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MANA ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.

Martin Park School

SAVE THE DATE!

ABOUT MOORHEAD AVENUE...

As reported in the November VOICE, MANA conducted a third neighborhood survey on the question of bike lanes on Moorhead Ave. Due to the restricted width of the street, addition of bike lanes required elimination of parking on one side which, in the case of this street's residential pattern, would logically be the southwest side. The two earlier surveys, on a random neighborhood basis, showed support for the proposal in the neighborhood removed away from Moorhead, and strong opposition from dwellers on Moorhead itself. Representatives of the latter group objected to the random nature of the earlier surveys, and asked for the third 'head count', confined to residents living on Moorhead plus those living in the first seven houses off Moorhead in all the intersecting streets and courts. These are the people most immediately affected by the parking restriction. 342 'votes' were cast, as follows:

	For Bike Lanes	Against Bike Lanes	No Opinion
1. Living on Moorhead	16	70	3
2. On intersecting streets	<u>150</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>35</u>
TOTALS	166	138	38

The Transportation Advisory Board thereupon directed City staff to proceed with the re-striping of the street to accommodate two bike lanes, and No Parking signs along the entire southwest curb length. Residents along Moorhead and for two houses in from Moorhead on all intersecting streets were circularized by the City in advance of the No Parking sign posting, with temporary signs having given advance notice before the permanent signs were erected.

Residents are asked by the City staff to observe how this system works in its first year, at the end of which time neighborhood input will be solicited as to strengths and weaknesses. One resident has already written to the Daily Camera that the new bike lanes are not being properly maintained and that the apparent widening of Moorhead (due to no-parking on one side) has tended to increase speeding by automobiles and trucks. On the other hand, it appears that residents in the multiple apartment buildings at both ends of Moorhead are using the on-site parking spaces designed for them rather than parking on the street, which they can no longer do. Nearby intersecting streets do not seem to be choked with the additional cars previously parked on Moorhead.

It is the hope of MANA's Steering Committee that in not too long a time this controversy will be forgotten history. We have asked the Transportation Division of the City to put Moorhead on its list of major street improvements. A year ago at the annual MANA meeting, Rodger Ewy of the Transportation Advisory Board gave us a vivid picture of what can be done with urban streets, with striking examples from European and American cities. It is humanization of these avenues, with planting, beautification, and careful use of speed-reducing ideas which do not impede emergency vehicles such as fire engines. A boulder pilot of this kind of treatment has been planned for Norwood Avenue on the far north side. This is what we need and want!

PLAYGROUND UPDATE - MARTIN PARK SCHOOL

Shortly before Christmas the new pad for the basketball courts was laid. Western Mobile Inc. donated the materials and the labor the this project. Thank you to Terry Brafford (their coordinator) and Western Mobile Inc. for providing this new facility for the school. And thanks to all those who have volunteered their time and energy to improve the playground over the past few years. We are working on a couple more volunteer projects for the coming spring/summer. We'll keep you informed.

CRIME MEETING WELL ATTENDED

About sixty people attended MANA's special meeting in November to hear representatives from the Police Department and from security systems' sales representatives. It was suggested that we might want to upgrade our Neighborhood Watch program, although there's a general feeling that Martin Acres residents are usually on the lookout for unusual activity or suspicious-looking individuals. In order for this alertness to pay off in making our community safer, we were all urged to report any such activity immediately to the Police at 441-4444.

"IF WE COULD SEE THROUGH EACH OTHER'S EYES"

A follow-up on the November VOICE item about Martin Park School's performance of the wonderful song they wrote with Karen Karsh: As part of their campaign to make the song a national anthem, students sang again in early December for U.S. Rep. Pat Shroeder, at the 1993 Colorado Summit for Children. And a deputation of kids have written to President Clinton urging its adoption. Way to go, kids!

MARTIN ACRES HISTORY

We all had the opportunity to see some wonderful early photos and news items about Martin Acres posted at the last Pancake Breakfast. These reminders of our past were from the files of neighbor Doris Jancic. If you're the person who took them home from the breakfast and promised to return them, please do so, to the Nachmans, 3664 Chase Court, for the MANA permanent files.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the Annual Meeting of MANA on March 14, Association business will include election of officers for 1994/95, in accordance with our By-Laws. The offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer must be filled. The current President has served four years, and for the health and continuing vitality of our effective Neighborhood Association it is necessary that new leadership takes over to maintain our position as a respected grass-roots Boulder organization. A Nominating Committee has been appointed to present a slate at the Annual Meeting, and nominations from the floor will be welcomed at the Meeting itself, provided that persons so nominated have given their consent to the nomination.

The Nominating Committee will welcome your suggestions for slated positions, which they hope you will transmit to them by the

end of January. Members include:

Natalie Shrewsbury, Convener, Lynn Altschuler 110 S. 36th St. 3635 Berkley

tel. 494-6102

Everett Childs

455 S. 40th St.

tel. 499-4441 tel. 494-7081

HAVE A SEAT!

While you're waiting for the bus, that is! Amy Henderson suggests that we thank the neighborly person(s) who have chained folding chairs at bus stops. YOU know who you are! THANKS!

ROCKIES FANS!

Assure yourself of better seats for this summer's games and for Coors Field (in 1995) by joining a season ticket coop. You and nine others will share a season ticket, each seeing eight games, your share: approx. \$100. If interested, call Alan Brown at 530-2735.

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

It seems Martin Acres neighbors were competing to "out-light" one another during the holiday season. Can't wait till next year!

ALVARADO VILLAGE TUTORING PROJECT

Vicki Cook reports that last summer's program was a big success, with students being tutored twice weekly in math, reading, English and Spanish. Scheduled to begin in January are programs in new math, and a science/computer session with NCAR volunteers. The program continues to use money donated by MANA for the purchase of books and other supplies.

GATEWAY TO BOULDER

The project to mitigate the noise pollution and beautify the main entrance to Boulder from Denver will inevitably happen—sometime. It is the task of the Gateway to Boulder Committee to make that time as short as possible. Recent progress along that line includes assignment by the City of an engineer in the Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, for part-time assistance in designing drainage, etc. The City Council has already accepted the professionally prepared concept design for the project, which would be done in two phases. Leadership in the Committee has been provided by Gary Reid, a Frasier Meadow resident who hears the Turnpike noise all too well. Inestimably important consultation has come from a Martin Acres resident, County Commissioner Sandy Hume. MANA is also represented on the Committee. In case you have forgotten, the project is concerned with U.S. Highway 36, the Turnpike, between Table Mesa and Baseline Drives.

BE A MANA FOOT-SOLDIER!

Volunteer to be a Block Captain on 29th Street, delivering the VOICE to your neighbors bi-monthly. Call Barbara Timblin, 494-9598.

PARK CLEAN-UP

For the month of January, park cleanup will be done by Liz Knapp & Craig Fournier. Everett Childs will do the honors in February.

MANA STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting is Mon, Feb. 7, at 7:30 pm, at the Alvarado Village Community House. All meeting are open to neighborhood residents.

MANA OFFICERS			
199-5941			
194-6224			
194-2837			
194-3506			
199-5941			
194-4767			

SHARING & MATCHING

Ads are free with a \$10 donation to MANA • Call Laura Greenhalgh at 494-4767 before February 20 to place your ad for the March 1 VOICE..

TIMA'S PRIVATE BEAUTY SALON: Over 20 Years Experience, offering great prices for our first time customers: \$2 OFF regular price of haircut (reg. \$6.99 children & \$9.99 adults), \$7 OFF regular price hair color (reg. \$19.99-\$29.99) and 25% OFF quality perm (reg. 39.99-\$54.99). Mon-Sat, 9:00am-8:00pm. For appt. call 494-7172, 240 So. 40th St.

PET MENDERS: Your neighborhood Animal Hospital is here to ensure that preventative care is kept current. We provide low cost vaccine clinics the 2nd Saturday of each month, first come, first serve basis, (next month, Sat., Feb. 12th, 12-2pm) and low cost spay/neuters on Wednesdays by appt. only. Please call for details, 494-0840.

FOR SALE: Vintage Martin Acres casement windows, all hardware, and screens. For a great deal, call Mark at 499-3163.

CARTER PAINTING: Interior/Exterior, local references. Paul, 494-5362.

WANTED: A responsible teenager for babysitting various afternoons, weekends, evenings, for our children. Need refs., good \$. Please call Jeanne at 494-1415 or Laura at 494-4767.

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