

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

June 19, 2014

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 200

CAB Members Present: Nadine Caldwell, Diane Deeter, Laura Edler, John Fernandez, Phil Flores, Andrew Amador, Brad Dodson, Jeff Lamontagne, David Netz, David Lucas, Harold Skramstad, Damon Knop **SDC:** Tammi Holloway, Ilana Corson, Kevin Marchman **FC:** Tom Gleason, **City:** Diedra Oss **Others:** Glenn Fischer, Greg Nelson, Daryl Miller, Chris Cramer, Greg Holt, Terri Sievert, Kate Kramer, Madeline Schroeder, Mark Shaker

Call to Order: David Netz called the meeting to order. The May minutes were approved.

Co-Chair Report: David Netz mentioned that there will be some “hot topics” discussed at upcoming CAB meetings, including Brad Dodson speaking about the new financing plan, SDC forecasting their cash flow and Kate Kramer presenting with Denver Parks and Rec. CAB would also like to have Angie Malpiede speak to transportation in Section 10.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Aurora:** No written report.
Nadine Caldwell reported that there will be a new senior (62+) community going in at 13th and Xanadu. It is just in the planning stages but will be near the lightrail. John Fernandez added that the Fitzsimmons parkway station area plan is underway. They will be teaming with URS and are still working through things like shuttle service but hope to have a plan adopted by February. Aurora also hopes to receive a TIF grant from DRCOG to complete the trail from Alameda to Sand Creek. RTD has also started to redo their bus stations along the I-225 corridor. There will be a fare structure study so when the new commuter line comes in 2016, they will be prepared. Mr. Fernandez also mentioned that they are hoping to have announcement about Stanley Aviation soon. Ms. Caldwell added that there will be a community meeting to discuss Sand Creek Park and how the new Fitzsimmons stop will flow into the park.
City and County of Denver: Brad Dodson reported there is a new project manager for the Uplands/Westerly Creek project, who is a Stapleton resident. Mr. Dodson also reminded the CAB of the Section 10 GDP meeting which will be Thursday, June 26 at 5:30pm in Northfield next to Hot Topic. This is the only opportunity for public comment. Mr. Dodson said that an independent study looked at the projections for sales and property taxes. For 2013, sales tax receipts were 21% over what was anticipated and property tax is 6% over which is good news.
- **Commerce City:** Andrew Amador reported that the World Lacrosse Tournament will be at Dick's July 10-19. This will include 38 nations, 142 games and 10 days of play. The lightrail at 72nd is still coming as well.

Committee Reports:

- **Housing Diversity:** No written report. Damon Knop gave the report. Mr. Knop said that there were changes to help the “for sale” affordable housing and it makes residents more money the longer they stay in their home.
- **Parks Advisory Group:** No written report. Kate Kramer gave the report. Ms. Kramer mentioned that there has been a lot of discussion about filling the gap for funding towards parks. Dennis Piper said that the group decided to focus their efforts on the land south of 56th since there is no current funding. The committee has been working to figure out how to fill this gap, including hiring a consultant to help them determine which projects may be best for fundraising opportunities. It was also mentioned that the Westerly Creek/Uplands designs are nearing 40% completion. Ms. Kramer also feels that we are in a good position
- **Zoning & Planning:** Did not meet in June.
- **Stapleton Design Review:** No written report.
- **Transportation:** No written report. It was reported that TMA will be hosting bike parking for all events this summer. Next Wednesday is bike to work day.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal:** David Lucas stated they have selected a proposed alternative to their master plan so now they can begin outreach and writing the final draft. From that, they will write the report on environmental impacts. They turned their comments into the city about Section 10 as well.
- **Forest City:** Tom Gleason gave the report for Forest City. Mr. Gleason said that last Friday, members of SUN sat down with Councilman Chris Herndon and representatives from King Soopers to discuss the conceptual plan for Eastbridge. King Soopers has not signed on but is working with the community to address concerns about the site plan, including pedestrian friendly access. Mr. Gleason also said that Stapleton Animal Hospital broke ground across from Digstown. He reiterated the GDP meeting as well. Mr. Gleason wanted to mention that Mortensen has continued to benefit the community. Mortensen will be putting in a courtyard pro-bono at the new Smiley Middle School. Lastly, Mr. Gleason said that the park at 26th and Fulton has some electrical issues but he will keep us informed of when it is open for use.
- **District 5** – Daryl Miller is the new lieutenant for District 5 and will be attending the meetings from here forward.
- **Stapleton Foundation:** Beverly Haddon gave the Stapleton Foundation report. Northeast Walkfest was a success. Ms. Haddon said that the high school is still in the process of being named while the campus was named “Paul Sandoval” by the school board. The new school has some specifics for attendance and Ms. Haddon went through many of the ways a student can get into the new High School. They

are planning a ground-breaking ceremony for either July 10 or 15 and Ms. Haddon will keep us informed. Ms. Haddon stressed the importance of having the new principal come and speak to CAB about the new curriculum which will be an international baccalaureate curriculum. It was also mentioned that CPB is now paved all the way to 56th.

- **MCA:** Diane Deeter gave the MCA report. The two new pools have been named. The 8-lane pool near Northfield, which will be home to the competitive swim team, was named “Runway 35”. The other pool was named “Maverick” and it is unclear whether or not the pool will open this summer. Ms. Deeter said that the Aurora Fox Theatre on the Green went off well and this Friday will be the first Cinema in the Park which is geared towards adults and will include a discussion beforehand. The Farmers Market has begun. A beer festival will take place next week and wine tastings to begin next Friday. The MCA has also been working on the mosquito problem by trapping mosquitoes and monitoring. The activity has not been higher than usual.
- **Sand Creek:** Kate Kramer reported that they canceled their NPET for July 5. Ms. Kramer encouraged everyone to check out the gorgeous updates at Smith Road.
- **SUN** – It was reported that SUN has been discussing the Eastbridge site non-stop and they plan to form a Green Book committee in order to access future projects against the Green Book. Mosquitoes also continue to be a hot topic of discussion. It was also mentioned that SUN is concerned about new residents in the area and how the builders are or are not notifying them of future developments in the area.
- **Urban Farm:** Mike Nicks was introduced as the new Executive Director and will be attending meetings from here forward.

- **Others:**
 - CAB Resolution – the amendments that were made to the resolution last month didn’t make it all the way to SDC so an updated version was presented and agreed upon. The resolution was approved.
 - Public comment – Glenn Fischer would like to know the status of the land adjacent to 26th and Fulton. It was clarified that this land is still owned by DIA and would remain in its natural state. Another resident wanted help with the feces that fell from her upstairs neighbor’s deck onto hers. She was directed to speak with her Housing Association as this is not a CAB issue.

- **Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **July 17, 2014 at 7:30am.**

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