

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

July 16, 2015

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 200

CAB Members Present: Councilman Chris Herndon, John Fernandez, Kate Kramer, David Netz, Monica Jones, Diane Deeter, Angie Malpiede, Sherikera Hefflin **SDC:** Tammi Holloway, Ilana Corson **Others:** Tom Gleason, Carol Roberts, Greg Holt, Steve Larson, Leslie Joseph, Beverly Haddon

Call to Order: David Netz called the meeting to order. The June minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of “Fitzsimons” and with the correction that Aurora is waiting on the grant that will fund bike shelters.

Co-Chair Report: David Netz wanted to discuss the speaker series that was supposed to be tied to the Greenbook celebration. After much discussion, the idea was tabled for the time being.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Aurora:**

John Fernandez reported that the five acre site on Peoria, south of the fire station, will be about 220 units of transitional housing. These will be rental units and people living in them will receive assistance in purchasing them through programs. Last month at the Fitzsimons meeting, Forest City and Fitzsimons Renewal Authority (FRA) signed an agreement to let Forest City recoup the investment and allow the FRA to become the master developer of the site. Right now, the university is land banking 25 acres to build 600-800 units, which will be the first project for the FRA. It was also mentioned that Denver and Aurora are separately applying for “quiet zone” designation for the Lightrail. Lastly, Mr. Fernandez announced that he will be retiring on 8/14 and will help transition the position, part-time, through the September forum. Mr. Fernandez said that he will be pursuing his journalism passion.

- **Denver:**

Councilman Chris Herndon reported that this will be his last meeting as the District 11 representative and he will now be the District 8 representative, which still includes Stapleton. He will continue to attend meetings as the District 8 representative. Councilman Herndon mentioned Denver Days which will be a series of community events. He will host the Bike Parade on 8/8 starting at 9am that will go together with the opening of McAuliffe, for students to get their lockers.

- **Commerce City:** No updates.

Committee Reports:

- **Housing Diversity:** No updates.
- **Membership:** No updates.

- **Parks Advisory Group (PAG):** Kate Kramer reported that PAG had a presentation about the Aurora park at 26th, which members were very excited about. PAG was able to see a fly-over by drone of the damage the flooding did to Westerly Creek, which will set the project back about 6 months.
- **Zoning & Planning:** David Netz reported that Questar Fueling Company presented their compressed natural gas station that will be at 40th and Havana and tie into a gas line that already exists.
- **Stapleton Design Review:** Questar Fueling Company and housekeeping issues were discussed.
- **Transportation:** Angie Malpiede gave a huge thanks to the Front Porch for printing the new neighborhood connections map. Ms. Malpiede also said that she was appointed the Chairperson for the Mayor's Pedestrian Council and her staff are also serving on various councils. The Northeast Walkfest will be 9/26 from 12-4pm, with more information to come. It was also mentioned that Bike to Work Day was a huge success before the flood.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **DIA:** Greg Holt reported that they finished mowing. More mowing will take place in September. It was reported that there were three land sales on Monday, including the parcel north of Founders Green on E 29th Ave. Tom Gleason confirmed that this will be a mixed-use project and that they are not ready to present to the CAB committees yet. It was also asked about the RMAR ongoing land dispute but there was no update.
- **SDC:** No updates.
- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal:** It was reported that "The Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuge" is being revived because of the black-footed ferrets that will be released in September.
- **Forest City:** Tom Gleason reported that there will be a public meeting regarding the Aurora parcel that will take place on 8/18 from 6:30-8pm, location TBD. Mr. Gleason also mentioned there was an article in the Denver Post about Northeast Denver Housing's new project in Northfield, which will bring 24 additional affordable units to the area. It was also reported that NEDH received tax credits for their 84 units in Northfield that are already underway. Lastly, Mr. Gleason gave the website where information about affordable housing can be found: www.stapletondenver.com/affordable.
- **District 5 – Sherikera Hefflin** reported that "The Hub at Northfield" will have a grand opening on Friday, 8/7 from 3-6pm. It was also reported that they will host Parents National Night Out during Denver Days, which will be 8/4 from 5-8pm. From 6/14-7/11, most criminal activity went down but burglaries were up from 7 to 12 and attributed to the summer months. Officer Hefflin reminds members to keep their windows rolled up as crimes of opportunity are a large part of the statistics. Mr. Netz asks if the crime statistics can be separated into commercial and residential areas, Councilman Chris Herndon will look into it.
- **Stapleton Foundation:** Beverly Haddon said that the Scavenger Hunt now continues online and the original hunt packets will be given to new homeowners

in the area. It was also mentioned that a date for the photo show will be chosen soon.

- **MCA:** Diane Deeter reported that their “MojaBlue” concert series has been canceled at the second act, both weeks, due to rain. The Aurora symphony will be at The Green on 7/25 from 5-7pm. Ms. Deeter said that their space in Northfield is coming together and they are currently working on programming. The Beer Fest is this coming Saturday. Ms. Deeter estimates that the Stapleton pools have already seen 77,000 visitors this summer
- **Bluff Lake:** No updates.
- **Public Art:** No updates.
- **Sand Creek:** Kate Kramer said that SUNCOR made a second donation to pave the Sand Creek trail and SCRG will work with CDOT on the plan. SCRG has teamed up with a few local non-profits to apply for the “Inspire” grant for GOCO because they feel that they can provide a lot of great outdoor opportunities for children.
- **SUN:** It was reported that the SUN transportation committee will meet with Angie and NETC in August to discuss the east corridor.
- **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 **August 20 at 7:30am.**

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