

Call to the Annual Meeting

The INC Executive Committee unanimously approved a motion to propose an amendment to the Bylaws to create a standing Website/Communication Committee. It is proposed that Article IX, subparagraph C of the Bylaws be amended to read “**Standing Committees shall be: Budget, Education, Membership, Newsletter, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Transportation, Website/Communications, and Zoning.**” And the Zoning and Planning Committee is asking for the Delegation’s approval of a motion. The Committee unanimously adopted the Statement of Principles documented on page 7. If adopted, this statement will be presented to candidates for City offices in the May 3rd election. Be prepared to discuss and vote on the proposed amendment and motion at the meeting.

The Bylaws also specify that the Annual Meeting includes the election of officers by the delegates. The officer positions include the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Delegates-at-large. Only a delegate from a member RNO may serve as an officer. The following are the duties of the officers and the names of persons expressing a desire to be nominated for the respective position:

The **Chairman** is responsible for seeing that the purposes of the association are carried out, presides at all meetings of the Delegation and the Executive Committee (EC), proposes the agenda for all meetings, appoints the Audit Committee, appoints the chair of all committees with the approval of the EC, and serves as an ex-officio member of all committees. As of this writing, there is one candidate for Chair—Steve Nissen.

The **Vice-chairman** performs the duties of the Chairman in his/her stead and those duties assigned by the Delegation. There is one candidate for this position—Larry Ambrose.

The **Secretary** records the proceedings of all meetings and keeps and preserves the records of the organization. As of now, there is no candidate for this position.

The **Treasurer** is the custodian of all funds, keeps and preserves accurate and complete records, disburses funds at the direction of the Delegation, and presents a quarterly financial report to the Delegation. As of now, there is no candidate for this position.

The **Delegates-at-large** perform such duties as assigned by the Delegation. As of now, there are five candidates for the five positions. They are William Cornell, Randle Loeb, Jane Lorimer, George Mayl, and Brad Zieg.

All nominations for officer positions, including those not yet nominated and the current slate, shall be made from the floor at the meeting.

Calendar of Candidate Forums

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation is co-sponsoring a number of candidate forums with the Denver League of Women Voters and Historic Denver in partnership with Denver 8 TV, which will air the forums several times. These forums are to educate Denver voters in

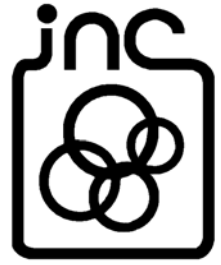
preparation for the important city elections on May 3rd (that will be conducted by an all-mail ballot). A number of other forums are being organized and will be announced as soon as possible.

Neighborhoods are encouraged to invite members to attend these forums.

- **March 22nd, for City Council-at Large Candidates** - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 700 South Franklin Street – also co-sponsored by Friends and Neighbors of Washington Park, Washington Park East N.A., West Washington Park Neighborhood Association, Cory Merrill Neighborhood Association, Belcaro Park H.O.A. and University Park Community Council.

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INC Member and Associate Organizations (Patrons in Bold)

Member Organizations

ABC Streets Assn
 Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn
 Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn
 Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
 Ball Park Neighborhood Assn
 Belcaro Park Homeowners Assn
 Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn
Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Inc
 Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn
 Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.
 Civic Association of Clayton
 Colfax on the Hill, Inc
 College View Neighborhood Assn
 Congress Park Neighbors
 Cook Park Neighborhood Assn
Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn
 Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn
Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn 2nd filing
 Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc Filing One
 Cultural Arts Residential Org (CARO)
 Curtis Park Neighbors
 East Cheesman Neighbors Association
 East Montclair Neighborhood Assn
 Elyria Neighborhood Assn
 Elyria Swansea/Globeville Business Assn.
 Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc
 George Washington Homeowner's Assn. Inc.
 Godsman Neighborhood Assn
Golden Triangle Museum District Golden Triangle Neighborhood Assn.
 Grandview Neighborhood Assn
Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.
 Green Valley Ranch Citizen's Advisory Board
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn
 Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC
 Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.
 Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA
 Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn
 Ivy Street Neighbors Assn

Lower Downtown Neighborhood Assn (LoDoNA)
 Lowry Community Master Assn
 Lowry United Neighborhoods
 Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn
 Neighbors and Friends for Cheesman Park
 North City Park Civic Assn
 Northwest Neighbors Coalition
Overland Park Neighborhood Assn
 Park Forest Homeowner's Assn
 Rangeview Neighborhood Assn
 Rosedale Harvard Gulch N.A.
 South City Park Neighborhood Assn
 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn
Southmoor Park East Homeowners Assn
 Southmoor Park Homeowners Assn
Stapleton Master Community Assn
 Stapleton United Neighbors
 Stokes Place Green Bowers HOA
 The Unsinkables
 United Community Action Network
University Hills Neighborhood Assn
University Park Community Council
Upper Downtown Development Org
 Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn
 Washington Park East Neighborhood Assn
 West Highland Neighborhood Assn
West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn
 Whittier Neighborhood Assn

Associates

Bernie Jones PhD
Bill Johnston
 Bonna Gayhart
Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann
 Dennis Gallagher, Auditor
Denver Health Medical Center
Denver Mayor's Office
Denver Water
Gertie Grant
 Hampden Heights Civic Assn
 Harriet R. Hogue
 Leetsdale COP Shop
 Nathan C. Briley

Rosy Griffiths
 Sandra D. Shreve
 Stephen Griffin
 Vicki Gritters

NOTICE

If your RNO is not listed here, your delegates to INC will not be able to run for office nor vote for those who do.
The membership chair will be at the meeting at 8 a.m. to process late renewals.



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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.

- **March 30th, for Mayoral Candidates** - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Denver Botanic Gardens, Mitchell Hall, 1005 York Street – also co-sponsored by Neighborhood Advisory Council to the Botanic Gardens, Denver Botanic Gardens, Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, East Cheesman Neighbors, Seventh Avenue Neighborhood Association, Morgan's Historic District, Community Gardeners, Cherry Creek North N. A., Country Club Historic District, and Capitol Hill United Ministries.
- **April 5th for Mayoral Candidates** – 6:00 to 8:00pm at Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Ricketson Auditorium, 2001 Colorado Boulevard – also co-sponsored by League of Conservation Voters.
- **April 7th for District 5 City Council Candidates and City Council at Large Candidates** – 7 to 9 p.m. at Palmer Elementary School, 995 Grape Street – also co-sponsored by Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Association and Mayfair Neighbors.
- **April 12th for Mayoral Candidates** – at Tivoli Student Union at Auraria Campus, 900 Auraria Parkway – also co-sponsored by Denver Post. The time of day is unknown; we suggest you contact the Denver Post offices or the Metropolitan State College of Denver.
- **April 21st for Mayoral Candidates** – 5:30 p.m. at Coors Field in the Right Field Club. The entrance is on 21st Avenue and Blake Street. Parking is available in lot A. There will be appetizers and an open bar. It is co-sponsored by the Ballpark Neighborhood Association, Lower Downtown Neighbors Association, LoDe District, Inc., Downtown Denver residents Association, River North Neighborhood Association, Highlands United Neighbors, Biennial, and the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Association.

Delegation Recap

By Diana Helper
Secretary pro tempore

INC, meeting at the Museum of Science and Nature on February 12th, was called to order by Chair Steve Nissen at 9:10 a.m. The gathering was hosted by the South City Park Civic Association and the North City Park Neighborhood Organization. Bonita Lahey of South City Park Civic Association and Dave Goens of North City Park Neighborhood Association greeted the delegates and provided interesting historic information about the park and the area as well as thanking the City for working with surrounding neighborhoods.

This district's councilwoman, Carla Madison, spoke about City Park's improved circulation plan and about the nearby dog park, recycle center plans, the new Food Truck Task Force, and the public hearing on the medical marijuana ordinance scheduled on February 14th. Madison and a number of other candidates for office in the May elec-

tions were present including Rich Gonzales, Mary Beth Susman, Chris Romer, and a representative of Jacob Werther.

The Minutes of the January 8th INC Delegates' meeting were approved by acclamation.

Jane Lorimer presented her proposal that INC should distribute a directory of RNO presidents and delegates to the member RNOs (see the January issue of *Denver Neighborhood Connection*). After discussion, it was moved by Steve Lawrence and seconded by Michael Henry to produce such a directory; the motion passed with all in favor. Members of the INC RNOs will be queried for permission to publish their record.

Will Cornell reported that the INC Executive Board proposes spending \$3,000 to establish a user-friendly website for INC; a special website and communication committee will work on this. After discussion, he moved for a vote, seconded by Michael Henry; it passed with all in favor.

Nissen advised the delegates that a number of political forums are scheduled and encouraged all RNOs to help sponsor the forum nearest their neighborhoods.

Tony Young, liaison for the Mayor, announced that no 2011 Neighborhood Conference has been planned by the current administration.

Mayor Bill Vidal thanked all volunteers for their input on what is important to the City. He said that during his six months as mayor he will do all he can to promote the City as a vibrant community, attractive to businesses and to all residents. He will champion Denver's Road Home and improved employment opportunities including faster City permit operations. The DIA South Terminal project will provide many jobs. He has a Structural Financial Task Force (SFTF) at work on long-range City budget considerations. He wants greater openness and care taken in handling the very small percent of complaints (but very publicly presented) on Department of Safety issues, with assurance that such incidents will not happen again.



Mayor Vidal addresses the Delegation
Photo by Ken Beaudrie

The Mayor answered questions on traffic routes, putting an RNO representative on the SFTF, creating an around-the-clock safe place for the homeless, alley concerns, snow routes, senior discounts on property tax, and reaching younger folks via new technologies.

Bridget Coughlin, VP of Strategic Programs for the Museum, spoke about the new Education and Collection Facility to be constructed on the south side of the museum building. It will have two underground floors with sealed vault storage, three floors above for science studios, a Discovery Zone, and a large exhibit space. Plans will be presented this spring. The build is to be done in 2014 – many construction jobs will be created. A recent audit by NASA suggested a number of changes to improve museum accessibility. The museum is working on a free-admission card that may be checked out at a Denver library, like a book, to assist those who cannot afford admission; this is successful in Chicago.

The INC Parks and Recreation Committee meets February 15th. The INC Delegates meet March 12th at the Heritage Club, 2020 South Monroe Street. INC elections will be held at that time.

Executive Committee Recap By Larry Ambrose

The Executive Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 10th at 1201 Williams Street in the 19th floor loft. Present were Chair Steve Nissen; Vice-chair Brad Zeig; Delegates-at-large Larry Ambrose, William Cornell, Cathy Donohue, and George Mayl; Committee Chairs Ken Beaudrie, Mike Henry, and Anthony Thomas; and guest, Michael Smilanic.

A motion was made by Cathy to approval the minutes of the January 10th meeting; Brad seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Due to the last minute rescheduling of the EC meeting, the Treasurer could not attend hence the lack of a Treasurer's Report in this recap. The report appears on page 9.

Steve asked which Executive Committee members intended to run for a committee position in the March INC elections. Steve will run again for Chair while Brad and incumbents Cathy, George, and William will run as Delegates-at-large. Larry will run for Vice-chair.

A group composed of Brad, Ken, Larry, Michael, and William had been studying website options. William presented a report and recommendations for a content management system, social media strategy, site map, and organization through which the site should be developed. It was the consensus that Wordpress (vs. Drupal) would be the easiest program to use and through which to train others to update an INC website. Michael explained the dynamics of the Wordpress content management system. William presented a site map and format for the website

and recommended the creation of a committee that would help to design, develop, and maintain the site.

Brad moved to recommend to the Delegation an amendment to the Bylaws to establish a standing "Website/Communication Committee" in Article IX.C.; George seconded. It passed unanimously. A budget of up to \$3,000 was estimated to bring the site to fruition. Using the Wordpress format will make it possible over the years to upgrade rather than to have to redesign the site completely. Brad made a motion to allocate \$3,000 for the creation of an INC website; Larry seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

Larry and William had been working on finding an appropriate LCD projector in order to project computer-generated images at meetings. Larry moved to authorize up to \$700 to purchase an LCD projector, warranty, and screen. Brad seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

There was a discussion of Jane Lorimer's request to make available information regarding INC RNO members. Jane will make a motion at the February meeting of the Delegation to have the Membership Chair release such information.

The Dollar Dictionary Committee reported that \$3,300 was raised through the silent auction at the Annual INC Presidents Dinner. There is approximately \$11,000 in the account.

William reported there will be an Education Committee meeting February 23rd at 4 p.m. at the Blair Caldwell Library.

Ken reported on Membership. There are, including carryovers, 86 RNO members, 15 of which are patrons and 31 Associates, 11 of which are patrons. For the new year, so far there are 50 RNO members, 8 of which are patrons and 17 Associates, 7 of which are patrons.

Larry reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee has been working to distribute the *Platform for Denver Parks* and has sent all mayoral candidates the *Platform* along with a list of questions. The Committee will be assembling the responses and disseminating the results. The Committee will meet on their regular third Tuesday of the month schedule on February 15th, 6:00 p.m., at the Heritage Club, 2020 South Monroe Street.

Anthony, Co-chair of the Public Safety Committee, reported on issues surrounding the redesign of I-70.

Brad announced that the Transportation Committee would meet on February 26th. He also made a point that the new zoning code makes new development a nightmare for anyone trying to do projects in the City.

Under Old Business, it was announced that information on candidate forums will be published in the INC newsletter.

Under new business, Steve reported that an invoice from Visit Denver for INC's portion of the cost of the Annual Presidents Dinner would be approximately \$1,700.

Therefore, for the first time, a net revenue was gained this year from the Dinner. Larry announced that he has a CD with more than 400 photos taken at the Dinner. He will first give it to Jane Lorimer who will then deliver it to Steve.

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

Parks and Recreation

By Diana Helper

The INC Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) met February 15th, 6 p.m., at the Heritage Club. Present were co-chairs Larry Ambrose and Katie Fisher as well as Ronnie Crawford, Cathy Donohue, Ray Ehrenstein, Dave Felice, Steve Fisher, Diana Helper, Marlene Johnson, Cindy Johnstone, Jay Rust, Kathleen Rust, James Sample, Michael Smilanic, and DPR Community Liaison Angela Casias.

Cindy said there are two spaces remaining in the allowed group of ten Washington Park FANS (friends and neighbors) to tour the Recycled Waste facility on February 23rd. Jay and Kathleen Rust expressed an interest in joining the tour.

Jay reported on the distribution of INC Parks Platforms to mayoral candidates. One reply has come in and the others are working on replies to submit. The group discussed distribution to City Council candidates. A few members will develop a format for this; the Committee will meet March 8th to finalize it. It will be presented at the March 12th INC meeting of the Delegation. Dave Felice went through a list of media organizations to be sent the Platform; members agreed on assignments to do so.

Larry opened discussion of the request the Committee has received from a number of people to develop a "Platform for Recreation" because this large consideration has not been detailed in the Park Platform. Cindy stated that she believes recreation is such a complex topic, including recreation centers, golf courses, mountain parks, playing fields, and more, that it needs to be tackled by a separate committee. After discussion, the Committee agreed that it will continue to focus on Parks and the recreation that is inherently related to our public parks (including dog parks), but that we will recommend to INC that a separate committee be formed to develop a "Recreation Platform" and address recreation issues. It was agreed that the City would do well to make two departments, a Parks Department and a Recreation Department, but that it is not likely to happen given the current political and economic situation. Angela stated that DPR evaluates all parks and recreation use and there will be opportunities for the public to discuss these topics.

The Dog Park Master Plan meeting is March 10th, the same night at PR Advisory Board at which INC is to pre-

sent its Park Platform. The Plan has not yet been posted on line. Angela will check on this situation.

Ronnie talked about Overland Pond Park near West Florida Avenue and the South Platte River. This was presented at Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting last week; the Committee will ask that it be presented to INC delegates this spring. Volunteers from adjoining RNOs are welcome to help with this small, natural park. A "Fishing Is Fun" grant is being sought, money from the Shattuck remediation fund is available, and some RISO funds will tie into the park area.

No information is yet available on the "Big Air" ski/snowboard event, awaiting information from the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs (DOCA). Assessment of the condition of the park will be made in April. DOCA plans to have this event again but many factors must be considered, with a cost-benefit analysis available to the public. The resulting condition of the park is of prime importance. Complaints included lack of big names, price of tickets, some paid space was no better than some free space, only ticket holders could use the bathrooms, too many fences, routing around a city block to get to the other side of the park, and the fact that this event did nothing to "activate" Civic Center park beyond the event itself. As Jay pointed out, Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) did its best to save park grass by having patrons ticketed who may have technically been outside the park. If held again, we suggest a sports venue.

Cindy asked if DPR plans more skate-parks in existing parks; there are some areas to be set for skaters. A new bike obstacle course will be at Barnum Park as suggested by Winter Park Ski Resort to encourage mountain biking. Cindy noted gender bias in recreation plans for older youths.

Other topics discussed included:

- Ask what Admission-Based Events have been requested (By who and where).
- Dead geese at Sloan's Lake and at Washington Park (one is being examined by Wildlife to determine the cause of death).
- Frances Melrose Rose Garden at Sloan's Lake Park being redone by DPR and Melrose Foundation without any input or consultation with neighbors or consideration of English rose garden plans.
- Questionable as to DPR use of \$20,000 per year maintenance funds from Foundation.
- Offer of an 80-acre park site by a person protesting two-year review of medical marijuana growing sites no longer conforming with new zoning code if review were extended to four years (two years was voted in).
- Were any council members involved in this?

Angela reported on several topics.

- Vending guidelines for 2012 are on hold until after the Mayoral election.

- The new newsletter service will improve communication and provide more “news.”
- The Washington Park Master Plan presentation will be on February 24th.
- There is some confusion regarding how liquor will be served at Stapleton Central Park's Pavilion and laws where catering services are concerned for events if liquor is to be served.
- Sponsors (\$2,500) are needed for Free Movies in Parks.
- Recently installed motion activated cameras are providing good video of wildlife in Denver Mountain Parks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. There will be a special meeting of the INC PARC on March 8th to review responses to the Park Platform from the mayoral candidates. The regular meeting is scheduled for March 15th.

Zoning and Planning By Diana Helper

INC's Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee met February 26th.

Katherine Cornwell and Tina Axelrad gave an update on the Sustainable Food Policy Council. The Mayor appointed an advisory group that meets monthly and will study proposed changes in the present process for keeping chickens, ducks, and goats. The group will make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for a “Food-Producing Animals” ordinance, sponsored by Councilman Chris Nevitt. The Department of Environmental Health, the City Zoning Code, and the Animal Code are involved. The proposal goes to the Planning Board March 16th with a public hearing likely at Council May 2nd.

ZAPers had many questions—inspections, foxes/coyotes, impoundment, fees, and lack of notification to neighbors—and were assured no surge of problems is expected. To engage a speaker for your own group and for more information, please visit www.sustainablefooddenver.org.

Paula Van Dusen, on behalf of Denver Urban Homesteading, described that group's petition on a similar topic. If Council should not vote for the above Sustainable Food proposal, Homesteading's proposal can be put on the next citywide ballot, provided it has 5,000 accepted signatures. She circulated a petition for ZAPers to sign if they wished.

City Councilwoman Paula Sandoval spoke about a proposed amendment to the City Landmark Protection Ordinance. “Demolition by Neglect and Affirmative Maintenance” will be addressed, in reference to City landmark-designated structures. She said the Manager of Community Planning and Development (CPD) would have the power to define rules and regulations. An international property maintenance code may be written. She said speakers would come to your group to talk about this proposed amendment. Please contact Paula.Sandoval@denvergov.org.

CPD Manager Peter Park spoke about that department's work in the consolidating and linking of the many facets of planning and development to serve us better. These facets include coordinating building, zoning, wastewater, et cetera. They also include working toward more on-line permitting and working with the Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Department to clarify and consolidate many land and streetscape concerns (Right of Way, Parkways, et cetera).

Caryn Wenzara of CPD provided an informative hand-out on Planning Services' 2011 Work Program. It provided a list of goals, of long-range city and small area plans being studied, of the implementation of area based projects, of regulations, of infrastructure and funding, of partnerships, of procedures, and of communications. Jeremy Wells of CPD Landmark Preservation talked briefly about the 5-year Historic Resource Survey, now planning its methodology, that will lead to getting funds for a pilot project, then the full city.

Tina Axelrad of CPD spoke about a text amendment to the new Zoning Code to address set-backs, design standards, the reorganization of some text for clarity, the addition of graphics and intent statements, interpretation, and making clean-up corrections. They entail both text and map amendments. It likely will be Amendment 6 and is set to go to the Planning Board on March 16th. Zoning Administrator Michael O'Flaherty added that this amendment is the result of the first nine months' experience using the Zoning Code. There also was some discussion of “Conservation Overlays” that are available in the Zoning Code. A few are presently under preliminary discussion with neighborhoods.

Assistant City Attorney Kerry Buckey talked for a moment about the recent Medical Marijuana Ordinance passed by Council and how it assures that Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) will be notified.

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.

A draft of ZAP's Statement of Principles for Candidates was read aloud by Michael Henry. There was discussion of this document that is meant to provide information to candidates for Mayor and Council before (and after) the May election. Charlotte Winzenburg made the only amendment to add "RNO" before the word "neighborhoods;" the group voted unanimously to have the document presented for vote to the full INC Delegation at its March 12th meeting. See the full text at page 7.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon. Next ZAP meeting is March 26th at 9:30 a.m.



George Washington HOA – Denver Green School will create an urban garden in the spring to grow healthy food for their lunch program. George Washington High School is revamping the north entrance to be safer and to provide access for students. It is funded through donations and fundraising; no tax dollars were used. Check with the school for details. The cost was \$180,000 and driven by parents of students.

North City Park – There is a grass-roots effort on the part of parents and concerned citizens to recall Nate Easley as representative of Northeast Denver on the D.P.S. Board.

Stapleton United Neighbors – The Central Park Recreation Center has been packed with people since it opened this past month. It is a regional recreation center with gymnasium, pool, weight room, and cardio room. Stapleton hosted a transportation forum discussing the upcoming Central Park interchange to be opened in late 2011.

University Park Community Council (UP) – UP is co-hosting the South-Central Political Forum on March 22nd. UP is working hard to improve safe crossings at South Colorado Boulevard, South University Boulevard, and Buchtel Boulevard Parkway.

Dollar Dictionary Drive By Cathee Fisher

"A dictionary and a thesaurus of their own for every third-grade student attending Denver Public Schools," that is our goal. It sounds very simple and in many ways, it really is

simple and straightforward. In a city of 600,000, every year there are 6,500 third-graders attending 90 plus schools from over 200 neighborhoods. Since 1996, neighborhood and community support has said yes; this is important for all of us.

Blink a few times and those 8-year-olds are in middle school, then high school, and then college. The first third-grade recipients of this gift are now college graduates. We offer congratulations and thank you to all who have donated to this cause!

This gift of these books of learning through words from our community can make a difference with each third-grader and their families. The expanded dictionary includes the U.S. Constitution, biographies of Presidents, state demographics, world maps, a multiplication table, a periodic table, solar system pictures, planet information, plus much more. All 450 pages are an easy reference for young and old. The thesaurus (nicknamed the dinosaur book) is easily understood and it helps the reader navigate the nuances of the English language.

We had a great kick-off at the INC annual dinner with the silent auction benefiting the Dictionary Drive. Thank you to all who participated and contributed. INC's costs for this program to provide two books of their own for each third-grader are just over \$3.00 per student.

Your financial support is requested to enable us to give the third-graders their own dictionary and thesaurus in 250-plus classrooms in 90-plus schools and to label 13,000 books by school and neighborhood.

Denver and our students are our town and our future. Readers are Leaders!

Thank You!

Send your donations to:

Dollar Dictionary, PO Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218

ZAP Principles By ZAP Committee

The Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Zoning and Planning Committee unanimously adopted the following Statement of Principles to present to the INC Delegation at its March 12 meeting. If adopted, this will be presented to candidates for city offices in the May 3 election. Delegates should be prepared to vote on March 12.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COOPERATION REGARDING ZONING AND PLANNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ISSUES – 2011

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, a volunteer network of 85 Denver registered neighborhood organizations, has worked since the late 1970s to ensure that:

- Citizens of Denver should be fully informed of proposals, policies, and actions of the Denver city govern-

ment that affect the quality of life in our neighborhoods and

- b. All City departments and agencies should solicit and consider opinions and ideas from citizens and neighborhood organizations.

In more specific terms, INC believes that:

1. Denver's neighborhood registration ordinance, adopted in 1979, must be implemented consistently and effectively by all City departments.
2. The Mayor should appoint representatives of registered neighborhood organizations to all city boards, commissions, and task forces that consider issues of concern to neighborhoods or to citizens at large, including any task forces regarding bond issues.
3. All City boards, commissions, or task forces that consider issues of concern to neighborhoods or to citizens at large should have meetings that are open to the public; shall make their agendas, meeting times, and meeting places available to the public in advance of the meetings; and shall provide time at the meetings for public comment.
4. The Mayor, his or her department heads, and City Council members should meet with neighborhood organizations periodically every year to discuss neighborhood issues.
5. The Budget and Management Office, the Mayor, department heads, and City Council should consider in every budget cycle the impact upon the quality of life in neighborhoods of each budget proposal and should solicit and consider comments from the public and neighborhood organizations.
6. The City should implement the new zoning code by continuing to require that new developments or construction in stable neighborhoods should be compatible with the adjacent neighborhood and that all of the required notifications be timely given.
7. The Community Planning and Development Department should be adequately funded to be able to complete or update neighborhood plans or small area plans where needed.
8. Neighborhood Inspection Services, the Department of Excise and Licenses, and the Department of Environmental Health should be funded and managed so that City ordinances and licensing requirements are properly enforced in neighborhoods.
9. The Landmark Preservation Commission and the city-wide historic survey should be adequately staffed and funded to enable effective understanding and preservation of Denver's historic resources.
10. The Public Works Department should be adequately funded and managed to make all forms of transportation safe for pedestrians, bicyclists, bus-riders, and drivers and should encourage multi-modal transportation and attractive streetscapes.

11. The Clerk and Recorder and City Council should involve citizens and neighborhood representatives in discussions about redistricting and election procedures.
12. All elected officials and department heads should improve their efforts to ensure that all City departments and agencies work together, not separately or adversely, to make, implement, and enforce policies that affect neighborhoods.
13. City services should be equitably provided in all parts of Denver.

Treasurer's Report

By Karen Cuthbertson

January 1 to 30

Certificates of Deposit

12-31-2010 Balance	\$11,063.16
Interest earned	+55.45
1-30-2011 Balance	11,118.63

Savings

12-31-2010 Balance	\$2,610.64
Interest earned	+0.22
1-30-2011 Balance	2,610.86

Dollar Dictionary Drive

12-31-2010 Balance	\$7,645.46
	+1,055.00 Donations
	-738.80 Transfer to Checking
Interest earned	+0.61
1-30-2011 Balance	\$7,962.27

Checking

12-31-2010 Balance	\$2,206.44
	+2,533.80 Memberships
	-645.86 PO Box, printing, Neil Haverstick
1-30-2011 Balance	\$4,094.38

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\$25,786.14

Zoning Processing

By George Mayl

The Planning Board Meets at the Wellington Webb Building on Wednesday, March 16th at 3:00 p.m. in the fourth floor room 4.F.6. The Land Use Meeting is on Tuesday, March 22nd at 10:30 a.m. at the City and Count Building, 1437 Bannock Street, in the third floor room #391. The subject deals with whether or not an ordinance change would curtail RNOs and adjacent property owners from being informed of Zoning Permit with Informational Notices.

Presently, residents wishing to keep food-producing animals (FPA) must submit an application to the City for a

Zoning Permit with Informational Notice (ZPIN). This includes providing written notice to RNOs as well as posting a sign on the subject property informing the public that a permit has been requested and inviting comment. In addition, abutting homeowners must be notified and letters of support must be requested. The proposed amendment would do away with the process for up to 8 chickens and/or ducks and a maximum of 2 dwarf goats including any number of their offspring younger than 6 months. The ZPIN review would remain for FPA not listed and applications to keep more than the maximum number of allowed FPA.

Recycler's Corner

By Tom Strickland

Recycling CFL Bulbs – What You Need to Know

Congratulations! You are now using compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) in your home. You are saving energy and saving money on your utility bills. Now what do you do if a CFL burns out or breaks?

What to do with burned out CFLs?

Unlike standard incandescent bulbs, CFL bulbs do contain trace amounts of mercury. It is not a lot of mercury, about one-hundredth the amount of an old-style mercury thermometer; however, it is still enough to pose a danger to your health and the environment. The good news is that CFLs are 100 percent recyclable and safe when disposed of properly, and there are many free CFL recycling locations available to you. Xcel Energy and Ace Hardware stores have collaborated to recycle CFL bulbs. You may drop-off your CFL bulbs for free recycling at any of the over one hundred **Ace Hardware** stores in Colorado. Also, **Home Depot** and **Lowes** stores offer free recycling of CFL bulbs as part of their national programs. Recycling CFLs is also important because other materials in the bulbs are reused; the glass and metal that make up CFL bulbs can be recycled.

What to do if a CFL breaks?

According to the EPA, if a CFL bulb or any fluorescent bulb breaks in your home, some of the mercury is released as mercury vapor. The broken bulb can continue to release mercury vapor until it is cleaned up and removed from the residence. To minimize exposure to mercury vapor, EPA recommends that residents follow the cleanup and disposal steps described below.

1. Before cleanup:
 - Have people and pets leave the room.
 - Air-out the room for 5 to 10 minutes by opening a window or door to the outdoor environment.
 - Shut off any central forced air heating/air-conditioning system.
 - Collect materials needed to clean up the broken bulb such as wet paper towels and a sealable bag or container.

2. During cleanup:
 - Be thorough in collecting broken glass and visible powder.
 - Place the cleanup materials in a sealable container.
3. After cleanup
 - Promptly place all bulb debris and cleanup materials outdoors in a trash container or protected area until materials can be disposed of properly. Avoid leaving any bulb fragments or cleanup materials indoors.
 - If practical, continue to air out the room where the bulb was broken and leave any heating/air conditioning system shut off for several hours.

Please note: For much more detailed cleanup instructions for various services, visit the EPA's website at epa.gov/cfl/cflcleanup.html

What about recycling other types of fluorescent bulbs?

The long, "tube like" fluorescent bulbs most often used in commercial lighting fixtures are not accepted for recycling at most hardware stores like CFL bulbs. However, Denver residents can dispose of their fluorescent tubes as part of the Denver's Household Hazardous Waste collection program. For more information on this program, please visit online at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

Six Easy Ways to Be Better Denver Recycler!

In 2010, Denver residents recycled a record 31,300 tons of recyclable materials through the Denver Recycles program. Also, more households participated in the program than ever before with the program surpassing 100,000 recyclers in 2010. Congratulations, Denver!

Despite the continued growth of participation and awareness, there remains room for improvement; together we can recycle even more materials in 2011. Below are a few recycling tips on how you can become an even better recycler:

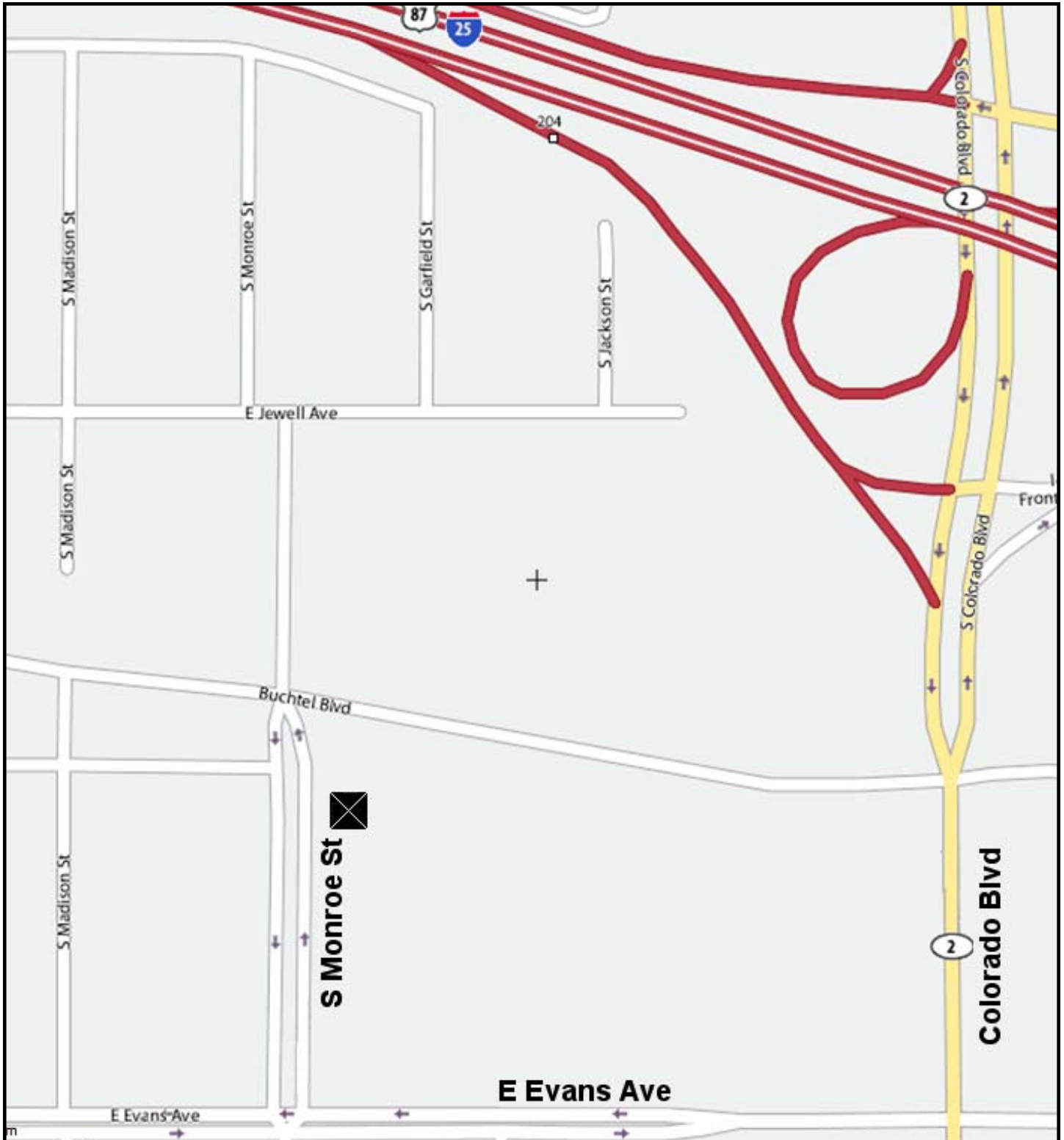
1. Review the current list of accepted materials regularly to see if there are any new items added you have overlooked that could be recycled instead of thrown in the trash. A list of recyclable items can be found online at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles or you can call **3-1-1** to have a "Guide to Easy Recycling" booklet mailed to you. Did you know that in 2010 Denver Recycles added #5 plastic cups and tubs to the list of acceptable items?
2. Check your trash. Before emptying a wastebasket from a bedroom or office, check to see if there are any recyclable items you can pull out.
3. Make recycling a habit in every room of the house. Recycling is not just for the kitchen or living room; it is for every room in the house. Challenge yourself to recycle products from the bathroom, laundry room, and garage as well.
4. Keep non-acceptable items out of your recycling cart. Items not accepted in the program can contaminate other recyclables that are collected; that results in

increased recycling costs and could result in loads being rejected for recycling.

5. Flatten and break down all boxes before putting them in your purple cart; this will leave more room for other recyclable materials. Remember that all boxes should be cut or folded down to no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet when placed in the recycling carts. Cardboard left outside your recycling cart will not be recycled.

6. Never place plastic bags into your purple cart. The equipment that sorts the recyclables is incredibly sophisticated and plastic bags are the one item that can become tangled around this equipment possibly causing damage and operating downtime.

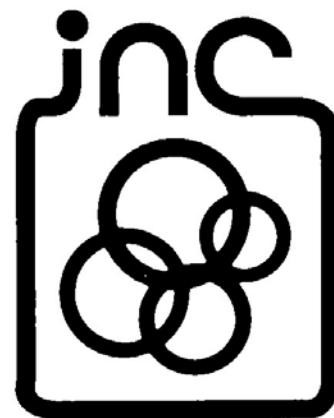
For more information about the Denver Recycles program, please call **3-1-1** or visit us online at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.



Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2011 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood representatives who believe that neighborhood organizations deserve a greater participation in city government and possess a shared vision that individual neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another. **To join as a member neighborhood organization, the organization must be registered with the city as a Registered Neighborhood Organization. Log on to Denvergov.org for details. The names of Patron members and associates are listed in bold in our newsletter.**



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

Join as a voting neighborhood organization: Regular Member (\$35) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

See below to apply as an INC Associate

Organization name: _____
 Address: _____
 Borders: North _____ East _____
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Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

Organization Name: _____
 Organization Address: _____
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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
March 12th**
The public
Is welcome to attend.

**Heritage Club
2020 S Monroe St**
See map on page 10

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome by the University Park
Community Council and Council-
man Charlie Brown

9:15 a.m.

INC Business
Amendment to the Bylaws
Statement of Principles Motion
Election of Officers

9:40 a.m.

Around the City

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Captain Judith Will
Nuisance Abatement

11:00 a.m.

Jennifer James, George Washing-
ton H.S. Gateway Project

11:15 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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