

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

February 19, 2015

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 200

CAB Members Present: Nadine Caldwell, Phil Flores, David Netz, Damon Knop, Diane Deeter, Lucia Correll, Angie Malpiede, Brandi Thomas, Sherikera Hefflin, Brad Dodson, Bar Chadwick, Alice Kelly, Monica Jones, Jim Wagenlander, Barbara Neal, Mike Nicks, Kate Kramer, Councilman Chris Herndon, Jeff LaMontagne **SDC:** Tammi Holloway, Ilana Corson, **FC:** Tom Gleason **Others:** Leslie Joseph, Carol Roberts, Steve Larson, Greg Holt, Dennis Piper, Nancy Netz, Nick Kaczor, Kayla Thomas-Walker

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

Co-Chair Report: David Netz went through the CAB's 2014 Performance Review of Forest City. Detailed report will be posted on the website and in the board packet.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Aurora:**
Nadine Caldwell reported that the Lightrail changed everything about the Fitzsimmons plan. The Housing Authority bought the property at 30th and Peoria, which is ½ mile from both stations and hopes to get a zoning change to allow for a sustainable infill development that will consist of about 250 workforce townhomes/apartments on the 6 acres of land. A meeting to discuss this change will take place at 6pm tonight at Firestation 3. Ms. Caldwell also mentioned that Stanley Marketplace is trying for historical designation, and hope to be up and running by November. The CAB was also updated on the flood plan project. American Civil was awarded the project for \$7 million and progress will go from north to south with detours beginning next month on Montview.
- **Denver:**
Councilman Chris Herndon mentioned upcoming events: On Monday at 10am, the Westerly Creek North groundbreaking will take place. Four Friends Restaurant, on the outskirts of 29th Avenue Town Center, will open at the end of the month.
- **Commerce City:** No updates.

Committee Reports:

- **Housing Diversity:** Damon Knop reported that diversity was discussed more this month.
- **Membership:** Diane Deeter said the committee will meet on 3/5/15.
- **Parks Advisory Group:** No updates.
- **Zoning & Planning:** David Netz reported that Filing 47 was presented at the meeting.

- **Stapleton Design Review:** Phil Flores reported that there is a lot happening and the SDRC met last Friday to discuss Sonic Automotive, Digstown 2, United Properties, Residence Inn and The Shops at Conservatory Green.
- **Transportation:** Angie Malpiede reported that they are really working on community connections and reaching out to neighborhoods in the area. Ms. Malpiede also mentioned that McAuliffe will host their 1st trip to DC for 8th graders this year. There are three students that need funding for the 4-day history trip. Ms. Malpiede is asking CAB to consider a contribution. \$2000 is needed in addition to contributions that have already been made by the Stapleton Foundation and the Greater Stapleton Business Association.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **SDC:** Tammi Holloway reported that the tenant issue with Recycled Materials is ongoing. Recycled Materials has filed a Proof of Claim for \$8.4 million. This is the amount that RMI has stated, it will take to clear the site. The court has rejected RMI's request to use cash collateral to continue funding. In regards to performance standards, after presenting to the SDC board, the SDC board would like to have a work session to go into the standards in more depth.
- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal:** It was reported that their Comprehensive Conservation Plan will be ready for review in March. They are currently looking for a space to hold a public meeting. It was also reported that they will be doing burning in March/April.
- **Forest City:** Tom Gleason reported King Soopers received it comments from the city and Mr. Gleason will keep the CAB updated. Mr. Gleason also mentioned that construction will begin soon around Conservatory Green and the visitor's center there will be closing and replaced by a virtual visitors center.
- **District 5** – Brandi Thomas and Sherikera Heflin reported that there have been 10 burglaries in the last 28 days. It was also reported that car thefts went from 10 to 5, a 50% decrease. The department is holding a 6 week "Citizen's Academy" that will be on Wednesday's from 6-9pm at District 2. The officers also reported that there have been a few questions regarding where 911 calls are routed so they handed out an informational flyer about it. It was also mentioned that there is a new texting tip service for Stapleton residents only.
- **Stapleton Foundation:** Angie Malpiede mentioned that Alisha Brown is currently in DC meeting with the CDC about the Stapleton Foundation's "Reach" Grant.
- **MCA:** Diane Deeter reported that the MCA will be hosting an Open House in their new office space, next Wednesday from 4-7pm.
- **Bluff Lake:** Jeff Lamontagne said that Bluff Lake is also excited for the "Race for Open Space". Mr. LaMontagne passed out flyers pertaining to their summer camp and mentioned that they are still taking donations for their ongoing improvement campaign. It was also mentioned that Bluff Lake expressed their position on the new Eastbridge development at the ZAP meeting.
- **Public Art:** No updates.

- **Sand Creek:** Kate Kramer reported that the “Race for Open Space” will be 5/3/15 and thanked the MCA and Forest City for sponsoring.
- **SUN** – Damon Knop reported that the SUN survey is available online. It was also mentioned that the potential gas station at Eastbridge is still a hot topic. May 19 will be the CAB/SUN forum.
- **Urban Farm:** Mike Nicks reported that their summer camp schedule will be out next week and they plan to refocus on agriculture and the environment.
- **Public Comment:**
Kayla Thomas-Walker came to speak about a volunteer opportunity for “Reading Partners”. They are looking for volunteers to donate 1 hour of time a week to help readers who are years behind. She passed out bookmarks with information.
- **Adjourned:**
The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **March 19 at 7:30am.**

Prepared by I. Corson