



NORTH CITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

APRIL 2015



NORTH CITY PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

NCPCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 | 6:30 PM 4th Tuesday of the month
 Dennis Gallagher, City Auditor, will be at an upcoming general meeting.
 All neighbors are always welcome at monthly general meetings.

NCPCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 | 6:30 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month
 Both meetings are held at Barrett Elementary Cafeteria,
 2900 Richard Allen Court (1 block off Colorado Blvd). Enter building through
 door that is nearest the parking lot.

NCPCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Zoning	Kyle Shelton
Meets 1st Thursday of every month (except July and December)	Glenn Hanley
6:00 pm at Ford-Warren Library	Reggie Grotewiel
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NCP IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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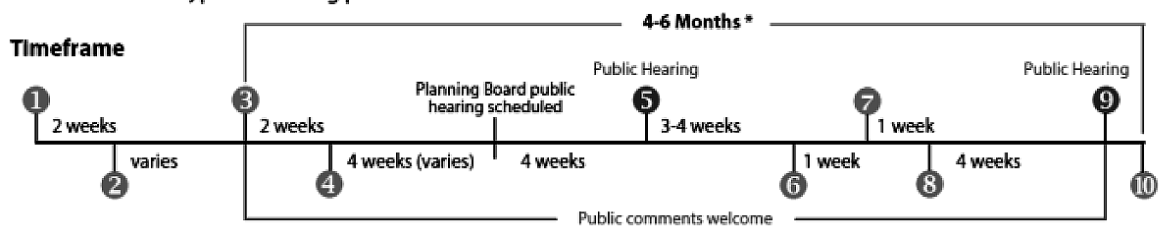
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NCPCA BOARD SUBMITS LETTER IN SUPPORT OF 3-STORY ZONING FOR OLD Y PROPERTY (31ST & MADISON)

REZONING - Process

An overview of a typical rezoning process.



At two well-attended meetings of the neighborhood, Guinness Development presented their vision for the property at 3540 E. 31st Avenue (the old YMCA). At the first meeting on February 24th, the show of hands revealed a divided result (about half and half) regarding support for 3-story zoning. The NCPCA Board felt another meeting was necessary and hosted a second information session with Guinness Development and the neighborhood on March 12th.

To reach out to neighbors, the Board utilized the North City Park Facebook page, Nextdoor.com, the Sustainable North City Park email list, door-to-door fliers near the property, and a robocall. The vote taken at the March 12th meeting was by written ballot and email—allowing one vote per address. The results yielded 57% in favor of the zoning change to 3-stories and 43% against.

Taking these two neighborhood meetings, the visioning process from several years ago, and the numerous zoning committee meetings into consideration, the NCPCA Board decided to support the rezoning application for 3 stories.

The Board would like to thank everyone who has participated in this protracted process. However, keep in mind that the application process is only just beginning.

There will be opportunities for continued neighborhood participation in hearings, etc. (see info below) The Board will do its best to keep the neighborhood informed through Facebook, Nextdoor, and this newsletter. We will not, however, be able to conduct robocalls on a regular basis, as they are prohibitively expensive. If you would like to be a part of this outreach (delivering fliers, attending meetings and hearings, reporting for the newsletter and social media), email Reggie at grotewiel@gmail.com.

1. Pre-application review – Blue Rhino Investments (BRI) has completed.
2. Conduct public outreach - BRI has completed.
3. Submit application - BRI has completed.
4. City review – 8 weeks.
5. Planning Board public hearing – 3-4 weeks – Notice will be posted on the property 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Public comments are heard at this hearing.
6. City Council’s Neighborhoods & Planning Committee meeting – 1 week – Committee may allow written public comment.
7. Mayor-Council meeting – 1 week.
8. City Council First Reading of the Ordinance – 4 weeks.
9. City Council public hearing – Notice will be posted on the property 3 weeks prior to the meeting. Public written comments are to be submitted prior to the hearing.
10. Mayor signature

All times are approximations of each process and more detailed information may be obtained at: www.denvergov.org/rezoning

In addition, the zoning committee meets monthly (all welcome) First Thursdays 6:00pm Ford-Warren Library 2825 High St.





Join NCPCA: Support the work of the neighborhood association. The more funds and members we have the more we can do!

Your dues directly support and make this newsletter possible!

NCPCA MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$15/year/household
 \$5/year Seniors/household
 \$25/year Businesses/Churches/etc.

Please send check/form to: NCPCA, PO Box 7562, Denver, CO 80207

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Guess what? You are a winner! If you are a new neighbor to NCP our Welcome New Neighbor Committee (WNNC) has a gift for you! If you know of a new neighbor, please provide their information to WNNC coordinator Ollie Brown at 303-320-5678 or email bolliewood60@yahoo.com.

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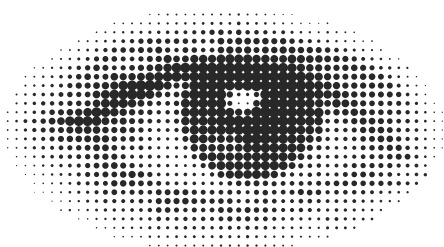
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WANT EXERCISE? WANT TO EARN TIMEBANK CREDITS?

Deliver the newsletter! It's fun, it's exercise, and it counts! Contact Larry at larrymavinrealty@gmail.com.

YOU COULD BE A WINNER!

Do you read this newsletter? Let us know! The first 10 people to call or email Karen (303-929-0606 or karenderrickdavis@gmail.com) will receive an hour of services from the North City Park Community Exchange (TimeBank). Check page 4 of this newsletter to see some of the services currently offered. EVERYONE who calls or emails will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate for the Plimoth Restaurant (28th & Josephine).



SAFETY

You may have heard of an uptick in gang violence in and around our neighborhood. It is imperative that you report EVERYTHING. You can do this anonymously by calling 911. If criminal elements know that our neighborhood will not stand for the violence, we can keep our neighborhood a great place to live. It takes everyone. REPORT, REPORT, REPORT. The police need to know.

In addition, get to know your neighbors. Reach out. Introduce yourself. Get involved.



GRAFFITI REMOVAL

As summer approaches, unfortunately, the amount of graffiti increases. Here is some information from www.denvergov.org.

REMOVING OR COVERING UP GRAFFITI ON YOUR PROPERTY

You can help keep Denver graffiti free by picking up materials from a paint bank and covering graffiti vandalism when you see it. Our closest paint bank is at the police station at 3921 Holly St (720-913-1000). If the graffiti is on private property, permission must be granted from the owner/tenant prior to removal. The quicker graffiti is removed or covered, the less likely it is to return.

ASSISTANCE WITH GRAFFITI

"Graffiti Hurts" has some good removal tips (www.graffitihurts.org/rapidremoval/removal.jsp).

For assistance with removal, submit a 311 Help Request. (Denvergov.org - search: graffiti removal form). A signed Authorization Form must be submitted before the City will remove or cover up graffiti on private property.

REPORTING GRAFFITI ON YOUR PROPERTY

Please call the police non-emergency line at 720-913-2000. Report the graffiti to the police. Reporting the incident to the Denver Police Department helps them track graffiti incidents, which makes it easier to prevent graffiti in the future.

TO REPORT GRAFFITI ON SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY

Please provide the exact address(s). The City will notify the responsible party and may assist in its removal. To report graffiti on public property (such as on traffic signs, poles, dumpsters): Identify the structure where graffiti is located - again, traffic signs, poles, private trash receptacles. Also, identify the cross streets.

Sustainable North City Park

North City Park will be recognized by the City of Denver in May. Watch Facebook (North City Park), Nextdoor.com, and sustainableneighborhoodnetwork.org for details.

Total Earned to-date for Year 2: 27 credits
 (We need 70 credits by March 2016 to maintain Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood status.)

SNCP YEAR 1 RECAP

- Kick-Off Meeting March 24th
 Over 100 neighbors in attendance.
- Painted old Denver Post newspaper stands and installed in neighborhood for distribution of this newsletter. (located at Barrett Elementary and at 28th and Josephine next to the Plimoth Restaurant)
- Energy Audit Workshop
- Spring Garden Fest participation
- North City Park Community Exchange timebank established. To-date: 45 members, over 175 hours exchanged.
- Back Yard Garden Tour
- NCPCA Summer Sustainability Festival
- 1st Back Alley Art Installation (2nd planned for April 25th)
- Walk2Connect community walk
- Increased resident participation in social media (Nextdoor.com and Facebook)
- Attained the 100 credits needed to be recognized as an Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood

SNCP YEAR 2

We have great momentum! Help us keep it going! We really need YOU! Can you:

- Host a short Back Yard Garden Tour (3 or 4 stops)?
- Recruit your neighbors for a Back Alley Art project in your alley?
- Organize a potluck block party?
- Sign up neighbors for recycling bins?
- Be our communications/outreach person?
- Be our point person for communication with the City?
- Do anything else that sounds fun and rewarding to YOU?

It ALL counts and gets us points—not to mention, it is a great way to be a good neighbor!

EMAIL sustainablenorthcitypark@gmail.com to learn more!



WALK2CONNECT COMMUNITY WALK



On Saturday, March 7th, about a dozen North City Park neighbors enjoyed a great community walk led by Rachel Hultin of Walk2Connect (www.walk2connect.org). We saw the Back Alley Art Installation (between Jackson/Garfield & 26th/28th), learned about the planned art installation at Boyd Park (along Colorado Blvd between MLK and 29th Ave), had samples of healthy shakes at Polar Nutrition (28th and Madison), and discussed the lack of useable sidewalks in parts of our neighborhood.



Community News

DISTRICT 9 CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD MAY 5TH

According to coloradopols.com, there are two candidates for the new District 9 (which includes North City Park and neighborhoods north and west): Albus Brooks (incumbent; www.Albusbrooksfordenver.org) and Michael Borcharding (www.voteborch.com). However, Ean Tafoya (www.eantafoya.com) appears to have his hat in the ring, as well.

Mayoral and City Council elections will be held May 5th. A runoff, if necessary, will take place on June 2nd.

To register to vote: www.govotecolorado.com



GOOD FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS AND GOOD NEIGHBORS BUILD GOOD FENCES

Join North City Park's First Neighbor-to-Neighbor (N2N) Project Saturday, April 18th 10am - 4pm, 2818 Garfield

We are building a fence and having a BBQ! Bring the family. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! If you have a cordless drill with bits, bring it. BYOG (bring your own gloves).

This event is for the whole neighborhood, however, TimeBank members will earn hours! You can join the TimeBank the day of the build and earn hours.



2ND BACK ALLEY ART INSTALLATION: JOIN US!

Sunday, April 19th, 1 pm - til it's done: Artist Prep Alley behind 3119 Josephine St

Calling all artists! We need your help to draw the winning design submitted by Zachary and Landon on the cement retaining wall. With the fearless leadership of Kathleen and Steve, artists will draw the winning design on Sunday, April 19th, so neighbors can easily paint the design on Saturday, April 25th.



PLEASE come out to meet other neighborhood artists, have some snacks, and prepare the canvas for our 2nd Back Alley Art installation.

Saturday, April 25th, 10 am - til it's done: Painting Party and BBQ

Come help paint the winning design on a 50' foot retaining wall! You can help us fill in the design, like a paint-by-numbers project. All supplies and food will be provided. Come meet your neighbors and beautify the neighborhood at the same time! All ages welcome.

Call Karen 303-929-0606 for more info or to RSVP for either of these events.

DUG Community Garden Plots Available in Skyland



It's time to sign up for Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) Community Garden plots for 2015. NCP/Skyland has plots available at Barrett Elementary (29th & Richard Allen Court) and at the Robert A Miller Educational Resource Center (2811 Harrison St). If you are interested in reserving a plot at one of these gardens, contact Gerald Hamel for Barrett Elementary plots at 720.276.1386 or ghamel@LoveUpRising.org or Jocelyn Miller for RAMERC plots at RAMERC3@gmail.com.

Please contact the garden coordinators soon as these plots are filling up quickly. The Barrett Garden has been expanded to 17 plots, and is in high demand due to improvements made by DUG.

MILE HIGH YOUTH CORPS

Mile High Youth Corps is currently hiring youth for positions in our Summer of Service Land Conservation Program. The Land Conservation Program is the oldest program at Mile High Youth Corps. The Program gives youth the chance to work on a variety of environmental conservation projects such as wildfire mitigation/restoration, trail building/restoration, and noxious weed removal. Individuals can apply for an overnight crew or a day crew. Most positions even have the opportunity to become certified to use a chainsaw or other basic hand-held equipment. This program provides youth 18-24, who have either their GED or High School Diploma with the opportunity to gain job skills, education and earn industry-recognized credentials, while serving their community. The Summer of Service term runs May 19-Aug 14, 2015 allowing students to earn \$1,493 of an AmeriCorps Education Award to use to further their education or on past student loans. They will also earn a \$640 biweekly living stipend. Interested individuals can access applications through our website, www.milehighyouthcorps.org/apply-now, or visit our office at 1801 Federal Blvd to fill out an application in person.



In 2014 gardeners and growers were encouraged to sign up as Produce for Pantries gardeners. Denver Metro area participants were given signs made out of recycled fence pickets to display in their yard or garden. The P4P gardeners were also asked to track the amount of their donations and the recipient organizations who received those donations.

By October of 2014, over 50 Coloradans had signed up to be P4P gardeners and over 40,600 pounds of food had been donated to approximately 30 organizations. If you would like to be a 2015 P4P gardener, go to www.produceforpantries.com.

Neighbor Spotlight



DJ CAVEM (IETEF VITA) - NORTH CITY PARK SON: WHERE IS HE, NOW?

DJ Cavem is an Eco Hiphop artist (2014 Music Educator Award Grammy Nominee) who has been tweeted by Oprah, has hosted his Culinary Concerts around the country, and recently gave a TED talk in Manhattan.....that's where. Check him out on Youtube, you'll notice a lot of familiar sites. Locally, you may find him at the GrowHaus, Chocolate Spokes bike shop, or at a local school spinning his Eco Hiphop message and serving kale.

Check out his website for more information and awesome videos: www.djcavem.com

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CALENDAR
APRIL 2015

Free Workout

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday at Polar Nutrition
3445 E 28th Ave, 6:30p-7:15, Every Saturday: 12:30-1:15p

Food Bank

Thursday, April 9, 9:30 am - Noon
Scott United Methodist Church

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
NCPCA, Barrett Elementary

Food Bank

Thursday, April 16, 9:30 am - Noon
Scott United Methodist Church

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Saturday, April 18th
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Saturday, April 25th, 10 am - til it's done: Painting Party and BBQ
Alley behind 3119 Josephine St

North City Park Community Exchange, Meet & Greet

Tuesday, April 21, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Barrett Elementary Cafeteria

NCPCA General Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, everyone welcome!
Barrett Elementary

May Newsletter Deadline For Submittal

Wednesday, April 22
Send all photos and articles to: karenderrickdavis@gmail.com

Earth Day!

Wednesday, April 22

NCPCA Zoning Committee

Thursday, May 7, 6:00pm
Ford-Warren Library, 2825 High St.

NCPCA Board Meeting,

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Barrett Elementary

Monday - Saturday - 10 A.M - 5 P.M.

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North City Park Community Exchange News

Need a babysitter?
Need a dog walker?
Need help installing a sink faucet?
The TimeBank is here for you!
North City Park Community Exchange News
Check out our website:
www.ncpcommunityexchange.org
Latest stats: 45 members; 175 hrs exchanged

WHY JOIN THE TIME BANK?

- Meet neighbors
- Help neighbors
- Get help with your tasks
- Get references for a new business
- Get assistance starting your business
- Learn a new skill or practice a language
- Get access to items you don't own (extension ladder, truck, etc.)
- Earn time dollars for services you already do for the neighborhood (delivering the newsletter, volunteering at events, etc.).

Recent exchanges: hauling, timebank support, neighborhood association support, computer assistance, gardening (pruning),

NCPCE VISION

North City Park Community Exchange works toward a connected, caring community and strong local economy based on trust, respect, and equality.

NCPCE MISSION

North City Park Community Exchange provides a system of reciprocity that connects neighbor-members to both seek assistance and share their wealth of talents through the currency of time.

MONTHLY MEET & GREET

Fourth Tuesday (same evening as NCPCA General Meeting)
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Meet members, learn more, log hours, software demonstration.
Barrett Elementary, 2900 Richard Allen Court
Trade time in your community—change the world one hour at a time!
Learn more or apply for membership here:
www.ncpcommunityexchange.org
Karen Derrick-Davis 303.929.0606
Kathleen Casteel 303.329.4625
Jocelyn Miller 303.321.3202

SOME OF THE CURRENT OFFERS AND REQUESTS

REQUESTS

- Use of electric hedge trimmer
- Help learning Spanish
- House cleaning
- Garden weeding
- Write articles for newsletter
- Deliver newsletter
- TimeBank support
- Calling TimeBank members
- Layout for neighborhood newsletter

- Computer help
- Canned jams/jellies
- Foot/Hand massage
- Setting up TimeBank social events
- Setting up TimeBank group work events
- Setting up timebank social events

OFFERS

- Pet sitting
- Cooking
- Gluten-free, vegan
- Gourmet cooking lessons
- Use of extension ladder
- Hauling (truck)
- Computer repair
- Home school consultation
- Cancer survivor resources and strategies
- Landscaping bark mulch
- Ride to store
- Friendly visits to senior/elderly
- Quickbooks accounting software lessons
- Personal finance advice
- Photography

SkyKids News



PIZZA!

OBLIO'S PIZZERIA

6115 E 22nd Ave, 22nd & Kearney (Park Hill)
Sweet sauce and crispy crust, there are spices in the sauce as well which makes it really good. The pizza is cooked to perfection. They have patio seating and it is in a quiet neighborhood. The staff is very friendly. The pizza was very good. They serve complimentary bread sticks, which are also very good.
Rate: 8.5/10

TONY P'S

777 E 17th Ave
Sauce is a little sweet, with very good crispy crust. I didn't think the pizza was too special. The crust was the best thing about it. They serve calzones, and have an option for a Binaca style (white sauce) pizza. They also have complimentary bread sticks. There is balcony and patio seating.
Rate: 6.5/10
Thank you for reading my reviews!
Submitted by Derrick Davis



March Home Sales Data for North City Park/Skyland

Address	List Price	Sold Price	Bed/Bath	Sq Ft	DOM
2727 Josephine St	\$432,000	\$459,865	3/2	1,954	12
2740 Fillmore St	\$417,500	\$410,000	3/2	2,140	29
3038 Clayton St	\$360,000	\$362,000	3/2	1,593	4
3468 E 28th Ave	\$339,000	\$332,000	2/3	1,584	0
3959 Haddon Rd	\$255,000	\$255,000	2/1	1,434	7

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