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Time to Join or Renew your CCNNA Membership for 2010

(Annual Membership Year is October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

If you are a membership renewal without any address, phone, or email changes, just check here. _____

Membership Benefits:

- CCNNA email keeps you informed on the latest Cherry Creek neighborhood developments and events.
- CCNNA represents your interests with the City and with quality of life issues in Cherry Creek North.

Your email address is important, as it is the primary method of communicating to our membership. Your email address is private information and will not be shared. If it has changed in the last year, please note.

Please support our neighborhood and join CCNNA. Please use this form, enclose a check for \$30 (per household), and send to: CCNNA, 283 Columbine Street, Box 129, Denver, Colorado 80206.



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DATES AND EVENTS

to Remember

Next General Resident Meeting

Daniels Fund Building
Tuesday, January 26th, 7:00 PM

State Representative Lois Court
 Street Through Fillmore Plaza
 Cherry Creek Area Plan Update

CHERRY CREEK NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD Newsletter

JANUARY 2010

CHERRY CREEK NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MISSION: To promote, protect, preserve and enhance the character of the CCN neighborhood, the quality of life of its residents, and the feeling of community; and to inform and represent its members.

NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Tuesday, January 26th, 2010; 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Daniels Fund Building (Corner of 1st Avenue and Monroe Street - Use Parking Lot)

SPEAKERS: Rep. Lois Court, District 6, Colorado House of Representatives
Street through Fillmore Plaza Discussion
Cherry Creek Area Plan Update



Rep. Lois Court

REFRESHMENTS: Ondo's Spanish Tapas Bar, 250 Steele Street, 303-975-6514

Rep. Lois Court – Rep. Court begins her second legislative year focusing on how to balance the State's difficult budget situation and will be addressing how revenues and expenses can be managed to support essential State programs. She will also address her recent work with CCN business leaders on promoting tourism in Cherry Creek North.

Fillmore Plaza Street – Residents will be given a pro and con presentation on a creating a street through or allowing vehicular access onto Fillmore Plaza. Come and ask your questions as well as voice your opinion.

Cherry Creek Area Plan – Barbara Frommell and Chris Gleissner, City Senior Planners, will give an overview of the update process on the Cherry Creek Area Plan. The Plan is a comprehensive analysis that addresses business and residential development, land use, transportation, parks, and other important quality of life issues.

Ondo's Spanish Tapas Bar – Come taste the most authentic Spanish cuisine and relax with others or just escape with a glass of sangria while listening to relaxing music from around the world. Our executive chefs honed their skills in the kitchens of famous restaurants in San Sebastian and Barcelona, Spain.



FILLMORE PLAZA STREET—DEJA VU, ALL OVER AGAIN

Western Development and The Sturm Group, the two property owners and developers on both sides of Fillmore Plaza (NorthCreek and Fillmore Place), communicated to CCNNA their intent to seek again City approval to create a street through or vehicular access onto Fillmore Plaza. This same "street through Fillmore Plaza" proposal was defeated in 2006 due to the overwhelming opposition of over 350 CCN residents and many business owners.

Why do the two developers want to pursue a street through Fillmore Plaza again?

1. Street Visibility and Retail Business Development – The developers believe that street visibility will help develop and maintain retail businesses along Fillmore Plaza and reduce current unoccupied retail space.

CCNNA Comment: With all of the vacant retail space along business district streets, street visibility does not seem to be the defining factor on whether retail space is more likely to be occupied. Vacant retail space is presently more related to the general State and National economic downturn and the high cost of BID retail space.

2. Lack of Use – Fillmore Plaza is not used by residents, customers, and visitors.

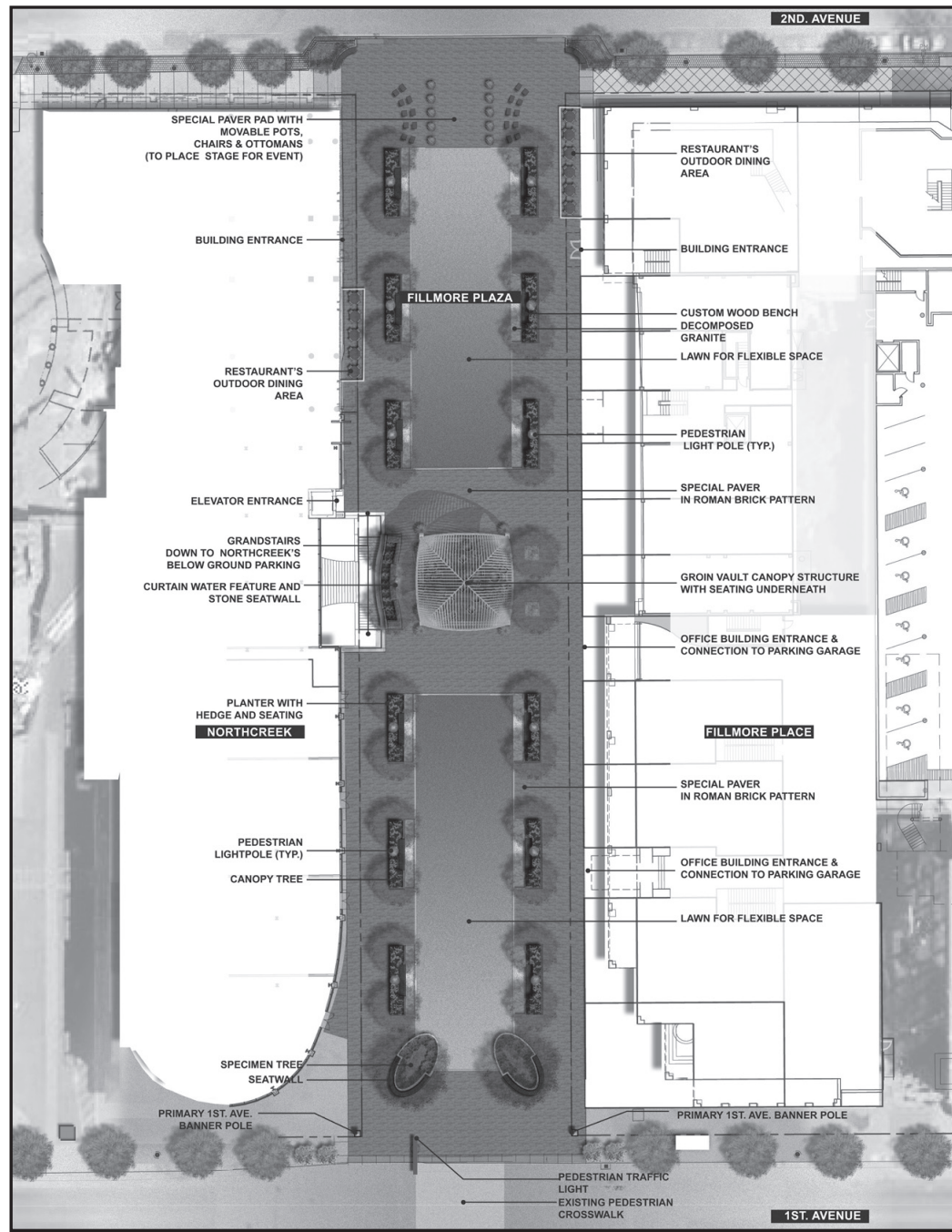
CCNNA Comment: No investments and improvements have been made to Fillmore Plaza in over 20 years. As the BID Board and the BID PAG Committee have agreed, making the plaza more attractive and inviting to residents, visitors, and customers and managing the Plaza with entertainment, community, and marketing events will improve the Plaza's use.

3. Gateway Support to All CCN Businesses – All CCN businesses are being affected by the downturn in the economy, so a street through Fillmore Plaza as a vehicle gateway to the BID will help other CCN businesses.

CCNNA Comment: The BID improvement plan does not indicate a shortage of street access to the BID. The BID Board approved Project Ends statement references Fillmore Plaza as a gateway for pedestrians from the Shopping Center and not for car traffic. Additional BID access to help other BID businesses is a non-issue, just as is street visibility, in a drastic economic downturn that affects all retail spending.

Detailed Fillmore Plaza historical information can be found on the CCNNA website (www.ccnneighbors.com).

BID FILLMORE PLAZA PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED DESIGN



As shown in the illustration to the left, the attractive and practical plan for Fillmore Plaza is scheduled to be implemented in February, 2010. The prominent features are: (1) a vaulted canopy with pedestrian seating, (2) tree and lawn space, (3) sidewalk cafe opportunities, (4) planters with seating, and (5) a much needed general makeover in order to be the attractive "gateway" to Cherry Creek North. This drawing of Fillmore Plaza was presented by BID staff at CCN General Resident Meetings, receiving strong resident support, and was also circulated to all CCN residents in the March, 2009 CCNNA newsletter. A street through Fillmore Plaza will eliminate the dedicated pedestrian orientation of the Plaza and will be counter to the approved resolutions on keeping the Plaza as open space by the Cherry Creek Steering Committee stakeholders, CCNNA, and the Board of the CCN BID. You will be notified of public meetings so that you can voice your opinion on this FP street issue. The color diagram of the design is on CCNNA website (www.ccnneighbors.com).

HOW CAN A STREET BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH FILLMORE PLAZA?

Since Fillmore Street between 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue is still technically a street below the Plaza, there are a number of ways that it can be reactivated through Fillmore Plaza.

- (1) Street Vacation** – According to City Public Works Policy, a vacation is when a public right-of-way (street) is returned to private property. Fillmore Street below the Plaza could be vacated, and the property could be given to the adjacent property owners or BID.
- (2) City Approval** – The developers and / or the BID can request that Fillmore Street below the Plaza be reactivated, and, if approved by the City, the street can be re-opened. City Council approval may be required.

Although it is undetermined at this time, the same BID bond money allocated to improve Fillmore Plaza would possibly be used to develop the street through the Plaza.

CHERRY CREEK NORTH PROPERTY TAX CONTRIBUTION

The City Assessor's Office determines your property's ACTUAL value, and a percentage of that value is calculated in order to arrive at your ASSESSED value. For residential property, this percentage changes each year; it is currently 7.96. Your ASSESSED value is then multiplied by the current MILL LEVY to arrive at your property tax bill. The vast majority of your property taxes support the Denver Public School System.

A sample residence has an actual value of \$500,000. This figure is multiplied by the residential rate of 7.96% which results in an assessed value of \$39,800. This assessed value is then multiplied by the mill levy of 66.948 for a property tax bill of \$2665 (.066948 x \$39,800).

CCN residents contribute over \$6 million in property taxes annually!

Cherry Creek North Residential City and County of Denver Property Tax Contribution

Home Style	Number	Assessed Value	Property Tax
1.0 Story Bungalow	167	\$90,094,300	\$480,118
2.0 Story Single Family	156	\$206,064,800	\$1,098,132
3+ Story Single Family	9	\$12,468,500	\$66,445
Condo	309	\$135,057,700	\$719,731
Duplex	18	\$13,608,200	\$72,519
Row House	780	\$682,409,842	\$3,636,604
Townhome	119	\$62,754,800	\$334,424
Total Homes	1558	\$1,202,458,142	\$6,407,973
Apartments	75		
Total Properties	1633		

Source: Realty Resources, City Assessor's Office, Real Property Records, 2008

SALVATION ARMY CHARITY EVENT

On Saturday, December 5th, over 60 Cherry Creek neighbors joined together to help the Salvation Army with its Christmas Food Baskets. Residents and friends packed over 425 food baskets and bagged hundreds of pounds of food and toys for distribution. It was fun and satisfying, helping the many needy families. Thank you for volunteering your time and effort for Denver's less fortunate.

FOXES

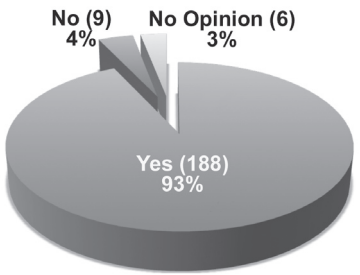
Our foxes are beautiful but can be a problem for your pets. According to the City, the best way to deter foxes living in a neighborhood



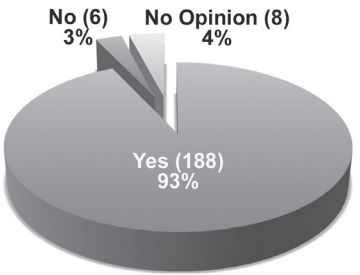
is to remove attractants. Attractants include birdseed, birdbaths, pet food, water dishes, trash, compost, fruits and vegetables or anything else that provides food or water to the fox. A large increase in population is directly related to the amount of food available to the fox. If there is an abundance of food, the fox may have larger litter sizes so it is important to make sure that we are not supplying them with additional food. Most importantly, it is illegal to feed any wild animal, especially foxes.

CCN RESIDENT FILLMORE PLAZA SURVEY RESULTS

1. Should Fillmore Plaza be kept as open space without a street?



2. Do you support the BID improvement plan for Fillmore Plaza?



As of December 31, 203 residents have participated in the survey. Of the 203 participants, 147 residents provided written comments with 142 supporting Fillmore Plaza as open space. If you are a CCN resident and did not have the opportunity to participate, go to the CCNNA website for the survey link. Thanks for your valuable feedback.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Cinema Club: Contact Maxine Rossman, 303-953-8687 or Maxine.Rossman@capella.edu; **Book Groups:** Contact Mary Lynn Darcy, mlbdar@msn.com and Tina Davis, tina.davis@twtelecom.com; **Bridge:** Contact Mary Lynn Darcy, mlbdar@msn.com; **Bunco Group for Ladies:** Contact Lynda Coble at LynCoble@aol.com, Lyn is looking for someone to host the next party; **Golf:** Men's Golf Group, Contact Jay Frazee, jfrazee1@gmail.com; **Ladies Golf Group:** Contact Debra Rickard, drickard@ulc.com; **Dog Walking Group:** Contact Kaulene Henson, kaulenehenson@gmail.com; **Hiking, Yoga, and Dance Groups** (separate groups): Contact Marilyn Olen, 303-394-4240 or castleolen@yahoo.com; **Meditation Group:** Contact Joyce Haas, j-haas@comcast.net; **Tapas Parties:** Held every two months; Contact Maria Arapakis, maria@everydayleaders.com if you can host a Spring party; **Wine Tastings:** Contact Ellen West (ellen_west@comcast.net) is looking someone interested in helping her with the wine tastings. See CCNNA website (www.ccnneighbors.com) for more information.

