

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

February 21, 2013

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 300

**CAB Members Present:** Nadine Caldwell, Bar Chadwick, Lucia Correll, Diane Deeter, Elizabeth Garner, Scott Gilmore, Chris Herndon, Damon Knop, Steve Larson, Kevin Marchman, David Netz, Jay Pierce, Dennis Piper, Carol Roberts, Officer Reyes Trujillo, Jim Wagenlander, **FC:** Jim Chrisman, Tom Gleason, **SF:** Angie Malpiede, **SDC:** Cheryl Cohen-Vader, Rick Gonzales

**Call to Order:** David Netz called the meeting to order. The January 17, 2013, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Co-Chair Report:**

David Netz stated that Cheryl Cohen-Vader had arranged for him to do a short SIA presentation for the February SDC board meeting. Most of the committees responded “same as last year”; but PAG will require a little more delving for detail on their recommendations.

Also, what is going on in the surrounding communities, has an impact on Stapleton and it would be good to invite representatives from Commerce City, Fitzsimons, Westerly Creek village, the Colfax corridor, etc., to speak to the CAB.

**Partner Cities Updates:**

- **City of Denver:** No written report.

Bar Chadwick reported that the city is still working with DPS, DURA, Forest City, and PCMD regarding DPS’ proposal to finance 2 elementary schools in Stapleton in IFDA 36 and IFDA 44. There was to be another meeting held that same afternoon, February 21. The time frame to get it to DPS’ board should be within the next four months.

Councilman Chris Herndon reported that DPS has held 2 official forums at Manual High School and at Smiley Middle School, regarding the final 9 candidates for the school board representative for District 4, which includes Stapleton.

The mayor held a ribbon cutting at Central Park to spring off the new library hours. Libraries have started to go from 32 to 48 hours and it is anticipated that by the end of March Pauline Robinson, Sam Cary and Green Valley Ranch branch libraries will go to 48 hours as staff is being hired now.

In April it will be decided whether Denver will move forward with the retail sales of marijuana. Councilman Herndon is hosting 2 community forums in March – March 13 at Swigert McAuliffe School, March 19 in Park Hill - and in April in Montbello and Green Valley Ranch. The mayor will speak, various city agencies

will be there to answer constituents' questions and Councilman Herndon will have a survey to get people's feedback on the marijuana issue.

- **City of Aurora:** No written report.  
Nadine Caldwell reported that on January 28 the city of Aurora had a city council hearing regarding the Westerly Creek village urban renewal plan. The plan passed unanimously.  
The 26<sup>th</sup> avenue park issue has been moved to a planning commission meeting on March 13.

### *Committee Reports:*

- **Communications:** No written report.  
Diane Deeter reported that possible dates for the annual community forum are all at the end of April or the beginning of May. SUN will notify the committee which date works best.  
David Netz asked if CAB could have 15 minutes at the forum to present the overall master plan so people would understand, e.g. what CAB does and what SUN does.
- **Design Review:** Written report submitted.
- **Housing Diversity:** No written report.  
Angie Mapiede reported that the discussion revolved around the number of affordable units and where they would be placed. Lee Ferguson, Forest City's Development Director, attended and there was good discussion.
- **Membership:** Written report submitted  
Lucia Correll reported that the committee met and went through the membership list to update it and to ascertain where people on the CAB live. Only 4 CAB members live in Stapleton – 2 in Eastbridge and 2 in original Denver and there are only 2 at large members – one from Park Hill and one from Montclair. It was determined that there is not a good representation of the Stapleton community and its surrounding areas. There will be some outreach after it is determined what underrepresented areas and skills are needed on the CAB.
- **Parks Advisory Group:** Written report submitted.  
PAG had a presentation by Mark Donelson on the FEMA grant proposal which would remove 48 households from the flood plain.  
In the Westerly Creek North remediation some barrels of tar and other substances were found and they will be exploring at a deeper level.  
After the PAG meeting it became apparent that there are differences between the expectations of PAG and Forest City regarding the design of WCN and the uplands. Forest City is planning to divide the designing of WCN and the uplands into two pieces instead of all in one design. The city of Denver has come in with a strong position that the area be done in one design which includes the uplands.

Scott Gilmore reported that he has been working with Charlie Nicola and they are working on the design. There will be a meeting next week which includes Kate Kramer and Dennis Piper. It will be a complicated part to get built.

Jim Chrisman stated that he agrees that it does need to be a unified design but it's important that it doesn't have to be done more than once. The only disagreement is in the timing.

Discussion followed regarding how to make sure that needed communications get to the CAB and its committees in a timely manner.

- **Zoning & Planning:** Written report submitted.

David Netz reported that ZAP had a presentation by *BLADIUM* which is purchasing additional land to its south and are building along Central Park Blvd. It is almost doubling the size of the covered facility. They no longer have indoor roller blading, it is all soccer and sports training. It will add a third indoor soccer field and sports training facility. To the south of the building they will include kids' sports training and conditioning. They are also expanding their parking lot.

A second presentation was from MCA on the control tower. They were able to demonstrate that the cost of renovation is less expensive than building new. They are in discussions with Forest City who would own the building and MCA would have a long term lease.

- **Transportation:** Written report submitted.

Angie Malpiede reported that she provided the Aerotropolis handout for the meeting's packet. TMA held its second employee transportation council network meeting on February 6, at which Evan Dreyer, of the mayor's office, presented to 30 business persons what Aerotropolis is and how it would benefit them. Someone from Senator Udall's office was there to do a full presentation on what was going on with the I-225 light rail running through Fitzsimons and they talked about a marketing update to get people carpooling.

She distributed a memo from Emily Snyder of Denver Public Works, describing what it takes to get bike lane striping done. Stapleton has been in the queue for quite a while for bike lanes on MLK Blvd. The bike lane is top priority for 2013.

There will be 2 Colfax Corridor Connection public meetings – one February 27 at the Knights of Columbus hall on 15<sup>th</sup> and Grant and one in Aurora, on February 28, at North Middle School. Both meetings are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There are new bike and walking maps of the 5 areas.

The bicycle library will soon be launched.

TMA is hoping to have a large walking event next year.

- **SDC Update:** Written report submitted.

Cheryl Cohen-Vader introduced Kevin Marchman, the vice chair of the Redevelopment Corp. board, who was visiting CAB.

At the last meeting it was asked whether community meetings could be put on the SDC website. Since then, after discussions with Tammi Holloway, it has been decided to provide links to sites for community meetings. SDC has funding limitations.

**Forest City Update:** No written report.

Tom Gleason reported that there is a visitors' center which will be opening up on March 15. There are 3 model homes which have been framed. FC will go to the ZAP to provide an update.

The District is dependent on groups like the CAB to get the word out to its constituents. There will always be some people who will not get the information but it is incumbent on CAB to make sure that communication happens when the information becomes available. FC will continue to work with CAB and its subcommittee to make sure they get the information.

**Stapleton Partner Updates:**

- **Police Academy/Denver Police District 2:** No written report.  
Officer Reyes Trujillo reported on a bank robbery at Vectra Bank the week before this meeting. The culprit was apprehended with no one being injured.  
A couple of days prior to the meeting, there was a street robbery in the parking lot behind 7350 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The police are following up on leads and are anticipating an imminent arrest.  
The Denver Police Department will be redistricting and Stapleton will part of District 5. District 2 is re-aligning from Quebec St. west. The changeover is expected to happen in April.
- **Stapleton United Neighbors:** No written report.  
Damon Knop reported that they will meet on Monday, February 25. There are some transportation issues to be discussed. The upcoming communication forum is on the agenda.
- **Master Community Association:** No written report.  
Diane Deeter reported that MCA is working on the control tower and cultural arts center.  
MCA is working with SUN on a tree planting day and they will place some trees in pocket and pool parks on arbor day in April.
- **Bluff Lake Nature Center:** No written report.
- **Sand Creek Regional Greenway:** No written report.  
Secretary Ken Salazar and Secretary Hood were at the Arsenal to announce a grant to connect the Arsenal to the Sand Creek trail. Also, there was a ribbon cutting to open the connection.
- **The Urban Farm:** No written report submitted.  
Donna Garnett reported that The Urban Farm is filling up with their summer programs.  
The Colorado Roofers Association completed their new roof the end of January. Now they are working to get HVAC and paint donated.

TUF has been doing small facelifts in anticipation of being a frontage for the light rail. They are expanding their hoop houses and installing their cut flower garden. They will be installing their updated aquaponics at the end of March. Individuals will be able to purchase a share of a pig, market goat or lamb, or Thanksgiving turkey in the TUF Farm to Table project. It is a very limited project so not a lot of animals will be available.

- **Co-chair Report (cont.)**

David Netz stated that every other month CAB should have a presentation from representatives of Commerce City, Fitzsimons, Westerly Creek village, and the Colfax Corridor. CAB needs to gather information about what is going on in surrounding neighborhoods.

It would be good to have discussions regarding what projects will get funding and what will not. These discussions could take place in the second half of the year.

Tom Gleason stated that it is important to remember that Stapleton is a neighborhood and subject to all things that neighborhoods face.

Lucia Correll stated that the environmental team that works in the parks is starting the first Saturday in March for cleanup that will continue on the first Saturday of each succeeding month at 9:00 a.m. The parks are Bluff Lake, Sand Creek, Westerly Creek and Montview Park (when construction is completed).

Jim Wagenlander announced that the Speaker of the Mongolian parliament and the new mayor of Ulan Bator, which is Denver's sister city, are coming to Denver and will meet with Mayor Hancock, folks from the University of Denver and the Botanic Gardens.. They have specifically requested to visit Stapleton on March 19. They have very similar needs to Denver They are abandoning their airport and building a new one. They will also be looking at light rail. Jim was inviting anyone who would like to to come and sit down with them for the 2 hour visit.

Scott Gilmore announced that Parks and Recreation has pushed the date for opening the soccer fields from early March to April 1 in order to minimize damage to the fields due to the lack of moisture. Kick ball and softball will begin mid-March.

- **Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **March 21, 2013 @ 7:30 a.m.**