

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

December 17, 2015

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 200

CAB Members Present: Nadine Caldwell, Greg Nelson, John Fernandez, Phil Flores, David Netz, Damon Knop, Lucia Correll, Angie Malpiede, Sherikera Hefflin, Tom Gleason, Councilman Chris Herndon, Bar Chadwick **SDC:** Tammi Holloway, Ilana Corson, Kevin Marchman (by phone) **Others:** Leslie Joseph, Carol Roberts, Steve Larson, Beverly Haddon, Greg Holt, Ted Manley, Eric Eversly

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

Co-Chair Report: David Netz mentions that he may be moving from Stapleton in the spring so anyone that has interest in the co-chair position, let David know. Brad Dodson will hopefully have an update on finances to report by January and Barbara Neal is expected in February to present updates to the Public Art plan. It was requested that Aurora come to present their plan for the Fitzsimmons TOD as well as an update from Kroenke on Victory Crossing in Commerce City.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Aurora:** Nadine Caldwell reported that the AfrikMall is opening this weekend in the old JC Penney space off of Colfax. It will go from 9am-2am with drumming/dancing at 4pm and cocktails at 7pm.
- **Denver:** Greg Holt reported that Highline Canal Phase 2 should be done with remediation by the end of January and then they will begin to backfill. He will update the CAB in the spring on progress. Mr. Holt also reported that two land transfers will happen on Monday and includes most of filing 49. The sale of the tower has been postponed until January.

Bar Chadwick reported that the Parks Department has additional money for trees this year and will be doing an analysis of Central Park to see what trees need to be replaced. Some median trees will also be replaced. If other areas of concern exist, please contact Ms. Chadwick. It was asked about a potential tree buffer for the area between Bluff Lake and Eastbridge and Ms. Chadwick does not have further information on that and it will most likely be decided once the extension of MLK has begun.

Councilman Chris Herndon reported that the Safety Forum was successful in addressing some concerns and misconceptions the community has about crime in the area. Councilman Herndon also reported that his office is hosting a toy drive and gifts may be dropped at the Councilman's office or at the Central Park Rec Center by tomorrow. Lastly, there was a story on CBS about the Stapleton tower that all are encouraged to see and the link is on the Councilman's twitter page.

- **Commerce City:** Andrew Amador reported that the Boys & Girls Club has begun construction on their exterior walls. The new outdoor pool is also under construction. Mr. Amador also reported that Northfield High School is 40% done with construction on the two buildings that are currently funded. The school board is meeting tonight to vote on allocating funds, which will hopefully allow for \$7.1 million to be allocated to the third building, the Commons building. It was also mentioned that Kroenke took down 269 acres of the RMA site, which was part of the original agreement but it is unclear when retail will be developed on the site.

Committee Reports:

- **Housing Diversity:** Damon Knop reported that the last meeting was successful. Rick Padilla from City and County of Denver came, thanks to the initiative by Bar Chadwick, and other members of SDC also attended. Out of discussion came a lot of positive conversations and also the commitment that the City Planning Department would attend meetings on a quarterly basis. Forest City also provided a count of affordable units and Mr. Knop will distribute that to the CAB.
- **Membership:** Lucia Correll introduced Ted Manley from Johnson and Wales. Mr. Manley is an Urban Sociologist and is conducting a pilot program to assess the needs and interaction between Aurora and Denver specifically surrounding the Stanley Aviation area. The needs assessment will continue to be monitored for 10 years.
- **Parks Advisory Group:** The committee worked on their 2016 Objectives.
- **Zoning & Planning:** It was reported that Forest City walked the committee through the intentions for the remaining parcels.
- **Stapleton Design Review:** The committee will meet on Friday.
- **Transportation:** Angie Malpiede reported that they put together a survey regarding the cycle track proposition on 26th Avenue. On January 4, they will go door to door and talk to residents about their preference for a bike lane. It was asked if the residents feel that the cycle track is the preferred option, would Forest City create the cycle track and Tom Gleason said that Forest City believes the current configuration is best (no cycle track). It was also reported that the bike shelter grant was approved for the Central Park Station so the bike shelter will hopefully be ready for the April 23, 2016 opening. NETC also hosted a clothing drive for veterans and has “Precious Child” cards for anyone that would like to take one and provide presents for a needy child. Lastly, the grandparent program is going great.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **SDC:** Tammi Holloway reported that the 103 acre parcel bounded by Smith Road and Havana, that contains the Urban Farm, was transferred to the City in November. Ms. Holloway also reported that SDC is in the process of transferring the far west 16 acres of Open Space to the City as well. It was also reported that Ilana Corson will be leaving SDC to pursue further education. She was thanked generously.
- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal:** No updates.

- **Forest City:** Tom Gleason reported that King Soopers closed on their purchase at Eastbridge.
- **District 5** – Officer Sherikera Hefflin introduced the new Community Resources Officer that will replace Brandi Thomas. Armando Cruz was introduced and has 19 years as a police officer for District 5. It was reported that there have been 42 auto thefts in the last 28 days, mostly due to cars “puffing”. On 12/19 Bass Pro Shop in Northfield will host Coffee & Cocoa with a Cop. Mr. Netz asked Officer Hefflin if there is a way to break the crime statistics into residential and commercial and it will be researched.
- **Stapleton Foundation:** Beverly Haddon reported that she will be taking a sabbatical and will transition out of the organization by June.
- **MCA:** No updates.
- **Bluff Lake:** It was reported that Bluff Lake secured the donations to rebuild their dam and there will now be a year-round lake.
- **Public Art:** No updates.
- **Sand Creek:** Kate Kramer left a written report.
- **SUN** – Damon Knop reported that residents are concerned about the noise impact the summer festival, The Big Wonderful, will have on neighbors. The festival will take place every other Saturday during the summer at Stanley Aviation and will feature live music and craft sellers. Mark Shaker, who owns Stanley, was present and able to address concerns about parking and noise. There will be onsite parking as well as designated parking lots at nearby churches that have volunteered their lots.
- **Urban Farm:** No updates.
- **Adjourned:**
The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **January 21, 2016 at 7:30am.**

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