CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2016
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 200

CAB Members Present: See attendance roster at end of document.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by David Netz.

January 15, 2016 meeting minutes approved.

Co-Chairs Report
2015 CAB Report accepted by SDC Board. SDC Board will work on a response and pass on recommendations to FC. Many of the Report recommendations are related to Housing Diversity.

Upcoming meeting presentations/presenters include DURA financing in March, Elizabeth Garner, CO State Demographer, in April and hopefully Barbara Neal, Stapleton Public Art Program in May.

Special Presentation - CDOT I70 Design
A study of the corridor began in 2003. From I25 to Tower Rd. there are approximately 1200 small businesses and several large freight connections. The worst congestion along the corridor is between 270 and I225. The Phase I cost estimate is 1.4 billion dollars and is divided into 4 projects:

- I25 to Brighton Blvd - structure/support work currently being down

- Brighton Blvd to Colorado Blvd - this is a poor structure, this was deemed one of the worst 33 bridges in the state and it is the only one that has not been replaced/upgraded. The highway in this area will be lowered and a 4 acre park will be placed above the highway. A good example of this type of park above highway placement is in Dallas Texas. The park area will be shared use between DPR/ DPS and CDOT.

- Colorado Blvd to 270 - will replace pavement. In poor condition.

- 270 to Chambers Rd - minor widening of highway will occur in this area.

City of Denver: City Council
Councilman Herndon commented that pedestrian access along Quebec Street needs much improvement. Councilman Herndon walked the street with Conservatory Green residents and Public Works representatives. CDOT project will add much needed sidewalks and that will help tremendously.

Stapleton named 4th Best Master Planned Community in the country. Kudos to everyone that has worked on this project and made it a success.
Several retail openings occurring north of 47th Avenue.

City of Denver: Finance/Planning
Brad Dodson commented that DURA will present next month and due to time constraints will need to begin their presentation promptly at 7:30am.

City of Denver: DIA
Greg Holt commented that excavation in the Highline canal area continues. DIA is starting to run out of areas that they have never been in with regard to remediation.

DPD District 5
Officer Sherikera Heflin gave the Report. Armando Cruz will now join her at the meetings. District 5 is revamping and re-energizing the Neighborhood Watch Program. In 2015, District 5 was the only district to have a reduction in crime. District 5 also led the City in community engagement and also had lowest number of complaints.

Aurora - No Report
Angie Malpiede commented that Nadine Caldwell’s husband passed away two days ago.

Commerce City - No Report
David Netz commented that the Commerce City City Council voted not to extend Tax Increment Financing to the Victory Crossing Project.

Forest City
Tom Gleason gave the Report. A new housing snapshot will be distributed shortly. NEDH is developing in 4 different locations. Thrive is completing financing for an affordable project north of I70.

Forest City has offered support for the cycle track design Option 1 that mimics the design on the north side of the street. This is the approved design choice.

Stapleton Development Corporation
Tammi Holloway gave the Report. Tower closing occurred last month. Two additional land closings scheduled for early March - parcel in Filing 10 west of Montview and CPB and another in Filing 7 which is south of I70 and west of Havana.

SCRGP - Kate Kramer introduced Marcia Johnson. She will attend meetings and represent SCRGP.

MCA /Communications Committee - Diane Deeter gave the Report. Opening of Central Park station event will occur on April 23, 2016 from 10-4pm. MCA is working with NETC, FC and RTD. Event is called “Taking Flight”

CAB/SUN/FC Forum is scheduled for May 17th 6pm - 8pm. SUN elections will occur at this meeting and the Housing Diversity Committee will present also.

Design Review did not meet.
Housing Diversity - discussed the 2015 CAB Report and potential for additional affordable units. Vince Bowen with Black Lives Matter5280 attended the meeting and participated in the discussion.

PAG
Lucia Correll gave the Report.
Meeting focus was MLK Jr. Blvd. extension. We will attach PAG meeting minutes for additional details.

NETC - Surveyed portions of existing community regarding the cycle track. Two options presented. Option 1 has bike lanes on north and south sides of 26th. Option 2 has bike lanes on just one side of the street. NETC stated that survey results favor Option 2. FC favors Option 1. NETC will follow up with Denver to find out their position on cycle track options to ensure that additional work on this matter is not a moot point.

Zoning and Planning
David Netz gave the Report. Committee reviewed changes to the zoning/land use map.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06am.

Minutes taken by T. Holloway

Attendees:  David Netz, Tom Gleason, Brad Dodson, Eric Herbst, Angie Malpiede, Armando Cruz, Sherikera Heflin, Ted Manly, Kate Kramer, Marcia Johnson, Phil Flores, Jesse Livingston, John Fernandez, Councilman Herndon, Monica Jones, Greg Nelson, Steve Rodriguez, Greg Holt