [www.stapletonunitedneighbors.org](http://www.stapletonunitedneighbors.org).

**Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.** – The Sunnyside website and brand re-launch will be Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>; come to see the new website and meet our new board members. Exciting changes are taking place in Northwest Denver. Bring a picnic dinner, your children, and listen to the Denver Brass Band entertain you.

**University Park Community Council (UPCC)** – The UPCC Zoning Code Committee continues to work on the zoning code drafts and the UPCC Board is involved in historic designations.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net).

**Virginia Village / Ellis Community Assn.** – Bocce Ball courts at Potenza Park (Cherry Creek South Drive and South Holly Street) are open and rules are posted.

**Virginia Village / Krisana Park** – As director of the Grow Local Colorado Campaign, Dana Miller spoke about the Edible Garden Project with Parks and Recreation and the Parks Stewardship Program. Grow Local is organizing volunteers to plant, maintain, and harvest food from gardens in Berkeley, Highlands, Highlands Gateway, and Civic Center Park. For more information, visit [www.growlocalcolorado.org](http://www.growlocalcolorado.org) or call Dana at 303-300-3547.

## Zoning and Planning

By Diana Helper

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee had a special meeting April 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss a number of topics related to Draft 4.1 of the proposed new zoning code. Speakers included Manager of Community Planning and Development Peter Park, his deputy Mollie Urbena, Senior Planner Tyler Gibbs, Zoning Administrator Mike O’Flaherty, and Chief City Service Officer David Roberts. Councilperson Carla Madison was present as were 33 ZAP members.

**Announcements:** The Planning Board Hearing on the proposed zoning code will be April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, ZAP will meet again on April 24<sup>th</sup> to prepare a zoning code position statement to present to INC delegates on May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Strategic Parking Plan public meeting is April 28<sup>th</sup>, and City Council is scheduled to hear the final draft of the proposed zoning code on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Continuing concerns with Draft 4.1 may be addressed to City Council persons.

**Topics discussed included:**

*Nonconforming vs. compliant structures* – The continued use of many existing structures, now called “nonconforming,” will add to the City’s sustainability and thus they may be deemed “compliant” with the new form-based zone districts.

*How the new code addresses solar access* – Additional models showing solar configurations will soon be available on line. The code supports solar energy in the context of neighborhoods. Draft 4.1 allows residents in more districts to build to 50 percent of lot coverage. This change elicited considerable concern among ZAP members and needs further discussion and amendment.

*How the new code addresses public parks* – No changes have yet been made in the code since Draft 4. The Parks and Recreation Department must write appropriate changes. The ZAP committee agreed that it is essential that City Council study and vote on changes to Section 39 (Parks and Recreation) of the Municipal Code before changes in Section 59 (Zoning) are approved. There is an ordinance underway regarding structures in parks, stating that structures 3,000 square feet or larger will need ap-

proval of City Council. Smaller structures may be approved solely by the Manager of Parks and Recreation. Questions asked were: Does this include taking open space for parking? Could a structure of 3,000 square-feet be built with an addition then built next to it? Will funding that goes through City Council be a controlling factor?

*The O-1 zone district* was discussed. In this case, “O” does not necessarily refer to Open Space; this can be confusing. Finding a different name or removing “correctional institutions” from this description were suggested. This topic will be discussed further.

*Recommendations of Business and Retail Working Group* – Usage of existing buildings, placement of entrances, parking, drive-throughs, and delivery areas were discussed. It is believed that the work by concerned neighborhoods concerning business projects over the past 25 years forms much of the foundation of the new business zoning code.

*How the new code deals with accessory dwelling units* – Neighborhoods need to sort out the benefits versus the problems of ADUs for their neighborhood. Size, placement, and use of such structures will vary.

*How the new code and map address heavy industrial uses, especially near residential uses and near the Platte River. (How does this comply with River South and River North plans?)* – Development of a plan for the Elyria, Globeville, and Swansea neighborhoods is underway. Residents have a greenfields campus vision. The term “area of change” was defined as an indication that the future likely would bring change to a certain zone district that could be facilitated by the zoning code. Elsewhere, creation of a buffer zone between industry and residences has been successful. Change also can be effected by partnerships with developers.

*How the maximum number of occupants per household is calculated* – The maximum permitted by the zoning code is two unrelated adults and their families with no maximum number of persons. The Denver Department of Environmental Health is the best agency to determine that “too many” persons occupy a house based on Health Code criteria.

*New criteria for variances from Board of Adjustment* – Hardship remains the number one reason for variances. Added is historic compatibility for structures advised by the Landmark Commission of need for work that entails a variance. See 12.4.7 and 12.4.5.3 in draft 4.1 of the proposed zoning code.

Regarding “administrative adjustments” to be allowed by the Zoning Administrator, the City believes these are so well controlled by criteria and are so minor that notification to neighbors or RNOs is not needed; ZAP members disagreed. The City says neighbor-notification slows the construction process too much.

*Meaning of new overlay districts* – Billboard, historic, and adult entertainment use overlay-districts are intended



to preserve the status quo and not to expand the geographic area from where they are presently allowed. Billboard and adult entertainment numbers are capped. Special uses of historic buildings for art gallery, office, et cetera remain in place.

Other notes: Concern was repeated over the allowance of 50 percent of lot coverage by structures in some zone districts. It was requested that there be no heavy industrial zones adjacent to parkways. It was stated there is a need for more notification.

## Candidates Forum

### By Ray Ehrenstein

The Candidates Forum was held at the Berkeley Community United Church of Christ (BCUCC) in Northwest Denver on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The League of Women Voters of Denver (LWV) and INC hosted; the forum was being recorded for television by Denver 8 TV.

A funding issue between the City and Denver 8 TV meant that the League of Women Voters of Denver and INC were not sure that they would be able to participate in the BCUCC forum until just days before the event. Unfortunately, that meant that INC could only provide last-minute notification of the event to INC members.



The Forum

photo by Ray Ehrenstein

Karen Cuthbertson represented INC and collected questions from the audience.

All ten candidates for the City Council seat left vacant by the elevation of Councilman Rick Garcia were present. Larry Ambrose, Jerry Frangas, John Haney, Christopher Jeffrey, Jon Lehman, Kenneth Padilla, Paula Sandoval, Susan Sheppard, Georgia Sigala, and Randle Swan all were well spoken and presented the residents and neighbors of City Council District One with a slate of fine candidates.

Attendees learned of the candidate's backgrounds and how they intend to advocate for their neighborhoods at City Council. All were well informed of neighborhood issues such as work along Federal Boulevard, development around light rail, and the unique needs of senior citizens. They recognized the need to preserve the character of neighborhoods situated behind main streets. Almost all the candidates were supportive of the New Zoning Code.

Beverly Weaver, former news anchor for KWGN-TV, was the moderator. Nancy Ulrich, co-president of the LWV, was the panelist who posed the questions submitted by the audience to the candidates.

INC can be proud of their many years of collaboration with LWV and Denver 8 TV to conduct and tape candidate and issues forums. INC can look forward to much more advanced notice come the fall election when we will be presenting both candidate and issues forums.

## County Fair at City Park

### By Parks and Recreation

There will be free ice cream for the kids, popcorn for all, period bikes, and ribbons for winners. This is a joint project with Councilwoman Madison (combines the City Park Alliance's annual open house with Councilwoman Madison's ice cream social and is the culmination Park's and Recreation's City Park Week). There will be lots of press about City Park and its history all week. They hope it is the first of an annual event. The Alliance and Madison are splitting the costs and seeking some donations.

*District 8 Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social at the*  
**County Fair at City Park**  
 Friday, June 4th, 6 ~ 9 p.m., The Pavilion  
 Hosted by  
 District 8 City Councilwoman Carla Madison & City Park Alliance

*Carriage Rides  
 Denver Municipal Band  
 Prismatic Fountain Show  
 Field Games  
 Cake Walk  
 Entertainment for Kids  
 Hat Making Station  
 Period Costume Contest*

Information will be on hand to learn of the wonderful improvements happening in Denver's greatest park. Please consider bringing a tax-deductible donation that will directly benefit City Park. Cash, checks to City Park Alliance, or PayPal accepted.  
 For event details, visit [www.cityparkalliance.org](http://www.cityparkalliance.org)

## Dollar Dictionary Drive

### By Steve Nissen

Twenty-three neighborhood organizations, one hundred sixty-two individuals, two grantors, and four businesses have contributed to the Dollar Dictionary Drive for the year 2010. We encourage all RNOs to participate in this great project. It is a great opportunity to connect with your local school and support the important educational task of which they are charged. We are half-way to the minimum goal of \$25,000 we must achieve by July 1st and your support is important to reach the other half of that goal.

We extend a big thank you to the RNOs who have contributed generously so far. Those RNOs are: Ballpark, Bear Valley Improvement Assn., Cherry Creek North, Cherry Point HOA, Civic Assn of Clayton, Congress Park,



Cory/Merrill, Crestmoor Park (2<sup>nd</sup> filing), Elyria, Far Northeast Neighbors, Harkness Heights, Historic Montclair, Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point, Inspiration Point, INC, Lowry United Neighbors, Neighbors and Friends for Cheesman Park, Northwest Neighbors Coalition, Overland, Park Forest, University Hills, University Park Community Council, and W. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. When you see someone from any one of these RNOs, thank them on behalf of the grateful and benefiting third-graders in Denver's public schools.

All RNOs are welcome to be a part of this distinguished list. Of course, all individuals are welcome to contribute as well. There are five hundred of you reading this newsletter and if most sent a small contribution we would be well on our way to a successful drive in 2010. We urge you to do what you can.

Contributions can be sent to: Dollar Dictionary Drive, P.O. Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218 or made at our secure online site; [www.neighborhoodlink/INC/home](http://www.neighborhoodlink/INC/home) (click on "Dollar Dictionary Committee").



### Fight Vehicle Theft

Drivers of the most stolen vehicles in Colorado are eligible for a major discount on a Stolen Vehicle Recovery System. According to the latest statistics published by the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, more than one vehicle per hour is stolen in the greater Denver area. In May, the Denver Police COP Shops and LoJack Corporation will work together in a month-long initiative designed to fight vehicle theft.

In order to help educate the public about the costly and ongoing issue of auto theft, the organizations will be participating in two local crime prevention events, the first on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Belmar Shopping Center in Lakewood and the second on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Pepsi Center in Denver.

In addition, from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, anyone who owns a car registered in Colorado that is mentioned on the National Insurance Crime Bureau's *Hot Wheels 2009* report will be eligible to purchase a LoJack Stolen Vehicle Recovery System for more than 60% off of the manufacturer's suggested retail price. At that discounted rate, the LoJack System will cost drivers a one-time fee of only \$250. In addition, for each unit purchased during May, LoJack will donate \$25 to the Denver COP Shops; it will be used in their support of the Denver Police Department.

The following is a list of the 10 most stolen vehicles in Colorado:

| Rank | Vehicle                      | Year |
|------|------------------------------|------|
| 1    | Honda Accord                 | 1995 |
| 2    | Honda Civic                  | 1999 |
| 3    | Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee | 1999 |
| 4    | Toyota Camry                 | 1990 |
| 5    | Acura Integra                | 1995 |
| 6    | Ford F150 Pickup             | 1997 |
| 7    | Saturn Si                    | 1995 |
| 8    | Dodge Ram Pickup             | 1997 |
| 9    | Ford Explorer                | 2002 |
| 10   | Dodge Neon                   | 1995 |

Owners of these vehicles (as well as model years 2005 and older) who live in Denver, Arapahoe, Adams, Jefferson, El Paso, Pueblo, Douglas, Boulder, Broomfield, Larimer, or Weld county are eligible for the LoJack Stolen Vehicle Recovery System discount. To take advantage of this offer, qualified drivers can call (800) 838-1177, extension 3889, and mention the promotional code NT10COD.

This is a one-time offer. Denver Police Department's District Six has the highest amount of automobile thefts. We are promoting this one-time offer with LoJack to help those who own the makes of cars that are most stolen in Colorado. The LoJack is installed in the vehicle and if stolen, LoJack says they can find your auto within hours.

You can contact the Park Avenue Cop Shop at 720-865-2355. For each LoJack installed, the area Cop Shops will received \$25 to help support a safe and clean community!

## Mail Ballot

Denver will conduct its August 10<sup>th</sup> primary election primarily by mail ballot. Under a new state law passed in 2009, primary elections may be conducted by mail after a county solicits public feedback on the proposal. Conducting a mail-ballot election in August will potentially save Denver taxpayers approximately \$325,000. The primary election ballot will contain federal and state primary races along with at least one local ballot initiative.

Ballots will be mailed to voters during the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>. Voters may choose to mail their ballots back to the Denver Elections Division but they will still have the option to cast their ballot in person. There will be 13 conveniently located service centers across the City where voters can drop off their ballots, obtain a replacement for a lost or spoiled ballot, or complete an emergency registration affidavit. Unaffiliated voters will be able to go to a service center to affiliate with the party of their choice and cast a ballot for that party's candidates. Service centers will also have electronic voting machines available for the convenience of voters with disabilities. The popular drive-through ballot drop-off option will be available at the Denver Elections Division and will be expanded to additional locations to be determined later.

# Xcel Gas Pipeline Work

## By Kirk Scheitler

Over the next several years, Xcel Energy is replacing 600 miles of gas pipeline throughout Colorado. Nearly 100 miles are in the Denver metro area. This replacement will result in continued reliable gas service for current and new customers. We may have started replacing gas lines in your neighborhood. It is our desire and intention to provide the residents, businesses, and neighbors in the area where we will be doing work with more advance notice when a project of this magnitude is undertaken.

Xcel Energy has contracted with Q3 Contracting to replace gas pipeline along West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, West 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and West Cedar Avenue from Kalamath Street to Broadway that may include work along side streets and adjacent streets. Work started in mid-April and will continue throughout the month of October although inclement weather may cause delays during the project.

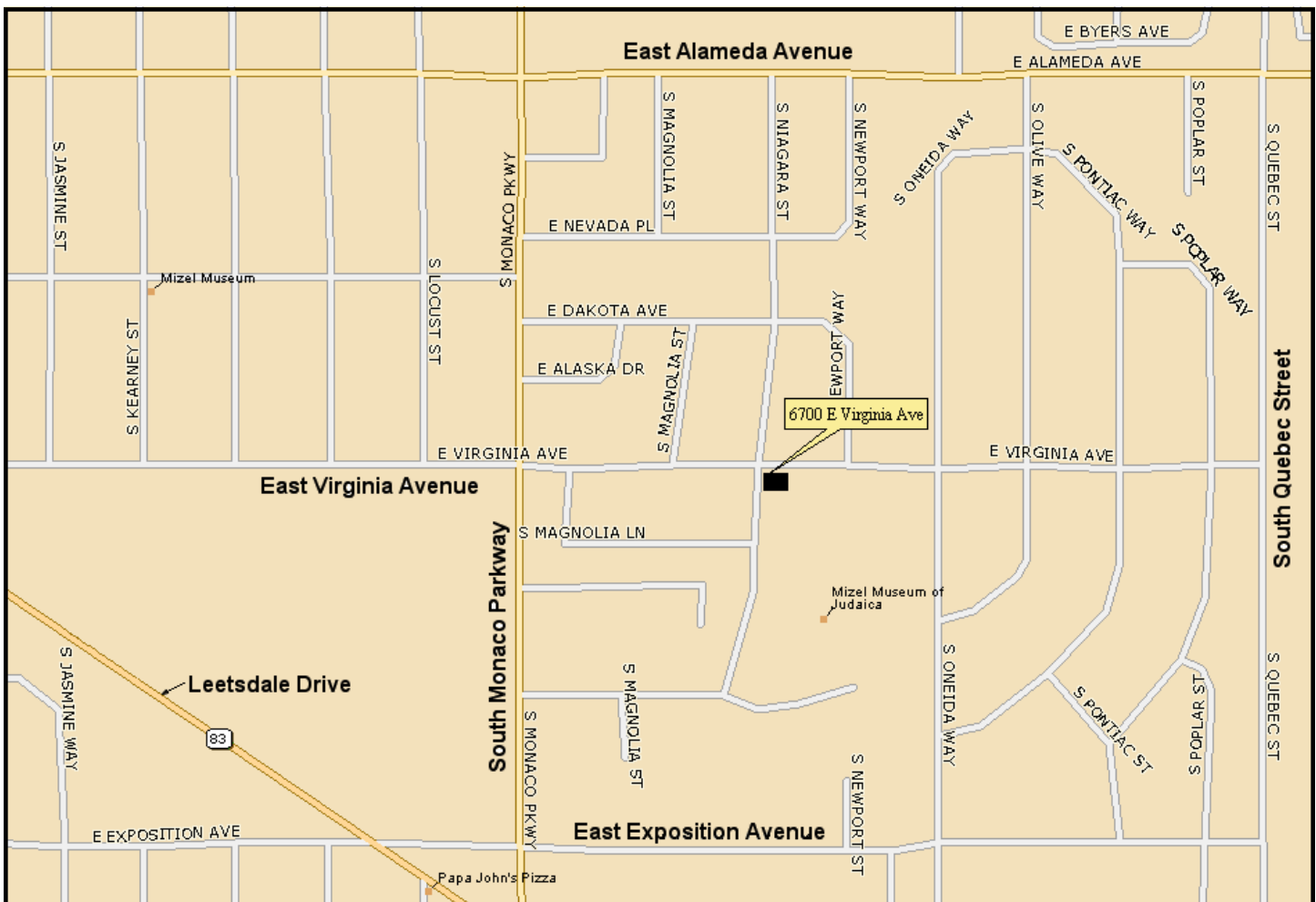
The general hours of construction are 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the south traffic lane and south parking lane will be under construction from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. while only the south park-

ing lane will be under construction from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Parking along 6<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, Cedar, and Kalamath and on side streets will be limited and driveways may need to be blocked for short periods of time. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

Q3 Contracting has a representative available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 303-996-3544 to discuss any concerns or to answer any questions you may have about this project. Xcel Energy also is available at all times at 1-800-895-4999.

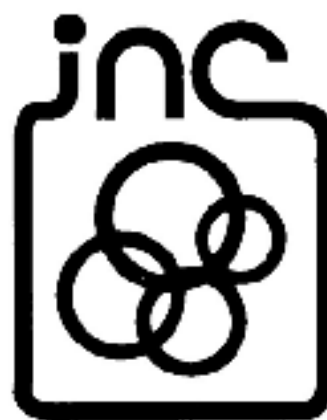
You also can follow the progress of this project online at [www.xcelenergy.com](http://www.xcelenergy.com) by clicking on the "Company" tab in the upper left-hand corner, choosing "About Energy and Rates," and "Accelerated Gas Main Replacement Project." If you would like to receive email updates about this project or have questions, comments, or concerns, send them to [infocolorado@xcelenergy.com](mailto:infocolorado@xcelenergy.com).

We welcome the opportunity to speak to your RNO's members to discuss our Accelerated Gas Main Replacement Project and answer any questions they may. To set up a time, please contact Kirk Scheitler at [infocolorado@xcelenergy.com](mailto:infocolorado@xcelenergy.com) or 303-294-2456.



# 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)  
Delegate Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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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  
May \*<sup>th</sup>**  
The public  
is welcome to attend.

**Fallis Elementary  
6700 E Virginia Ave**

**See map on page 10**

**8:30 a.m.**

**9:00 a.m.**

Welcome from

**9:10 a.m.**

Around the City

**10:15 a.m.**

Break

**10:30 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

**11:40 a.m.**

Committee Reports

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You can always view upcoming  
INC meeting locations and get  
information about presentations  
on our website. Click on the  
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