

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

January 19, 2012

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 300

CAB Members Present: Nadine Caldwell, Rob Chaney, Lucia Correll, Diane Deeter, John Fernandez, Phil Flores, Elizabeth Garner, Rick Gonzales, Beverly Haddon, Khadija Haynes, Chris Herndon, Shannon Jones, Alice Kelly, Damon Knop, Sgt. Eric Knutson, Steve Larson, Angie Malpiede, Pete Maysmith, Barbara Neal, David Netz, Sean O'Hara, Dennis Piper, Carol Roberts, Justin Ross, David Vogel – **Resident:** Andy Emke, **SDC:** Cheryl Cohen-Vader, **FC:** Tom Gleason.

Call to Order: David Netz called the meeting to order. The December 15, 2011, meeting minutes were approved.

Co-Chair Report: David Netz noted that he was reiterating the theme for this year as it has been ten years since the first home was opened and the buildings started to appear. And Stapleton is at the half-way mark, ten years, for implementation of the development plan, so it is a good time to review what the current status of all components of the full plan are. What do we do next? He presented a power point presentation that he put together for the SDC board the following week. Several members had shown up at the previous SDC board meeting, but CAB was not on the agenda. CAB is on the agenda this month. They have tracked what has been built and what is being built. He will coordinate with Forest City to fine tune the model.

- **Housing:** Of the rentals built FC has done a good job of exceeding the 20% goal of affordable units, but it is pacing very far behind a stated goal of 33% rental units with less than 16% of all units as rentals. This impacts diversity goals for income, age and housing types. FC is pacing at around half the goal for for-sale affordable housing, but this is partly due to market obstacles for someone to buy and to sell affordable housing. The city needs to "clean up" the process for qualifying to purchase affordable housing. Stapleton is one of the "hottest" housing development projects in the U.S. in the last 25 or 30 years. He asked the housing committee to let him know what they would like in the presentation. Housing Diversity asked that no new housing be developed in north Stapleton until south Stapleton is completed. All of the TOD has been marketed until commercial and that is where the offices will go and there is nowhere for rentals.
- **Parks:** There is no source of funding to complete Westerly Creek connection to Sand Creek. Stapleton residents are concerned that the park will not be completed until 5 or more years out. What is the timeline? What is the action plan? Who is going to do what to get things going in the Aurora Filings 1 and 2? Park needs to be finished and turned over to MCA for maintenance. The houses to the north are built. How to make sure all this gets wrapped up and isn't forgotten? North Stapleton- where most of the parks will be developed now that the south is almost finished: What is the CAB position into how the review process into park design happens? Cheryl Cohen reported on what is happening at the city level to get the community involved in the design and planning process. The plan has been brought to the PAG and there is to be a community meeting on January 25.

- **Zoning and Planning:** MLK – the federal grant has been denied so how will it get finished? Smith Road extensions – a bond issue will probably be needed. Where do parks go? Eastbridge is still a question. More traffic will probably result in another town center. Planning in general needs to be reviewed.
- **Forest City** was an extraordinary quality choice. How do we up the game and figure out what has to be done from this point on? The concern is how do we make sure that south gets completed while the north has begun to be developed.

David will send the power point to each of the committee chairs for their input.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Denver:** No oral or written report.
- **City of Aurora:** No oral or written report.
Nadine reported that at the last council committee there were no changes. Iola and Fulton will be completed by 2013, the rest by 2017. The next council meeting after January 23rd will be February 13. If there is a park at Dayton and Emporia, the assumption is that there will be a street built first so that the park doesn't have to be torn up for that to happen at a later date. Dayton, Emporia and Kingston are the streets slated for 2017.

Committee Reports:

- **Design Review:** No oral or written report.
- **Membership:** No oral or written report.
Sean O'Hara will be going off and a new person will be brought on from the AIA Denver. Elizabeth Garner reported that there is question as to whether more members are needed at this time.
- **Housing Diversity:** No written report.
Cheryl C-V reported on the work SDC is doing on housing. Pete Maysmith reported on land transfers without commitment to affordable.
- **Communications:** No oral or written report.
- **Workforce & Business Opportunity:** No oral or written report.
- **Parks Advisory Group:** Written report submitted.
Lucia reported that they will have 3 new members and there will be an orientation for those members. Also, there are residents concerned about the parks not being completed – both Westerly Creek north and the 26th avenue greenway. Dennis Piper encouraged people to attend the meeting on Wednesday, January 25th at the recreation center on the development contract before it goes to Design. Civitas will make a power point presentation. There will be an open comment segment.

- **Zoning & Planning:** Written report.
David Netz reported that Forest City has been working on updates to the concept maps since there have been changes with north Stapleton and north Stapleton has been broken up into filings so it is necessary to take a look at the new filings maps.
- **Transportation:** Written report.
Angie Malpiede reported that the TOD study has gone forward to the city planning committee for review. They are hoping to have another meeting in early February.
Joint meeting with SUN Transportation committee and the Stapleton TMA: they will be meeting monthly regarding concerns in and around Stapleton. She will be presenting the minutes to CAB every month.
TMA and the police are collaborating regarding the use of alternative modes of transportation. There will be a resource center that includes 3 entities:
 - 1- The Stapleton TMA who will be promoting alternative transportation modes: how to use RTD, walking clubs, family biking rides, ECO car share, selling RTD bus passes. All of this will happen out of the cop shop in the 29th Avenue Town Center. TMA has received a grant to do this. They have hired 2 part time people to work on this.
 - 2- TMA will be conducting a survey to all of the businesses in and around Stapleton to develop a baseline to discover how people are getting in and out of Stapleton. The whole staff has been trained by the Denver Police Department.
They need a name. They have come up with 2 ideas. The vision is to establish a community resource information center that serves as a catalyst for behavioral changes amongst residents, employers, employees, that leads to a safer, healthier community. The mission is to serve as a community navigator for residents, employers, and employees that provides resource solutions for a safe community active living through transportation, bicycling and safety. Two name choices: One Stop Shop and Community Connection Center (CCCenter). Ballots were passed out for CAB members to select a name choice.
 - 3- Bicycling – partnering with the Major Taylor Bicycling Club - focusing on promoting bicycling throughout the community. They want to give community members the opportunity to learn how to bike, how to fix and maintain a bike. They will have family bicycle rides on Saturday mornings, they participated in the MLK Day parade. Major Taylor was the first African American long distance bicyclist. Darryl West has been working with Park Hill and northeast Park Hill and they will include that component.
Angie introduced David Vogel, the chair of the SUN Transportation Committee.

City Council Update: Councilman Chris Herndon thanked the *Front Porch* for the article they did on him. They are meeting tonight.

SDC Update: Written report submitted.

Forest City Update: Written report submitted.

Stapleton Foundation: No written report.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **Stapleton United Neighbors:** No written report.
David Vogel reported that they held meetings in November and December to discuss resident concerns regarding transportation issues. SUN took those issues to city engineers. Next step is to work with city to get those changes implemented. Angie reported that anyone interested in doing tours of the northeast corridor from Union Station east - those tours will be 6 people at a time for 3 different tours - should contact her.
Lucia reported that she is working with the rec center on adult health issues along with Angie and Alisha Brown.
- **Master Community Association:** No oral or written report.
- **Bluff Lake Nature Center:** Oral and written report.
Jeff Montagne reported on an Earth Day celebration which will be on April 22. Also, they are putting up new signage for their site.
- **Sand Creek Regional Greenway:** No oral or written report.
- **The Urban Farm:** No oral or written report.
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- **Johnson & Wales:** No oral or written report.
- **Police Academy/Denver Police District 2:** No written report.
- **Others:** Barbara Neal reported that the bicycle public art tours are on the website.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will **February 16, 2012 @ 7:30 a.m.**