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Letter from the Eiberhood President

This Spring a new board year began and officers were elected and confirmed at the June board meeting. In an effort to build on the momentum generated at the Annual meeting, we are committed to bringing neighbors together in these bigger forums more often than once a year to encourage the dialogue between our community and some of the big players including RTD, developers and City Officials.

In addition, the Eiber board established a committee structure to encourage more involvement at the grass roots level. From Communications, to Transportation and Construction, from Planning to Community Events and Fundraising – there is a place for every skill set and schedule.

Please contact secretary.eiber@gmail.com to find out how you can help or check out our website at www.eiberhood.org for more information on the committees. We also encourage you to sign up for our email list (we never sell or divulge your email to anyone) as a way to keep up on happenings between newsletters (just email secretary.eiber@gmail.com).

This is your neighborhood organization – powered only through donations and a purely volunteer force. In this exciting time of change, we are striving to represent Eiber in every way we can. Please consider how you might help – we want to hear from you.

Thanks and see you in October!

Beth Wicht - Eiber President

You are invited: Neighborhood meeting with RTD and Lakewood Police

Thursday October 2nd from 6.30 to 8:30pm
Lakewood Methodist Church, 1390 Brentwood, Lakewood

Agenda:

6:30 to 7:00 – Social time with neighbors

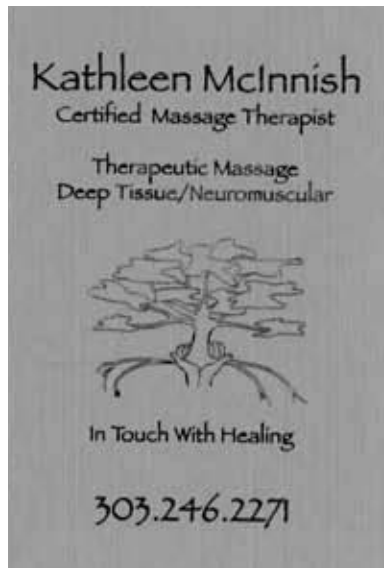
7:00 to 7:30 – Welcome and Police report on Eiber: Focus on increased graffiti and crime statistics

7:30 to 8:30 – What are the design changes RTD has made, and which ones do we most want to upgrade if dollars permit?

US 6/Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Update

Submitted by Fran Yehle

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is studying improvements to the US 6/Wadsworth interchange and to Wadsworth between 4th and 14th Avenues. CDOT held public meetings in April and May to present the preferred alternative for the interchange and Wadsworth Boulevard.



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The preferred alternative would construct a diamond interchange at US 6 and Wadsworth, with a new loop ramp in the northwest quadrant of the interchange to accommodate traffic moving from westbound US 6 to southbound Wadsworth. Wadsworth between 4th and 14th Avenues would be widened to three travel lanes in each direction, and would include a raised median and detached sidewalk.

Another public meeting in June presented proposed locations of new noise walls

along US 6 between Wadsworth and the businesses at Garrison Street. The primary results of the three meetings were public support for and confirmation of the preferred alternative and the proposed noise wall locations.

In mid-June, CDOT mailed a project atlas to property owners who may be impacted by proposed improvements, and invited those owners to contact the project team to discuss the potential impacts to their properties. About 35 property owners contacted the team.

The project team is now in the process of assessing the impacts of the preferred alternative. Impacts will be documented in an environmental assessment, which will be published for public review and comment in winter 2009. A public hearing will be held after the document is published. Once funding for the project is allocated, a final decision document can be issued, and the project can proceed to final design and construction. For additional information on the study, please visit the project website at www.US6Wadsworth.com

FasTracks Construction Utility Contacts

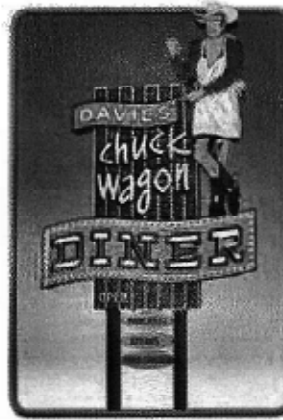
Utility relocation underway now for the light rail project. Calling the utilities directly for help or information is best, but if you run into problems, here are two trouble-shooters to contact:

RTD FasTracks PI Team: Brenda Tierney, 303-299-2401
brenda.tierney@rtd-fastracks.com

Denver Transit Construction Group (the builder for the West Corridor's light rail line) Kathy Berumen, 303-299-2175.

Xcel Energy

Craig Coon, 303-425-3982, craig.coon@xcelenergy.com



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Eiber's Historical Focus

Submitted by Merry Hansen

Tell Us Your Memories! We are adding a new column in our newsletter and we'd love to hear from you! If you are an Eiber resident and you would like to share your neighborhood memories please contact Merry Hansen at 303-910-7195.

Our first submittal is from D. Hansen, a native of Lakewood: "I remember when Lakewood was just a small community with lots of farms and apple orchards. There were many lakes around which made irrigation plentiful and also one of the reasons we are called Lakewood. Colfax was Highway 40, the main road from one coast to the other. The Interurban Street Car # 84 was the main transportation to Denver or Golden. It ran once an hour, always on time. At one time they had a little Lakewood Bus than ran from Sheridan, west on Colfax to Kipling, then north to 20th, east to Wadsworth and back to Colfax. That didn't seem to work out. It was wonderful being born and raised in Lakewood".

RTD West Corridor Construction Underway

Submitted by Bill Spriggs

As you are probably aware, construction on the 13th Avenue FasTracks corridor is in full swing. First the utility company; Excel gas and electric began relocating their pipes and under ground lines followed by Qwest and Comcast moving their perspective lines to new locations. Despite a shaky start, the process seems to be moving carefully forward.

You've seen new utility poles being placed alongside the old wooden poles on 14th from Garrison to Allison Streets, and by the end of summer expect to see the utility poles being removed along 13th Ave from Wadsworth to Carr in preparation for the removal of the old sewer lines along 13th Ave. The Kipling Street Bridge spanning Kipling has been successfully put into place with closing of Kipling on two different nights; minor work on the bridge will continue throughout the summer. That's the good news.

Since the astronomical hike in fuel costs, labor, and construction materials, (now 707 million vs. 511 million the last time they counted their pennies) RTD, in two public meetings, has notified our neighborhood that they will have to cut back on "amenities" at the station stops along the corridor. What this means is that the bike path will be reduced from 12 to 10 feet wide, canopies will be reduced from 60 feet to 30 feet, wind screens will be

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placed mostly on outbound sides on the western sides, and reverse on the eastern side; the seating, lighting poles, video cameras, and station walls leading up to the stations will be cut back to less expensive designs; landscaping leading up to the stations will have the lowest priorities and will be done last. (See notice of Oct 2nd meeting to voice your preferences!).

According to Federal regulations, RTD must put aside \$39 million in contingency funds, and at, or near the end of the project, if there is money left over then RTD will begin to replace the amenities based on a priorities list. The various neighborhoods must now put their heads together and decide on a consensus basis a list of the amenities that they would like to be placed back.

Eiber is hosting a neighborhood meeting October 2nd to start this process in our area (see front page) and we hope you can join us!

West Colfax Revitalization Plan

Submitted by Paul Ditson

Lakewood Planning Dept staff has finalized its development planning guidelines for West Colfax, concluding an effort that has involved the participation of business and community leaders for the past year. The Planning Commission will be scheduling a study session in September, followed in a few weeks by a formal hearing and later by City Council's consideration of the proposal.

The segment of single-family homes between Village Pkwy and 14th Ave, west of Garrison - a portion of an area historically known as Smith Subdivision - had originally been earmarked for rezoning to multi-family to support development on Colfax. Following (Continued on next page)

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West Colfax Revitalization (continued):

comments received at two open houses, and further debate in the planning meetings, city staff has withdrawn the proposal to rezone this section of homes. In its stead, the city has asked the Eiber neighborhood to assist in developing a detailed land use plan for the area bounded by Carr, Colfax, Kipling, and 10th. This area contains most of the oldest existing homes in the neighborhood, and as a result the plan has been dubbed the "Eiber Historic Sub-area Plan". This document will offer guidance to city planners as development pressures increase around the Garrison St station.

The Eiber Neighborhood Association has long advocated for the preservation of the neighborhood's existing land use patterns, including predominately large lot, single family homes and horse properties, and we will continue to do so.

Special Use Permit for Hands-On Labs - The property located at the old AAA Trailer site on W Colfax at Iris has been acquired by Hands-On Labs (HOL) for use as a packaging facility and office space. HOL is a home-school supplier that provides science and chemistry kits to home school students. These kits are qualified for shipping by postal service with no restrictions, and are safe and of small quantity. The packaging facility plans have been reviewed and approved as safe by West Metro as well. The Eiberhood Board reviewed the application for a special use permit for this operation, and holds the opinion that HOL is a responsible company, and will make a fine neighbor, contributing to an improvement of the current business environment on Colfax Ave. We welcome Hands-On Labs to our neighborhood.

Rezoning for Executive Pet Service - The property located at 8990 W Colfax, the old site of Quality Auto Sound and Signal Graphics, has been rezoned from Commercial to Planned Development to support residential use, outdoor exercise area, and overnight boarding of animals. In their application, EPS obtained positive support from its immediate neighbors on Colfax, and assured the community that the limited outdoor activities are to be kept under control and the site will be well maintained with regard to waste and landscaping. With this evidence, the Eiberhood Board gave consideration to this rezoning request and chose to take no opinion on the matter, due to a sense of no impact to the community. The rezoning request was granted by City Council on July 14.

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United Methodist Church, 14th & Brentwood

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City Council Ward 1

Vicki Stack, Every 3rd Saturday, 10:30-11:30 am
Lakewood Library, 10200 W. 20th Ave. at Miller St.

Karen Kellen, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 am
Sunrise Sunset Restaurant, Meadowlark Shopping Ctr
6th Ave & Garrison St.

City Council Ward 2

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Whitlock Recreation Center, 1555 Dover St.

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