Hi, Neighbors!

John Hayden, CPN President

As I write this article, Welton is preparing for Jazz Fest — the annual music festival celebrating the history and future of Jazz in Five Points. I hope neighbors had a chance to get out and enjoy this great local event. If you missed it there will be another festival on Welton in June. Juneteenth will take place on June 17th. Enjoy our local summer festivals.

At the June 1st meeting we will hear about a local farmers market. MoBetta Greens will open on June 17th at Sonny Lawson Park. We will also hear from the Colorado Department of Transportation about plans to widen I-70 and from opponents of the widening project. This will be followed by an update from the Curtis Park Transportation committee on a variety of transportation related projects happening over the next year in the area from the conversion of Grant and Logan Streets and 19th and 20th streets to two way streets to continued efforts to calm traffic speeds through Curtis Park and add cross walks and stop signs at key intersections. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm and is preceded by a police report from District 2 and 6 at 6:30 pm. Mile High United Way is where we meet and we thank them for their continued support of the community through providing this great meeting space free of charge to the community.

Curtis Park Neighbors Board Nominations

Being a Board Member of Curtis Park Neighborhood is an opportunity to contribute to the success of our neighborhood and have an active role in shaping its future. If you are aware of someone you know would be interested in serving on the Curtis Park Neighbors Board, we will be taking nominations through the end of August. The board terms are three years and new board member elections are held in December at the Annual Holiday Potluck/Meeting. For more details please email Scott Gordon at ScottGordonRider@gmail.com.
I-70 Expansion Affects Local Neighborhoods

You may have seen the Ditch the Ditch and Save City Park Golf Course signs pop up like spring flowers throughout the neighborhood over the last couple months.

While many of you may not have heard of either of these initiatives, you’ve most likely heard about the I-70 expansion project scheduled to start in 2018. That plan proposes to reconstruct a 10-mile stretch of I-70 east of downtown through the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea neighborhoods; add one new Express Lane in each direction; remove the viaduct; lower the interstate between Brighton and Colorado boulevards; and place a four-acre cover park over a portion of the lowered interstate.

End of the World Pub Crawl (EOWPC) Invades Neighborhood

EOWPC happens on Saturday, June 10th between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. This is a unique and unforgettable experience that brings business and exposure to our local venues and raises money for charity. It’s an interactive pub crawl where volunteers are dressed and painted as professional zombies that are roaming closed-off streets. Attendees get flag football belts and run from bar to bar, through the streets, getting their map hole punched at each location, dodging zombies who are trying to grab their flags (lives) with the goal of surviving to win prizes. Food and alcohol will ONLY be served inside the participating bars.

The block of Larimer Street between 20th and 21st will be closed down from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm on Saturday, June 10th. Set-up of road signage and barricades will take place prior to 10:00 am and tear-down of road signage and barricades will take place after 7:00 pm on the day of the event. For more information contact Aaron Fountain 913-961-1661 or email at AaronFountain@gmail.com.

Juneteenth Parade Festivities, Food and Music Returns to Five Points June 17th

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with the news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Juneteenth today celebrates African American freedom and achievement while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures.

Nearly 3,000 people march in the Juneteenth Parade to honor the struggles and social progress achieved through marches and demonstrations organized for freedom, justice, and equality in our country’s history.

This year, Juneteenth begins on Saturday, June 17th, 2017, in the Manual High School Parking lot on 26th & Gilpin Street. Staging starts at 9:00 am and the march promptly begins at 11:00 am.

This year’s theme is #DREAMBIG please bring signs that convey this message. For more information go to JuneteenthMusicFestival.com
Pop Up Park opens on 21st Street

“The Square on 21st” is a temporary pop-up park on 21st Street between Larimer and Lawrence. It will open on June 15th in the Ball Park section of Five Points. The idea of the Square is to demonstrate how a linear park space might work along 21st Street from Coors Field to Benedict Fountain Park. This could ultimately be part of a larger Cultural Loop the Downtown Denver Partnership is planning that would link together cultural institutions across Central Denver via an enhanced bike/pedestrian stage for performances, murals, bicycle obstacle course, dog off-leash area and other park amenities.

The demonstration project will last until August 15th after which the City and community will evaluate what worked and what did not as plans continue for new public spaces in the area to meet the needs of a quickly growing downtown residential population. Additional details on events and how to volunteer can be found at www.DenverGov.org/TheSquareOn21st.

Parking Plan Makes Progress

Phase One of the Curtis Park Parking Plan is in its final wrap up and will be implemented early this Summer. There will be new parking signs and changes from Park Ave to 28th Street; and from Larimer to Champa streets. Letters were sent to the neighbors and feedback was taken and the final plan will be presented at the June Curtis Park Neighbors meeting. Phase two is moving along quite nicely.

The city is working on a draft plan that we hope to have ready to present to the working group and then mail out the draft plan for comment to affected neighbors by the end of June to middle of July time frame. We will start Phase Three shortly after we get feedback and finalize Phase Two. Please stay involved and provide feedback to Eric, Paul or Keith. Info will also be posted on Facebook for upcoming focus meetings and parking plans.
**Resources**

Denver City Government  
www.DenverGov.org, or call 3-1-1  
Alternately: (720) 913-1311

Blair-Caldwell Library  
2401 Welton Street, (720) 865-2401  
Mon./Wed.: Noon – 8 p.m.  
Tue./Thu./Fri.: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sat.: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Denver City Council  
District 9  
Albus Brooks, (720) 337-7709  
Albus.Brooks@denvergov.org  
www.denvergov.org/albusbrooks  
facebook.com/CouncilmanAlbusBrooks

At-Large  
Councilwoman Robin Kniech  
Robin.Kniech@denvergov.org  
(720) 337-7712  
Councilwoman Debbie Ortega  
Deborah.Ortega@denvergov.org  
(720) 337-7713

Denver Public Schools  
(720) 423-3200, www.DPSK12.org

Homeless Outreach  
Police non-emergency: (720) 913-2000

Mayor’s Neighborhood Liaison  
Michael Sapp, Jr., (720) 865-9024

Police  
Emergencies: Dial 911  
Non-Emergencies: (720) 913-2000  
Dist. 2 (above 25th Street) RSO:  
Adriel Torres (720) 913-1089, adriel.torres@denvergov.org  
Reyes Trujillo (720) 913-1094, reyes.trujillo@denvergov.org  
Dist. 6 (below 25th Street) RSO:  
Snow White (720) 641-1280, snow.white@denvergov.org

RTD  
(303) 299-6000  
www.RTD-Denver.com

Elected Representative  
Barbara Deadwyler, (720) 273-9520  
Barbara.Deadwyler@rdt-denver.com

Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup  
The next Large Item pickup is June 19th-24th  
For free appliance collection, call (303) 430-7142.

Xcel Energy  
Electric Emergency/Power Outage  
(800) 895-1999  
Gas Emergency / Gas Odor  
(800) 895-2999

**Historic Murals at 27th & Welton to be Restored**

The Deep Rock Water murals are an example of Colorado’s rich history and in our efforts to preserve our cultural history we aim to restore these photos to offer our community a look into our great past while we continue to carry these strong traditions into the future.

While we are raising funds to restore the permanent historic murals at 27th & Welton Street, we are announcing a temporary replacement honoring this year’s 15th Annual Five Points Jazz Festival with photos of African American “jazz greats” who performed right here on Welton Street in Five Points hotels and bars along with the talented local musicians.

Help spread the word and support the design, production, and installation of the new permanent murals by making a donation. Visit Gofundme.com/Deep-RockMuralFund.

**Neighborhood Internet Resources**

Curtis Park Neighbors on Facebook  
www.facebook.com/groups/curtispark/  

Curtis Park Neighbors “Announce” Group  
Just the basics! We encourage everyone to join this e-mail group.  
Receive the Curtis Park Times & special announcements. Write to:  
Curtis-Park-Neighbors-Announce+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Neighbors “Notice” Group  
Super-detailed! Receive all of the notices that the City and other organizations send to Curtis Park Neighbors. The CPN Board receives this e-mail, and invites you to participate as well!  
Write to:  
CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Design Review Committee  
Provide assistance to new development and building modifications in Curtis Park, to help with Denver Landmark Commission review.  
Write to:  
CPN-DesignReview+subscribe@googlegroups.com

DHA / Curtis Park Community Advisory Committee  
Provide feedback and guide the Denver Housing Authority’s plans for their property holdings in the Curtis Park area.  
Write to:  
CPN-DHA-CAC+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Transportation Committee  
Improve mobility and safety for people getting around by all modes  
Write to:  
Curtis-Park-Transportation+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Safety and Security Group  
Collaborate on finding solutions to current and long-term safety and security topics in the neighborhood.  
Write to:  
Curtis-Park-Safety+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Neighbors is an officially incorporated non-profit neighborhood organization bringing our neighborhood together to share in preserving the past and future of Curtis Park. We welcome all neighbors in Curtis Park and encourage participation in Curtis Park Neighbors and in the life of the community. Please pass along this newsletter and bring a neighbor to the meetings!

The spirit of the Curtis Park Times is to communicate information about topics and concerns of our neighborhood. The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of Curtis Park Neighbors. To provide newsletter articles or place advertising, contact us at cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com or (720) 273–0623. The next newsletter deadlines are June 21st for ads, and June 24th for articles.

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