

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

June 18, 2015

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 200

CAB Members Present: Nadine Caldwell, Jim Wagenlander, Greg Nelson, John Fernandez, Kate Kramer, David Lucas, Mike Nicks, David Netz, Monica Jones, Lieutenant Wyckoff, Tia Cavendar, Diane Deeter, Angie Malpiede, Damon Knop **SDC:** Tammi Holloway, Ilana Corson **Others:** Brad Dodson, Carol Roberts, Greg Holt, Dennis Piper, Eric Eversley, Steve Larson, Leslie Joseph

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

Co-Chair Report: David Netz said that the arsenal did a great presentation last week during their community meeting. There is dispute over part of the land that was shown in their master plan. Right now, the arsenal feels that the disputed land is their property due to the fact that the land was never used for aviation purposes, while Denver International Airport (DIA) feels that it is their property, as it belonged to the original Stapleton airport. Greg Holt and David Lucas said that the FAA will make the decision soon. In August, Barbara Neal will come give an update on the DURA funds for Public Art. In September, CAB would like to look at the Aurora filing and the impacts that it might have on the neighborhood, focusing on connectivity. Mr. Netz also said that as part of the Greenbook celebration, there will be a forum related to the Greenbook. Mr. Netz asks for help in planning the past, present and future forums and requests that those interested, meet separately to discuss.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Aurora:**

Nadine Caldwell reported that the steering committee will be presented with the Fitzsimons plan on 6/23 with a community meeting at North Middle School to follow from 6-7:30pm.

John Fernandez further reported that Aurora is waiting on a grant to fund bike shelters at four stations, including Cental Park Boulevard (CPB) and worked with Northeast Transportation Connections (NETC) on the application. Right now, the new Aurora Parking Manager is working on accessibility to the bike shelters and they might propose a key card system. Mr. Fernandez said that the Montview Bridge project is about 35% complete and they expect work to be done by the end of the year.

- **Denver:**

Brad Dodson reported that the city council is in transition due to seven out of thirteen members are newly elected. Westerly Creek North and the Uplands project is moving along nicely. Mr. Dodson said that part of the \$60 million includes an update to the “King Survey”, which was last done in 2012. This will study the projected tax increment financing (TIF) and helps the city forecast. This information should be available in October or November. It was asked about the

future of Smith Road and Mr. Dodson said there is an ongoing conversation about it but no plans at the moment.

- **Commerce City:** No updates.

Committee Reports:

- **Housing Diversity:** No updates.
- **Membership:** No updates.
- **Parks Advisory Group (PAG):** Kate Kramer reported that PAG will go on a tour of the Northfield parks, at next month's meeting.
- **Zoning & Planning:** David Netz reported that Conservatory Professional Plaza will have a vet, a dentist and a wine/liquor store. The Bladium continues to work on their reduced expansion plan. It was also mentioned that the Aurora parcel is expected to begin home sales in 2016.
- **Stapleton Design Review:** No updates.
- **Transportation:** Angie Malpiede reported that the NETC is very excited about the new bike shelters, which will be made by a local company and will be mesh on 3 sides. It was also mentioned that Bike to Work Day will be 6/24 and Ms. Malpiede and Lieutenant Wyckoff will host a booth. NETC will also provide bike parking for the Sunday Farmers market. The July issue of the Front Porch should also have the connections map that NETC has produced.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **DIA:** Greg Holt reported that mowers will be out next week. Mr. Holt also mentioned that the permit with Recycled Materials is going back and forth but the removal schedule will stay the same.
- **SDC:** Tammi Holloway reported the staff is working with Westerly Creek Metropolitan District Board (WCMD) to increase awareness for their quarterly meetings. This will be done by posting their meeting notice at the Sam Gary Library as well as the Central Park Rec Center. A website for WCMD might also be set up.
- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal:** David Lucas reported that all projects at the arsenal have been delayed due to water. Their master plan went out a few weeks ago and they are going towards Alternative C. Comments on the plan are due by 7/6. It was also reported that Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) issued an Request for Programming (RFP) for "Inspire Kids" and the arsenal, along with Sand Creek Regional Greenway (SCRG) and others, will be putting in a proposal by August. Mr. Lucas also said that there are currently 14 baby bison on the land and larger fence will be built by the end of the year, allowing the bison more room to roam.
- **Forest City:** No updates.
- **District 5** – Lieutenant Wyckoff reported that they are taking the show on the road. They will be setting up tents at local farmers markets and other community events to increase their presence. It was also mentioned that District 5, in conjunction with NETC, Forest City and the Stapleton Foundation, will be opening the new "Community Hub at Northfield". It will be 3100 square feet and

NETC will have a staff member there as well as District 5 will hold events, roll call and have police officers coming by frequently to engage the community.

- **Stapleton Foundation:** Angie Malpiede reported that the scavenger hunt was successful with about 200 participants. It was also reported that the Be Well “Reach” grant was going well and they were engaged in the new RTD fare structuring.
- **MCA:** Diane Deeter reported that their “MojaBlue” concert series has begun and runs through July. Cinema in the Park will begin on Friday. The Aurora Symphony will play on the Green on 7/25. Ms. Deeter said that they haven’t seen a problem with the mosquitoes.
- **Bluff Lake:** No updates.
- **Public Art:** David Netz said that there has been discussion about the blank backs of buildings that face the RTD tracks and I-70 and how we can incorporate some art/advertisements for non-profits, on these buildings. Ilana Corson mentioned that she has spoken with the Stapleton Design Review Committee (SDRC) and they would need to review the project once there has been approval by the property owner and funds are secured for the artwork. There are currently no funds for the project but Mr. Netz would like to convene a committee to discuss it further.
- **Sand Creek:** Kate Kramer said that they are happy to be a part of the GOCO RFP coalition.
- **SUN:** No updates.
- **Urban Farm:** No updates.
- **Other Announcements:** Jim Wagenlander announced that Mayor Hancock is leading a trade delegation to our sister city Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia with 27 people on August 11. Ulaanbaatar is looking to redevelop their airport as well. Mr. Wagenlander encourages anyone who is interested, to participate.
- **Adjourned:**
The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **July 16 at 7:30am.**

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