

Creating Communities

By Jamie Seemiller



Creating Communities with the Denver Public Library Western History Genealogy Department, that is. Digitizing Denver's Historic Neighborhoods website launched on August 1st! Thanks to a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Denver Public Library Western History Genealogy Department, in partnership with the City of Denver, Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library, History Colorado, Auraria Library, and University of Denver Penrose Library, has brought together a number of historic resources and digitized archival materials. We encourage you all to explore the website and learn more about the history of Denver.

The website is available at: creatingcommunities.denverlibrary.org. The Denver Public Library will have an exhibit at the Central Library to highlight the project in September and are hosting a Fresh City Life Scrap Booking

Workshop on August 21st.

Website highlights:

- **Neighborhoods** – We have digitized photographs, maps, and documents from seven of Denver's historic neighborhoods including Auraria, Barnum, Capitol Hill, Five Points, Park Hill, University Park, and West Colfax. Each neighborhood highlights the people, places, and events that shaped each neighborhood's unique history.
- **Building Histories** – Digging through all of the historical resources available to compile your house or building history can be a daunting task. We have mapped a number of resources such as Assessor Records and National and State Historic Buildings on a Google map to make your house or building history research a breeze. There are also tips on how to search photographs, maps, and building permits. Plus we have digitized Householder Directories, City Directories, and Denver Municipal Facts.
- **Collections** – If you just feel like browsing around, we have a vast collection of digitized archival materials in the collections section.
- **myDenver** – It is a place for you to share your Denver history - upload photographs and favorite stories and engage in conversations to enrich your Denver community.
- **Creating Communities iPhone Application** – The mobile version of the Creating Communities project powered by Socialight will enable fans of Denver history to explore our seven historic neighborhoods. More than just walking tours of Denver, the application features National and State Historic buildings from the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) at History Colorado and historic photographs

from the DPL Western History Digital Image Collection. Users of the Creating Communities application can contribute to the Creating Communities experience by adding comments and by uploading photos and stories about the places and events featured in these neighborhoods.

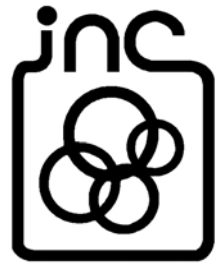
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Parkways Resolution

The INC Parks and Recreation Committee is proposing a resolution on Parkways and Boulevards to be presented on August 14th. See page seven for details.

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 Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
Ball Park Neighborhood Assn
 Belcaro Park Homeowners Assn
 Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn
 Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors
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 Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.
 Cherry Point Homeowners Assn
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 College View Neighborhood Assn
 Congress Park Neighbors
 Cook Park Neighborhood Assn
Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn
 Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn
Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn
2nd filing
 Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc
 Filing One
 Cultural Arts Residential Org (CARO)
 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.
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 Rangeview Neighborhood Assn
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 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn
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Assn
 Southmoor Park Homeowners Assn
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University Hills Neighborhood
Assn
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Delegates' Meetings are held on the sec-
 ond Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
 See this issue for location.

The INC Executive Committee meets
 monthly at 1201 Williams Street in the
 19th floor meeting room.
 RNOs are welcome to reprint the articles
 in their own newsletters.

Delegation Recap

By Ray Ehrenstein

Chair Steve Nissen called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on Saturday, July 10th, at Palettes Restaurant within the Denver Art Museum. The Delegates were welcomed by Robin Lima on behalf of The Golden Triangle Museum District (GTMD). She thanked the Denver Art Museum for opening its doors two hours early on a Saturday morning to accommodate the INC. We then were welcomed by Paul Fiorino, President of GTMD, who reminded us that The Biennial of the Americas is underway!

It was moved by Gertie Grant and seconded by Al Habercorn to approve the meeting minutes from June; the minutes were approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Jeanne Robb welcomed us and told us that the Safeway store on Josephine Street near Colfax Avenue was to be demolished by the City with the aim of eventually having a recreation center in its place. She recounted wryly that the problem was, "The City was having problems getting permits from the City!" The Delegates erupted in laughter. Robb said there is not sufficient funding for the planned recreation center at this time, however there would be room for a dog park and urban garden on an interim basis. She is hopeful that students from East High School will participate.

We began "Around the City" after which we went to break.

After the break, the Chair introduced Ed Scholz, Budget Director for the City. Mr. Scholz explained that he is not elected nor appointed by the Mayor, that he is not a politician, and that "I have nothing to hide." His department is separate yet has access and input to every City department and is present early on to tell each of those how much money they may spend. His staff also evaluates the programs and suggests which programs are effective as well as where economies may be achieved.

Ed told us about the City's various Funds. There are Enterprise Funds for Wastewater and for DIA that are kept separate. These enterprises pay the City significant revenues. The airport pays the City \$20,000,000 a year and is audited and "watched like a hawk."



Ed Scholz speaks to the delegates.

Photo by K Beaudrie

The Operating or General Fund pays for construction, police, fire fighters, et cetera. Ed says normally 50 percent

of that funding comes from sales tax. For some western municipalities, it is 70 percent. Back east, where Ed grew up, cities get most of their money from property taxes.

Forty years ago, 60 percent of revenue nationwide came from taxes on goods and 40 percent from services. This has now reversed. Today we now have 60 percent of our revenue coming from services and only 40 percent from taxes on actual goods. The problem is now, in a slumping economy, sale taxes are much diminished. Cities are suffering from the effect. Sales on the internet have also eroded the tax base.

Overall yearly growth of sales tax slipped from seven to four percent twenty years ago and has dropped to about 1.5 percent in the last ten years. This does not allow municipalities to keep up.

Ed requested questions and was asked how much the tax collected from medical marijuana sales helps the budget? Ed put it into perspective by answering, "Denver's operating budget is about \$900,000,000; about \$100,000,000 will need to be cut next year. The expected tax from medical marijuana sales is \$1,000,000."

Comparing Denver's sales tax rate to 17 surrounding communities, Denver is 15th lowest. We also rank about 15th to 17th in property tax rates. (Property tax is only 13 percent of the City's revenues.) Our property taxes have remained stable. It is the sales tax that has dropped to 1996 levels.

One person noted that Denver does not tax groceries while some metro communities do. Ed acknowledged that this was true, but due to a citizen's group going around seeking to undo this in those communities, he expects such taxes to go away.

There was concern expressed about Denver charging a business a \$12.50 yearly fee to maintain the business's tax records.

The transfer of Denver Recreation Centers to partnerships was bemoaned by delegates from the Elyria Neighborhood Association. Ed said such savings, those achieved by library closings, and reduced hours and furlough-days for City employees were all necessary to balance the budget.

Mr. Scholz warned us about the dangers of Amendments 60 and 61 and Proposition 101. These additions to the ballot would cripple communities across Colorado, undoing measures already passed by citizens and essential to maintaining services and already approved projects. This brought Ed to the decisions made by voters in Colorado Springs.

The parks there are already un-watered and dying. Streetlights are turned off and only the wealthy neighborhoods are able to pay to have their lights turned back on. People there are saying, "You are punishing us for not passing your tax increases."

Inquiry was made as to federal funds coming to Denver; Ed responded that some have come to Human Re-

sources and some will help build the highway interchange located in Denver; but basically, the funds will go to the State of Colorado. Mr. Scholz ended with a pledge to take our questions and concerns back to the City. He recommended that we go to the City's website and read the first ten pages dealing with next year's budget.

The next speaker was Bridget Coughlin of the Denver Museum of Natural History. In her Progress Report, Bridget said that the building expansion of the Museum will start in November of 2011 and continue about 18 months. The new Education Collection addition will be five stories, two of them underground, and all together totaling 100,000 square feet. The expansion will be LEED-certified Platinum and will produce enough energy for its own needs plus some to spare for the old building. This expansion will allow the museum's entire collection to be finally on display. She confided that much of it is stuffed behind the curved sides of the dioramas including tapestries, diamonds, and the gold collection for which she would not divulge a location! With the addition, all can be on display in the two subsurface floors. The top three floors will allow them to expand their school-based programs. There will also be a new, second temporary exhibit hall on the third-floor. The expansion will extend over a present roadway and should look seamless with the older structure. City Park's 17th Avenue entrance will be closed. The museum also received a grant that will allow them to upgrade the IMax Theatre to 3-D. The theatre will be closed for a few months this fall and then they will open with "Amazon Voyage: Vicious Fishes and Other Riches" that Bridget promises will make the picture "Jaws" appear tame! She added that they would love to host one of our INC meetings at the Museum.



Bridget Coughlin addresses the delegates. Photo by Ken Beaudrie

ZAP Committee: Michael Henry has inserted in the ZAP motion under "THEREFORE" the following – "1. The Mayor should designate one "senior level" person in the City Administration" -- Michael moved and Brad Zieg seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

Dollar Dictionary Drive: We are still \$7,000 short of the funding we need for this year. Steve has mailed out requests for funds to 60 member RNOs who have not contributed as well as to 150 non-member organizations. The

labeling of the books is scheduled next month; we will meet at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 9th Avenue and Emerson Street on the 12th and 13th of August 9 a.m. to 5 p.m..

Education Committee: Michael reported that Billie Bramhall, in conjunction with others, has put together a very good five-person panel for the Education Forum to be conducted at the meeting of August 14th. The President of the School Board, Teachers Association, and a professor are among panel members.

INC Parks and Recreation Committee (PRC): Larry informed us once more of the sad passing of John Simi of the PRC and said that John had reserved the meeting room at the Heritage Club for one year for our meetings. Larry urged broad participation with the Committee since the issues of Admission Based Events and neighborhood notification policy by the City would be addressed as well as the issue of the water delivered by the Purple Pipes to Denver parks. Gertie said that evergreens are dying in the parks and the recycled water's high salt content may be a factor. Larry said that we have members from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board attending our meetings now. Katie said we must have testing of the non-potable water released into the parks. One delegate said it should be an independent firm performing the testing and not the City or Water Board giving us the results. Katie says the City claims they cannot afford the tests but Katie says that we must insist on reliable yearly tests. Larry said there was a die-off of more than 1,000 ducks that had landed in treated wastewater in 2007-08. The results of a study regarding this were released only two days ago.

Ducks were losing the oil in their feathers, losing buoyancy, and drowning. (No further conclusions were reached by this study!) INC members' consensus was that regular testing must be performed. Denver Parks and Recreation Department has informed us that each study/testing costs \$1,000 but they have no budget for this.

Safety: Steve Lawrence is now our INC Representative to a Cooperative Committee for the New Justice Center created by the Mayor. The committee has representatives from adjacent neighborhoods as well as police and firefighters. The issue of not enough working elevators being available at the new justice center was brought to our attention; it was suggested we email our City Council members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Executive Committee Recap By Ray Ehrenstein

When Chair Steve Nissen called the EC meeting to order on July 12th at 7:00 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street, 19th Floor, it was determined that a quorum existed. Present were the Chair Steve Nissen, Vice-chair Brad Zieg, Secre-

tary Ray Ehrenstein, Treasurer Karen Cuthbertson and Delegates-at-large Larry Ambrose, Randle Loeb, and George Mayl. Also present were Committee Chairs Ken Beaudrie, Katie Fisher, and Michael Henry.

Karen moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting; George seconded. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Brad and Seconded by Randle. Both were approved unanimously.

Steve informed us that Billy Bramhall and Anthony Thomas had both called him and each individually reported that they had suffered a fall. They were of course excused with sympathy and concern.

Steve reported the DDD total receipts this year are \$16,071, expenses are \$1,750, and the current balance is \$14,428. Steve says the solicitation reply rate is a good 8.5 percent. Steve sent out 150 letters inviting non-member RNOs to join as well as to contribute to the Dollar Dictionary Drive. No response has been received. Moreover, he sent to 50 member RNOs who have not contributed.

The 7,104 dictionaries will cost \$12,070. That number of thesauruses will cost \$10,650. We would need \$22,720 and will be short by close to \$7,000. After extended discussion and one failed motion, it was eventually moved by Brad and seconded by Ray to proceed with only the dictionaries this year. After agreeing that the left over monies would be held over in the Dollar Dictionary account for the next year's drive, the motion carried with five yeas, one nay, and one abstention.

Education Committee: Chair Bramhall being absent, Karen spoke on her behalf saying that Karen would be the moderator and Michael would be timekeeper for the panel discussion on education at our August Delegates Meeting.

Membership Committee and Newsletter: Ken reported that membership has remained fairly constant the last few years and that we have 81 RNO members of which 17 are patrons and 27 associates of which 10 are patrons. As to the newsletter, Ken explained his position and duties as editor: he will edit the newsletter to be consistent in style from front to back and correct errors of syntax but will not change the facts as submitted to him. So, if an error of fact is spotted, we should send that to the author who may then change it.

Parks and Recreation Committee (PR): On August 14th, Bastille Day, the INC PR sub-committee will be meeting with the Denver Parks and Recreation Department on the Notification Policy. Also it was noted that Darrel Watson and Paul Ryan of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) are now assigned to come to our INC PR meetings as well as Angela Casias and this is proving beneficial to all sides. Katie reported that Denver Parks and Recreation is going to have a "Social" and will invite our Parks group to attend. Katie said they figure that if we party together, we will understand one another better. On August 3rd, a forum sponsored by The City Park Alliance will take place. Katie says the PRAB said there must be a

policy in place regarding Admission Based Events so that not just one company can have rights that exclude other promoters. Kevin Patterson seemed in agreement with the board on this issue.

Larry and Katie proposed to move forward with the water (from purple pipes) issues in Denver parks with an educational/informational forum. There has never been a public forum on this critical issue and they and their committee members want to proceed without the requirement of a co-sponsor. They believe the committee has enough information to proceed and wish to push for responses from Denver Water, Wastewater, the City, the EPA, Sierra Club, and any and all citizens with experiences along these lines like Overland Park's Jack Unruh and Catherine Sandy as well as documental studies presented by credible academics. Brad expressed concern over the INC being perceived as making threats towards the City.

After more lengthy discussion during which George Mayl gave personal testimony as to the disastrous effects of Agent Orange upon his own body and pointed out that forums like this eventually led to public acceptance of asbestosis as fact and then the banning of that cancer causing agent, we moved to final consideration. The majority opinion was that this forum would be a public information-gathering event with no attempt to anger or blame anyone. Thus, it was moved by Larry and seconded by Brad that we move forward to form a fair, balanced, and civil forum. The motion passed seven to zero. Michael agreed to draft a letter of invitation possibly for the *Washington Park Profile* as well.

Transportation Committee: Brad stated that a twelve-lane highway could be built through Elyria.

ZAP Committee: Michael stated that nothing was new beyond what was stated at the Delegates meeting.

The Draft Budget was studied and it was agreed that if we get the web-site up and running we should be able to generate the increased membership numbers we desire. The budget was adjusted and the results agreed upon.

The initial web-site development cost (per Karen) should be about \$1,500. It was then moved by Brad and seconded by Larry that we approve the Draft Budget with a total expense of \$25,728; the motion carried unanimously. The Treasurer agreed to publish the budget in the newsletter. (Editor's note: The budget and quarterly financial report is posted on the INC website.)

The audit from Al Habercorn was accepted. Karen said the IRS Form 990EZ has been filed. INC will seek to connect with the new Director of Government and Community Affairs for VISIT DENVER of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Mr. Anthony Graves. We hope for continued sponsorship from this Bureau for our Presidents and Delegates Dinner.

The EC meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:05 p.m.

Justice Center Report

By Steve Lawrence

The Justice Center Operations Committee was established in April to provide communication and input from the community and to address any neighborhood concerns related to the operations of the Van Cise – Simonet Detention Facility and the Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse. The mayor has appointed representatives from City Council, District and County Courts, Denver Police, Denver Sheriff, the Public Defender's Office, private bail bonding, and neighborhood and business associations. Steve Lawrence, President of Stapleton United Neighbors, was appointed to represent the INC.

The new \$158 million downtown justice complex includes a new Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse and the 1,500 inmate-capacity Van Cise-Simonet Detention Center. Sheriff deputies will now be able to walk inmates into courtrooms for hearings through an underground tunnel connecting the two buildings; previously deputies had to escort handcuffed and shackled inmates through the halls at the Denver City and County Building.

Topics discussed at the July 21st meeting included:

1. Way-finding signage has been designed and will be installed on surrounding streets including directions to public parking. Roberto Venegas of the Mayor's office is communicating with RTD about signs at prominent bus stops and light rail stations too.
2. Dedication for Tooley Plaza will probably occur in early October after the public art installation is completed by the third week of September.
3. Delaware and Cherokee Streets are scheduled to become two-way between July and November, pending installation of new traffic signals.
4. Parking garage hourly fees will be charged through pre-paid kiosks. Limited, free 30-minute parking spaces will be available for Post Office patrons only. Special-event paid all-day parking will be available on week-ends for Civic Center festivals.
5. Many visitors have complained about waiting lines at the elevators in the courthouse. There are four elevator shafts but only three installed elevators. The timing will be adjusted to improve passenger waits; City staff can now use the judge's elevator as well. A study will be done to review design assumptions and conduct physical counts of passengers. Building the fourth ele-

vator will require a request for capital improvement funds.

The Justice Center Operations Committee will meet monthly. If you have questions or inputs, contact Steve at SteveLawrence@2111USA.com.

Zoning and Planning Notes

By Diana Helper

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee met July 24th. Committee members signed a thank-you and best wishes card for Tyler Gibbs who will be leaving his position in the Community Planning and Development Department on August 31st to become the Planning Director of Steamboat Springs.

Peter Park, Manager of Denver's Community Planning and Development (CPD) Department, gave a recap of the new Zoning Code. A copy of the new zoning map was available at the meeting. Amendment Two, consisting of corrections to minor errata in the new Code, will be presented at City Council's Blueprint Denver meeting July 28th. Anyone with corrections such as spelling, punctuation, numeric citations, et cetera may convey this information to Tina Axelrad or Caryn Wenzara at CPD. This amendment also clarifies overlay-zoning language for billboards and adult uses. These uses remain as in the former Code. The new Code will not expand the areas where they were allowed under the old code. Amendment 3 deals with medical marijuana farming restrictions in residential zone districts.

In a month, a set of text amendments/adjustments, including errors of omission, will go to the Planning Board and then City Council. Most *minor* errata corrections go directly to Council. CPD staff is working on Small Area Plans and on zoning changes still needed where areas now differ from their uses shown in Blueprint Denver.

Dan Roberts, Director of Denver Development Services, said Denver's stand on land use, sustainability, and transportation make it well positioned to receive funding for special projects regarding floods and brownfields. He said business/retail policies and procedures need clarification and improvement. He requested priorities from neighborhoods and distributed copies of a questionnaire to be discussed with neighborhood boards and then returned to Michael Henry.

Parkway policy needs to be adopted as there is confusion among the Parks, CPD, and Public Works departments. Roberts said each agency has its own policy but,

Data Corrections

Keep INC informed of changes in your organization's president and delegates. Notify the membership chair at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net.

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

when put together, the results often make no sense. Carolyn Etter presented the extensive 2005 document developed on this topic but so far has not been implemented. It includes the history, status, and recommended management of every Denver Parkway. Cathy Donohue said she and Roberts will study this document. The INC Parks and Recreation Committee is asking that INC delegates urge the City to adopt and implement this document. Also requested is inclusion of all parkways on the Zoning Code and Parks Department maps.

Councilwoman Jeanne Robb attended the meeting; she wants INC to stay informed about efforts to impose stricter restrictions on growing medical marijuana in residential areas and to take a position for presentation at a future public hearing. Safety concerns include odor, lingering mildew, robberies, and instances of shooting.

Penny May, Director of Excise and Licenses, discussed licensing of medical marijuana dispensaries and farms. A list of 94 dispensaries was distributed. Three hundred twenty-four applications have been submitted and about 125 are in still in process. Michael Henry and Penny May mentioned that a list of dispensaries whose Denver licenses have been approved is now posted and will be updated weekly at the Excise and Licenses website under Business Licenses. Penny indicated that the state is still preparing regulations to implement the state legislation passed in May and that it will take time for everyone to determine if and how the state and city rules fit together.

It was moved and seconded to re-send INC's earlier request to Excise and Licenses and to City Council for appropriate RNO notification of applications for medical marijuana dispensaries including ample opportunity to comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Among other topics: Cindy Sestrich of the League of Women Voters invites anyone interested to join its City Issues Committee that she chairs; please contact Gertie Grant if interested. Steve Griffin reported on his study of participants' satisfaction with the process and results of decisions made at neighborhood meetings. This valuable study should be continued and expanded with more detail.

Of major importance are concerns with parkways, sidewalks, and rights-of-way. [Denver Moves.org](http://DenverMoves.org) asks for comment. ZAP will have a program on this. Preserving the parkway status of South Federal Boulevard is needed.

Meetings of NOTE:

August 3rd from 6 to 8 p.m. – A panel discussion of Admission Based Special Events Policy (ABSEP) as it affects Open Air Cinema and other proposals -- at Museum of Science in City Park.

Aug. 12th at 5:30 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Public Hearing on ABSEP. INC has issued its opposition to ABSEP. Please attend this hearing at the Webb Building!

Anyone wishing to join the ZAP Committee is welcome. Contact Chair Michael Henry at 303-377-6609 or Gertie Grant at Gertiegrant@estreet.com.

The next ZAP meeting is August 28th.

Parks and Recreation Notes

By Diana Helper

The INC Parks and Recreation Committee met at 6 p.m. on July 20th at the Heritage Club. Present were co-chairs Larry Ambrose and Katie Fisher, Joe Anderson, Cathy Calder, DPR liaison Angela Casias, Steve Fisher, Marlene Johnson, Cindy Johnstone, Mary Myers, INC President Steve Nissen, James Sample, and guest Adrienne Anderson.

There was a moment of silence in memory of John Simi, committee member and resident of the Heritage Club, who passed away last month. He is greatly missed.

Larry announced dates of note:

- July 21st, 6:30 p.m., at Whittier – meeting regarding admission-based events in parks
- August 3rd, 5:30 p.m., at the Museum of Nature and Science – meeting on Open Air Cinema (OAC), an admission-based commercial event to be held at City Park in the summer of 2011. Public input will be received.
- August 4th, District 1 meeting chaired by Paula Sandoval to present OAC plans.
- August 12th, 5:30 p.m., Webb Building, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Public Hearing on Admission-Based Events in Parks. INC Opposes. Please attend.
- July 24th, 9:30 a.m., INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee
- August 14th, 9 a.m., INC Delegates' monthly meeting, vote on Parkway statement (below)

Angela said the latest draft of the Admission-Based Events Policy is on line. However, it unfortunately does not detail the changes made since the previous draft. Angela will check to see if the "Festival Parks" are still listed, as they need to be. Large banners with information from DPR will be placed along a fence at the Dragon Boat Festival.

Parkways were discussed and notes from Carolyn Etter were read. It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution:

Resolution in Support of Denver's Parkway

Whereas, parkways and boulevards were originally designed to create an urban framework for Denver, and;

Whereas, beginning in the 1870s, the city's street grid was enhanced by the creation of park-like streets built as broad, tree-lined avenues connecting the city's parks, neighborhoods, and civic spaces, and;

Whereas, Denver has 35 streets designated by city ordinance as parkways and boulevards;

Now, therefore, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation recommends that:

1. Denver Parks and Recreation, Denver Public Works, Community Planning and Development, and the Landmark Commission adopt and implement *Denver's Designated Parkway and Boulevard - Assessment and Management Recommendations, and Design Guidelines* prepared by the landscape architecture firm of Mundus Bishop Design, Inc. in November, 2005, and;
2. all designated parkways and boulevards be added to the new zoning map and to Council District maps as open space, and;
3. Denver's Parks and Facilities Map be revised to show designated parkways and boulevards in its next printing..

This Resolution will be brought to ZAP for information and for approval by the INC Delegates on August 14th.

DPR Notification Policy is moving forward with a new draft to be completed by Angela within the next few weeks. At a recent meeting of our subcommittee with DPR and PRAB, the statement in the policy about parkways was changed to state that the parkways are part of the Denver Parks and Parkways System. Councilwoman Marcia Johnson was present and will bring the need to include parkways in the new Zoning Code to the Council Amenities Committee.

Vendor Policy is being written by DPR. Included will be design guidelines, background checks, inspections, and enforcement. At present, vendors have permits for Civic Center but other proposed sites have been tabled. It was again mentioned that there are neighborhood associations which do not want vendors in their local parks.

A Recycled Water Quality Forum will be sponsored by our Committee, probably in September. There was considerable discussion about this educational project. Larry continues to outreach to other organizations. The City Park Alliance will be approached to see if they wish to participate. Environmental researcher, Adrienne Anderson; all local, state, and federal government agencies; and other involved parties will be invited to participate. Cathy Calder and Joe Anderson volunteered to help plan. The public may wish to request that a thorough, independent test of the recycled water in our parks be done on an ongoing basis.



Baker Historic N.A. – An ice-cream social for the neighborhood is being planned for August 21st at Daly Park. The work on the Alameda Avenue Bridge over I-25 is causing traffic jams on Alameda that go back to Grant Avenue during rush-hour.

Ball Park N.A. – There will be a baseball mixer on September 13th with beer and pizza before the Rockies/Padres game.

Cook Park N.A. and Virginia Village Ellis Community Assn. – A National Night Out event will be held in Southeast Denver on Tuesday, August 3rd, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Cook Park located east of Monaco between Mexico and Cherry Creek Drive. People are welcome to picnic; there will be free ice-cream and a concert by the Denver Municipal Band starting at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Cory Merrill N.A. (CMNA) – Neighborhood watch organizations are imperative to stem the rash of break-ins occurring throughout the City. We are our brother's keeper. On the second Saturday of August, CMNA will have their first get-together co-hosted with the Kirk of Bonnie Brae.

Elyria N.A. – “Shingle Mountain” – thousands of tons of asphalt shingles were dumped next to a residential neighborhood. It was permitted but issues of health, fire, wastewater, and environmental air quality have yet to be resolved. A mediator hired as a smokescreen conceals the City's negligence/malfeasance. What can we do?

Golden Triangle Museum District – Hal Gould of Camera Obscura Gallery was given the Boetcher Foundation Award for Photography. The McNichols Building opened as a museum/art gallery for the Biennial Celebration throughout July. History Colorado and Clifford Stills museum are in the foundation stage.

Lowry United Neighbors (LUN) – Chris Romer will speak on August 3rd at LUN at 6:30 p.m. at 150 Quebec Street. Picnic, picnics, picnics – what a nice way to end the summer!

South City Park N.A. (SCPNA) – SCPNA is pleased that a partnership has been formed with Congress Park Neighbors to address common issues such as parking,

noise, and crime associated with bars on Colfax Avenue, City Park jazz, and other events.

Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN) – SUN will organize a community session on Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) and the Eagle F3 commuter rail line to DIA. Participants include RTD, Forest City, and SUN. There will be a Colorado Symphony concert in Central Park on July 18th. The Puerto Rican Festival in June was a success. There are monthly free concerts on the Green – Hazel Miller performed on July 3rd. Housing Diversity continues to fall behind the Master Plan; SUN is supporting market rate rentals and subsidized options.

Sunnyside United Neighbors – The Sunnyside Music Festival will take place in Chaffer Park on September 11th. All are welcome.

Unattributed – Please join the festival at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 1615 Ogden Street, as they celebrate their 150th anniversary beginning at 10 a.m. on September 19th.

West Washington Park N.A. (WWPNA) – The WWPNA house tour will occur on Saturday, September 11th. Houses will highlight the diversity of single-family homes in our boundaries from older multistory Victorians to single story bungalows.

Denver Recycles By Tom Strickland

Study Shows Benefits of Reusable Water Bottles

Remember the old adage, “Reduce, reuse, recycle?” These three terms are referred to as the 3Rs classifying waste management strategies in order of importance. **The first and most important step is to use less stuff, that, in turn, uses fewer resources including energy.** The second step is to see if you can repurpose items before recycling or trashing them. The third step is to recycle as much material as possible.

A recent study published by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality examined the environmental benefits of reducing-and-reusing compared to the environmental benefits of recycling or trash disposal. Using **life cycle analysis** of various methods of delivering drinking water to consumers, the study compared the environmental impact of:

1. Using tap water in a variety of reusable bottles;
2. Using single-serve water bottles and recycling them; and
3. Using single-serve water bottles and throwing them away.

Each “life cycle” analysis for these three methods of delivering water includes looking at the environmental cost of extracting raw materials from the earth (coal, oil, minerals, et cetera) for producing packaging materials and associated energy demands; water treatment; bottling; transportation;

consumer transport; dishwasher use; and disposal, recycling and composting.

The study concludes that drinking **tap water from refillable bottles is the most environmentally friendly action** when compared to other forms of obtaining and consuming drinking water, including buying water in bottles and recycling them. Results showed that:

- Purchasing and recycling a typical single-use plastic water bottle **reduces energy consumption by 26 percent and greenhouse gas emissions by 16 percent over the entire life cycle** when compared to throwing that same bottle away.
- Consuming the same quantity of water from the tap in an average reusable bottle, even if washed frequently in a highly inefficient dishwasher, **reduces energy consumption by 85 percent and greenhouse gases by 79 percent over the entire life cycle** when compared to purchasing a single-use water bottle and throwing it away.

While drinking tap water and recycling single-use bottles are both effective ways of keeping waste out of landfills, the study shows that **the greatest environmental impacts of bottled water occur from manufacturing and transportation, not disposal**. *Bottom line?* If you use single-use water bottles, please recycle them. **The study clearly demonstrates that recycling a water bottle is better than throwing it away but the best environmental choice is to not use single-use water bottles in the first place.** The full Oregon Department of Environmental Quality report can be found at: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/wasteprevention/drinkingwater.htm>

Denver Recycles, a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management, provides residential recycling collection services to Denver residents and encourages residents to reduce their overall volume of waste disposed in the first place.

Recycle Right: Junk Mail

Many residents are still unaware that junk mail and other papers received through the Postal Service are accepted in the Denver Recycles program.

Please put these junk mail items in your purple recycling cart:

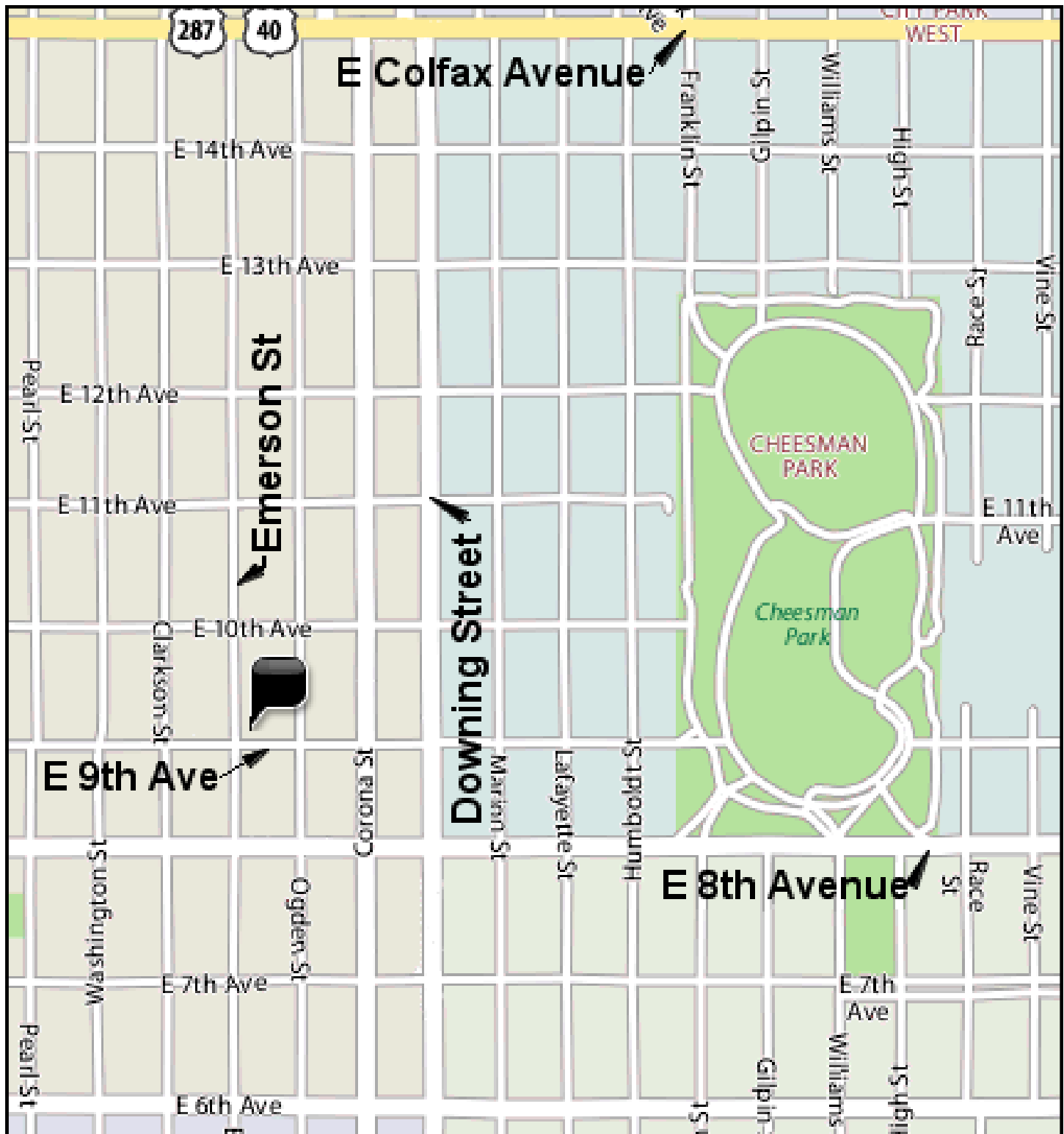
- opened letters
- postcards and newsletters
- flyers and extra papers that might come with bills
- white envelopes (even the ones with see-through windows)
- manila envelopes
- cardboard and pasteboard overnight mailing envelopes
- greeting cards (no foil, glitter or musical types card)
- catalogs, magazines and coupon mailers

Remember to remove all plastic wrap and magnets from materials before recycling them. Plastic mailing envelopes (Tyvek®) or envelopes with plastic air bubbles are not ac-

ceptable in your purple cart. Also, for your own security, please make sure all personal information (social security numbers, driver's license numbers, credit card numbers, et cetera) is removed, blocked out, or shredded before placing documents in your recycling cart.

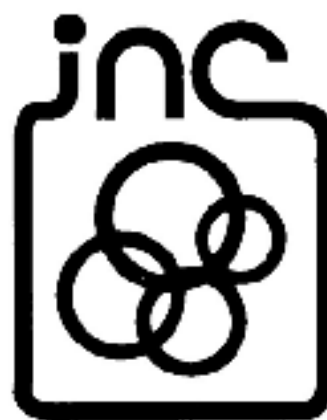
You can do even better than recycling junk mail by preventing this wasted paper from reaching your mail box in the first place. Register today on the "Do Not Mail" list with marketing associations and see your junk mail dra-

matically decrease within a matter of months. Denver Recycles offers a **FREE Junk Mail Reduction Kit** to Denver residents. The kit includes a series of pre-addressed letters to the largest direct mail companies in the United States. To print this Junk Mail Reduction Kit and to find out about other websites that can help you prevent junk mail deliveries, visit us online at **DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles** (click under "News" then "Junk Mail Kit").



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

Organization Name: _____
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Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:
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**Meeting Saturday
August 14th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**Our Savior's
Lutheran Church
915 E 9th Avenue**
See map on page 10

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from CHUN and
Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

9:10 a.m.

INC Business

9:15 a.m.

Around the City

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Panel review of Education
Reform in DPS with
Dr. Shelley Zion of the UCD
School of Education and Human
Development; Henry Roman,
Chair of the Colorado Education
Association; Jesus Salazar of A+
Denver; Colorado Senator Mi-
chael Johnson; and Nate Easley,
President of the Denver Board of
Education

11:30 a.m.

Committee Reports

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