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CHERRY CREEK NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2009

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, September 22nd, 2009; 7:00 PM

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

SPEAKERS: 3rd Avenue Hotel Development
1st Bank Development Traffic Engineering Study
Orvis



REFRESHMENTS: Houston's, 303 Josephine Street, 303-333-4688

3rd Avenue Hotel Development – The President of DGV Investments, owner / developer of the hotel project, and the CCNNA Board will present a comparison on the positive and negative aspects of the proposed hotel development at the 3rd Avenue Cherry Creek Square location. There will be sufficient time allowed for your questions and comments on this development on 3rd Avenue between St. Paul and Milwaukee Streets.

1st Bank Traffic Engineering Study – The 1st Bank site development will be a two phase project with the first phase being a 10 story building on 1st Avenue between Steele and St. Paul Streets. This high density project conforms to the Cherry Creek Neighborhood Plan, will provide retail and office space, and will not include hotel use in its rezoning. The presentation will provide its traffic engineering study results on traffic flow to and from the site.

Orvis – The manager for Orvis will speak on its support to the neighborhood related to a most interesting and entertaining activity.

Houston's – The new Houston's Restaurant at 3rd Avenue and Josephine Street offers a varied menu of sandwiches, salads, delicious entrees of fresh fish, steak, and rotisserie chicken, and tempting desserts. Houston's philosophy begins at the local level with local growers and purveyors to provide the highest quality in food. A long standing interest in art and architecture is a factor to enhance the dining experience.

YOUR CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

District 10 Representative	Jeanne Robb	303-377-1807	jeanne.robbs@ci.denver.co.us
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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: _____

Membership Benefits:

- CCNNA email keeps you informed on the latest Cherry Creek neighborhood developments and events.
- CCNNA represents your interests with the City and the Cherry Creek business community.
- CCNNA's mission is to protect and enhance the quality of life 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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CCNNA OPPOSES 3RD AVENUE HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The hotel project proposed for the Cherry Creek Square location at the south side of 3rd Avenue between Milwaukee Street and St. Paul Street may have a significant detrimental effect on residential property values, quality of life, and traffic in our neighborhood. The owner has applied for rezoning of the property from its current CCN District Zoning (BID Commercial area) to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) in order to build the much publicized 110 room hotel. This rezoning will allow the property to be developed with its own specific height and scale building requirements, if approved by City Council.

CCNNA's primary objections to the rezoning of this property are as follows:

- 1. Height** – The proposed 80'+ height of the project violates the maximum 55' building height allowance of the CCN District Zoning. If a PUD is approved to remove this 55' height restriction, a significant, undesirable precedent would be established. If allowed, future high-rise, out of scale development throughout the CCN district might also be permitted.
- 2. Hotel Use** – A hotel is not a permitted use in CCN District Zoning. The Cherry Creek Neighborhood Plan recommends that the possible detrimental effects on the balance, scale, density, and quality of life in the commercial and residential areas by any proposed new hotel be analyzed and discussed with residents and other interested parties before rezoning would be considered to allow the new hotel.



The CCNNA Board has prepared and submitted a formal opposition position paper on the hotel project to the City. Our goals are to (a) create a negative Planning Department rezoning recommendation to the Planning Board, (b) a negative recommendation by the Planning Board to City Council, and then (c) a disapproval decision of the project's rezoning by City Council. Resident opinions and comments were an important part of the opposition paper. Your support is extremely important to our success.

DATES AND EVENTS

to Remember

Next General Resident Meeting

Daniels Fund Building

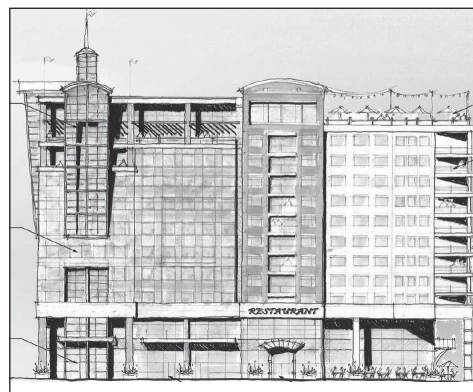
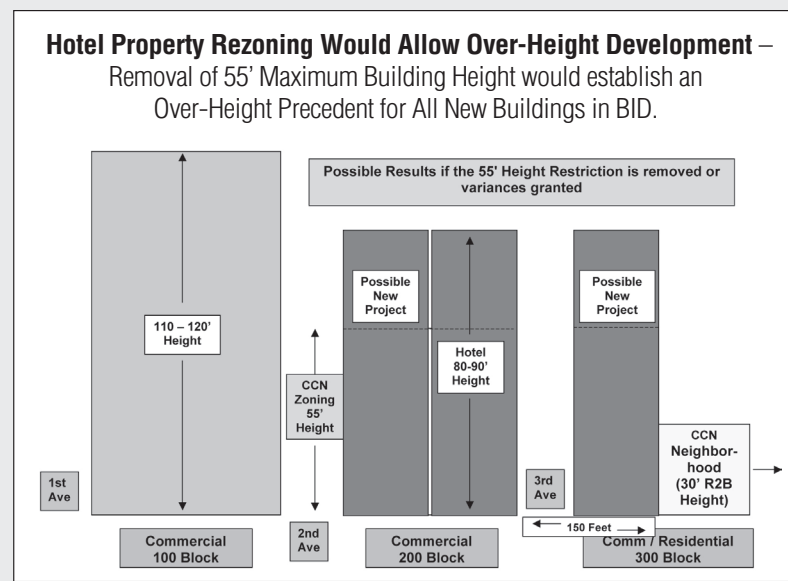
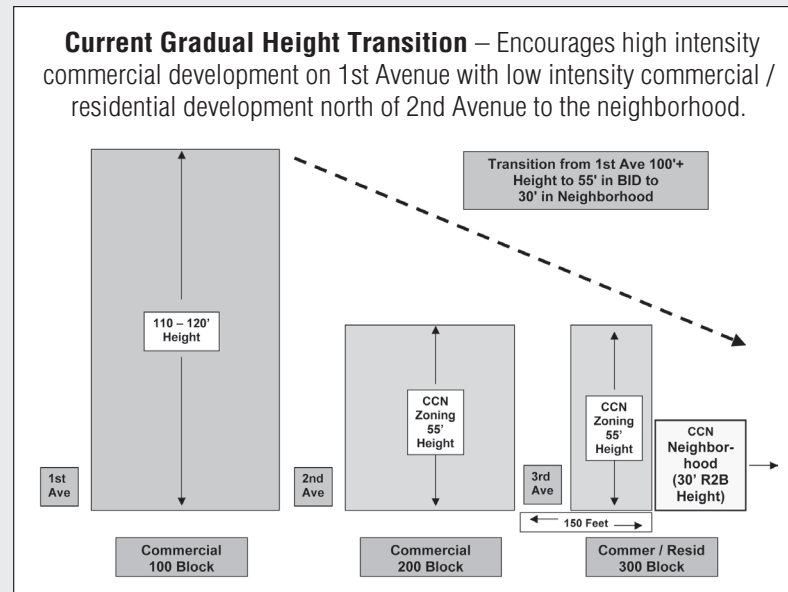
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3rd Avenue Hotel Project

1st Bank Project Traffic Study

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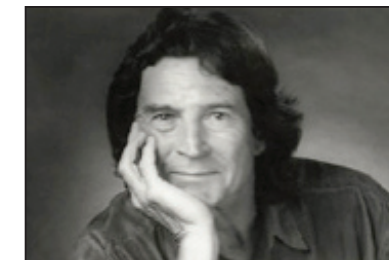
EFFECT OF ALLOWING OVER-HEIGHT BUILDINGS



BUSH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – STEELE STREET SOUTH

The rezoning of this large development project located on the south side of 1st Avenue along Steele Street was recently approved by City Council. Since the project has good access to 1st Avenue, Steele Street south to Alameda, and major Cherry Creek East (CCE) streets, the project's increased traffic should not affect Cherry Creek North to any significant extent. If implemented, a hotel should address any needed Cherry Creek hotel space, especially on 3rd Avenue as well as north of 1st Avenue. The only concern is its affect on traffic congestion for the 1st Avenue and Steele Street intersection and its impact on the 1st Bank project's traffic access and flow to 1st Avenue rather than into the CCN neighborhood.

RESIDENT PROFILE – WITOLD K



Our previously profiled residents have not always had “famous” names but were chosen because of their personal courage and contributions to the world. This month, however, our profile is of a man who has received international acclaim on many fronts. Yet, in spite of his amazing artistic contributions to the world and to Colorado, and in spite of his extreme acts of heroism at great risk to his own life, many neighbors walk past his place in Cherry Creek unaware of the creative genius and unsung hero in their midst.

Witold K (pronounced “Vee-told K”/329 Detroit St./www.witoldk.com) is recognized throughout the world as a painter, sculptor, designer, architect, university lecturer and political activist. He and his father survived the Nazis and WWII, and his father also saved many Jewish lives. Witold was chosen at the tender age of 25 as the architectural designer and muralist for the Cultural Center in the city of Oswiecim built near the Auschwitz concentration camp in remembrance of Holocaust victims. In 1964 he smuggled the literary works of dissident Russian and Polish writers into the West, and as a result was banned from his native Poland. His art spans international shows including the prestigious 1973 retrospective at the Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles, and hangs in galleries around the world. He has had his own portrait painted by Picasso. He has been a long-time friend of film legend and fellow Pole, Roman Polanski. He has created art for the Aspen Music Festival, the Denver International Film Festival, and the Colorado Symphony. He has collaborated with renowned physicist Stirling Colgate in seeking a new understanding and expression of the bond between of science and art. He is the first American artist to have a one-man show at Sotheby's (Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2007). And this is just the beginning...

(For details and the rest of the story, please visit www.ccnneighbors.com)

FALL WINE TASTING AT PISMO – SEPTEMBER 25TH



Please join your Cherry Creek North neighbors at the next CCNNA Wine Tasting on **Friday, September 25, 2009 from 6 PM to 8 PM** at 2770 East Second Avenue. Pismo Fine Art Glass is providing their wonderful gallery of contemporary glass art as the setting for our wine tasting. The Vineyard Wine Shop will be offering an assortment of red and white wines. Hapa Sushi Grill & Sake Bar will be serving their signature sushi rolls, and Rodney's will be providing some of their favorite appetizers. To add a sweet finish, Enstrom Candies will be offering their famous Almond Toffee, Chocolate Truffles and other tasty treats.

The cost is **\$20 per person** with proceeds to be donated to the Denver Public Schools Foundation. To register, send your check (\$20 per person) made payable to **Ellen West, 449C Columbine Street, Denver, CO 80206** by Monday September 21st. For more information, email ellen_west@comcast.net or call her at 303-377-3867. Join your neighbors for this great event!

CHERRY CREEK BLOCKBUILDER PROGRAM EXPANDS BY 50% IN 2009

The CCNNA Blockbuilder program is entering its 6th year with the expansion of the program from 10 active blocks to 19 with 10 new block leaders. The program has taken a more proactive approach to identify key blocks with high CCNNA membership participation and has directly solicited new block leaders for those blocks not previously organized. Members who have been active with CCNNA have been most eager to help organize their blocks. A Block builder **organizational meeting will be held on September 15th** for new block leaders to learn the ropes from successful block leaders, to share experiences and best practices, and to get to know your neighbors.

As examples on how well the program works, the popular **Block Parties** have been occurring across the neighborhood this summer. Some of the fun events include:

1. **“The 300 to 500 block of Milwaukee** with over 24 neighbors met on Sunday, August 23. We held our annual block party at **Ruth and Kurt Starr’s** front courtyard. Much history was shared from residents with a diversity of experiences over the last 60 years of living in the neighborhood”, according to **George Guerin**, Block Captain. “The conversations covered the importance of looking out for one another and how we can do that by sharing information about everything from lawn care to snow removal.”
2. **Barb Ridgway** reports “On July 25th, **Alise Vanoyan**, assisted by **Kristin Des Marais**, hosted a block party for the **400 block of Cook Street**. Amid the never-ending raindrops, 26 neighbors, including 3 new residents, shared in an outdoor-indoor backyard bar-b-que. Food was superb as everyone brought their favorite dish; it was hard to imagine we could consume it all, but we did!”
3. Other block parties include the **300 Block of Jackson** coordinated by **Jean Cole** for the Labor Day weekend. **Julie Schwartz** and **Donna Black** are finalizing dates for the 200 Block of Monroe party in early September.

The program still needs block captains, especially on high membership blocks. If you are interested, please contact Denny Head, the Blockbuilder Program Coordinator, at dehead1@comcast.net.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Cinema Club: A second club is needed for future members. For additional information 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@twtelcom.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:** New Men's Golf Group, Contact Jay Frazee, jfrazee1@gmail.com; **Ladies Golf Group:** Contact Debra Rickard, drickard@ulc.com about the Monday night league; **Dog Walking Group:** Contact Kaulene Henson, kaulenehenson@gmail.com; Hiking Group: Leader needed, contact Dick Cohen; **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 Fall party; **Fly Fishing Group:** Contact Dick Cohen, richardmcohen@hotmail.com.

Activity Information: Contact Dick Cohen at richardmcohen@hotmail.com or the CCNNA website.

CITY SERVICES KEY CONTACT NUMBERS:

Emergency Police / Fire	911	Graffiti Hotline	720-865-7867
District 3 Police (Non-Emergency)	720-913-2000	Street Light Repair	800-895-4999
Parking Management	720-913-1720	City Assistance	311

Neighborhood Inspection Services: Kathy Ortega, 720-865-3055; www.kathy.ortega@ci.denver.co.us

CCNNA Website – www.ccnneighbors.com