

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

March 19, 2015

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 200

CAB Members Present: Phil Flores, David Netz, Damon Knop, Lucia Correll, Angie Malpiede, Brandi Thomas, Brad Dodson, Kate Kramer, Councilman Chris Herndon, John Fernandez, Jason Buszta **SDC:** Tammi Holloway, Ilana Corson, **Others:** Carol Roberts, Steve Larson, Greg Holt, Alexis Harrigan

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

Co-Chair Report: David Netz reported that CAB and SDC had a joint work session and it was very successful. They went through highlights on what Forest City did well/not well in 2014. The major action item that came from the meeting is putting together a plan for affordable housing for the full build-out of the development.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Aurora:**

John Fernandez reported that the RTD high voltage wires are live so be aware. The RTD line is 52% complete with this year being the peak year for construction. The Montview project has begun so be aware of closures in the area. On May 9, there will be a meeting at North Middle School to discuss Montview to Peoria and how to better accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. As of now, there is no funding for the project but they will be ready when there is. It was also mentioned that since the Fitzsimmons Stationary Plan has changed, the FRA is looking at a mutual parting of ways with Forest City and will seek other developers. They hope to have another meeting in May to discuss more. Mr. Fernandez also said that the council has approved a new Parking Manager position, which will manage the new RTD parking and they hope to have the position filled within the next six months. It was also mentioned that a couple weeks ago, there was a pre-application meeting at City Hall with Forest City for the land between 26th and 25th between Fulton and Moline. The one key feature will be creating a TIF district to fund the 26th Ave. Park.

- **Denver:**

Councilman Chris Herndon said the announcement of Punch Bowl and the tower has come with an overwhelmingly positive response. There was some contention over the proposed signage on top of the tower but that is no longer an option. Councilman Herndon also mentioned the Westerly Creek North groundbreaking that happened and he is excited it is moving forward. It was also mentioned that Four Friends Kitchen is now open behind 29th Ave.

- **Commerce City:** No updates.

Committee Reports:

- **Housing Diversity:** No updates.

- **Membership:** Lucia Correll said that the committee met and decided they were not actively seeking new members but would like a representative from Conservatory Green and North Stapleton. They are leaving the recruiting to word-of-mouth and they will also be contacting current inactive members to see if they would still like to participate.
- **Parks Advisory Group:** Kate Kramer reported that PAG is concerned that the MCA is making plans without going through PAG. It was also mentioned that PAG would like to look at all resources in the area and put together a plan.
- **Zoning & Planning:** David Netz reported that Residence Inn showed their concept to ZAP and it is a very nice design that is compatible with the row homes. ZAP also looked at a preliminary design for Punch Bowl and the major concern is the entrance to the parking lot and its impact on the neighborhood.
- **Stapleton Design Review:** Phil Flores reported that the SDRC had a five hour meeting to discuss preliminary plans for Punch Bowl Social, a Bladium expansion, Conservatory Green Professional Plaza, Evergreen Development and King Soopers.
- **Transportation:** Angie Malpiede reported that the 3rd Annual Northeast Walkfest will take place 9/26 from 12-4pm.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **SDC:** Tammi Holloway reiterated that the joint board meeting went very well and SDC Chairman Marchman would like to try to have joint meetings once a quarter. Ms. Holloway also mentioned that the board is currently working on their assessment of Forest City.
- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal:** No updates.
- **DIA:** Greg Holt reported that they are hopeful that the NFA will be received in the next few weeks for the Aurora parcel which will allow Forest City to take it down.
- **Forest City:** No updates.
- **District 5** – Brandi Thomas reported that the district is encouraging residents to report suspicious activity. With the opening of Four Friends Kitchen, The Cop Shop has had more traffic so they will up their presence there. There will be a May Day Shred-a-thon at The Cop Shop on May 1 from 9-11am. It was asked about the uptick in gang violence and Officer Thomas said that the gang unit was out in force, meeting with gang members and trying to mitigate the ongoing violence.
- **Stapleton Foundation:** Angie Malpiede reported that after mentioning the 8th grade student in need at last month's meeting and with support from the Front Porch, they were able reach their goal. Ms. Malpiede and Alisha Brown are also working on the "Reach" grant project.
- **MCA:** No updates.
- **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 thanked partners in Aurora for their support. Councilman Herndon has

been asked to give the opening remarks at the race and they are also looking for volunteers to staff the event. Ms. Kramer also mentioned that there is a plan to have the Sand Creek trail paved all the way to Fitzsimmons but they are still working on it.

- **SUN** – Damon Knop reported that Punch Bowl and “choice” were hot topics at this month’s meeting.
- **Urban Farm:** No updates
- **Adjourned:**
The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **April 16 at 7:30am.**

Prepared by I. Corson