

**Citizen Advisory Board**  
**Parks Advisory Group Meeting**

*April 12, 2016*

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*Present: Paul Frohardt, John Fernandez, Kate Kramer, Sean Caffrey, Rachel Ellis Adams, Eric Herbst, Diane Deeter, Chris Ricciardiello, Brad Dodson, Lucia Correll, Brian Hyde, Vern Adam, Chris Story, Tammi Holloway, Mark Shaker, Brad Dodson, Lori Kerr*

**March minutes were approved.**

**Tammi Holloway introduced Lori Kerr, the new administrative assistant.**

**Vern Adam presented Aurora's FEMA. Project.**

This \$20 M project, funded by FEMA, Aurora City and Urban Drainage is nearing completion. The project was undertaken due to repeated flooding of the area south of Montview because of 2 undersized box culverts under Montview for Westerly Creek. The project alleviated much of the flooding issue and also provided a regional trail under grade at Montview. Currently the new trail is closed at the Montview bridge because of the ongoing construction at Montview Park, but it is scheduled for completion in Sept. 2016. The area flood map will be updated upon completion.

**Stanley Marketplace: Mark Shaker update PAG on the Stanley Marketplace, scheduled to open in August 2016.**

- Open-air events will begin on May 21 with the Big Wonderful. Mark is working with neighbors regarding noise abatement and connectivity to Stanley Market Place. The event stage will face the building and there will be large plantings to reduce the noise.
- Stanley is working cooperatively with Mortenson Construction and Denver City and County and connections to the north and east. .
- Three acres of land was sold to a partner to construct micro apartments.
- Tenants have begun building their space inside Stanley and the space is 100% filled.

**Charlie's Written report:**

- P-A (these are the remaining TOS parks south of 56th Ave (with exception of the future, but still unfunded sports complex) The project is in the contract award phase. Some City approvals are need prior to beginning construction Expect grading and initial concrete work to commence May to June. The project is expected to be completed late fall 2017
- Aurora Park: Grading has started. We are waiting on approvals from the City or Aurora to start utility, concrete and other work.
- The preliminary construction schedule shows the park being complete summer 2017.

- There were several questions in Charlie's realm, which PAG could not answer. The PAG will prepare these questions and submit to Charlie for written answers before the next PAG meeting.

### **Connectivity: Eric Herbst**

Eric distributed a map, which showed connectivity from the new Central Park FasTracks Station to various locations. Copies of the map will be available at the party to celebrate the opening of the station on April 23.. Bryan suggested extending the map southward to include the part at 11<sup>th</sup> and Eric thought they could do that.

### **Financial Status: Brad Dodson**

Brad gave a detailed explanation of how the infrastructure work at Stapleton is funded, borrowing from the presentation made at CAB by DURA. The funding mechanism, tax increment financing, TIF, will expire in 2025. TIF revenue is approximately \$50 to \$70 million each year, with the vast majority of the funds going to repay DURA bonds for Stapleton. The good news is that more money and more projects have been completed than originally estimated 16 years ago, when the development of Stapleton began.

- This information is predicated on the economic situation in Colorado remaining stable. If we continue on a high growth trajectory, there may be more funds available. Likewise with a recession there may be fewer funds.
- Stapleton is short of the funds needed to complete the development in the near term. Brad mentioned two options for completing the project: (1) using the \$2-3M each year after the debt services are paid; (2) borrowing funds from Forest City at 8.5 % interest. Kate Kramer suggested a third option , having the City issue a city-wide bond for completion of projects.

### **MCA: Diane**

MCA is hiring pool managers, lifeguards, pool desk staff, etc. 60% if staff from last summer are returning. The summer calendar is online and there will be an insert in the May Front Porch.

### **Sand Creek Regional Greenway: Kate**

SCRGP was disappointed that they did not receive a GOCO grant for paving the Denver trail. The Race for Open Space on May 1, 2016, has been re-organized and will cost only \$10 per person for either the 5K or 10 mile run. There is a firm limit on the number of runners. SCRGP thanks Aurora warmly for hosting the race at Star K Ranch.

Bluff Lake Nature Center: Chris Story

Bluff Lake is having a celebration to start the work on the new dam and other actions that will provide year-round lake water.

### **NPET: Lucia**

A group of residents wanted to organize a clean up of Westerly Creek. Most of them were interested in creating a youth event that would encourage children to participate in the

clean up effort and provide education for the children. They will be attending the current NPET events and determine where to go from there.

#### Questions for Charlie

1. Where can we find the scope of work for Willow Park East and have contractors been hired?
2. When will Westerly Creek North Park open and will the whole park open at the same time?
3. Will a sidewalk be built to High Tech for school children before the end of the year ?
4. Doggie bag dispensing stations are really needed at parks in the north. Who installs and supplies the doggie bag stations – Denver Parks and Rec or MCA?
5. Mark of Stanley asked if Forest City has negotiated a deal with the private landowner, so Dayton /Emporia can be constructed.