

Food Producing Animal Ordinance

By Steve J. Nissen

There will be a public hearing before City Council on June 13 regarding Food Producing Animals (FPAs). This is an important issue for neighborhoods citywide and all RNOs are encouraged to attend the public hearing and make your wishes known. Please educate yourself about this ordinance so you are aware of the facts as they may relate to you and/or your neighborhood. Contact your councilperson for information and to express your concerns be they pro or con.

On April 9, INC passed three separate motions relating to FPAs. A letter was sent to all members of City Council containing the content of those motions. They are as follows:

1. The ordinance should not remove the currently-required notification to Registered Neighborhood Organizations and abutting neighbors, and posting of a sign regarding a person's desire to have no more than eight chickens or ducks (combined) and no more than two dwarf goats. (Passed by a vote of 24 in favor, three opposed, and one abstaining.)
2. When Animal Control is developing Rules and Regulations for this ordinance, Denver Standards should closely follow "Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens," by Gail Damerow (3rd edition), the recognized authority on urban chicken care since 1995. (Passed by a vote of 24 in favor, zero opposed, and six abstaining.)
3. INC strongly encourages City Council to treat Food Producing Animals in the same manner as for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in the Zoning Code Update. The existing code for FPAs should remain in effect and the new ordinance should be rewritten to allow individual neighborhoods to opt-in, if they wish to be covered under the new "Use by Right" FPA ordinance, as areas or neighborhoods were able to opt-in for ADU's. (Passed by a vote of 17 in favor, seven opposed, and eight abstaining.)

Denver Bike Sharing

Mayor Guillermo (Bill) V. Vidal, members of the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC), Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), and Denver B-cycle announced the start of the summer ozone season and Colorado Bike Month.

Colorado is a premiere bicycling state; and to celebrate bicycling for transportation, fun, and fitness, June is known as Colorado Bike Month. Colorado joins a nationwide effort to encourage cycling novices and enthusiasts to experience the fun and freedom of safely riding a bike to work, school, errands, and recreation that helps reduce vehicle miles traveled and improves air quality. The highlight of Bike Month is the region's annual Bike to Work Day on June 22 – a day to celebrate bicycle commuting.

In an effort to help Denver B-cycle members participate in Bike to Work Day, Denver B-cycle will be encouraging all those planning on riding a B-cycle on June 22 to register for Bike to Work Day at www.drcog.org/biketowork. Denver B-cycle enables more extensive use of transit by oftentimes filling in the last mile of trips, giving downtown dwellers and visitors a way to move around without their cars. Denver B-cycle also provides members with a personal account page that not only highlights miles ridden, calories burned, and money saved, but also carbon offset to help users track the many benefits of bicycling.

Summer ground-level ozone pollution is the Front Range region's biggest

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 Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn
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 South Hilltop N.A.
Southmoor Park East H.O.A.
 Southmoor Park H.O.A.
Southwest Improvement Council - SWIC
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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.

air quality concern and is formed when emissions from everyday items combine and “cook” in the heat and sunlight. Sources of such emissions include local industry, gasoline-powered vehicles, lawn equipment, household paints, and stains and solvents. Ozone pollution can trigger attacks and symptoms in people with pre-existing health conditions such as asthma or other respiratory diseases. High levels of ozone pollution also affect healthy people who work or exercise outdoors and can cause breathing difficulties, eye irritation, and reduced resistance to lung infections and colds with exposure for prolonged periods.

The Denver region violated the federal standard for ozone pollution in 2007 and air quality experts forecast the region to remain out of compliance with stricter standards set by the EPA in 2008. Federal officials are expected to announce even stricter standards in July 2011 making it even more critical this summer for local residents, businesses, and industry to do their part to help reduce ground-level ozone thus helping reduce the health risks associated with summer ozone pollution.

Ozone-causing emissions come from a wide range of sources. Front Range residents can take the following actions to reduce ground-level ozone:

- Sign up for Ozone Action Alerts to know when alternate behavior is imperative
- Drive less – Ride your bike, walk when you can, group your errands, take public transit and carpool whenever possible
- Mow in the evening after 5 p.m.
- Refuel in the evening after 5 p.m.
- “Stop at the click” – do not overfill gas tanks when refueling
- Keep vehicles regularly maintained
- Tighten gas caps after refueling
- Use new, earth-friendly lawn equipment
- Avoid solvent-based products; use water-based paint, stain, and sealants

ABOUT DENVER BIKE SHARING

Denver B-cycle, presented by Kaiser Permanente in association with a variety of community sponsors, is owned and operated by Denver Bike Sharing, a Colorado charitable, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Executive Committee Recap By Randle Loeb

The INC Executive Committee met at 7 p.m. on May 9th at 1201 Williams Street on the 19th Floor. Present were Chair Steve Nissen, Vice-Chair Larry Ambrose, Treasurer Jennifer Tomeny, and Secretary Randle Loeb as well as Delegates-at-Large William Cornell, Cathy Donohue, Jane Lorimer, George Mayl, and Andrew Schurger. Also in attendance were committee chairs: Ken Beaudrie, Michael

Henry, Karen Taylor, and Bradley Zieg. All were welcomed by the chair.

Randle Loeb moved and Jennifer Tomeny seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the April EC meeting. The minutes were amended to reflect that the recently purchased slide projector is an INC expense. The minutes were approved as amended.

William Cornell moved and Randle Loeb seconded to accept the April treasurer’s report; following as change to the total funds, the report was approved.

INC meeting feedback was presented by Andrew Schurger. Andrew will make recommendations at the next meeting after reviewing the data.

Committee Reports It was agreed that committee reports should be sent directly to Ken Beaudrie and Randle Loeb.

Audit Report: It was moved by Randle Loeb and seconded by George Mayl to approve the report of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee reported on the condition of the financial records and, after much discussion and explanation, the EC Committee was assured that we have good financial records and that all is in order. The Audit Committee’s report was accepted and approved.

Website Committee: If someone does not want to receive emails, they can opt-out of the email blasts. The old website is being maintained by Jane Lorimer.

Dollar Dictionary: 1,800 solicitation letters will be mailed out by Steve.

Transportation Committee: The committee is looking for issues to address. Steve reported that he had received an email just today regarding a proposal by CDOT to place concrete barriers in the center of Hampden Avenue in the Tamarac Square area and that several neighbors and businesses have great concerns about that.

Education: No report submitted.

Parks and Recreation: No report submitted.

Zoning: The Neighborhood Handbooks are in progress.

Other Business:

- The Mayoral Runoff Election occurs June 7th. There will be a candidate forum at the May 14 INC meeting at Denver Community Church, 1101 South Washington Street, north of the Whole Foods Store. The debate will occur from 9 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium. The INC meeting will follow in another room.
- In June the INC meeting will take place at the Denver Film Society, 2510 East Colfax Avenue and will be hosted by Congress Park Neighbors.
- Email authority for blasts rests with Ken. The subject was discussed with the idea that the Website Committee and Ken will work together to establish some inter-communications.
- We discussed working on the Presidents Dinner prospective donors and sponsors on a year-round basis.

New Business

County Fair Booth Al Gallo and Andrew Schurger made a report on the fair. Space has been donated. The fair will

be three days from Friday to Sunday, July 28 through 31.

Executive Committee The next meeting of the INC Executive Committee will be on June 14th, not on a Monday as is normal. The normal date coincides with the City Council hearing regarding FPAs. It is a legislative matter and public input is welcomed.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Delegation Recap

By Randle Loeb

The May 14 INC Delegation Meeting was held at Denver Community Church with West Washington Park Neighborhood Association as host.

The morning began with a Mayoral Forum with runoff candidates Michael Hancock and Chris Romer debating until 10 a.m.

The business meeting began at 10:45 a.m. A motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting was made by Al Habercorn, seconded by Ray Ehrenstein, and was approved unanimously.

Zoning Committee: Mike Henry moved that “we should write a letter encouraging Community Planning and Development to give 30-days notice to RNOs and other citizens of the text of zoning amendments before the date when such amendments will be considered by the Planning Board.” The motion was seconded by Charlie Busch. After detailed explanation and some discussion, the motion passed with 28 in favor, zero opposed, and zero abstentions.

Mike Henry also made a motion regarding Denver Public Library to wit: “INC should communicate to Shirley Amore, Chief Librarian of the Denver Public Library, with copies provided to the Library Commission, the Mayor, and to members of City Council, encouraging the Library Commission to develop and implement a more satisfactory process of soliciting and giving meaningful and respectful consideration to public involvement and commentary in library planning discussions from the general public, including users and neighbors.” INC opposes the possible closing of from seven to twelve branch libraries and repeats its 2010 opposition to the closure of the Byers Library. The potential of major funding changes for the library system must have the involvement of the citizens and have the accountability of the voters of Denver. The motion was seconded by Karen Cuthbertson and after discussion was passed with 26 in favor, zero opposed, and zero abstentions.

Transportation Committee: Judy Sullivan spoke of neighbors’ concerns about a proposed ‘Super Target’ to replace Tamarac Square. Discussion ensued about CDOT’s proposal to place concrete barriers down the middle of Hampden Avenue in this area. Andrew Schurger spoke to the intention that people throughout the INC sup-

port pleas for assistance in solving neighborhood issues. Andrew is also working on ideas to make INC meetings more effective.

Parks and Recreation Committee: The committee has concerns about admission-based events and further changes in leadership reflecting the changes in the City Administration. Foundations are planning and investing in public gardens in the park system and INC wants to be certain that communities are engaged in the planning and decision process.

Councilman Chris Nevitt welcomed INC to South Denver and spoke briefly about the mayoral forum and the community.

Tracy Weil, Marketing and Community Director of the Denver County Fair, briefed us on the upcoming fair that will be held July 28 to 31 at The National Western Complex. INC will have an information/promotional booth at the fair and volunteers are needed; please contact Albert Gallo at 303-477-5020. For more information about the fair, please feel free to contact Tracy at 303-308-9345.

Casey Davenport and Ronnie Crawford, both of Overland Park Neighborhood Association, presented a report on Overland Pond that is being developed as a place for recreation, fishing, and festivals. The next event is on June 21 to celebrate the summer solstice.

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

Education Committee

By William Cornell

On May 26, the Denver INC Education Committee held its monthly meeting and discussed the Denver Public School’s 2011 Regional Community Meetings, the Education Committee’s webpage content on the new DenverINC.org website, and the upcoming 2011 Denver Public School Board of Education elections.

DPS has been holding regional community meetings since January to develop a shared vision on improving educational opportunities. School leaders, educational non-profit organizations, parents, and concerned community members were invited to develop recommendations on issues concerning their school district.

Some of the issues discussed were about high school feeder patterns, graduation rates, school performance data, transportation, school configurations, and local community asset mapping of education support organizations.

Each regional group shall compile their ideas and recommendations and present them to the DPS Board of Education for evaluation. DPS staggered the regional meetings throughout the winter, spring, and summer, but the first Community Engagement Reports shall be presented to DPS Special Meeting at 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 6.

The new DenverINC.org website shall provide the Education Committee a wonderful opportunity to help Denver neighborhood associations and residents navigate

abundant documents and information about their community schools, the different plans to improve educational opportunities, and how local communities might engage their neighbors in a conversation about how they envision the future of their neighborhood schools.

The Education Committee hopes neighborhood associations might use this information about the issues as the 2011 DPS Board of Education elections campaigns begin in August for the November elections.

Once the nomination petitions are all registered in August, the Education Committee hopes to invite the candidates to an INC education forum in September so they might introduce themselves and respond to community questions about the future of DPS and how the Board of Education shall work together to address important issues concerning our neighborhood schools.

The Education Committee is still seeking volunteers from across Denver who are interested in a variety of issues concerning our neighborhood schools and many other important educational issues. We are especially in need of community representatives from Southwest, Southeast, and Central Denver to take part in committee conversations and share their thoughts and ideas that are dominant within their communities.

The Education Committee meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with locations to be announced.

Parks and Recreation Cmte

By Larry Ambrose

Notes of the INC Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting May 17th. Larry Ambrose and Katie Fisher discussed goals for the upcoming year. The Committee will work on a plan to take bi-annual park clean ups by INC RNO members city wide based on the precedent setting spring and fall Sloan's Lake Shore Clean Up started in 2004 by Jane Parker-Ambrose and the Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association. The Committee will continue to advocate early RNO/community involvement in the planning process for Denver's parks. This will be especially important as public/private partnerships on specific park improvements become more commonplace, such as the one being done with the Melrose Garden Foundation at Sloan's Lake Park. As has happened in the past, again in this instance, the community at Sloan's Lake had some problems with what was being proposed and some very positive suggestions for the landscape architects.

Angela Casias announced the summer movie series scheduled for Skyline, Civic Center, and Governors Parks. One or two other parks, to be announced, will be featuring free summer movies. The "Bike Ambassadors" will be a new volunteer bicycle patrol that will be roaming several of Denver's parks and bikeways as a result of a program

sponsored by Bike Denver. Outdoor swimming pools will be opening soon. A new mountain-/dirt-bike course soon will be constructed and opening at Barnum Park on the north edge of the Park bordering the 6th Avenue Freeway. Access to the area (as well as the Barnum Dog Park) is off 5th Avenue and Knox Court. The opening of a new playground at Sloan's Lake Park will be marked by an ice cream social on Thursday, May 26, at 4 p.m. Larry informed Angela that Robinson Dairy would often donate ice cream for such a public event.

The Committee urged Angela to ask the Parks and Recreation Department to plan restoration of the grass at Barnum Dog Park by rotating sections that are to be re-seeded with those available for the public to use.

Doing a forum on the sources and safety of recycled Denver Water will have to be put on hold due to the serious illness of Committee friend and member, Adrienne Anderson.



Overland N.A. - Overland Park N.A. is going to have a Summer Solstice celebration on Tues. June 21st from 6pm until dusk at Overland Pond Park. Ice cream and other summer goodies will be available. The celebration is called Ice Cream Solstice; how appropriate, it is our first annual Solstice event and all neighborhoods are welcome. Overland Pond Park is located off S. Santa Fe at Florida (Aqua Golf) go west 1/4 mile and parking is on the right. Come join us in our celebration of the longest day of the year. Thanks, Ronnie. Crawford, falconcentral@gmail.com

Whittier N.A. - 9th Annual Whittier Yard Sale, Saturday, June 4. Discover some great deals and a great neighborhood in the heart of Denver! Get map of participating addresses at www.WhittierNeighborhood.org by June 1. For more information, contact Cathy Calder at 303.296.1680.

From Councilwoman Jeanne Fatz's Newsletter—Get a great look at Union Station. Are you curious about the Denver Union Station redevelopment? Learn about the project first-hand at free walking tours given on the first and third Thursdays of each month through September. These informative, one-hour tours depart from the main

entrance on Wynkoop Street at 4:30 p.m. To reserve a spot, visit www.denverunionstation.org.

Home Improvement Tips

By Julius Zsako

When work is done without permits, it comes to light at the time a property is sold, refinanced, or when a contractor or neighbor notices a problem and reports it to the City.

Protect Yourself with Building Permits

- Permits protect your safety.
- Permits protect the resale of your home and are required by lending institutions.
- Unpermitted work can void insurance coverage and violate local Zoning and Building Codes.
- Permits add value to your project and require that inspections be performed to verify that work was done correctly.
- Have your contractor pull a permit because the permit holder is responsible for compliance with the Building Code.

Common Projects That Do Not Require a Permit

- Replacing an electrical fixture with a like fixture
- Replacing a plumbing fixture with a like fixture
- Painting
- Carpeting
- Floor tile

Projects That Require a Permit

- Most decks
- Additions
- Bay windows
- Patio Covers
- Garages
- Car Ports
- Basement Remodels

Utilizing Contractors

- Seek at least three bids.
- Verify that your contractor is licensed.
- Check web sites like the National Association of Home Builders for helpful tips.
- Have a written contract detailing that the contractor will pull a permit and outlining the work to be performed, cost associated with each task, and a time-frame with estimated start and finish dates.
- Always get a receipt for payments made to contractors.

- Make payments beyond a deposit to your contractor only when you get something in return, such as materials delivered to your address.
- For large projects, before each payment, ask for a walk-through with the contractor explaining the work done so far and what will happen next.
- Never pay in full until the job is complete, has been inspected, and the building permit has been closed.

How to Spot a Drunk From Mothers Against Drunk Drivers

It is almost summertime and there will be many folks outside enjoying the great weather doing what we do here in Colorado.

Those of you who are out and about are reminded to stay alert for those out there who choose to make poor decisions when celebrating by drinking and driving. The following is a list that may indicate that someone has been drinking and is driving.

How to Spot a Drunk Driver

While we work hard to eliminate drunk driving forever, families must continue to be vigilant on our roadways. You can help protect your family from drunk drivers by looking for these signs of intoxication among other motorists:

1. Quick acceleration or deceleration
2. Tailgating
3. Weaving or zigzagging across the road
4. Driving anywhere other than on a road designated for vehicles
5. Almost striking an object, curb, or vehicle
6. Stopping without cause or erratic braking
7. Drifting in and out of traffic lanes
8. Signaling that is inconsistent with driving actions
9. Slow response to traffic signals (e.g., sudden stop or delayed start)
10. Straddling the center lane marker
11. Driving with headlights off at night
12. Swerving
13. Driving slower than 10 mph below the speed limit
14. Turning abruptly or illegally
15. Driving into opposing traffic on the wrong side of the road

If you see this kind of driving behavior, do not engage them but call 911 and be prepared to give details of what

Data Corrections

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

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you observed, the location, a description of the driver and vehicle including a license plate number, and the direction that they were last seen traveling.

NE Downtown Plan By Wil Alston

The Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan (NEDN Plan) was adopted by City Council.

Below is an update on the progress of the planning work begun with the Five Points Business District office last fall. The Five Points Welton Street Marketplace Vision Plan and Final Report were published in January. Thank you to the committee members who provided comments and feedback. Participants totaled 425 in our meetings and focus group discussions, over 700 community surveys, and a room with broad community support as we reviewed the final recommendations in November 2010. Also a big thank you to all CAT members and community members who came to the FPBDO Vision Plan Community Meetings and to the NEDN Plan meetings this spring. Many of the recommendations of the Five Points Welton Street Marketplace Vision Plan were included or helped to shape key elements of the Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan.

Earlier this month, the Planning Board approved the NEDN Plan that is being received as a "plan that balances business, development, and community interests" according to the Senior City Planner and Project Manager, Courtland Hyser.

Some of the general issues that were successfully resolved amongst community members were:

- Building heights on Welton - the outcome was to recommend eight stories between Park Ave and 27th Street with transitions sensitive to surrounding neighborhoods
- Building heights near the baseball stadium - the outcome was to keep the recommended eight stories, but to prevent dwarfing the stadium, a context area will be highlighted where building height should not be higher than the Coors Field stands
- There was much support for the plan. Streetcar turned out to be a popular concept as a solution to issues related to transportation, sidewalks, parking, and economic development
- The future of Broadway - recommendations remain for Broadway to be a grand boulevard and calls for further study to explore the three Broadway concepts that are included in the neighborhood plan.
- Urban renewal areas - the plan recommends that urban renewal areas be created for Arapahoe Square and Welton Street (see next steps #3 below)

Next steps that will help us to implement the ideas and concepts of our planning work include:

1. The Five Points Business District Board with the State Department of Local Affairs through the Sustainable Main Streets Initiative will begin Phase 2 planning this summer. They will begin coordinating with property/business owners, RTD, Denver Urban Renewal Authority, Denver Public Works, and the Urban Land Institute on the Phase 2 planning for the Five Points Welton Street Marketplace (as guided by the community supported Vision Plan).
2. Denver's Northeast Downtown Next Steps Study is awaiting funding notification but will focus on the streets and transportation recommendations of the neighborhood plan.
3. The Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA) will present the recent Arapahoe Square urban renewal planning study to City Council on June 27th. DURA will also begin the first steps of studying a Welton Street corridor urban renewal area with a blight study this summer. The Welton Street corridor study area includes properties fronting Welton Street from 20th to 30th Streets and small sections of Washington Street, 28th Street, and 26th Avenue at the Five Points intersection. DURA will be on hand at the June 4th Five Points Business District monthly community meeting to provide an update on Welton Street and DURA's next steps.
4. The Urban Land Institute recently awarded a joint Five Points Business District Office and RTD team a technical advisory panel (TAP) which brings experts together to meet community members, study the area, and advice on the critical next steps for implementing the Five Points Welton Street Marketplace vision plan.
5. In April, the RTD Board allocated up to \$500,000 for RTD staff to conduct a 2011 streetcar feasibility study from the 38th/Blake Station to downtown Denver.

Recycler's Corner By Tom Strickland

Who Needs Extra Baggage?

Lose the bags and leave the grass clippings on the lawn! GrassCycling is the natural way to recycle grass clippings and provides your lawn with the valuable nutrients and water that it needs without any additional costs to you.

After winter, your lawn needs nutrients more than ever to grow. GrassCycling is an easy and free way to get a healthy lawn and a great way to recycle valuable nutrients. Clippings break down quickly and slowly release nutrients like nitrogen back into the soil. Grass clippings left on your lawn will also shade grass roots and help keep the soil cool. Because grass clippings are made up of more than eighty percent water, they return valuable moisture to the soil meaning less watering for you. When you GrassCycle, you will eliminate that extra step of bag-

ging and dragging grass clippings to the curb or dumpster. Thirty-seven percent of what Denver residents put in the trash during the growing season is yard waste so you also will be helping to eliminate unnecessary trash and save the City money on disposal costs. Try GrassCycling and watch your lawn thrive! Do not worry; GrassCycling does not cause thatch.

When GrassCycling remember to:

1. Mow your lawn when it is dry.
2. Keep your mower blades sharp.
3. Follow the "1/3 Rule" - mow your lawn often enough so that no more than 1/3 of the length of the grass blade is cut and left on the lawn. Lawns are most healthy when mowed at 2 ½ to 3 inches.
4. GrassCycle with any mower. Remove mower collection bag to allow clippings to drop on the lawn. If your mower does not have a safety flap covering the opening where the bag fits into the chute, then it is important that you purchase a retrofit kit

from your hardware store. No special mower is needed.

5. If you do not mow your own lawn, make sure you ask your lawn mowing service provider to leave your clippings on your lawn.
6. For more information about GrassCycling or other Denver Recycles programs, call **3-1-1** or visit us online at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

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Gifts of Words



"Reading Scores Rise" - This headline appeared in the May 11 issue of the *Denver Post*. "Statewide, 73 percent of third-graders scored proficient or better. Along the Front Range, most districts posted slight gains, with Denver Public Schools (DPS) showing the highest growth, improving five percentage points over last year. DPS scores jumped to 56 percent from 51 percent of students scoring proficient or advanced the year before."

This of course is good news. INC has been contributing to this improvement effort for 15 years through our 'Gifts of Words' Dollar Dictionary Drive. We have given over 230,000 dictionaries and thesauruses to more than 107,000 third-graders in DPS. We want to duplicate this project again this year for the incoming third-graders this fall. We hope this effort will give the third-grade proficiency scores another boost.

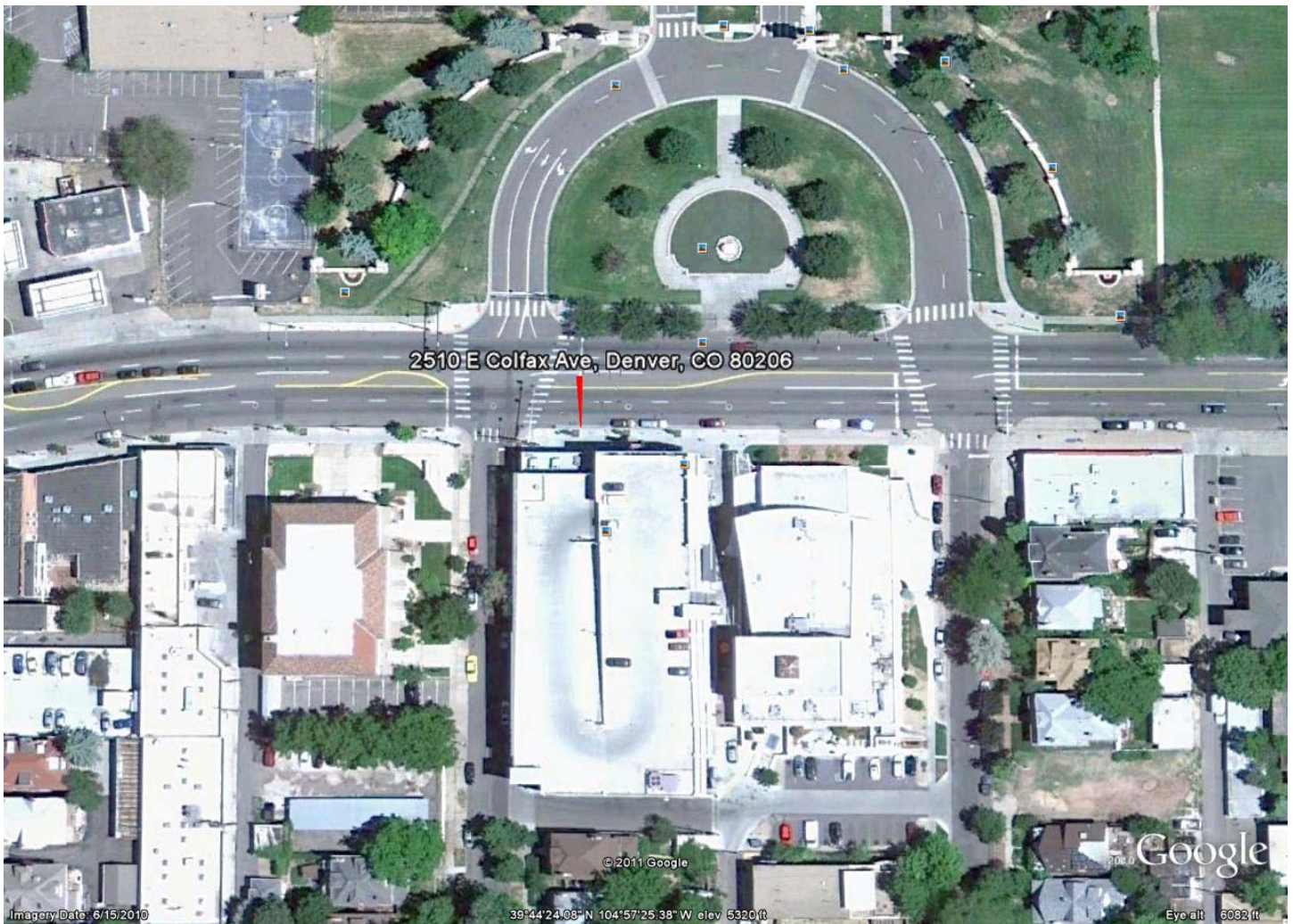
Last year, due to limited donations, we were only able

to provide the dictionary, as we did not have the funds to provide the thesaurus as well. We need your help as we seek the necessary funding goal to provide both books to the students this year. I know you share our hope that proficiency scores will jump several percentage points again.

We would love to have your support for this great project. Donations can be made to Dollar Dictionary Drive, P.O. Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218 or can also be made via credit card online at www.neighborhoodlink.com/INC/home (click on "Dollar Dictionary Committee"). We accept memorials and bequests as well.

If you have already contributed to our 2011 campaign, thank you and please pass this information on to a colleague or friend for their consideration as well.

Thanks for your consideration,
Steve Nissen, Chair
Dollar Dictionary Committee





Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

Membership Application



INC is a consortium of Denver's registered neighborhoods 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 denver.gov.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: _____
Website: _____
Borders: North _____ East _____
South _____ West _____

President's Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____
E-mail Address: _____

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

President is a voting delegate: [] Do not publish my information to other RNOs: []

Note: Each RNO is allocated two voting delegates. If the president is one, appoint one below; otherwise, appoint two.

Voting Delegate Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

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

Do not publish my information to other RNOs: []

Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)
Delegate Name _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

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

Do not publish my information to other RNOs: []

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
June 11th**
The public
Is welcome to attend.

**Denver Film Soc.
2510 E Colfax Ave.**
See map on page 9

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Congress Park Neighbors
Councilwoman Jeanne Robb
Denver Film Society

9:15 a.m.

INC Business
Committee Reports
Around the City

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

DMNS Update
Bridget Coughlin

10:30 a.m.

Website Committee Presentation

Noon

Adjournment

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