

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2015

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 200

CAB Members Present: Nadine Caldwell, Greg Nelson, John Fernandez, Phil Flores, David Netz, Damon Knop, Diane Deeter, Lucia Correll, Angie Malpiede, Brandi Thomas, Sherikera Hefflin, Brad Dodson, Tom Gleason Jim Wagenlander, Barbara Neal, Andrew Amador, Mike Nicks, Kate Kramer, Councilman Chris Herndon **SDC:** Tammi Holloway, Ilana Corson, **FC:** Tom Gleason **Others:** Leslie Joseph, Alexis Harrigan, Carol Roberts, Steve Larson, Monica Jones, Pat Fullner, Stuart Jenkins

Call to Order: David Netz called the meeting to order. The December minutes were approved with a note that the \$60 million loan was not “awarded” but rather, “allotted”.

Co-Chair Report: David Netz mentions that he is still working with committee chairs on the resolutions and will plan to have them ready by February, as well as present them to SDC in February.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Aurora:**

Nadine Caldwell reported the Walmart is very close to opening, which will help with the food desert in that area.

John Fernandez adds that they received a grant of \$1.8 million to fund a bike/pedestrian corridor from the new light rail station, thru campus, to 23rd. The city of Aurora also received a \$5.5 million grant to complete Tollgate Creek Regional Trail. They are anticipating DRCOGG's decision on the MLK extension funding so that they can see about timing, in regards to matching funds. Mr. Fernandez warns that this is a peak year for construction on the Peoria RTD station so pay attention to street closures and shifts. The Housing Authority also plans to apply for a grant to fund 180-200 workforce units on Peoria and 30th. This would be an optimal spot for access to the Lightrail, as well as allow for a possible tax credit. They will have more information in May. Mr. Fernandez also said, that to make use of the land that FRA owns, they might have to include more housing than what was originally in the Fitzsimmons TOD plan, which has been an ongoing conversation between Aurora and the authority.

- **Denver:** Brad Dodson reported that they closed on the \$60 million loan before Christmas and are already talking about what is next. A grant was applied for to go towards the MLK extension, through DRCOGG and will find out in April. It is a matching grant and the city would love for Aurora to help with the match if funds are awarded but either way, will find a way to match the grant. David Netz requested a presentation on what is not funded.

Councilman Chris Herndon introduces Stuart Jenkins as one of his new aides.

- **Commerce City:** Andrew Amador reported that the Boys & Girls Club has begun construction on their exterior walls. The new outdoor pool is also under construction. Mr. Amador also reported that Northfield High School is 40% done with construction on the two buildings that are currently funded. The school board is meeting tonight to vote on allocating funds, which will hopefully allow for \$7.1 million to be allocated to the third building, the Commons building. It was also mentioned that Kroenke took down 269 acres of the RMA site, which was part of the original agreement but it is unclear when retail will be developed on the site.

Committee Reports:

- **Housing Diversity:** Angie Malpiede reported that there was a lively discussion at this month's meeting.
- **Membership:** Lucia Correll introduces Monica Jones as a new CAB member representing Conservatory Green. She will bring Monica's name to SDC for approval. The membership committee is still looking for more members to serve.
- **Parks Advisory Group:** Kate Kramer reported that the bids for Westerly Creek/Uplands project have come in. They would like to get the stream channel moved before spring for Phase 1, which has been approved. Phase 2 is in the city process and PAG is pleased with what has been presented.
- **Zoning & Planning:** No updates.
- **Stapleton Design Review:** No updates.
- **Transportation:** Angie Malpiede reported that they are working on a Northeast Loop Map that will hopefully be ready before the spring. She will also be attending a TMA meeting today, and they are working on a Montview corridor study. Ms. Malpiede also said that DPS and RTD are in negotiation to figure out bus service to the new Northfield High School.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **SDC:** Tammi Holloway reported that the tenant issue with Recycled Materials is ongoing. On 1/6, they were issued a notice of default, which is in line with the agreement that SDC has with them. They have until Monday to provide SDC with certain documentation. If they meet this deadline, they will have 60 days to cure the default. Otherwise, they are on the road to eviction.
- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal:** No updates.
- **Forest City:** Tom Gleason reported that he attended the hearing on inclusionary housing. Rick Padilla has been authorized to hire two new positions to help with this. Mr. Gleason also announced that Forest City will now be operating as a RET, which will allow them to have a more favorable tax status and be in line with the rest of the market. It will be publically traded but no changes are expected for Forest City Stapleton.
- **District 5** – Brandi Thomas reported that there have been four burglaries in the last 28 days, which is down from last month. The department has also put up a sign to address “puffer” cars, as well as flyers that went out to all the homes in the area. There was also an article in the paper about a series of robberies, one of which was in Stapleton.

- **Stapleton Foundation:** Angie Malpiede invited everyone to the Be Well Awards Celebration.
 - **MCA:** Diane Deeter reported that the MCA is hiring for multiple positions, including an Event Coordinator, Communication Manager and Administrative Assistant. Information can be found on their website. Ms. Deeter also mentioned that they have a verbal confirmation that DPS will use the MCA's new event space as part of their performing arts program.
 - **Bluff Lake:** No updates.
 - **Public Art:** No updates.
 - **Sand Creek:** Kate Kramer reported that the "Race for Open Space" will be 5/3/15 and will consist of a 5K, 10K and Half Marathon. She mentioned that 100% of the proceeds will benefit SCRG and Bluff Lake. Ms. Kramer also thanked the cities of Denver and Aurora for their support. Lastly, she warned that access to the Sand Creek Trail would be cut off at certain points during the Westerly Creek/Uplands project.
 - **SUN** – Damon Knop reported that SUN will have their first meeting of the year next week and will see a presentation on the CPB and Aurora TOD stations.
 - **Urban Farm:** Mike Nicks reported that they are waiting on warmer weather.
- **Adjourned:**
The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **February 19, 2015 at 7:30am.**

Prepared by I. Corson