

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

November 20, 2014

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 200

CAB Members Present: Nadine Caldwell, John Fernandez, David Netz, Damon Knop, Lucia Correll, Barbara Neal, Kate Kramer, Diane Deeter, King Harris, Bar Chadwick, Alice Kelly, Phil Flores **SDC:** Tammi Holloway, Ilana Corson **SF:** Angie Malpiede **FC:** Tom Gleason, **Others:**, Greg Holt, Monica Jones, Tom Francis, Bob Wyckoff, Vern Adam, Tia Cavender

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

Co-Chair Report: David Netz said that they are currently working on the annual special interest reviews. The goals are to get a general housing count for the upcoming Filing 47 and get an idea of where the affordable housing units will be. There have also been rumors that affordable housing will be going in the “traffic island” in Eastbridge, just east of the carwash, which will need to be confirmed. Mr. Netz also wanted to follow up on last month’s resolution that came to him at the last minute from Housing Diversity. Mr. Netz says that no more last minute resolutions will be allowed and anything that would like to be presented at the CAB meeting, must go to him the Monday before the CAB meeting so that it may be distributed and reviewed by members prior to the meeting.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Aurora:**

Nadine Caldwell reported that the DIA fence at 25th and Galina is coming down! Denver Public Works has hired interns from CU’s Engineering program to help take down the barbed wire fence and most of the fence will come down unless it requires heavy machinery.

John Fernandez added that they have submitted an application to DRCOG for a grant to provide a shuttle through the campus to the RTD station and that has turned the redevelopment inside out so they plan to show an updated plan as well as the uses for the redevelopment. This meeting will take place 12/22.

Vern Adam, with Aurora Water, made a presentation about the Westerly Creek flood plan management project. A few years ago, a FEMA grant for \$2.3 million was approved for the flood plan improvement. It was mentioned that the current pedestrian bridge at Montview compresses water and presents a geographical barrier so the pedestrian bridge will be rebuilt at a skewed angle, which will be the first stage of the improvement process. After that, a new driving bridge will be added as well as the widening of the creek between 17th and 23rd. It was asked if the houses that are currently in the flood plain are intended to be demolished and it was clarified that this is a long-term goal of the project. They opened bids on the project on 11/19 with a Notice to Proceed in January. Construction should be complete by the end of 2015 and renovations to Montview Park should begin immediately afterwards. Right now, the bids have come in around \$7

million and they originally intended the budget to be \$5 million so it is a little unclear how they will fund the gap but they are meeting 12/22 to discuss it more thoroughly. The grant terminates in June 2015 but Mr. Adam will be asking FEMA for a one-year extension. Right now, they are trying to keep the project as a drainage project and would like Denver to consider waiving the permitting fees for the project, which could greatly reduce the gap on the budget. Bar Chadwick asked Mr. Adam to contact her regarding permitting fees.

- **Denver:**

Bar Chadwick reported that the transition funding is moving forward and they have begun the city council process. They will hopefully have the agreement fully executed by December. Ms. Chadwick mentioned that there was a great meeting about Westerly Creek and the Uplands designs. The designs need a couple tweaks but the plan is to begin work in January. Ms. Chadwick says that the City team has also approved IFDA P6 in 8 weeks, which is a lot faster than their normal 6 month turn-around. Mr. Netz requests a “things not funded” list for future projects. Gratitude was expressed towards Ms. Chadwick and her staff for the efforts put forward to fund future development.

Commerce City: no updates.

Committee Reports:

- **Housing Diversity:** Damon Knop reported that they brought a resolution to CAB last month that was passed and went onto SDC.
- **Membership:** Lucia Correll introduced Tom Francis, a Stapleton resident and Senior Vice President at 1st National Bank, as a new CAB member.
- **Parks Advisory Group:** Lucia Correll reported that Urban Drainage is in the 2nd phase of restoration of Westerly Creek with widening and the addition of drop structures. The committee would also like to organize a sports complex survey but need someone to administer the survey. It was also reported that Bev Haddon would like to help figure out the funding for the complex once more concrete designs are submitted but right now, there is no funding to create the designs so there is a stand-still.
- **Zoning & Planning:** No meeting in November.
- **Stapleton Design Review:** Phil Flores reported that the committee met on 11/12 and reviewed a few projects. They reviewed Evergreen Development’s retail portion of Eastbridge, which has had no significant changes since being seen at ZAP. Digstown 2 was also reviewed but there were some comments about the entrance way and they were asked to come back.
- **Transportation:** Angie Malpiede reported that the Northeast Transportation Connections is working on a comprehensive map that will identify key components such as landmarks, walking trails and biking trails, etc. NETC is also working to build their bike library as well as working with DPS to spearhead the upcoming transportation for the new high school. Ms. Malpiede will meet with DRCOG and Avi Tropper, high school principal, to discuss alternatives for new students that might include extending Route 89, which would be funded by a CMAT grant but will not know until 2015. A new program will also be marketed called “School Pool” that will encourage students to carpool.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **SDC:** Tammi Holloway reported that the tenant, Recycled Materials, has filed for bankruptcy. SDC will request permission to sue RM to get them off the property. Ms. Holloway also mentioned that she is putting together a one-page document to bring some further clarification to design review that can be distributed to non-professionals.
- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal:** No updates.
- **Forest City:** Tom Gleason reported that the Section 10 GDP has been approved. He also said that Heidi Majerik will be leaving Forest City to take a position as Vice President for Lend Lease. David Netz would like Forest City to give their Q3 snapshot and speak to the “traffic island” in Eastbridge that used to be open space, at the next meeting.
- **District 5** – Lieutenant Bob Wyckoff gave the District 5 report. Lieutenant Wyckoff is the new area command officer with 26 years of experience. He will take care of the police functions in Stapleton. Lieutenant Wyckoff plans to have cooperation with Aurora police by sharing information and squad members for training purposes. Some concerns were raised about where “911” calls are being routed. A meeting will be held at Les Perry this evening at 6pm and a dispatcher will be present to give more information on this subject.
- **Stapleton Foundation:** no updates.
- **MCA:** Diane Deeter reported that they have moved into the space upstairs and are also looking to secure a space in north Stapleton so that they can have a presence. The space in the north has auditorium space and Ms. Deeter is speaking with DPS about how the new high school might be able to utilize the space as well. The Winter Welcome will be this Friday and all the lights will be lit at this time. The vendor’s proceeds will benefit Bluff Lake, SCRG and the Urban Farm. “Elf” will be shown 12/5 outside on the green as well. MCA is also doing a coat drive for a charter school that caters to high-risk and homeless students.
- **Stapleton Public Art** – Barbara Neal reported that the artwork for Northfield Upland Linear Park was approved and is called “Woven Light”. It will be made of wood and have glass throughout to bring light elements to the piece. Three finalists have also been identified for the RTD Central Park station, with proposals expected in mid-December.
- **Sand Creek:** Kate Kramer reported they will host the Fotostream show, in partnership with Aurora and Commerce City, on Friday, December 12. SCRG continues to work on “The Race For Open Space” which will be 5/3/15.
- **SUN** – Damon Knop reported that the planned gas station in Eastbridge is still a hot topic of discussion and SUN would like to know how it can insert themselves in this process. Greenways also presented their upcoming project.
- **Urban Farm:** no updates.
- **Others:**
 - We mourn the passing of Betty Shaw.
- **Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **December 18 at 7:30am.**

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