



HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME TO 2012!

INC Planning Retreat

The Executive Committee and Committee Chairs from various committees under Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) came together on November 19, 2011 to formulate a plan that would take INC forward in a more planned manner. This outcome will be presented at the January 14, 2012 Delegates meeting. Special thanks to Jane Lorimer for facilitating and providing the formal written summary for this project.

The presentation will include an interactive discussion of the following:

- Mission statement to define INC as an organization and one that can be used in fundraising efforts
- Specific goals that will serve as a roadmap for at least two years
- Objectives for 2012
- Bylaw changes needed and to be proposed for March annual meeting
- A plan for reviewing and updating INC governance, roles, responsibilities and authority levels

Based on requests from members, last November INC began to send INC Community News via one weekly email versus multiple sends during a given week. That weekly news comes from DenverINC-News@aol.com. If you are not currently receiving INC Community News via email and would like to get this, please send an email to that address to request that you be added to the list.

INC Connection, the monthly newsletter, is a separate publication that goes out once a month via email or mail as members direct.

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Old Cathedral High Saved By Neighborhood

[Source: Dave Felice & The Denver Post]

The Archdiocese has been trying to sell the old Cathedral High School at 1840 Grant St., along with the gymnasium at 1835 Logan St. since January 2009, when nuns of the Missionaries of Charity moved out. The buildings sat virtually unused for the past three years. Sagebrush Capital, which built the luxury mid-rise Portofino Tower at 1827 Grant St., had planned to build a similar structure across the street on the site of the Cathedral High School building. When neighbors (CHUN) learned that the 90-year-old building could be demolished, they banded together along with Historic Denver and Colorado Preservation Inc. to save the building by applying for historic designation.

The buyer pulled out of the contract. Bottom line: The preservation group is looking forward to working with the Cathedral parish to determine the site's reuse possibilities and the Archdiocese of Denver just wants to find a buyer.

CONNECTION

January 2012

www.denverINC.org

REMEMBER: *It's time to renew your membership. Have you renewed? Check out the downloadable membership form at www.DenverINC.org*

Thank You 2011 Members!

INC thanks the following organizations and individuals for their 2011 membership with us. The names in **bold** are Patron Level members. Please remember to renew for 2012!

ABC Streets Assn
Alamo Placita N.A.
Athmar Park N.A..
Baker Historic N.A.
Ball Park N.A.
Belcaro Park H.O.A.
Bellevue-Hale N.A.
Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors
Bonnie Brae NA
Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods
Cherry Creek East Assn
Cherry Creek North BID
Cherry Creek North N.A.
Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.
Civic Association of Clayton
Colfax on the Hill
College View N.A.
Congress Park Neighbors
Cook Park N.A.
Cory-Merrill N.A.
Country Club Historic Neighborhood
Cranmer Park Hilltop C.A.
Crestmoor Park HOA 2nd filing
Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc
Filing One
Cultural Arts Residential Org
Curtis Park Neighbors
Downtown Denver Partnership
Downtown Denver Residents Org.
Driving Park Historic Dist.
East Cheesman N.A.
East Montclair N.A.
Elyria N.A.
Elyria Swansea/Globeville Business Assn.
Far Northeast Neighbors
Friends and Neighbors of
Washington Park
George Washington H.O.A.
Globeville Civic Assn. #1
Godsman N.A.
Golden Triangle Museum Dist.
Golden Triangle N.A.

Grandview N. A.
Greater Mar-Lee Community Org.
Greater Park Hill Community
Green Valley Ranch Citizens'
Advisory Board
Hampden South N.A.
Harkness Heights N.A.
Highland United Neighborhoods, Inc
Hilltop Heritage Assn.
Historic Montclair Community Assn.
Humboldt Street N.A.
Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point H.O.A.
Inspiration Point N.A.
Ivy Street N.A.
Lighthouse at the Breakers H.O.A.
LoDo Dist.
Lower Downtown N.A.
Lowry Community Master Assn.
Lowry United Neighborhoods
Mayfair Neighbors
Mayfair Park N.A.
Neighbors and Friends for
Cheesman Park
North City Park Civic Assn.
Northwest Neighbors Coalition
Overland Park N.A.
Park Forest H.O.A.
Platt Park Peoples Assn.
Rangeview N.A.
Rosedale Harvard Gulch N.A.
Ruby Hill N.A.
Sloan's Lake N.A.
South City Park N.A.
South Hilltop N.A.
Southmoor Park East H.O.A.
Southmoor Park H.O.A.
Southwest Improvement Council
Stapleton Master Community Assn.
Stapleton United Neighbors
Stokes Place Green Bowers H.O.A.
Sunnyside United Neighbors.
The FAX Partnership
Three Fountainss Corp H.O.A.
United Community Action Network
University Hills N.A.
University Neighbors
University Park Community Council
Unsinkables

Upper Downtown Development Org.
Villa Park N.A.
Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn.
Washington Park East N.A.
West Colfax Assn. of Neighbors
West Highland N.A.
West Washington Park N.A.
Westwood Residents Assn.
Whispering Pines West Condo H.O.A.
Whittier N.A.
Wyman Historic District N.A.

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Membership Changes: Please send changes for member, president or delegate data to the membership chair, Ken Beaudrie, by email to kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

JANUARY DELEGATE MEETING AGENDA

8:30 am Coffee and Chat

9:00 am Welcome and
INC business

9:15 am EC leadership will
present outcome of Novem-
ber planning retreat (see
lead article)

10:00 am David Edinger,
Mayor's Chief Performance
Officer, delivering 'core ser-
vices' to Denver residents.

Committee Corner

INC has many special interest committees who meet to address areas of specific importance to the Denver community. The following reports were submitted for recent activities. Please see www.denverinc.org for committee postings and the calendar of meetings.

Dinner Committee Jane Lorimer has recently resigned as 2012 Dinner Chair due to health issues. INC thanks Judy Schneider, new dinner chair, and Susan Morrison, new silent auction chair for picking up the duties without skipping

a beat! Other committee members: Larry Ambrose, Josh Davies, Al Gallo, Jennifer Tomeny, Andrew Schurger, Steve Lawrence and Michael Smilanic.

Budget Committee Budget is on target with set goals for spending and will be ahead of the game due to sponsorship revenues raised to augment annual dinner costs.

Communications Committee The committee has submitted a letter to the website developer, Mad Lab Media Group, to determine how to best approach the final 'fixes' to the site.

Zoning & Planning Committee Minutes

December 3, 2011

By Michael Henry, Committee Chair

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee met on December 3, 2011 with 35 members in attendance. Molly Urbina, the Acting Manager of the Denver Community Planning and Development Department (CPD) recapped the organization of CPD (Planning Services, Development Services and Historic Preservation). She reminded everyone that every registered neighborhood organization needs to re-register with CPD every January. She said that, along with many other projects, CPD is now planning with the Regional Transportation District for the east line to Denver International Airport. CPD is also in the early stage of scoping the update of the 2000 Denver Comprehensive Plan and the 2002 Blueprint Denver. ZAP members emphasized and Molly agreed

that neighborhood groups and other citizens should be informed and involved in every step of these updates.

Michelle Pyle of CPD and City Councilwoman Jeanne Robb informed the committee about Text Amendment 10 of the Zoning Code, which sets out the process for dealing with changes to any public right-of-way due to vacation, condemnation or threat of condemnation. They described the purpose as allowing flexibility and limiting lengthy processes that would otherwise be required to amend general development plans or zone lots.

Kelly Leid, recently appointed by the Mayor as Director of Development Services, introduced himself and said that he would like to meet with ZAP

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INC CALENDAR

DELEGATE MEETING

January - Delegate Meeting
Saturday, January 14

The Uptown Lofts
Pearl and Colfax Ave.
In the Community Room
on the 2nd Floor.

A REQUEST FOR THIS MEETING:

After the holidays, local area food banks are usually low on items. We are requesting all who attend the January meeting bring a non-perishable food item to help replenish the food banks.

Optional tours of our meeting facility:

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless constructed Renaissance work force training center and Pizza Fusion Restaurant as well as 98 units of housing for mixed-use and incomes. There will be a tour and an opportunity to discuss the success of the dwellings with residents and staff.

January EC Meeting
Monday, January 9 – 7:00PM

Annual Dinner reservations due
January 9, 2012

COMING UP

2012 INC Annual Neighborhood Awards
Dinner & Silent Auction
Thursday, January 19
DoubleTree Stapleton Hotel

February Delegate Meeting
Saturday, February 11, 2012 – TBD

February - EC Meeting
Monday, February 13 – 7:00PM

March– Annual Delegate Meeting
Saturday, March 10 –
Election of new officers and annual INC
business meeting

March EC Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2012 7:00PM

Recap Executive Committee Meeting

December 12, 2011

PRESENT: EC: Steve Nissen, Jennifer Tomeny, Larry Ambrose, Randle Loeb, William Cornell Committee Chairs: Katie Fisher (PARC), Ken Beaudrie (Membership), Bradley Zieg (Transportation), Anthony Thomas (Public Safety), Michael Henry (Zoning/Planning), Michael Smilaniac (Communications), Others: Judy Schneider & Susan Morrison, INC Dinner Committee

Resignation: Due to health issues, Jane Lorimer has had to step down from both Executive Committee and Dinner Chair roles. She'll continue with the communications group indefinitely, and as Budget Chair through end of this term. She also pledged to follow up on loose ends relative to the dinner plans.

Monthly Delegate Meetings: Delegate meetings for balance of this FY were reviewed. Steve will ask delegates to advise who can host delegate meetings within their respective communities. January will focus on planning meeting outcome and introducing the new Chief of Police. Ideas for February: Discuss the structural finance of the Task Force Planning and Development Committee; what will happen with trash pickup; libraries re changing services and fees. The March meeting is the annual meeting delegates which will focus on election of officers and year end wrap up.

For January delegates' meeting, Larry Ambrose will condense the work created by the EC and Committee Chairs in November. Randle Loeb will assist in the process. Delegates will be asked at this meeting to add their input for recommendations and steps to follow in implementing the report.

A summary will be sent to the neighborhood organizations for review. Annual Dinner: Per Jane's earlier proposal to EC, all agreed Visit Denver will receive a special Chairman's Award for their generous support of the dinner for so many years. Neighborhood award nominations are due by December 30. The Executive Committee will be polled by e-mail to choose recipients. Nominations are to go to Susan Morrison at Twinksusan@hotmail.com. Committee also reviewed the status of labels and mailing of invitations, silent auction items and R.S.V.P by e-mail to Susan Morrison. The deadline for registering is January 9. Phone reservations are handled by Susan at 303-331-9241. Cartoonist, Kenny Be will be at the event and will sell his Neighborhood Seed Packs. The proceeds will benefit the Dollar Dictionary Drive.

Motions passed:
The EC minutes for November 14 were approved without exception
The financial report was approved without exception

Committee Reports:
Public Safety: There will be an event in the spring.
Transportation: There is a meeting Wednesday of the I-70 Corridor bridge shift.

Neighborhood Conference: Three dates were suggested for a summer neighborhood conference sponsored by INC. Judy Schneider is checking on the availability of Coors Field and Mayor's Staff for June 16, or July 21, or August 11. The neighborhood conference will be in lieu of the regular delegate meeting for whichever month is selected.

Colorado's Growth

Interesting facts: Each State senator serves 144,000 people in their respective district and a "district" may include more than one county; Colorado has 35 senators.

Over the decade, Colorado's population grew by more than 18%. Over that period of time, Denver's rate of growth was slower than the statewide rate. The consequence of this is that other, faster growing communities are gaining representation in the state legislature while those that grew at a rate slower than the statewide average are seeing their representation become diluted.

For the next decade Denver will be represented in the state legislature by 4 senators and 8 representatives—fewer than we've historically had. Because Denver is land-locked and has fewer opportunities for new development, this trend is bound to continue in the future.

[Source: Statement requested from State Senator Pat Steadman]

INC Financial Report

Submitted by Treasurer, Jennifer Tomeny

Certificates Of Deposit	\$11,384.75
INC Savings	\$ 812.02
Dollar Dictionary Drive Savings	\$ 1,881.62
INC Checking	\$ 589.09
Total all accounts / Nov 30, 2011	\$14,667.48

Zoning & Planning Committee Minutes cont.

approximately every quarter. He was formerly the Director of Operations for Denver Public Schools. He said that Development Services was established 2 ½ years ago within CPD and its purpose is to assemble and organize the different city agencies involved in development projects – CPD, Public Works, Parks and Fire – so that projects can be facilitated “better, faster and stronger.” He said that Denver’s economic and development climate has been slowly improving since 2008.

City Forester Rob Davis addressed some sections of parks where ZAP members had reported many dying or dead trees, particularly Ruby Hill Park, but also sections of Sloan’s Lake Park and the newly-planted median of Cherry Creek Drive South. He indicated that in the last few years some parks had sections that were designated as “low water use” areas, where natural grasses replaced Kentucky bluegrass in order to save water. In addition irrigation systems failed in some areas. Rob told the committee that dead trees have a place in any habitat/ecosystem and that all park irrigation systems are now operating. He also said that, due to budget constraints, tree inspections in parks and public right-of-ways are limited. He encouraged anyone with tree problems to contact him at Robert.davis@denvergov.org. He indicated that they are trying to make the Denver Forestry website more customer-friendly and informative about the procedures and requirements for obtaining (free) required permits to plant trees in

public rights-of way (also known as tree lawns). He said that Forestry is trying to get nurseries to assist in providing information to Denver tree-purchasers. He explained the reasons for spacing requirements



(for the health of the trees and to allow greater visibility and safety for those using the streets) and limits on allowed species (to minimize transmission of species-specific disease). In response to complaints from some neighbors, he said that he tries to be flexible about the requirements if there are good reasons and that he would be glad to talk to neighbors with issues about permit requirements.

Diane Barrett, Manager for Special Projects in the Mayor’s Office, described the process by which the RTD board select between two proposals for the renovation and re-use of the historic Denver Union Station building. The RTD board should make a selection soon and the ZAP

committee will hope to have a briefing by the successful developer.

Michael Henry of Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods reported on two projects where CHUN and Historic

Denver are trying to find parties interested in re-using historically and architecturally significant buildings at 1840 Grant Street and 1835 Logan Street (owned by Cathedral Parish) and also 1800 Gilpin Street (owned by Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center).

The committee members brainstormed several suggestions to make to Tom Downey, Director of the Department of Excise and Licenses for discussion at a later ZAP meeting.

The next ZAP meeting will be on January 28, 2012. Anyone wanting to be notified by e-mail of ZAP meetings should contact gertie-grant@estreet.com.

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