

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

June 21, 2012

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 300

CAB Members Present: Bar Chadwick, Lucia Correll, Diane Deeter, Laura Edler, Tech. Amy Esten, John Fernandez, Khadija Haynes, Damon Knop, Steve Larson, Steve Lawrence, Pete Maysmith, , Barbara Neal, Alan Pettis, Dennis Piper, Carol Roberts, **FC:** Tom Gleason, **SF:** Beverly Haddon, Angie Malpiede, **SDC:** Cheryl Cohen-Vader, Rick Gonzales **SCRGP:** Kate Kramer, **Community:** Paul Frohardt, Matt Krieger

Call to Order: Khadija Haynes called the meeting to order. The May 17, 2012, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Co-Chair Report: Khadija Haynes reported that David Netz is in Singapore at this time. And, the people who were coming from Lowry and Fitzsimons were unable to come this month.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Denver:** No written report.
Bar Chadwick reported that Denver Public Schools (DPS) and Denver Parks met on June 20 regarding the proposed Stapleton High School which will be located north of I-70. DPS has wanted to build its sports fields on the 20 acres that have been allocated for the school buildings and not utilize any city land. (Misinformation: Denver is unwilling to give DPS any land for its sports fields.) Unofficially, it looks as though DPS might be willing to develop some of its sports fields on city land.
Bar was given kudos and thanks for all she does behind the scenes to make things happen and for bringing city information, including all departments, to the CAB. Alan Pettis invited everyone to sign up with him to get on the newsletter list. The following week, June 25 thru 29th, the entire office will be participating in the 2nd annual Northeast Denver Leadership Week, begun by Councilman Herndon, after 2 weeks in office. They take kids from 9th to 12th grades and offer them all sorts of opportunities throughout the city: to DIA, the arsenal, downtown day to meet the governor and district attorney, to visit the capitol, a full media day, and a safety day to the sheriff and fire academies.
Councilman Chris Herndon will be gone the entire month of July to the Harvard government program.
- **City of Aurora:** No written report.
John Fernandez attended a meeting of the PAG where there were questions regarding Westerly Creek north and the 26th avenue greenway projects. The question was what is the city's procedure once Forest City is ready to make application to the city for construction of all or part of the 26th avenue greenway park. The simple answer is: it requires a detailed site plan - in this case a phased implementation plan in which they would be looking at a small portion of the park

– probably 3 or 4 acres due to budget limitations. This requires a vote by the city planning commission. City council only gets involved if there is a conflict of some sort.

RTD has received 2 unsolicited proposals for the extension of the light rail from Iliff station to some, as yet, unknown destination north of there. The length of extension has yet to be determined also. This is all being evaluated by a technical team. The first leg of the extension (to the Iliff Station) is underway and it is hoped the extension will go on from there.

Tom Gleason reported that the cities of Denver and Aurora have agreed to a narrower 48 ft. wide 26th Avenue rather than 60 ft. wide which would have two lanes (one going in each direction), parking on one side (the side with the houses) and bike lane each way.

Committee Reports:

- **Design Review:** No written report.
Laura Edler was welcomed back to CAB and it was noted that she had been missed and gratitude that she has returned was expressed. Cheryl Cohen-Vader reported that Design Review is working on getting started and is getting ready to reconstitute the whole committee. CAB will have representation for each component: commercial and residential.
SDC is at the table with Design Review and everything reviewed gets reported to ZAP afterwards. Then it comes to CAB for citizen input.
- **Membership:** No oral or written report.
- **Housing Diversity:** No written report.
No meeting this month..
- **Communications:** Written report submitted.
Diane Deeter reported that a suggestion was made to encourage a member of SUN to be on the PAG and maybe the agendas for forums could be coordinated with Beverly. The SUN open forums are usually on the same dates as the CAB meetings and CAB members tend not to attend because it makes for a long day. Representation from CAB would probably help with explanations regarding items that the SUN gets stuck on – a CAB member could probably explain or clarify. Tom Gleason also pointed out that sometimes residents need to hear from other residents who are on the CAB rather than from Forest City or from builders. Maybe on the dates when there is an open forum scheduled, CAB might cancel their meeting to encourage CAB members to attend the forums, which really are SUN/ CAB/ Forest City forums.
Khadija stated that she and David are aware that the CAB needs to be involved in the community in a very visible way. She also, asked Pennie Goodman to send a digital copy of the green book to each CAB member so that they can read it and refresh their memories.

- **Workforce & Business Opportunity:** No written report.
Bev Haddon reminded us that the committee has been suspended for the time being. If something occurs, a special report will be presented.
- **Parks Advisory Group:** Written report submitted.
Lucia Correll reported that the PAG has two areas of concern currently: (1) Westerly Creek north and uplands area and (2) the 26th Avenue Parkway. Councilman Herndon had a meeting to discuss Westerly Creek north. They are trying to figure out how to fill the \$28 million gap. PAG meeting focused on the 26th Avenue Parkway. Within a month, Heidi Majerik will be presenting a plan to Aurora Planning Committee for approval. Tom will keep them apprised of what is happening.
A Stapleton resident wrote an FAQ's Report of items pulled off of the internet. It was suggested that the CAB members read it and discuss it at the next meeting in order to give its approval.
- **Zoning & Planning:** Written report submitted.
Tom Gleason reported that the proposed 7/11 at the corner of Central Park and Montview Blvds. (in the parcel to the west of the corner on Montview) generated discussions regarding materials, access, lighting, and glazing. The Stapleton town center - which is a one story medical building - is being built by a pediatrician on the south side of MLK Blvd. between Uinta and Ulster. He is talking to a restaurant for the bottom floor. He plans to rent out $\frac{3}{4}$ of the building and keep $\frac{1}{4}$ for himself.
- **Transportation:** Written report submitted.
Angie Malpiede reported that on Bike to Work Day, June 27, the Hub is hosting 3 breakfast stations: Cake Crumbs, The Bike Depot, a bike mechanic and a District 2 SWAT team working on bikes will man the stations. There will be breakfast burritos at every station from Corby Cleaning Services. Breakfast stations will be there from 6:30 til 9 a.m.
The Stapleton Summer Strolls will begin on Friday, June 22, for 11 Fridays. They are based on the concept of Italian evening strolls and will go up 29th Avenue from Quebec to Valentia. There will be lemonade, face painting, games, music and more.
She distributed flyers from Comcast related to low cost access to the internet for low income people.
The Hub grand opening was covered by the Front Porch and there were 40 or 50 bicyclists doing a 25 mile ride to promote the Denver Century bike ride. The Century Ride registered over 1500 riders.
There was a walking group at the arsenal with Stephen Smith and an underground airport tour is scheduled for July 19. Attendees have to go through a background check.
They are selling bus passes out of the Hub.
And, community members are coming in to report on minor infractions. There is excitement on the numbers of visitors to the Hub.

Last Thursday's, June 14th, key stakeholders' meeting on the Central Park Station was well attended. There was strong support for the plan. RTD did listen and redesigned the park-n-ride.

The planning board wants more health impact statements incorporated into the plan.

Stapleton resident, Matt Krieger spoke on traffic and safety issues. There is a group of about 50 neighbors looking at the proposed plan and who submitted their concerns about the RK Mechanical site. The blueprint Denver designation of residential has been in place for several years, however, it looks like the proposal is industrial, which has residents concerned. It looks as though the area north of Sand Creek up to about 40th is slated for very heavy industrial development.

Angie will get a copy of the Parks Central Plan, the HIA and the letter from the residents to the CAB for distribution to the members.

SDC Update: Written report submitted.

Cheryl Cohen-Vader reported that Tammi Holloway and Sentoria Hardiman are working diligently on the website. The CAB minutes will appear on the website. Rick Gonzales reminded the CAB that its draft minutes from the current meeting will be completed by Pennie Goodman in time for the SDC board meeting, the following Thursday. Pennie will send the draft minutes to the CAB for its comments and possible corrections.

Forest City Update: No written report.

Tom Gleason reported that the Bluff Lake Apartments have been dedicated – the Mercy Housing across from Bluff Lake. There are 92 units on land donated by Forest City.

The Astor Town Center is leasing well and should be up to capacity soon. Future attention will be going to the Eastbridge Apartments across from the Town Center.

Officer Amy Esten was instrumental in getting Commander Mike Calo to a meeting with the builders related to the theft of building materials.

Barbara Neal reported on a 6 year old boy who threw a rock at one of the panels adjacent to the F15 pool and shattered it. It will be replaced at the end of July.

They are looking toward replacing the surrounding rock with a soft material. The child's mother called the artist and had the child apologize to the artist.

Stapleton Foundation: Written report submitted.

Angie Malpiede reported on a grant application submitted to CDOT to bring in RTD route 80 to stop at the Bluff Lake Apartments and the Central Park Recreation Center. It will also go into Fitzsimons and back out. The grant would cover the 3 year interim between the current time and the time RTD is able to start up that route on its own. If granted it would start in January.

Beverly Haddon mentioned that the *be well* centers have started at the Central Park and Hiawatha Davis Recreation Centers. The focus is on fun nutrition and active living. More people than anticipated signed up and the program will go on throughout the year.

Bev has been attending the community outreach meetings for DPS schools in Park Hill, East Montclair and Stapleton. There are 4 co-chairs who took charge of the meetings and chose to continue discussions, beyond the 6 that DPS had planned, for improving the schools. There is a concern that a Stapleton vs. Park Hill schools attitude has evolved.

Khadija suggested that this might be a good opportunity for the Communications committee to get involved.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **Stapleton United Neighbors:** No written report.
Damon Knop reported that King Harris dispatched a diversity committee that will tie into the SUN's Inclusivity sub-committee which meets on June 28. SUN meets this week and will probably talk about "chalk".
- **Master Community Association:** Written report submitted.
MCA is talking about chalk. There is a lot of misinformation out there regarding Stapleton and the "banning of sidewalk chalk" e.g. CNN has made Stapleton a city "Stapleton, CO", a UK tabloid has made Stapleton's HOA responsible for the "banning of chalk art", Soledad O'Brien has stated that Stapleton is probably not a community you want to purchase a home in, Anderson Cooper has put Stapleton on its "Ridiculous" list.
Over 30,000 have visited the pools so far. Over 1700 were at the last movie night.
The Cultural Arts packet that was submitted to the CAB at this meeting is for vetting at this time, not for distribution, – it is what MCA is looking at for the tower.
- **Bluff Lake Nature Center:** No oral or written report.
- **Sand Creek Regional Greenway:** No oral or written report.
- **The Urban Farm:** No oral or written report.
- **Johnson & Wales:** No oral or written report.
- **Police Academy/Denver Police District 2:** No written report.
Tech. Amy Esten reported that the builders didn't seem to understand the extent of the building theft – close to a half million dollars. The builders are going to work with the police department to let them know when a builder cannot put up drywall when an inspection has been delayed, when there is a rollover, when appliances are being put in, etc. so that they can get extra patrols on those sites.
- **Others:**
- **Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned.
The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **July 19, 2012 @ 7:30 a.m.**

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