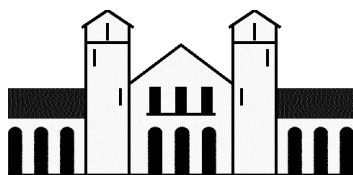


# SCPNA NEWSLETTER - MAY 2010



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## **Next General Meeting:**

Wed., May 19 @ 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Montview Manor Penthouse  
1663 Steele Street

## **Meeting Agenda:**

- Vote-SCPNA 2010 Budget Proposal
- Vote-SCPNA Contribution to City Park Jazz
- Discussion-Open Air Cinema Meeting Request
- Discussion-Status of SCPNA Parking/Traffic Resolutions
- Discussion-Handout-Status of SCPNA 2010 Priorities
- New, Old Business Topics

*Thanks in abundance to Propaganda Labs and myColfax.org for converting our articles into a beautiful Newsletter, to Saint Paul Health Center for helping with the printing costs, and to the Qi Athletic Club for its 1-page ad! Please come to the May 19 meeting!*

## **TRAFFIC, PARKING MAY MEETING TOPIC**

SCPNA Traffic and Parking Resolutions passed last year will be discussed on May 19. In response to a resident's recent request for a 4-way stop at 16th and Harrison, the Director of Traffic Engineering Services, Brian Mitchell, reiterated that traffic control devices such as stop signs and traffic signals are installed based on nationally established engineering standards, and that studies thus far have not shown either additional traffic signals for 17th Avenue or additional stop signs for 16th Avenue to be warranted. He went on to say that "Our staff will commit to working with Mr. Slotta and the South City Park Neighborhood Association to review the stop sign pattern for this area to determine if there are any traffic control changes that are warranted at this time."

Please consider attending our May 19 Meeting (see agenda) to be part of this discussion. Other topics will include the SCPNA Budget, and the status of SCPNA 2010 Priorities.

*- Submitted by SCPNA President Jim Slotta*

## **CELEBRATE CITY PARK**

Join Denver Parks & Recreation, along with District 8 Councilwoman Carla Madison and City Park Alliance for a week-long celebration, May 31 - June 4, of new amenities and improvements at Denver's premier destination park. There are several events throughout the week, including:

- May 31, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bringing the Fountains Back to Life
- June 2, 11:00 a.m. Unveiling City Park's new marker along the Mile High Loop.
- June 4, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social/County Fair.

Volunteers are needed the evening of June 4: If interested, contact: [william-bowman@comcast.net](mailto:william-bowman@comcast.net) or an SCPNA Officer.

*- Submitted by SCPNA President Jim Slotta*

## **WHO IS WILLING AND ABLE TO STEP UP, PLEASE?**

Three key SCPNA volunteer positions need filled. They are the SCPNA Block Captain assignments for the Blocks of 1500 Harrison and 1600 Detroit, and the SCPNA Secretary. Each position has a flexible workload, and each position allows a great opportunity to learn about and give back to our wonderful neighborhood. For more information, and to express your willingness, please contact an SCPNA Officer or Block Captain. Also, please consider joining the South City Park Neighborhood Association (\$10 dues) in 2010.

*- Submitted by SCPNA President Jim Slotta*

## **BLUEBIRD DISTRICT GETS GRANT THROUGH COTH AND OED**

Colfax on the Hill, Inc. (COth) has been charged by the Denver Office of Economic Development (OED) to take the Bluebird District's "Neighborhood Marketplace Initiative" that Congress Park Neighbors, South City Park N.A. and CHUN participated in formulating last year to its next stage of implementation. Detailed information is forthcoming of what that implementation program might look like if it gained support from the business and property owners and neighborhood organizations in the Bluebird section of East Colfax. Goals of the Initiative include: Helping the district build capacity to become self-sufficient; developing a stronger public/private working relationship between the City and the Bluebird District stakeholders; building stronger relationships between Bluebird District property and business owners and the surrounding neighborhoods of Congress Park and South City Park; stimulating private sector investment in the District. These goals become the challenge of Colfax on the Hill to initiate with its \$49,500 OED "Bluebird District Development Plan Implementation Grant."

*- Submitted by SCPNA President Jim Slotta*

## SCPNA GIVES BACK

This year members of SCPNA gave back more than \$500 to area associations as follows: Teller School \$75; CHUN \$10; City Park Alliance (CPA) General \$35; CPA Fountain \$100; CPA Mile High Loop \$10; Montview Manor \$30; Dollar Dictionary Drive \$15; City Park Jazz \$150; East High \$30, in addition to a small stipend to our web site manager, Mike Straka. Thank you all for your donations above and beyond your membership. To those of you who have forgotten your dues for this year, \$10 per household may be sent to SCPNA c/o Dodson, 1558 Madison Street, 80206.

- Submitted by SCPNA Treasurer Doña Dodson

## NEW DENVER ZONING CODE SCHEDULE

The remainder of the New Code adoption process is outlined below. Input from Denver's residential and commercial communities has, per Denver's Department of Community Planning and Development, helped create a new zoning code that provides clarity and predictability, promotes economic opportunity and preserves Denver's economic vitality and outstanding quality of life.

### New Denver Zoning Code Adoption Schedule

**May 12, 2010** - Blueprint Denver Committee continues discussion of new code

**May 24, 2010** - City Council – first reading of proposed zoning code ordinance

**June 21, 2010** - City Council – public hearing and final consideration

- Submitted by SCPNA President Jim Slotta

## CELEBRATION JUNE 9 AT ANNIE'S CAFE

East High School Project Angel Pride has raised sufficient funds toward its goal of \$250,000 such that the **East High School Entry Plaza Renovation is SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS SUMMER!**

East Principal John Youngquist announced the project's milestone. "With the help of our able volunteers, the East community and our many generous donors, we have met our Phase I funding goal and will proceed to build the 'Gateway to Learning.'" Youngquist describes the plaza as a "gathering place for students; it is where they connect. With its renovation and expansion, the plaza will create an atmosphere of welcome for students and visitors alike." The \$195,000 raised to date has come from gifts of \$10 to \$25,000. Over 700 families, individuals and organizations have purchased more than 650 bricks and 70 pavers of various sizes to date. A number of graduating classes and sports teams are participating in group pavers, enabling them to share their pride and commitment.

**Project Angel Pride Announcement!!**  
*Ground Breaking Celebration and Fundraiser*  
*Annie's Café (3100 E. Colfax @ St, Paul)*  
*Wednesday June 9, 2010, 5-8PM*

*Come Eat, Drink, Celebrate and Socialize.*  
*Annie's is donating a percentage of proceeds*  
*to the East High Entry Plaza Project!!*  
**Bring friends and family!!**

**If you have QUESTIONS about the project or your order, please contact:** Susan Bardwell, PROJECT ANGEL PRIDE  
Commemorative Paver and Brick Program  
303-399-1155 home office, SusanBardwell@msn.com

**See website for more information** about Project Angel Pride:  
<http://eastangelalliance.org/ContentPages/ContentDetails.aspx?ID=5>

- Submitted by SCPNA President Jim Slotta

## 5TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE JUNE 5

Mayor Hickenlooper, the Denver Foundation, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, and the Neighborhood Resource Center will host neighborhood and community organizations in a morning of community-wide networking and neighborhood leadership training on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Coors Field.

The conference agenda will include breakfast with a keynote address; presentations by local and national leaders on community building; workshops to address specific issues facing neighborhoods; small- and large-group decision-making sessions designed to define what strong neighborhoods look like; tips to identify effective strategies to promote neighborhoods; and opportunities for networking.

The conference and breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 7:00 a.m. This conference is free of charge. To accommodate participants appropriately, please register by June 1st. For registration or more information, contact Heather Barry at (720) 865-9103 or via email at: [neighborhoodconference@denvergov.org](mailto:neighborhoodconference@denvergov.org)

- Submitted by SCPNA President Jim Slotta

## INTERIM USES CITED FOR FUTURE REC CENTER SITE

City Councilwomen Carla Madison and Jeanne Robb formed an ad hoc group—including Bonita Lahey and Jim Slotta from SCPNA--to look at interim uses for the former site of Church in the City (1500 Block of Josephine). The uses would last until funds are raised (estimated 3-5 years) to put the new Central Recreation Center in place. The City has taken over property ownership, and the plans are to raze the old Safeway building. Uses currently recommended by the ad hoc group are a 'Demonstration' Dog Area (one that is successful) and a 'Demonstration' Community Garden (one that develops a local vested interest). The site is large enough it is likely both uses could be accommodated.

The ad hoc group (including East High School reps) is particularly excited about the garden opportunity; the Denver Urban Gardens group has committed to play an active advisory role to the effort. The City Councilwomen are particularly interested in the opportunity to 'try out' a dog area nearby to City Park; the ad hoc group is open to the suggestion, especially if it receives a base of support by nearby residential neighborhoods.

- Submitted by SCPNA President Jim Slotta

## WHAT WAS 'THE ENERGY BLITZ'?

April 24, that cold and rainy Saturday last, 12 brave and inspired souls canvassed South City Park neighborhood in conjunction with Mayor Hickenlooper's GreenPrint Denver initiative. The Blitz, as it was called, took place in 5 neighborhoods close to City Park and was intended to alert Denver neighbors of the many energy efficiency services available through the City, the State, and the economic stimulus money now in the State. The services touted in our neighborhood were: Junk mail reduction; free income-qualified home energy upgrades (stimulus money); rebates on energy audits from Xcel Energy, Denver Water, Windsorce, and the Colorado Carbon Fund. KBCO provided coffee, bagels and pizza for the volunteers. And a big thank you to Jan Harrison at Hartom Corporation (1633 Fillmore) who provided us with a conference room for the staging. All twelve volunteers worked hard, had good success and made new friends from the neighborhood. All had a good time, especially when the sun finally came out.

- Submitted by event organizer and Block Captain Mardi Mathers

*Kudos - A BIG thank you to Mardi and all of the volunteers for organizing the Earth Day/energy savings day - it was very professional and very well done. The volunteers that came to my house were extremely knowledgeable. Thanks, Mardi! (Comment by Bonita Lahey.)*

## THE NEIGHBORHOOD MURAL ON THE WALL...

Decades ago, a neighborhood mural was designed by SCP resident Eileen Heimerl, with help from East High School art students. It included drawings of the '15 Bus', of Zoo animals, and of the East High School entrance. Over the years, the mural, on the north outside wall of Ted's Liquors at Colfax and St. Paul, has been maintained through Eileen's efforts. Currently, with the approval of the building owners, a plan has been developed to allow Eileen to "pass the baton" to others. East High School drawing and painting teacher Warner Varno has committed her classes to refurbish and possibly re-design the mural, which recently has undergone significant graffiti damage. A small group of nearby residents, organized by 1500 St. Paul Street Block Captain Richard Gonzalez, will maintain frequent vigilance of the mural, and arrange for covering graffiti as it might appear within legal time requirements. Actual graffiti coverage will be accomplished by contacting co-responsible parties at East High School during the school year, and/or by contacting residents dedicated to graffiti removal in the neighborhood, such as South City Park resident and graffiti removal volunteer David Scarbeary. We understand this responsibility is necessary to assure the building owners that they will remain in compliance of city graffiti removal laws. As President of SCPNA, I will alert neighborhood residents and property owners to the mural's existence, and will periodically remind and ask for all neighbors to participate in the vigilance of the mural.

- Submitted by SCPNA President Jim Slotta

## STRATEGIC PARKING DRAFT PLAN PUBLISHED

The Final Public Open House for the Denver Strategic Parking Plan (SPP) was held Wednesday, April 28. See an outline of the Open House presentation at: <http://www.denvergov.org/Portals/681/documents/Public%20Meeting%20Pres%20Web.pdf>.

The SPP Draft Plan appears at the web site: <http://www.denvergov.org/parking>.

One topic presented at the Open House was the Area Management Plan (AMP), designed for use by specific areas that require a more comprehensive approach for parking solutions, due to high-utilization rates, diverse user groups, or a complex mix of land uses. The AMP program will be piloted in 1-2 areas in Q1 2011.

- Submitted by SCPNA President Jim Slotta

## SCPNA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR 2010

(For approval at May General Meeting)

### Cash Balance:

**\$1,500**

**(Minimum Level)**

### Income:

\$2,000

(200 Memberships at \$10)

\$ 0

(Unspent Income from Prior Years)

**\$2,000**

**Total Income**

### Expenses:

\$ 400

(Printing-for mailings, handouts, files)

\$ 300

(Website expenses)

\$ 60

(SCPNA Memberships-CHUN, INC)

\$ 300

(Neighborhood Events)(more if total income more)

\$ 300

(Committee Expenses)(more if total income more)

\$ 250

(Uncovered Newsletter Expenses)

\$ 250

(Donations to other groups)(more if total income more)

\$ 140

(Other Expenses)

**\$2,000**

**Total Expenses**

- Submitted by SCPNA President Jim Slotta

## SUMMARY OF MARCH SCPNA MEETING

About 15 attended at the Montview Manor Penthouse from 7-8:30 PM, including Police District 2 Community Resource Officer Amy Esten. SCPNA Proposed Goals for 2010 were discussed and voted on. Six Goals (5 proposed, 1 added) approved unanimously: (1) 300+ Members Achieved; (2) Delegates to 4 Other Organizations; (3) Parking/Traffic Issues Resolved; (4) Quality of Life Preserved; (5) Eventfulness Experienced; (6) All Elected Offices filled for 2011 by July 31, 2010.

Residents Rich Kadinger and Rob Hunsley reported on SCP status regarding the New Denver Zoning Code. Three of four remaining concerns are being addressed by the City, with one (G-MU-3 Zoning in some blocks west of Steele) requiring resident/owner appeal if less density (Two Unit Zoning) is desired. Affected properties will be notified.

Dr. Bridget Coughlin, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science's new VP of Strategic Partnerships and Programs, talked about current and future activities, including a beautifying of the south space (no increased footprint), hoping for a "Parks Museum" rather than a "Museum in the Park" resulting image. A lively Q & A period followed.

Rich Kadinger reported on (reasonable) road changes planned for City Park, and on the current status of medical marijuana dispensary locations in and near South City Park.

- Submitted by SCPNA President Jim Slotta

(Minutes for this Meeting will be posted at [scpna.org](http://scpna.org).)

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