

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

September 18, 2014

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 200

CAB Members Present: Nadine Caldwell, Diane Deeter, Phil Flores, Brad Dodson, David Netz, Bar Chadwick, Tom Gleason, Councilman Chris Herndon, Angie Malpiede, Jim Wagenlander, Scott Gilmore, Michael Nicks, Jeff LaMontagne, Damon Knop **SDC:** Tammi Holloway, Ilana Corson **FC:** Jim Chrisman **Others:** Greg Nelson, Greg Holt, George Stapleton, Sloan Campi, Kristi Wimbish, Representative Angela Williams, Carol Roberts, Steve Larson

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

Co-Chair Report: David Netz spoke about a balanced article cover story about Stapleton in the Denver Business Journal and encouraged everyone to take a look. Mr. Netz said that at the October meeting, Aurora is planning to be here to present their plans for WC Village and a Stanley Aviation big picture update as well as a short discussion on connections.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Aurora:** Nadine Caldwell reported that the final meeting for Montview took place. The plans are all done but the park won't be started until next year due to bridge renovations that need to happen first. Urban Land Conservancy will build Legacy Charter School for expecting and young mothers, which will also have a Montessori for young children. There is potential that ULC will build another school at 25th as well. Stanley Aviation will be holding a picnic and tour on 9/27 from 4-6pm.
- **City and County of Denver:** Councilman Chris Herndon reported that budget hearings are the focus now and that revenues are coming in higher than anticipated so we can catch up on capital. There is a meeting at District 5 tonight at 6pm. On Saturday, November 1, the Mayor will come to Stapleton for "Cabinet in the Community" which is an opportunity to meet and greet with the Mayor and his staff. Councilman Herndon also mentioned that there has been interest in putting a coffee shop in the Central Park pavilion so that is being explored.

Bar Chadwick reiterated that they are diligently working on the banking information and currently, the document review is in progress.

- **Commerce City:** No report

Committee Reports:

- **Housing Diversity:** No written report. Damon Knop reported that the meeting was spent talking about marketing and it was decided that they would send a letter for Rick Padilla to help facilitate some of the qualifying home-buyer issues.

- **Parks Advisory Group:** Written report provided.
- **Zoning & Planning:** David Netz reported that the September meeting was basically a complaint fest for Eastbridge and King Soopers. Over 100 people came to the meeting at Sam Gary to discuss the issue. It boiled down to new urbanism and urban planning. It was mentioned that a moderator might be employed for the next meeting but Forest City was clear that they will not engage in another community forum like that. They would prefer just the ZAP members at the next meeting.
- **Membership:** No written report. A few inquiries have been made.
- **Stapleton Design Review:** No written report.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **Stapleton Development Corporation:** Tammi Holloway reported that SDC is working on a tenant issue with Recycled Materials and are hopeful to have a lease amendment signed next week so the issue can move forward. Ms. Holloway also said that Mark Johnson of Stapleton Design Review Committee, forwarded her a letter for distribution and would like to clearly state that SDRC would like to stay neutral and separate from the Eastbridge matter.
- **Bluff Lake:** Jeff LaMontagne came to discuss a fundraising effort initiative that Bluff Lake is beginning. Their 1886 dam is leaking, causing the lake to dry up at certain times of the year. Bluff Lake would like to have a year-round lake that they can utilize. The State of Colorado has formally committed \$500,000 to the project and another \$600,000 in the near future. The caveat is that Bluff Lake must raise \$300,000 to release the \$1.1 million. The fundraising effort is to raise the \$300,000, which will be Phase 1 and Mr. LaMontagne is asking the Board to network with the people they know to see who might help with this. Phase 2 of the fundraising effort includes funding for a small building next to the parking lot. The funds for this will be used to redo the shed into a usable small office and small nature center. This shed will be “off the grid” and will be solar powered. The best case scenario would be that one donor funds the building and would have naming rights to it but any donors who contribute \$250 or more will have their names on some kind of donor wall. There is an Enterprise Zone Tax designation for the project in addition to a 25% off the bottom line of the state tax return so there are good incentives for donating.
- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal:** No Report.
- **Forest City:** No report.
- **District 5** – It was mentioned that District 5 has stepped up patrols and they have set up a speed van at the Aurora/Denver border.
- **Stapleton Foundation:** Angie Malpiede introduced Avi Tropper, the new principal of the Northfield High School. Mr. Tropper gave a presentation on the

new high school, the proposed curriculum and what to expect from the IB program at the new school. There will be teacher cohort teams that follow students through the duration of high school as well as nine elective pathways to choose from. The board was appreciative of his time and information. A handout also accompanied the information.

- **Northeast Transportation Connections:** Angie Malpiede stated that 9/20 from 9am-1pm they will be hosting, in conjunction with Denver Parks & Rec and Anschutz, “Bikes for Life”.
 - **MCA:** Diane Deeter reported that they had the grand opening of the North Green on 9/13 and about 500 people came. The MCA has also chosen to desigquish between the north and south green by officially calling them the Stapleton North Green and the Stapleton South Green.
 - **Sand Creek:** No report.
 - **SUN** – Damon Knop reported that the Kickball Tournament was very successful and fun. Eastbridge and King Soopers is still taking a majority of SUN’s meeting time. SUN has set up a 3rd stem to separate from the anti-King Soopers group to send comments to King Soopers and Forest City.
 - **Urban Farm:** Mike Nicks stated that 10/4 will be the Farm Fest and the sheriff’s posse will be there, as well as soldiers and a stagecoach. Flyers were provided.
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- **Adjourned:**
The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **October 16 at 7:30am.**

Prepared by I. Corson