

Citizens Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2016

The April CAB meeting was called to order at 7:34 AM by CAB Co-Chair, Lucia Correll.

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Ms. Correll gave a brief overview of the Westerly Creek FEMA project that was presented at the April 12th PAG meeting by Vern Adams of Aurora.

Commerce City Update: Andrew Amador -- Mr. Amador announced construction of the widening of Tower Road north from a 2 lane to 4 lane, between 80th and 103rd Ave. Highway 2 will also become a 4 lane from 76th to I-76. The Commerce City 2K initiative approved the contract for a new recreation center to be constructed at 112th Ave and Potomac. There will also be 2 new community parks to be completed this summer. The groundbreaking ceremony for the light rail station at 72nd and Colorado Blvd was March 31st. The new Boys and Girls Club at the former Mile High Greyhound Park is at capacity with a 400+ waitlist. Also at the former Mile High Greyhound Park a master developer agreement has been approved. The redevelopment will include a mix of housing and commercial development. At Northfield High, the Commons building is under construction and is anticipated to open August 2016.

Denver Police Dept., District 5: Officer Sherikera Heflin Herrera

Two arrests have been made in the Bass Pro burglary. The arrest was initiated by a shots-fired call. Officer Herrera stressed the importance of the Neighborhood Watch program. There will be a DPD District 5 event area (bike corral) staffed from 10 AM to 2PM at the A-Line Light Rail opening on April 23rd. An Internet Safety class is being held for kids, teens and families on Saturday, April 30th from 10-Noon at The Community Hub at Northfield. Cast a Line to Cops fishing derby will be held Saturday, May 21st at Town Center Lake in Green Valley Ranch (5050 Argonne Way). The next District 5 community meeting will be May 19th at 6 PM at the Community Hub (8230 E. Northfield Blvd, Ste. 1350).

City of Denver – DIA: Greg Holt

The Highline Canal Phase II work is nearing completion. Delays have been due to weather.

City of Aurora: Nadine Caldwell

Ms. Caldwell gave a brief overview of the new master plan at Anschutz. Initially, the area North of Montview Blvd. was designated as research facilities. Now that plan is changing to coincide with TOD. The site is now projected for residential, commercial, and two hotels. The city will bring this plan to the public for approval.

The nearby school (Fletcher Elementary) is not performing as desired and may see some changes.

City of Denver – City Council: Amanda Schoultz (Aide to Councilman Herndon)

The city is expanding composting routes in Stapleton. Please check with the city to sign up for the program. Denver Solid Waste has announced trash cart conversions for Stapleton. More information from the city will be forthcoming.

Forest City: Tom Gleason.

Mr. Gleason gave an overview of the affordable housing sites that are offered throughout Stapleton (current as well as under construction and projected sites).

Stapleton Development Corporation: Tammi Holloway

Tuesday, May 3rd is the Westerly Creek Metropolitan election. The SDC boardroom is the designated voting precinct. There will be a closing for a 3-acre parcel in Filing 13 on Friday, April 22nd. The intended use has not been identified yet.

Partner Updates

Sand Creek Regional Greenway: Marcia Johnson

May 1st is the Race for Open Space. This year features a smaller race with fewer runners. The fee for the 5K and 10 mile fun run is only \$10.

SUN/CAB/FC – Damon Knop

The community forum will be held on May 17th. May 14th is block party day. SUN will be expanding boundaries of the current SUN parameters to include the newer areas of Stapleton. The annual Kickball Tournament is Saturday, September 10th. SUN will have a table at the light rail opening event on 4/23.

MISC.

- Tammi Holloway introduced Lori Kerr, the new Administrative Assistant and Design Review Coordinator at Stapleton Development Corp.
- Ted Manley of Johnson & Wales introduced the survey that he is currently managing regarding the families in the Stanley Marketplace neighborhood. The survey will provide information regarding building relationships with the diverse population in the immediate area.

Committee Reports:

Design Review Committee: Phil Flores

There was a zoning and planning meeting on the 12th. The committee has not had a design review meeting. Last Tuesday, they covered professional buildings at Eastbridge.

Housing Diversity: Damon Knop

The housing diversity task force met with the SDC Board, Forest City and affordable housing providers on 4/14 to discuss and strategize how to help meet the community goals of the Affordable Housing Plan. There was great interaction with those present, per Mr. Knop. Jim Wagenlander felt it was the best meeting in 10 years and described the meeting as extraordinary. Mr. Wagenlander mentioned how each participant had a chance to speak and bring ideas. Mr. Wagenlander also mentioned the importance of partners and how can they be assisted, such as what do they need/what will help? Layering of financing? GAP financing? Land banking? Forest City has subsidized every affordable housing unit (rental and for-sale property) at Stapleton. Tammi Holloway noted that the meeting was organized by SDC and the intent was for the board to become more knowledgeable about affordable housing and to hear directly from the affordable home builders and the Housing Diversity Committee. Tom Gleason had recommended that the housing diversity committee would be an appropriate platform to discuss affordable housing. The task force's next step is to consider solutions, such as helping procure possibilities such as revolving loans for the builders. Jim Wagenlander praised Tammi Holloway for making the meeting happen. Lucia Correll added that there was so much information provided, there was little time for discussion. Ms. Holloway and Kevin Marchman will plan and communicate the next step. Mr. Wagenlander recommended that other developers and experts in field be added to the efforts. He commented that Forest City cannot handle the affordable housing on their own.

Membership Committee: Lucia Correll recommended that Jennifer Dunn be added to CAB. She is an officer at FirstBank. Jim Wagenlander moved that Ms. Dunn be added. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition. Tammi Holloway also noted the lack of CAB members north of I-70.

Parks Advisory Group: Kate Kramer was absent, but Lucia Correll noted the presentation from PAG about Stanley Marketplace and the written report from the prior meeting was provided. Stanley Marketplace will open in late summer 2016 (August). Additionally, a portion of the Stanley property was sold for residential use for micro-units.

Northeast Transportation Connections: Angie Malpiede. Ms. Malpiede announced the opening event celebration for FasTracks on Saturday, April 22, from 10AM to 2PM. The theme is "Take Flight". The event features includes 5 "runways" of events. There will be a kid's adventure area with GameWorks. All Colorado professional sports mascots will be attending. BeWell will feature exercise and healthy eating education. The Denver Public Library will provide a reading rocket library bus. Denver Police Dept. will provide a Tricycle village. At noon, there will be a ribbon cutting of the new public art (Balloon Man). A Native American blessing will kick off the event. There will be a lineup of arts and culture, featuring Brazilian, Ethiopian and Irish dancing, and worldly cuisine. RTD is anticipating 3,000 to 5,000 people to attend. The A-Line opens Friday, April 21. The train leaves from

Union Station at 11 AM. The train will be free for riders from Noon to 9PM Friday and all day Saturday.

Stapleton Foundation: Beverly Haddon

The search committee continues to search for Beverly Haddon's replacement. Carolyn McCormick is the search consultant. Interviews will begin in May with a decision expected in early June. Ms. Haddon met with the new Northfield High School principal, Amy Bringedahl, who comes from Merrill Middle School. Ms. Hadden also recently met with Rico Munn, the Superintendent for Aurora Public Schools.

Jim Wagenlander welcomed Marcia Johnson to CAB.

The next CAB meeting will be held on May 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 AM by Chairperson Correll.

Minutes were taken by Lori Kerr.

Attendees:

Damon Knop
Lucia Correll
Nadine Caldwell
Marcia Johnson
Tom Gleason
Phil Flores
Andrew Amador
Jim Wagenlander
Lori Kerr
Tammi Holloway
John Fernandez
Beverly Haddon
John Fernandez
Angie Milpiede
Greg Holt
Amanda Schoultz
Timothy Habben