

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

April 19, 2012

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 300

CAB Members Present: Keven Burnett, Nadine Caldwell, Bar Chadwick, Lucia Correll, Diane Deeter, Tech. Amy Esten, John Fernandez, Phil Flores, Khadija Haynes, Chris Herndon, Alice Kelly, Jeff Lamontagne, Steve Larson, Barbara Neal, Dennis Piper, Carol Roberts, Justin Ross, **SF:** Leslie Joseph, Alisha Brown, Angie Malpiede, **SDC:** Cheryl Cohen-Vader, **Community:** Andy Emke, John Liptzin.

Call to Order: Khadija Haynes called the meeting to order. The March 15, 2012, meeting minutes were set aside until a quorum was reached.

Co-Chair Report: Khadija requested that those who provide written reports for the CAB to please have them to Pennie Goodman by the Friday before the meeting to be included in the packet. Also, an updated CAB list was circulated so that the members could correct their information.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Denver:** No written report.
Bar Chadwick reported on a meeting in which representatives of the city of Denver, Forest City and Stapleton Development Corporation met to hold discussions on affordable housing in the Stapleton community. Right now the plan is not working as everyone would like but agree that they have a good start. The current market is an issue. Several other good ideas were posited; but an open communication has begun.
Khadija Haynes asked about redistricting and how it may or may not affect Stapleton. Chris Herndon stated that the final public hearing would be held on April 23. As it stands now, District 8 would encompass Stapleton, Park Hill and one-fourth of the Montbello community about 52,000 people. District 11 would be Green Valley Ranch and the rest of Montbello. This information is on the city (Denver.gov) website.
- **City of Aurora:** No written report.
John Fernandez reported that Aurora might be receiving a grant to rebuild the bridge over Westerly Creek. It would allow for a bike path. There will be some regrading of Westerly Creek to provide the flood conveyance and to construct a path.. There is an environmental assessment for which public notices will come out in May for the whole public input process. They hope to have the design done in the fall in order to begin construction in the fall. The Westerly Creek regrading on the north side of Montview Blvd. is included in this grant. This will trigger a reconfiguration of Montview Park in Aurora. The Parks Dept. has set

aside money for this project. So, the two projects will be going on at the same time.

John will keep CAB informed of all the relevant meetings regarding these projects.

Discussion followed regarding the completion of the 26th Avenue greenway. The ultimate conclusion is that it's a Forest City issue – not a city of Aurora issue. .

Committee Reports:

- **Design Review:** No written report.
Cheryl Cohen-Vader reported that the committee shrunk when there was a reduction in projects. However, things are revving up now.

- **Membership:** No oral or written report.

- **Housing Diversity:** Oral and written reports submitted.
Justin Ross requested the CAB to pass/accept the documents to be presented to the next SDC meeting. Discussion followed regarding what is the next step if Forest City is unresponsive. If Stapleton Development Corporation Board doesn't .
- **Communications:** No oral or written report.

- **Workforce & Business Opportunity:** No oral report.

- **Parks Advisory Group:** Written report submitted.
Lucia Correll was out of the country. Donna Garnett reported on the 3 new members who bring new and fresh ideas to the group. She mentioned the previous night's public meeting on the development of parks north of I-70 which will begin to be developed in approximately 2 months.
Dennis Piper noted that there will be a draft document available sometime soon. Khadija Haynes noted that this is a good time to have a field trip up north. CAB could meet in some other location up north.

- **Zoning & Planning:** No oral or written report.

- **Transportation:** No oral or written report.
It was announced that Angie Malpiede, along with Alisha Brown, will give a present next month on the wellness study – which is part of the TOD study. Fitzsimons created a TMA report on where people live who work at Fitzsimons. David Netz will try to obtain a copy of that report for the CAB to use in its discussions.

SDC Update: No oral or written report.

Forest City Update: No oral or written report. .

Stapleton Foundation: Written report submitted.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **Stapleton United Neighbors:** No written report.

Damon Knop reported that the SUN elections are coming up in the near future. SUN is working on their forum with the city of Denver, Forest City and the CAB.

- **Master Community Association:** Written reported submitted.

Keven Burnett reported that MCA took a comprehensive look at available community facilities and began to identify deficits. MCA started to look at the community and performing arts concept and found that this appears to be an area with a deficit. They looked at community arts centers in Littleton and Arvada and saw that there is a great opportunity for the Stapleton community as there is nothing available in the Stapleton community which will accommodate cultural arts programs. Where would it make sense to put it? Eastbridge Town Center? – on the west parcel. North Stapleton? – around the performance green at the Valentia town center site – just below the lower appendage. Then there was the discussion around the TOD? Trains coming in would provide an opportunity to bring people in from outside the community. Tower? – which holds iconic stature in the community. What is required is exhibit space, museum, space for corporate events and public events. The design would be challenging. The building is structurally sound. It is virtually indestructible – built to an extremely strong standard. How could it be converted to include ADA accessibility for community/public events? The vision is for a cultural performing arts center – to do performances, to do education, to hold events because that is the only way the dollars work. MCA's board allocated community fee funds to allow them to go out and find the right expertise to help build a spatial and programmatic plan and to look at what the funding plan would be. It would take 3 to 4 million to bring the building up to a place where it would be a class B space – just the building. To build a new building would cost \$120/foot, using the existing building would cost about \$90 to \$100/foot. Is state or national historical designation a possibility? Going after historical grant monies would bring the cost down some. The necessary square footage for this size community should be 25,000 - the tower has 18,000 sq. ft. Discussion followed. MCA is looking toward providing a viable plan in order to be able to move forward.

- **Bluff Lake Nature Center:** No oral or written report.

Jeff Lamontagne provided a flyer for an earth day event with SUN, MCA, Subaru and TJC on April 22. It is a family fun oriented event with live music, food, crafts, activities, live rafters, etc. This is the first of several events being planned by Bluff Lake for this year.

- **Sand Creek Regional Greenway:** No written report.

Kate Kramer reported that RTD will start building bridges over Sand Creek near Smith Road in April. Central Park Boulevard will be the detour. The road will be closed for about a year. Going forward, once Central Park Boulevard is opened, people will be able to go up Central Park Boulevard onto off road trails up to 56th and up to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal wildlife refuge.

- **The Urban Farm:** No written report.

Donna Garnett provided flyers for their upcoming summer camps. The summer camps are filling up quickly. TUS is working on their agricultural and gardening projects. They grew food all winter long in a greenhouse.

- **Johnson & Wales:** No oral or written report.
- **Police Academy/Denver Police District 2:** No oral or written report.
- **Others:** Denver and Aurora had a public meeting the previous week regarding Peoria Crossing Project. They are going to offset the road - the bridge portion of the crossing - so that Peoria can remain open during the construction. This is a very fast track project. RTD – received an unsolicited proposal for a private/public partnership early build out of the remainder of the I225 light rail corridor. If RTD finds there is merit in the proposal, they will open it up to a process that will result in an early build out of the line.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **June 21, 2012 @ 7:30 a.m.**