



Hi, Neighbor!

Joel Noble, CPN President

November 2015

It was great to see so many families out for pumpkin carving in the Stout Street Children's Park! We'll see you back there on Halloween for trick-or-treat, and Sunday Nov. 1st for Dia De Los Muertos. See pg. 3 for all the details!

Playground Wins Award

The new playground at Mestizo-Curtis Park, made possible by the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and designed with neighborhood input, has won the 2015 Mayor's Design Award in the "Neighborhood Gem" category! Congratulations to TPL, Friends of Mestizo-Curtis Park and all the neighbors who have worked and continue to strive to improve Denver's first park!

Last Month's Meeting

Our October meeting was another full evening. We were visited by candidates for School Board and District Attorney eager to introduce themselves, and received a presentation in favor of measure "2C" for the National Western Center.

David Zucker of Zocalo Community Development gave an early public presentation on a new mixed-use project in Arapahoe Square hosting the new headquarters of Rocky Mountain PBS, a 500-seat theatre, performance space, new studios for KUVU, the Downtown Expeditionary School's middle school, a mixed-income residential property and a food hall. Cleverly, the various uses on the site will provide ongoing revenue to support public broadcasting. Although it was too soon for visuals of the building, those in attendance were among the first to hear about the project!

Rachael Bronson and Brittany Price with Denver Public Works introduced preliminary designs to upgrade the bike lanes on Stout and Champa and to address safety issues at the top of Champa. After the presentation, the meeting adjourned to the next room to review the preliminary designs in detail and provide specific feedback. Read more about this on pg. 2.

This Month's Meeting

For our final regular meeting of the year, we start with an early candidate introduction for 2016: **Khadija Katherine Haynes**, candidate for **State Senate in District 33**, will be running for the seat that Michael Johnston now holds, as he is term-limited.

For our business introduction of the month, we'll hear from **Sarah Mellick** with **FLEX Yoga + Barre Studios**. Located upstairs in the **Five Points Plaza** at **2736 Welton Street**, they offer a wide ranges of yoga and barre classes scheduled throughout the morning, day and evening, designed to fit any schedule.

Neighborhood Inspection Services has been reorganizing their service map and reassigning inspectors, so it's a good time to get to know our new contacts. We'll hear from **Jim Holt** or **Barbara Galaviz-Duarte**, both of whom were recently assigned to our area, about the work of NIS, how to effectively engage them, and an update on the small but persistent set of neglected and derelict structures in our neighborhood. Bring your questions and requests!

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Curtis Park Neighbors Meeting Thursday, November 5th

Hope Communities, 2543 California St.

6:30 p.m. Police Update & Snacks

7:00-8:30 p.m. Main Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Khadija Katherine Haynes - Candidate for State Senate District 33 in 2016
3. FLEX Yoga + Barre - Sarah Mellick
4. Neighborhood Inspection Services
5. WalkDenver's First and Last Mile Study - John Hayden
6. RiNo BID and GID Vote and Next Steps - Justin Croft

LeafDrop!

Keep your leaves out of the landfill & make compost for gardeners. Free!
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Children's Park Events (pg. 3)

Trick-or-Treat Party, Oct 31, 4-6pm

Dia De Los Muertos, Nov 1, 3-5pm

Save the Date! CPN Holiday Party and Annual Meeting

Monday December 7th, 6pm

Next CPN General Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 7th, 2016

CPN Board Meeting

Monday, Nov. 16th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

2543 California St, Open to all

Hi, Neighbor! (continued)

John Hayden will present on a recent study completed by WalkDenver and Mile High Connects on the state of pedestrian infrastructure in Denver specifically regarding the “first and last mile” getting to and from our major transit investments. John is a boardmember for WalkDenver, an organization that is helping the city understand what it means to become a place where walking is a safe and desirable option for getting around.

As this meeting comes just after the year’s elections, we’ll get an update from Justin Croft on the nearby RiNo neighborhood’s efforts to create a Business Improvement District and a General Improvement

Safety Upgrades Coming to Stout and Champa

by Joel Noble

For years, Curtis Park residents have been pushing the city to address two major safety issues: excessive speeds on Stout and cars racing to merge at the top of Champa. This year, in conjunction with the *Denver Moves* plan for safer, more comfortable bicycle lanes, we may have found the way to achieve many goals at once.

For most people, riding bicycles in mixed traffic is uncomfortable — most aren’t the fearless bicycle-courier types, they’re regular folks who would like safe, inexpensive, healthy options to get around the city. Arrangements where bikes and moving cars are separated by something vertical give a very good feeling of safety.

It turns out that simply swapping the order of a bike lane and a parking lane can be a serious upgrade to bike safety and comfort without giving up lanes of traffic or rows of parking. This also visually narrows the road for drivers passing through the neighborhood (since the parked cars are closer to them), encouraging slower speeds. According to the *Denver Moves* plan, Stout Street is a major connection from downtown to the neighborhoods to the northeast, and can easily and inexpensively be reconfigured in this way, called a “protected bike lane,” meeting all of these goals at once. Public Works believes they can handle snow plowing and sweeping of the bike lanes in this new arrangement.

District. Did the elections pass? If so, what are the top priorities and what are the timeframes?

Holiday Party and Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendars for this year’s CPN Holiday Party and Annual Meeting on Monday, December 7th at 6 p.m. Given the great response we had last year, we’ll be returning to the Posner Center for International Development at the historic “Horse Barn” on the corner of 33rd and Arapahoe. There will be childcare, prize drawings, awards, potluck dinner, and more. Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome!

- Joel Noble



Neighbors at the October CPN meeting give comments on preliminary Stout/Champa plans. Photo by Robert Speth.

The Stout design will also significantly help people who are walking on the numbered streets crossing this busy, fast roadway, by shortening the distance to be crossed all at once, because one will be able to safely pause in the reconfigured parking “lane” before continuing.

On Champa, speeding to merge after crossing Downing causes many crashes per year. By simply starting the Champa bike lane earlier, on the other side of Downing on M.L.K., and directing only one lane of traffic and one bike lane across Downing onto Champa, the race to merge can be eliminated. Additionally, there’s room along Champa to upgrade to a “buffered bike lane” with painted space between cars and bikes, improving comfort for both.

Attendees at our October meeting reviewed preliminary “30% design” Stout and Champa plans, and provided input. Based on this, the City and its consultants

News & Info

Yard Sale at the Sustainability Park - November 7

Granata Farms, GreenLeaf, and Produce Denver are hosting a farewell Yard Sale starting at 9 a.m. on Sat., November 7th, at the Sustainability Park on 25th between Lawrence and Arapahoe. Come pick up goods for your home and garden at great prices. Proceeds will go to help the farmers’ relocation efforts. (Backup date in case of bad weather: Nov. 14th.) Write cody@GreenLeafDenver.org for more

Thefts from Garages

We’re hearing about an increase in thefts from garages — many from garages left open, even for a short time. Be sure to close your garage doors when you’re not there to watch, and keep doors locked when closed.

For any theft or break-in, be sure to report it to the police. More reports give police additional clues and patterns, and reports help focus resources in our area, to find and stop the perpetrators.



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are refining designs and will come back with a more detailed proposal for us in January. As the first neighborhood streets in Denver to get these specific types of facilities, Public Works knows we’ll need to have their continued attention as we learn together what works and what can be improved, with the ability to adjust post-implementation.

Denver will continue to grow. By providing people with improved options to travel safely and comfortably, including biking, walking, driving and transit, we’ll avoid the traffic gridlock that afflicts cities where driving feels like the only safe choice.

Want to be more actively involved in this and other transportation topics? Join the CPN Transportation Committee — see the back page for details.

Neighborhood News, Events and Information

6th Annual Curtis Park

Trick-or-Treat Party

Start Trick-or-Treating off right with the 6th Annual Curtis Park Halloween Party at the Stout Street Children's Park (25th & Stout) on October 31st from 4-6 p.m.

There will be games and treats for Children of all ages and this year we will add the Costume Parade for Children and Pets. The parade will start at 5:15pm to get the Trick-or-Treating started.

Dia De Los Muertos Curtis Park Style

Dia De Los Muertos is a unique event celebrating and honoring the lives of our loved ones who have passed.

On Sunday November 1st, from 3-5 p.m., bring a photo and a favorite food of a deceased loved one for a pot-luck at the Stout Street Children's Park and join neighbors as we plant Tulip bulbs in parks across the neighborhood. Then in the Spring remember your loved ones as the tulips you planted bloom to make our neighborhood beautiful.

As our loved ones live on in the beautiful things they have inspired in our lives, the tulip bulbs, planted on Dia De Los Muertos, will bring future beauty to our neighborhood when they bloom in the Spring!

Historic Denver Recognizes Restoration of 2714 Arapahoe St.

Congratulations to Wayne Thrash, whose work over 13 years to lovingly restore the Victorian cottage at 2714 Arapahoe Street — not once, but twice! — caught the attention of Historic Denver (HD) and prompted their Preservation and Research Coordinator to dig into the home's history. You can read the full story in this quarter's *Historic Denver News*.

Curtis Park's recent history has been closely tied with HD, with renovations and restorations here taking off in the 1970s, and HD's support with grants, technical advice, and home tour help over the years.

If you own an older home in Curtis Park, or want to show your support for historic preservation, please consider joining Historic Denver. They support the neighborhoods that tell Denver's unique story.

Arapahoe Square Zoning Study Entering Final Phase

One of the recommendations of our neighborhood plan, the *Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan* (2011), was to develop new zoning for Arapahoe Square which, following the plan vision. This would bring the zoning between 20th Street and Park Avenue West into the modern zoning code, increasing the potential for development near downtown while stepping down to the Curtis Park edge and providing updated design standards and guidelines to encourage quality.

The year-long zoning study to fulfill that plan recommendation is nearing its conclusion, with draft zoning and design standards and guidelines language being reviewed and draft zoning maps being developed. In early 2016, the Denver Planning Board and City Council will review the recommendations and may amend the zoning code and re-zone the properties in the area accordingly.

To learn more about this effort, visit www.DenverGov.org/ArapahoeSquare

Coffee at the Point: Five Years in Five Points

Coffee at The Point celebrates Five Years in Five Points in November. "It has been a true honor to live and do business in a

SCFD Free Days



Denver Museum of Nature and Science

- Mon. November 9th

Denver Art Museum

- Sat. November 7th

Denver Zoo

- Mon. November 2nd
- Fri. November 13th
- Thu. November 19th

Molly Brown House Museum

- Wed. November 11th

Denver Botanic Gardens

- Fri.-Sat., November 13th-14th

Find out more at www.scfd.org

neighborhood that I love" says Ryan Cobbins, owner of the chic coffee and wine lounge. Coffee at The Point will be celebrating the weekend of November 12-14.

Left Hand brewery will be hosting a free beer tasting on Friday, November 12th from 5-7 p.m. A celebration with local artist Michael Richardson, and his art show will take place during that weekend. In addition, Coffee at The Point will be kicking off several specialty drinks that will excite the neighborhood. The peak of the celebration will be Saturday, November 14th, with live music all day. For more info, look to www.CoffeeAtThePoint.com

Save the Date

GROUND BREAKING EVENT

Central Denver Recreation Center
Monday, November 2, 2015
Time: 9:30 a.m.

DENVER THE MILE HIGH CITY

Please join Mayor Michael B. Hancock, Denver Parks & Recreation, and Denver Public Works for the groundbreaking of the highly anticipated **Central Denver Recreation Center**
Located at the intersection of Colfax Avenue and Josephine Street.

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 "Notices" 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: cpn-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: cpn-security+subscribe@googlegroups.com

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.

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Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison

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The next Large Item pickup is Nov. 30-
Dec. 4. For free appliance collection,
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Gas Emergency / Gas Odor
(800) 895-2999

Movember Rolling for Rotary FUNdraiser



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Denver Schools, & Local Non-profit Organizations

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\$20 in Advance (includes skate rental)

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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 (303) 332-8640. The next newsletter deadlines are Nov. 18th for ads, and Nov. 21st for articles.

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