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June 2014

Neighborhoods work better when they work together

Meeting Of Delegates And Neighborhood Leaders

When: Saturday, June 14, 2014

Where: 2105 Decatur St, Denver, CO 80211
Denver Police Protective Association
It is located just north of Sports
Authority Field at Mile High.

Agenda:

8:30am Networking with your fellow RNO
members, coffee, continental
breakfast

9:00am Business Meeting

10:15am Round Table Discussions

All INC meetings are open to the public. Please feel
welcome to bring your neighbors and friends

*INC's registered neighborhood organization's
represent some 47,000 members, and their geographical
boundaries include over 280,000 households - a diverse
population comprised of both owners and renters.*

Motion to vote on at the June INC Delegate Meeting

A motion was made and passed at the Transportation Committee meeting on May 8, 2014 to recommend to the INC Delegates that INC send a letter to the Mayor, City Council, and Walk-Denver supporting the two key requests from WalkDenver's petition, which is consistent with INC's adopted Sidewalk Position Statement:

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- **Establish Denver Moves Pedestrians**, a parallel implementation plan to the bicycle-focused Denver Moves plan, so that the City has a clear path forward for improving the pedestrian environment in Denver.

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CALENDAR

INC Exec Committee Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2014
1201 Williams St, 19th Floor
6:00 – 8:30 pm

INC Delegate Meeting

Saturday, June 14, 2014
Police Protective Association
2105 Decatur St, Denver 80211
8:30 – 11:00 am

INC Parks & Rec Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 2014
Heritage Club, 2020 S Monroe St
6 – 8 pm

INC Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting

Saturday, June 28, 2014
1201 Williams St, 19th Floor
9:30 to 11:30 am

INC Transportation Meeting

Next meeting will be in on
Thursday, July 10
1201 Williams St, 19th Floor
6:00 pm

For up-to-the-minute news,
please visit INC'S website:
www.denverinc.org

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.

INC Transportation Committee

By Geneva Hooten, Committee Co-Chair

May 8, 2014

Co-chair Joel Noble provided a brief update on the grand opening of Denver Union Station's new bus terminal and the Free MetroRide. Market Street Station closed its doors on May 11th as bus service transferred to the sleek new bus terminal that sits below grade in the area between Denver Union Station and the light rail lines to the west. While all the historic Denver Union Station building won't be complete until this July, the bus terminal opening ceremony is a milestone for FasTracks and we look forward to experiencing this multimodal hub in full force. Denver Union Station is now a station for people traveling by bus, bike, foot, light rail, and passenger rail (Amtrak)!

For more about all aspects of Union Station, see www.rtd-denver.com/UnionStation.shtml

Quebec Alternatives Analysis

Cindy Patton with City and County of Denver's Public Works Department provided an overview of the planning process for improving mobility along Quebec Street between 6th and 26th. Following the **Strategic Transportation Plan** which forecasted significant growth in east Denver, the **Eastside Mobility Study** was commissioned to focus on travelsheds and the best corridors for transportation investments. The **Quebec Alternatives Analysis** builds upon this previous planning work as to achieve the following goals:

- Maximize people-carrying capacity
- Increase North-South person trip capacity
- Respect community context, livability, and the environment (the Alternatives Analysis is part of the National Environmental Policy Act, more commonly referred to by its acronym, 'NEPA' which calls for a process of evaluating project impacts).
- Implement a near-term and phased project.

Additionally, the chosen alternative must be completed in five to ten years and must cost less than \$20M.

Now in the third tier of study, all options under consideration include a number of baseline improvements that will improve the corridor for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders. These baseline enhancements include continuous sidewalks with curb ramps (8' for Quebec and 5' on Syracuse, a secondary corridor included as part of this study), north-south bike lanes for Syracuse, East-West extension of Montview Boulevard bike lanes through the intersection, and improved bus stop amenities.

In addition to these baseline improvements that are included in both alternatives packages, there are two main options undergoing refinement and further study: The first is to reconfigure Quebec at the nodes (that is, intersection improvements), while the second includes directional priority as to shepherd drivers to prefer Quebec Street for southbound travel and Syracuse for northbound travel. The first option -- to reconfigure at the nodes -- may just include intersection improvements like additional turn lanes, though there is an option to connect the widened lanes as to grow the capacity of Quebec Street to four lanes. Reconfiguring at the nodes would increase vehicular travel capacity by 20 -25% while the broader reconfiguration/widening would increase travel capacity by 25 - 30%. Directional Priority could increase capacity by 15 - 20% on Quebec and 5 - 10% on Syracuse.

Moving forward, the third tier options will be studied in greater detail (including potential right-of-way impacts and estimated project costs). The Quebec Alternatives Analysis task force, which includes RNO representatives from throughout the area, will reconvene in June, and there will be a public meeting this June or July, with the study wrapping up this summer. Funding for the preferred alternative will be sought after this summer.

For more information and to submit questions or comments to the project team, click here to see the Quebec Alternatives Analysis site.

Rules and Regulations for Carshare Permit Program - One Year Follow-up

Carsharing has changed mobility in Denver with 15,059 people using a carsharing vehicle at least once and over 264,000 trips. Just one carshare vehicle can remove nine to thirteen vehicles from the transportation system, thereby saving road capacity, parking spaces, and much more. How has the City helped to shape this transportation phenomenon? Carshare parking permits.

Robert Ferrin, with CCD's Public Works Department, offered a lively update to the carshare on-street parking permit program that he helped to initiate one year ago. The first carshare parking permits were issued in June 2013 and have proven successful in providing dedicated spaces for carshare parking, but also the vehicle area permits which let carshare drivers park anywhere on-street without directly paying a meter or being restricted by a residential parking zone. Between Denver's four providers participating in the permit program - **Car2Go**, **eGo CarShare**, **Zipcar**, and **Hertz 24/7** - there are a total of sixty-four off-street dedicated parking spaces and 30 on-street spaces to ensure carshare availability within neighborhoods. **Enterprise CarShare** (which recently bought OccasionalCar) also operates in Denver, but does not participate in the permit program for on-street spaces.

Carshare operators apply for carshare parking

permits through the Public Works Department while Robert reviews each request and reaches out to RNOs for comments. Dedicated space permits cost between \$250 and \$750 while vehicle area permits cost \$850 to offset lost meter revenue. These are annual permits that are not automatically renewed.

Robert will continue to evaluate and monitor the program, including the process of renewing right-of-way permits this summer. He will provide an end-of-year summary of the program's successes and challenges. Robert and his fellow staff members are looking to explore the possibilities for a regional carshare system with other jurisdictions (Aurora, Arvada, Lakewood, etc.), so keep an eye out for this development.

Just as a fun fact, Denver has the highest percentage of Car2Go members over 50 of any city in North America where Car2Go operates!

You can contact Robert Ferrin at Robert.Ferrin@denvergov.org. For all the details on how Denver regulates Carshare, see

Denver's Carshare Permit Program Rules & Regulations. To see how carsharing supports the city's goals, see the **Strategic Parking Plan**.

WalkDenver

Walking is almost like life's panacea - it improves health, saves money, provides mental benefits, is environmentally green, and builds community - but walking doesn't get people quite as fired up as some of the sexier modes of transportation.

Jill Locantore and Gideon Berger, two board members from **WalkDenver**, are hoping to change the landscape of walking in Denver. As Jill says, "we've engineered our way out of walking" and she's wanting that to change. After several successful efforts to reimagine public spaces, such as the Better Block idea brought to Jefferson Park, WalkDenver and **PlaceMatters** came together to build a tool that measures the current state of walking in Denver.

WalkScope is an open source web tool for tracking the state of walking all across the city. You can easily take a pedestrian count or detail the intersection and sidewalk quality. If your smartphone is handy, you can quickly snap a photo of a crosswalk and upload it directly to the site.

WalkDenver hopes that this tool will show the need for a Denver Moves plan specific for pedestrians (much like Denver Moves has been instrumental for bike improvements), a Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Committee (parallel to the Mayor's Bike Advisory Committee), and a short-term implementation project.

WalkDenver needs your help in collecting data on WalkScope, **signing individual petitions**, and garnering partner organization letters of support. WalkScope is the first step in this advocacy that will build a case to demonstrate a need for improved sidewalks and pedestrian

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From The President

What is the Code behind the Code?

When it comes to zoning there is no shortage of "Code Talkers", myself included. Last month in my From the President column I suggested we should determine just how much density, estimated future population, is accommodated in the new 2010 Denver Zoning Code. I also said that Brad Buchanan, new Denver Planning Executive Director, when asked what population would the new zoning code be able to accommodate said he hadn't thought about it. Since that time, Brad Buchanan has told me he thinks I misquoted him. So I want to



publicly acknowledge that he has thought about just how much more development and population the zoning code would accommodate.

However, in our recent conversation Brad went on to say that population was really not a relevant number because zoning cannot always predict where density demands will occur and we must be prepared to accommodate the demand. To paraphrase Mr. Buchanan, I guess you could say that what we should be certain about in the zoning code is the need for flexibility.

Mr. Buchanan's philosophy on the uncertainty of zoning was confirmed in Vincent Carroll's recent column headlined "Denver zoning won't protect you". (http://www.denverpost.com/carroll/ci_25779302/denver-zoning-wont-protect-you) Most recently, in a Denver Post article by reporter, Jon Murray entitled, "Case is rare flash point after decline in changes" Planning Office spokespersons, Caryn M. Champine and Andrea Burns have presumably set the record straight. They inform us that primarily, "areas of change" in the "tone" setting master planning document, Blueprint Denver, were changed to be reflected in the 2010 Zoning Code update. According to the article, the recent University Park rezoning in an "area of stability" is an anomaly. (http://www.denverpost.com/News/Local/ci_25835505/Denver-rezoning-case-is-rare-flash)

Heralded as a panacea for Denver's future land use problems, the "New Zoning Code" was the brainchild of then Mayor Hickenlooper and planning guru, Peter Park. Saying Denver's old zoning code was too complicated and not "contextual" they promised a shorter, more concise code

consisting of simplified zone districts based on the character or form of Denver's neighborhoods putting into the code a number of different urban contexts. City Council claimed Denver citizens had never been more involved in planning their own future through the public process for the New Zoning Code. In lock step formation City council approved the code with nary a dissenting word. Now the zoning code, which is much longer, larger and more complex than the old zoning code, is going to be five years old and we can begin to measure its real effects.



From my perspective the 2010 Denver Zoning Code is not protecting our neighborhoods. The evidence is manifest in what you see by merely looking around town.

In the master plan, Blueprint Denver, there are "areas of stability" and "areas of change". If you should live in or near an "area of change", what you could expect from the new zoning code would be to bring new contexts changing the nature of the area, from say, industrial to high density infill development. But presumably, if you were to live in an "area of stability", you would see the context of the neighborhoods stay pretty much the same.

Unfortunately the master plan, Blueprint Denver, has a huge flaw, i.e., defined areas of change and stability remain permanent. You might expect that if an area of change actually gets rezoned for change it would then logically become an area of stability. So when, in 2010, the New Zoning Code took into account new zoning for areas of change and citizens assumed the City had now planned the correct zoning to meet the need for change, that, in fact, was not true at all. Actually, if an area of change is rezoned for change, there is no corresponding change that takes place in Blueprint Denver to indicate that change has taken place. So defying logic, areas of change remain areas of change on the master plan and can change and change and change again, indefinitely.

So now the effects of the New Zoning Code are beginning to show themselves in requests for new zoning in areas of change that were changed in 2010. Given that there is no definition or limit on what "area of change" means, density in these areas have gone into the realm of the ridiculous. The fact that the density proposed for the old St. Anthony's site at 100 units per acre, in the middle of a single-family neighborhood is greater than that of any other residential part of Denver is the best example. Developments of this population and scale are more appropriate for New York than for Colorado.

Even in areas of stability, we are seeing in many cases just how dysfunctional the new code is. The problem seems to be that the authors of the new code interpreted existing context to allow for drastic changes in the neighborhood character. In "areas of stability", the

new code interpretation has allowed for huge increases in scale and density. For example in the West Colfax/Sloan's Lake "area of stability", under the G-MU-3 zoning no fewer than 10 groups of 6 unit, 30 foot tall row houses are being built on and next to single-family homes. Each unit, 25 feet deep and 3 stories high, make these "mountain goat" friendly units eliminate the need for stair-stepper exercise machines in the home. Not only are these units a drastic change from the existing zoning but the effect of the contextual zoning has been to make them all look strangely similar. The lack of setbacks, open space and uniform box look is a common complaint about the appearance of a great deal of new commercial and housing construction in Denver.

In fairness to the Planning Office and Mr. Buchanan, who was instrumental in designing the new zoning code, I am sure there must be some really nice development springing up somewhere around town as a result of it. But, as I drive around Denver today, I cannot help but being struck by the imbalance in what is being juxtaposed upon our neighborhoods. Denver was known as the "Queen City of the Plains". Perhaps now we will become just the "City of the West like Queens".

Responses to ideas and opinions expressed in this column can be sent to excecomm@denverinc.org

Committee Corner cont.

infrastructure. Your help in completing the WalkScope tool for your street, the intersection by your work, and your neighborhood will elevate walkability as an element of public policy that deserves our attention.

A motion was made for the Transportation Committee to recommend to the INC Delegates that INC send a letter to the Mayor, City Council, and WalkDenver a letter supporting the two key requests from WalkDenver's petition, which is consistent with INC's adopted Sidewalk Position Statement:

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The motion was made by passed the committee by a vote of 20 to zero with no abstentions.

2014 Meeting Schedule

The INC Transportation Committee's meeting schedule for the remainder of the year will be (all at 1201 Williams St., 19th Floor):

Thu. July 10th, 6-8 p.m.
Thu. Sept. 11th, 6-8 p.m.
Thu. Nov. 13th, 6-8 p.m.

Do you have suggestions on future topics for the INC Transportation Committee? Please send them to transportation@denverinc.org!

INC PARC Committee

By Diana Helper, PARC member

The INC PARC (Parks and Recreation Committee) met May 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe St. Present were co-chairs Maggie Price and Katie Fisher, Steve Fisher, Diana Helper, Ray Ehrenstein, James Sample, Ronnie Crawford, Jay Rust, Brad Cameron, and Greg Sorenson and Paula Kauffman.

Katie and Maggie reported that there is a **new contact person from DPR**, Yolanda (Yoli) Quezada. She will attend the June PARC meeting. Angela Casias is now assigned to the Emerald Ash Bore project.

Topics discussed included DPR plans for controlling crowds expected at Washington Park over Memorial Day weekend; the lack of response from the SEAP committee regarding INC's request for a wrap-up meeting to which the citizen reps would be invited; the Auditor's report on DPR, parts of which DPR and the Mayor have taken exception to—PARC questioning what the next steps will be; and the successful control of noise at City Park during the recent marathon.

PARC discussed the park designation process, which is moving to phases 4 and 5. The

designation of trails may be next on the agenda. Historic designation of parks also was mentioned, as City Park looks into this. Other parks may follow, but this is a complex process and needs careful study.

Ray, Jim and Ronnie gave **updates on the Platte project**, the enhanced overpass sidewalk plan from light rail to Rudy Hill Park, over the existing bridge, and the new Cop Shop going in near the Evans light rail station.

Also brought up was **the real concern of growing overcrowding and overuse of parks**, leading to their deterioration, caused by densified populations without new open space provided by developers. This is a DPR problem closely allied to zoning matters. The combination of a requirement for more new usable open space in densifying neighborhoods, and for moving large events to a proper Festival Park- perhaps in the Stock Show area- would be of great help to the health and quality of life for Denver residents-- and the reputation of the City.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting will be June 17.

INC Zoning And Planning Committee

By Michael Henry, Committee Chair March 22, 2014

May 17, 2014 City Council President Mary Beth Susman spoke to the committee about a special-issues Council committee that she has established to consider the "sharing economy" that many are thinking and writing about, involving "accessing instead of owning" and a "culture of trust." She talked about the several car-sharing companies (such as Car2Go) or ride-sharing companies (such as Uber) recently being established in Denver. She then talked about such home or apartment or room-rental websites such as www.airbnb.com (with approximately 1000 Denver listings for less-than-30-day rentals at an average price of \$138 per day) and www.vrbo.com (with 1400 listings in Colorado, mostly for second homes, more common in the mountains). Other sharing arrangements involve tools and chores/errands. Several members of the committee expressed opposition to the idea of home rentals for less than 30 days (illegal under the Denver zoning code) because of the illegality, lack of regulation and enforcement, loss of tax revenue, noise and parking issues. Some committee members and a number of visitors expressed that they use VRBO or Airbnb and find them beneficial. Councilwoman Susman indicated that she intends to set up a citizen advisory committee to help City Council in its consideration of whether and how to deal with this emerging industry. The committee encouraged her to appoint residents from neighborhoods that are or will be impacted.

Brad Buchanan, appointed in March as new Executive Director of the Community Planning and Development Department (CPD) informed the committee of several items:

- He introduced one of his 2 new Deputy Directors - Evelyn Baker, formerly with the city of

Lakewood.

- The city will be implementing the first phases of the long-planned Accella program this summer.
- Underway at CPD are new area plans for Globeville-Elyria-Swansea and the Golden Triangle, a General Development Plan for 61st and Pena Blvd., a new zoning district for Cherry Creek North, negotiations regarding landmark designation for Beth Eden Baptist Church at 3243 Lowell Blvd., a strategic plan for Transit-Oriented Developments (including ways to close the "last mile" to transit stations with better sidewalks), new design guidelines for the Welton Corridor and permitting for the influx of marijuana facilities.
- He said that CPD is working on how and when to update Blueprint Denver Land Use and Transportation Plan of 2002 with a "huge involvement process."

- He wants to work with INC on a more robust neighborhood handbook and/or informational sessions.

- CPD is reaching out to citizens and neighborhoods asking them to identify and characterize Favorite Places in Denver.

He said that CPD has been very busy and understaffed and they are working on a strategic plan for CPD. He distributed a letter (printed elsewhere in this newsletter), responding to a number of concerns from the INC Delegation meeting in April, including a **policy change to send notice to all affected registered neighborhood organizations upon receipt of the first submittal of a rezoning application**, instead of waiting until CPD deems the application to be "complete." In summary, he said, "I am listening and I and my staff wish to respond. We need a respectful dialogue and sharing of ideas."

Larry Coffee, a resident of Park Hill (2500 block of Locust) spoke about the **recent installation of 50-foot poles and high-voltage Xcel Energy electrical transmission lines**, twice as high as the former poles, resulting in radical trimming of trees, with minimal notice to residents and arrogant communications from a contractor. Representatives from Xcel and the Denver Public Works Department were unable to attend this meeting, but will be invited to the June 28 meeting to inform us of the details of such installations, how residents are informed and what are the criteria for the undergrounding of such lines. The committee agreed that this is an important issue for neighborhoods and neighbors should be involved and informed about the program.

The next meeting of the Zoning and Planning Committee will be on Saturday June 28 from 9:30 to 11:30am at 1201 Williams Street in the 19th-floor party room. All are welcome to attend. The new Director of the Department of Excise and Licenses, Stacie Loucks, will be the main speaker.

INC EC Minutes

Submitted by: Thad Jacobs, Secretary
5/12/2014

Board Present: Larry Ambrose, Karen Taylor, David Stauffer, Thad Jacobs, Michael Henry, Steve Nissen, Gayle Rodgers, Joel Noble, JJ Niemen, Merce Lee, Maggie Price
Guest: Laura Maresca

Quorum established
Call to order: 6:08pm

Approval of INC April Exec Committee Meeting Minutes: Motion made to approve by Gayle Rodgers, 2nd by Larry Ambrose – approved as submitted

Financial Treasurer's Report

Approved as submitted. Details are in the Delegate Minutes.

Membership Update

A discussion of providing INC membership dues waivers for RNOs, which may have not have resources to pay.

Motion: add a line to the membership form may apply for a waiver in full or part of the annual membership fee mad by JJ Niemen, 2nd by Gayle Rodgers – passed unanimously

Retreat Planning

Scheduled for 5/31/14

- Marketing Strategy vs. Communications Strategy
- Communications Content
- INC Blog
- Volunteer or paid lobbyist (State Legislature)
- Other items TBD
- Facilitator will be Jane Lorimer, Larry will find a location

Denver Days (Laura Maresca)

- 8/2-8/10 to coincide with National Night Out 8/5
 - 147 registered events in 2013
 - Goal 300 events for 2014
 - Mayor will try to attend many events depending on scheduling
 - Several media outlet sponsors this year (CBS4, Telemundo, etc.), looking for other group/business sponsors
 - Website registration will auto notify Parks & Rec and Public Works
- www.denvergov.org/denverdays

All permit fees waived, no insurance requirements for block parties, but will be in force for park events, free barricades once city permit is approved to close a street

Grant Writing Contract

Jane Lorimer has proposed to write grants for INC. The INC EC gave guidance as to the terms for a contract. Larry Ambrose will work with Jane on an agreement to share with the Board for approval.

Committee Updates

- Dollar Dictionary – Blake DiMeo – no update
- ZAP – Michael Henry –no update
- PARC –Maggie Price – no update
- Education – Karen Taylor
- Tom Boasberg to attend next delegate meeting, and will need to invite the BOE
- Transportation – Joel Noble–no update
- Communications – no update
- Public Safety – Merce Lea
- Article for Neighborhood Watch programs
- Nuisance and Abatement – possible discussion

topic for delegation

- Should have date for Safety Expo soon
- Dinner Committee – no update

Adjourn 7:50pm

INC Delegate Meeting

Submitted by: Thad Jacobs, Secretary

5/10/2014 Hosted by Denver Waste Management

Quorum established: 41 members present
Call to order: 9:06am

Welcome Remarks & Introductions:

Larry welcomed the delegation and thanked Public Works for hosting the meeting. Lars Williams from SWM welcomed the delegation to the building.

Round the room introductions were done.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the April Delegate meeting made by Katie Fisher, 2nd by Steve Nissan, passed as submitted

Financial Treasurer's Report

CDs: \$11,943.74
Savings: \$12,814.72
\$\$ Dictionary: \$8,718.02
Checking: \$3,601.91
Balance: \$37,078.39 through end of 04/30/14

Committee Overviews and Updates:

PARC (Katie Fisher)

- Hentzell Park court case was dismissed by the judge, will be appealed
 - Lowry Vista land use re-opened
 - Auditor Dennis Gallagher will be releasing his audit of Parks and Rec this coming week
- ### Transportation (Joel Noble)
- Had good meeting discussing Quebec alternatives, car sharing options/permits, and walk Denver presentations
 - Walk Denver website www.walkscope.org to report pedestrian conditions (calling for a Mayor's committee to review pedestrian environment plan)
 - Will bring motion to INC delegation next month for review and vote on Walk Denver proposal
- ### ZAP (Michael Henry)
- Next meeting 6/4/14 topics Xcel Energy transmission lines through neighborhoods, Councilwoman Susman shared economy (car shares, house and apartment rentals)

Education (Meg Schomp)

- State legislature passed K-12 funding increase
 - Denver Seat on State Board of Education, Democratic Primary run off Taggart Hansen and Dr. Val Flores
 - GW HS looking at changing programming at the HS
- ### Dollar Dictionary (Steve Nissen)
- Need help with fund raising from RNOs
 - Raised \$620 from contest raffle, winner of the 2014 Ford Mustang (Steve Nissen)
 - Peoples Fair booth Blake needs volunteers

Public Safety (Merce Lea)

- No new update on the Safety Expo
- Sherriff's association email read by Merce, looking for support for the Sherriff recruitment and assessments

Motion #1: The working group is also developing an online library of laws, ordinances, regulations, good neighbor agreements and department decisions regarding liquor, cabaret and marijuana licenses.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that the committee present the follow-

ing recommendations to the INC Delegation on May 10 to make to Excise and Licenses regarding problems that neighborhoods have had with Excise and Licenses:

1. The Department of Excise and Licenses should provide better training to hearing officers, particularly to encourage more consistency in recommendations.
2. Excise and Licenses should notify registered neighborhood organizations about show-cause and revocation hearings and allow RNO representatives and other residents to testify at such hearings.
3. Excise and Licenses should include active telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, ZIP codes, printed names and legible signatures for all applicants so that RNOs can communicate with applicants well in advance of hearings.
4. Excise and Licenses should send floor plans and maps of designated areas to RNOs for all liquor, cabaret and marijuana applications.
5. Excise and Licenses needs to have sufficient budget for adequate staff to handle all of the licenses that it deals with and to enforce against violations.
6. All Excise and Licenses staff need to be adequately trained about all liquor, cabaret and marijuana policies, procedures, regulations and notifications.
7. Excise and Licenses should accept the offer of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation to provide some computer-expert INC members to test-drive the Accella software program before it is implemented for liquor, cabaret and marijuana applications.

Motion was made by Michael Henry, 2nd Ray Ehrenstein - Passed with 33 for, 0 against, and 2 abstentions.

Motion #2: Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation supports the proposed ordinance to allow sales of home-grown foods as a home occupation with 2 changes: 1) food sales from homes should be allowed to begin at 10am (instead of 7am) and 2) there should be a review 12 months after the ordinance is adopted, to include comments from neighborhood organizations as to any possible problems.

Motion was made by Michael Henry, 2nd by Ray Ehrenstein - Passed with 27 for, 3 against, and 5 abstentions

Motion #3: While most city departments use e-mail notifications to send required notifications to registered neighborhood organizations, U.S. mail notifications are sent by the Office of Economic Development, the Real Estate Division (regarding sales of public lands) and Public Works (regarding proposed street and alley vacations). This causes significant delays in receiving the notices and makes it more difficult to forward such notifications to other RNO members. Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation urges those departments to switch to e-mail notifications, unless otherwise required by law. This will also save costs for those departments and taxpayers. Motion was made by Michael Henry, 2nd by Steve Nissen – Passed with 35 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

New Business/Announcements

EC Committee will be holding retreat soon

Next Meeting: June 14, 2014 Topic: DPS Location: Police Protective Association

Adjourned: 11:25am

May Speaker: Charlotte Pitt, Denver Solid Waste

Submitted by: Thad Jacobs, Secretary
Solid waste management covers:

- Trash – weekly
- Overflow pick-up – every 3 weeks
- Large item pick-up
- Recycle – every other week
- Composting – small program
- Household hazardous waste
- Graffiti abatement crews
- Keep Denver Beautiful program
- Leaf drop in the fall
- Covers single-family homes, roughly 50% of the waste in Denver is managed by their department. Does not cover apartment buildings or businesses.

- 205,000 tons of trash
- 33,000 tons of recycle in Denver, which is about 14%. This is WELL BELOW NATIONAL AVERAGE. Also, it costs about 50% more to haul trash to the landfill than it does to haul recycle items to their sites. Recycling saves Denver money and adds to environmental reuse goals.
- 1,000 tons of composting

Three collection systems:

- Dumpsters (one for 4 to 6 homes) 80% of illegal dumping occurs in dumpsters – 65,000 homes have dumpster collection
- Automated Cart collection with overflow every three weeks (black carts)
- Manual self-provided trash cans (homeowner) service 32-gallon trash cans or bags – very labor intensive and costly and there are employee safety concerns with handling these. Serves about 51,000 homes

- Recycling – 71% of residents subscribe, which covers about 122,000 homes. It is a voluntary program and has a much higher participation than other cities
- More than 57% of what is being put in household trash is organics. 25% recyclables
- Solid Waste Management Master Plan developed in 2008, finalized in 2010
- Goals: Customer Service, Sustainability, Efficiency

Plan Development: Public Process

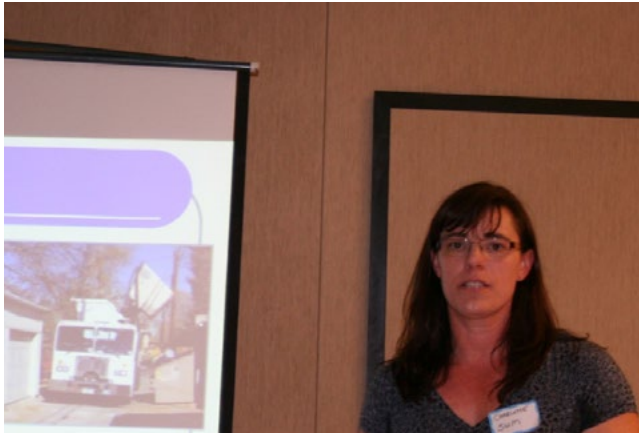
- Survey other Cities, waste analysis, Vision/Implementation, Council and Community input
- Top 30 cities in Nation most moving to or have automated cart collection

Service Strategies:

- Standardize refuse collection to reduce costs
- Citywide composting
- Drop-off facilities being added
- Expand HHW (hazard waste)
- Expanded communications

2014 Goals – Phase 1

- Trash collection standardization
- Migrate dumpsters to carts for 20,000 homes. After initial conversion will have approx.



90,000 homes to convert over next 2-4 years depending on funding, fleet replacement, etc. This is intended to reduce illegal dumping and improve collection efficiency

- 2015 and beyond

Solid waste implementation committee
www.Denvergov.org/solidwasteplan

Our April Speaker, Brad Buchanan Sent INC A Letter

The INC President received a letter from Community Planning and Development Director, Bradley Buchanan. **Please click here** (<http://bit.ly/1kUNsqR>) to read Mr. Buchanan's response to questions and concerns addressed at the May INC Delegate Meeting.

Mile High Youth Corps is Hiring Youth (18-24) immediately!

Apply for one of two programs—YouthBuild or Energy and Water Conservation.

YouthBuild allows youth that do not have a GED or HS diploma to earn one.

Energy and Water Conservation is for youth that already have a GED or HS diploma. Both opportunities include a living stipend, \$\$ for college, education, practical job training skills, certifications, and college and career readiness.

To apply: See website at <http://www.milehighyouthcorps.org> – E-mail: youthjobs@mhyc.net or call 303.433.1206 for more information.

Denver Days : August 2-10, 2014

By Gayle Rodgers, Denver Days Ambassador

Denver Days is a citywide summer tradition started last year to connect neighbors to neighborhoods. It will take place August 2 - 10 to coincide with another well-established event, National Night Out that occurs on August 5 (first Tuesday in August). National Night Out is a crime prevention program that encourages people to have block parties as a way to meet your neighbors. When neighbors know neighbors, crime goes down, people have less fear, and they are happier.

You might be wondering how you can get involved. You could throw a block party or a larger social community event or get people together for a service project. Our block is having a block party and our neighborhood is having our 5th Annual Summer Fest picnic where we invite nearby neighborhoods to join us. You could host a backyard BBQ, organize a happy hour at a neighborhood bar, convene a clean up on your block or alley, hold a graffiti paint-a-thon or paint a seniors house, plan a garden tour, etc. Come up with fun ideas to meet your neighbors!

The advantage of having an event during Denver Days is that the city is waiving the permit fees. If you need barricades to block off the street, the city will provide them at no cost and insurance will be optional. For a large event like our Summer Fest picnic in a neighborhood park, the insurance is not waived. Planning your event during Denver Days will cost you less and be easier to organize.

To get started, go to: www.denvergov.org/denverdays. You will find a tool kit that will help you organize your event. You can register for the event and then apply for a permit. If you have questions, call 720-965-9092.



INC May Delegate Meeting



Steve Nissen winner of the Mustang Raffle



Mary Beth Sussman Speaks at the May ZAP meeting.



From the May Transportation Meeting



From the May ZAP Meeting



Walk Denver Presentation at the May Transportation Meeting

Dollar Dictionary Update: Here's The Winner of the Mustang

Dollar Dictionary Drive had the wonderful opportunity to have sold the winning ticket in our Fundraiser to none other than Mr. Steve Nissen!!! Steve was presented with the key to his new 2014 Ford Mustang Saturday, May 24th at the Denver Day of Rock by the owner of Sil-Ter Har Motors. Blake DiMeo, Dollar Dictionary Chair, also spoke at the Denver Day of Rock about INC and the Dollar Dictionary Drive. It was a great fundraising opportunity for DDD, wonderful exposure for Denver INC and an excellent surprise for Steve Nissen!! We humbly thank Concert for Kids and look forward to participating in their 2014-2015 Fundraiser.

Find out where we'll be next in the upcoming INC Newsletter!



Denver Warns Of Phone Scam

Unknown caller demanding payment of parking tickets

Denver is warning residents about a phony caller that is trying to obtain people's credit card information. Denver Public Works learned Friday that someone called three residents, demanding immediate payment of parking tickets and threatening to boot or tow if payment was not made. Three people contacted the Denver Parking Violations Bureau saying they received the call Thursday night around 11:00 pm. and it appears the caller was trying to get their credit card numbers. None of the three residents paid the caller.

It is important for residents to know that Denver City agencies would never call a resident, demanding parking tickets be paid by phone and asking for credit card information. People should always be wary of anyone trying to obtain their credit card number over the phone. Anyone who provided their credit card information to this caller should contact their credit card company immediately.



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