

**Citizen Advisory Board
Parks Advisory Group Meeting
March 10, 2015
Draft**

Attention: The next PAG meeting is on April 4, 2015

Chair: Sean Caffrey

Notes drafted by: Kate Kramer & Lucia Correll

Attendance:

Paul Frohardt, Resident; Dennis Piper, Park Consultant; Madeline Schroeder, Front Porch; Keven Burnett & Diane Deeter, MCA; Chris Story, Bluff Lake; Kate Kramer, Director Sand Creek Regional Greenway; Eric Herbst, TMA Stapleton; Alexis Harrigan, District 11; Brian Hyde, Park Hill resident; Dana Prince, resident; Lucia Correll, Corollary Consultant/resident; Tammi Holloway & Ilana Corson, SDC; Charlie Nicola, Forest City Vice President; Greg Holt, DIA; Chris Ricciardiello, Aurora; Pallon Agorawal & Suni Agorawal, Black Olive Ventures; Lorin Iing & Megan Vonwalk, Flightline Ventures; Barbara Neal, Art; Sean Caffrey, Resident/Chair of PAG; Nadine Caldwell, SDC, CAB, ZAP. (Please excuse the mis-spelling of names and please correct).

Approval of Minutes: January minutes were approved.

Stanley Program:

Flightline Ventures gave an extensive report on the revitalization of Stanley Aviation. The area west of the building will be a park and open space. Westerly Creek will not be realigned. They are coordinating with Denver Parks and Rec to ensure a compatible park with DPR parkland. They will reopen that section of Westerly Creek to the neighborhood. Stanley is putting together a plan with DPR to address flooding, prairie dogs, easements, drainage, playing fields, and access. They will do water quality inside their property. There will be connections to the west – a bridge over Westerly Creek. They will work with Forest City to determine north connections.

Stanley will hopefully be open November 15! A PAG member asked why they are putting in a turf lawn and they noted that there is a great need for soccer and playing fields. Dennis Piper noted that it would be better to have a Master Plan for the whole area – including 26th Ave parks and Westerly Creek. A PAG member asked if Stanley will offer environmental educ classes and they said that they are working with Bluff Lake Nature Center and others to bring classes to Stanley.

Aurora Montview Bridge Update

The project will build a long bridge over Westerly Creek at Montview to mitigate flooding. The City added funds to the project and work began in February 2015. It is estimated to take 1 year to construct. Montview will have very limited traffic (2 lanes total) for 6-8 months. Westerly Creek trail will go under Montview and end at 17th and go through Montview Park. Trail will go on east side of creek under Montview and have a low water crossing to meet up with the trail on the west side of Westerly Creek. Montview Park has a new master plan and work on that will begin after the bridge and trail underpass are completed.

DIA Update

Greg Holt reported that the No-Further-Action (NFA) has been received for the land east and west of Fulton. Remediation has been completed west of Iola in December 2014. DIA is waiting on some approvals from CDPHE to transfer the land to Forest City.

General Information and Questions about Area Around 26th

Charlie said that there is a new 40% plan for new residential east of Fulton – single family homes. West of Fulton is a park drainage area with an unimproved crusher fine trail all the way to the detention pond north of Stanley. The trail does not go over Westerly Creek, so no trail connection. Roads along the Emporia/Dayton alignment will be connected in 2017. East of Moline there will be multi-family and commercial (the toe of the boot) and still needs clean up and remediation.

Charlie is hopeful about funding for the MLK extension. The design was finalized 4-5 years ago and probably will not change. Construction may start in June 2016 and take at least one year. The PAG discussed where paved bike paths will be built and asked for an update – will they be along 26th? In the drainage park? East of Moline? Up to MLK? Will there be just wide sidewalks or a wider paved trail? Where will they cross at Peoria?

When will the golf course close? Should there be a bike path along 23rd or 25th since neighbors don't want a bike path along Montview?

MCA is advocating a second ball field in the “teeth” south of 26th. Aurora has a master plan and is asking for a multi-purpose field and a baseball field. Aurora will look at tucking a 2nd baseball field in the SE corner but cannot promise it.

Miscellaneous Announcements and Updates

There is a Westerly Creek North groundbreaking today at 1:30.

Chris Story reported on Bluff Lake Nature Center (BLNC). It is a busy season and please sign up for summer program and the Race for Open Space.

Keven reported that the MCA is working on mosquito control across Stapleton and specifically assisting with control at BLNC. Denver Parks and Rec does not do extensive mosquito control and the neighbors want it. The MCA will post weekly mosquito reports and has the 2014 mosquito report available on its web site.

Barbara Neal reported that there might be public art in the “toe” and in Eastbridge. The Public Art Advisory board prioritized two places in north Stapleton for public art. 1) The park on the west side north of Northfield Blvd (the “bathtub”) and the underpass at Sand Hills Park.

Kate Kramer reported on the SCRGP. We are working on a Master Plan for the paved trail through Stapleton and there will be public meetings over the next year. Please sign up for Race for Open Space on May 3, 2015!!

Lucia thanked Urban Drainage and DPR for the work along Westerly Creek between 26th and 28th. They did a great job staging the construction and cleaning up.

Sean thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned.