

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

May 21, 2015

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 200

CAB Members Present: Nadine Caldwell, Lucia Correll, Brandi Thomas, Jim Wagenlander, Greg Nelson, John Fernandez, Kate Kramer, Nick Kaczor, Mike Nicks, David Netz, Andrew Amador, Monica Jones **SDC:** Tammi Holloway, Ilana Corson **FC:** Tom Gleason **Others:** Brad Dodson, Carol Roberts, Greg Holt

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

Co-Chair Report: David Netz said that the plan is to finish mapping out the full build-out plan, in the near future, to give a better idea of what is to come and what is missing, what in-tract and open space there is left, etc. The housing counts would be included in this as well. It was also mentioned that the CAB/SUN forum took place on Tuesday with about 70 people in attendance. In August, CAB would like to have Barbara Neal present the art program so far as well as update the board on the budget. The CAB would also like a joint session or invitation to an Aurora meeting to talk about the overlapping areas of Aurora and Denver and what the plan is regarding that area. John Fernandez of Aurora says that once they have had the TIF discussion with Forest City, they would be able to participate in a forum.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Aurora:**

Nadine Caldwell reported that there was a meeting regarding Moorhead Rec Center and the final plan on 5/2. There were some adjustments made and now there will not be an indoor pool or a second floor at the facility. There will be three basketball courts that can be sectioned off with a running track around the outside. There is a public hearing on 6/9 at 5pm at Fletcher School. Ms. Caldwell also mentioned that Stanley Marketplace was mentioned in the paper because they are trying to be as interconnected as possible. The coffee shop will use pastries baked by the bakery, etc. Lastly, Ms. Caldwell said that they did a clean-up and filled all 10 dumpsters they ordered, plus two more.

John Fernandez further reported that they plan to finish Moorhead by 2017. He also mentions that Lightrail construction continues, watch for detours. The Lightrail will be known as the “R” line from Peoria to County Line Road and eventually to Ridgeway. They are working with NETC to get transportation grants for bike shelters and drinking fountains at the Peoria and CPB stations. Mr. Fernandez also says there will be a public meeting on 6/23 from 6-7:30pm at North Middle School to talk about the Fitzsimmons plan. There is a hang up on the 25 acres north of Montview, which the University would like to purchase, but it is still owned by the Army so they may do a land swap at a later time.

- **Denver:**

Councilman Chris Herndon reported that he will be out for three weeks for paternity leave. The board also congratulated Councilman Herndon on his

reelection and he reminded the board that if they live in Districts 2, 7, 10, or 11, to please vote in the runoff elections.

Brad Dodson reported that Westerly Creek North and the Uplands project is moving along nicely. Mr. Dodson said that the city received DRCOG funds, which will fund the improvements to MLK and Quebec. Some of the funds are also allocated to do an industrial study in Commerce City, Adams County and Denver, to look at industrial traffic in the area. All in all, roughly \$50 million in awards were granted to Denver. David Netz says that with full build-out, there needs to be a master traffic study. Mr. Dodson says he will work with Public Works to get on their radar about a traffic study.

- **Commerce City:** Andrew Amador reported that they continue to work on their “5 projects in 5 years” proposal. One of the projects, a new Rec Center will cost about \$32 million with \$15 million being infrastructure. Another project will be upgrades to the existing rec center and programming RFP’s are due on 5/26. The grand opening for the aquatic center will be on either 6/27 or 6/28 in Pioneer Park. The Boys and Girls Club should be complete by the opening on 6/20. It was also mentioned that the Annual Memorial Day Parade will take place at 9:30am at the Mile High Dog Track. The Fourth Fest is also upcoming on 7/4 at Dick’s Sporting Good Park. Mr. Amador also thanked the City and County of Denver for ratifying the on-ramp for Tower Road. It was further reported that Northfield High School will have their opening day on 8/10 but the second sports complex building will not be completely ready until September. The third building is now funded and designs will complete in June.

Committee Reports:

- **Housing Diversity:** No updates.
- **Membership:** No updates.
- **Parks Advisory Group:** Lucia Correll reported that URS came and spoke about the MLK extension, which was featured in an article in the Front Porch. There is the potential for three lanes on each side at some point but just two for now. It was also mentioned that Urban Drainage left a patch of weeds after the construction that they did and it is overwhelming the area.
- **Zoning & Planning:** David Netz reported that Jiffy Lube, United Properties and Echo Park (a modern, pre-owned car dealership), came to share their projects. The neighbors who attended expressed concern about the Jiffy Lube making Montview an auto corridor but the zoning allows the use.
- **Stapleton Design Review:** No updates.
- **Transportation:** It was reported that the NETC put out their neighborhood connections map. SUN members also asked NETC to look at the master bike plan for the area again.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **DIA:** Greg Holt reported that they will mow in June. They will also put out a bid for the mediation project of Highline Canal Phase 2 in June, with construction to begin in early August or September.

- **SDC:** Tammi Holloway reported that the legal proceedings with Recycled Materials has ended. They received approval for a debtor in financing and their lease with SDC was terminated. Now they need a permit from DIA to operate on the land. Recycled Materials has deadlines that they need to meet and the plan is for the material to be removed by September 2016, with their first milestone to be met by 6/20/15.
- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal:** Nick Kaczor reported that the 15 year master plan is out, which is a revision to the older plan. They are focusing on Alternative Plan C. There are meetings on 6/1 at Reunion Rec Center, 6/4 at Green Valley Ranch Rec Center, 6/9 at CP Rec Center and 6/11 at Commerce City Rec Center. All meetings are from 6-8pm. Comments are due by 7/6.
- **Forest City:** Tom Gleason reported that there were some updates about retail at the CAB/SUN forum. Evergreen Development established a partnership with Larimer Associates, who leased Larimer Square, to help them lease the Eastbridge space. So far, there is a confirmed restaurant with a rooftop deck and a breakfast place. If the retail goes well, there is a possibility that Evergreen would like to buy more land to the north. The King Soopers gas station will be moved to the northern parcel and Williams Dentistry might want to expand in the future. In Conservatory Green, Drake is developing retail space. There will be a coffee shop, several restaurants, and the MCA will have an event space in the east parcel they are developing. Punchbowl gave an update as well. Mr. Gleason has also been giving tours to the SDC board and thinks that more discussion will come from the tours.
- **District 5** – Brandi Thomas reported that burglaries went from 6 to 10 in the last 28 days, most likely due to the nicer weather. There is a new neighborhood watch in Conservatory Green. It was also mentioned that the Cop Shop is teaming up with NETC and Be Well to try to find a larger space so that they can utilize more volunteers and have more community involvement. The text-a-tip line is still functional but not being promoted because there will be a system that supersedes the text-a-tip, soon.
- **Stapleton Foundation:** Beverly Haddon reported that they hired two parents to help put together the Green Book Scavenger Hunt. There will be five different hunts, three walking and two biking. There will be a lot of prizes with the two big prizes being four tickets to “Frozen on Ice” and a cruiser bike. The hunt will continue online all summer with a larger prize at the end. Another Green Book event, a past/present/future forum, is being planned for the fall by David Netz. It was also mentioned that a few years ago, Sam Gary commissioned “An Oral History of Stapleton”, which was published recently and is now on sale for \$39.95 through the Stapleton Foundation. It goes through the history of Stapleton from 1990-2004. On 6/6, the Be Well Youth Council will host at Bill Roberts, an active living water fest.
- **MCA:** No updates.
- **Bluff Lake:** Jeff Lamontagne reported that on 5/29 they will co-host, with the MCA, “Blues, Brews & Brats on the Bluff”.

- **Public Art:** Tom Gleason reported that the Public Art Committee for Prairie Basin Park met yesterday and selected 3 finalists, one from New Mexico, one from Georgia and one from Colorado. The commission is for \$175,000.
 - **Sand Creek:** Kate Kramer reported that the “Race for Open Space” was successful.
 - **SUN:** No updates.
 - **Urban Farm:** Mike Nicks reported that they are working on an active site plan. David Netz said that they would like to look into ways to promote things in the Stapleton area through art, like putting art on the back of buildings that face I-70. The SDRC will look into that.
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- **Adjourned:**
The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **June 18 at 7:30am.**

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