

Stapleton Citizens Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2016

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

7350 E. 29th Ave, Suite 200, Denver, CO

CAB Members Present: Lucia Correll, Nadine Caldwell, David Netz, John Fernandez, Jennifer Dunn, Officer Sherikera Heflin, Monica Jones, Chris Herndon, Damon Knop, Phil Flores

Others: Greg Holt, Elizabeth Garner, Beverly Haddon, Diane Deeter, Leslie Joseph, Eric Eversley, Steve Rodriguez

Forest City: Tom Gleason,

SDC: Lori Kerr

Call to Order: The May Citizens Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 7:36 AM on May 19, 2016 by Co-Chair David Netz. The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Co-Chair Report: Lucia Correll introduced new CAB member Jennifer Dunn of First Bank in Stapleton.

Partner City Updates:

- **DENVER:** No updates.
- **DIA:** Greg Holt –There are an estimated 2 more days of work at Highline Canal.
- **DENVER POLICE (District 5):** Officer Heflin – A community meeting will be held at The HUB on May 19th. There has been a recent rise in auto thefts. Do not leave keys left hidden in your vehicle. Cast a Line with Cops fishing instruction is May 21 at Town Center Park Lake in Green Valley Ranch.
- **AURORA:** Nadine Caldwell reported that the land at 25th and Elmira was purchased by the Urban Land Conservancy and Gary Community Investment Fund. REDI is proposing to build 2 residential buildings with 38 units. 25% of the units will be for the mental health community to manage. Rental levels will be targeted to teachers, fire-fighters and police. The building will be 3 stories and will include 1-2-3- bedroom units. The American Legion Post at 2301-2323 Dayton St. is under contract for their land to be sold to Palomino Holdings. Palomino is asking for a zoning change to SIR (sustainable infill redevelopment) on the parcel. There is no plan for this property at the present time.
- **DENVER CITY COUNCIL:** Councilman Herndon reported on the Bluff lake groundbreaking to make the site a year round lake. He also mentioned the upcoming change to the trash collection service with new city-provided trash carts.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Guest speaker Elizabeth Garner, State Demographer for Colorado, provided a presentation outlining the growth and demographics of the Stapleton area.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **Forest City: Tom Gleason** – The Sun Forum was held May 17th. Eastbridge King Soopers is still looking at a November opening and the gas pad is moving to the north. Other retail in the area include Williams Family Dentistry and Natural Balance. Forest City was not the recipient of the CHFA tax credit.
- **Stapleton Foundation: Beverly Haddon** – Ms. Haddon announced the grand opening celebration of the Central Park Commuter Station that was held on Saturday, April 23rd. The new sculpture was dedicated at the event. An estimated four thousand people attended. The eGo Car Share program will become available at the commuter station. BeWell Health & Wellness is the most successful program of its type in the state of Colorado. They have received grants of \$100K from Colorado Trust. The BeWell Youth program works in 6-8 schools in Stapleton and 5 schools in Aurora and includes a BeWell Youth Council. The council has their own cookbook and promotes healthy eating. Denver Health Medical Center invited BeWell Youth Council to their in-house TV studio to film a cooking class which was then distributed in schools. The recent Sun Forum was May 17th. Ms. Haddon met with new Northfield High School Principal, Amy Bringedahl, who comes from Merrill Middle School. The school hours for Northfield are now standard DPS hours. Fletcher Elementary is being revamped as Rocky Mountain Prep which will be a neighborhood charter. It will start with only ECE in the fall. The district (Aurora Public Schools) will bring in new top principal for the phased out Fletcher.
- **Bluff Lake** – The ground breaking celebration for the year-round Bluff Lake was May 14th.
- **MCA: Diane Deeter** – The MCA Events Calendars will be distributed in the June 1 edition of *The Front Porch*. There are a number of ongoing year round events and programs.
- **SUN: Damon Knop** – The SUN Forum was good. We have new members and will allocate responsibilities. Amanda Allshouse will be the new President.
- **Design Review -- Phil Flores:** The May 18th review session included Natural Balance, Les Schwab Tire, Stapleton Office Building, and Goldfish Swim School. June 13th is the next meeting.
- **Housing Diversity** – Did not meet in May. No report.
- **Membership: Lucia Correll** – The membership list is in the process of being updated.
- **PAG: Lucia Correll** – Minutes of the last meeting are available.
- **NE Transportation Connections:** No report.
- **ZAP: David Netz** – Eastbridge North was the main topic discussed, of which there are 3 tenants: A bank, a beauty salon, and a dental office. There was extensive discussion regarding crosswalk placement at Eastbridge North. The crosswalk is not at the preferred location at Geneva Court, which would presumably be the natural flow of the neighborhood foot traffic. Crosswalks are currently slated to be installed where now planned. Another concern is the bus stops are not near the crosswalks.
- **SDC: Lori Kerr** – The May 3rd Westerly Creek Metropolitan District election results were reported. The following 3 candidates were elected to serve a 4 year term on the Westerly Creek Board of Directors: Justin M. Ross, Katie Bedard Dell, David Hull Ungemah.

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair David Netz.
Minutes were taken by Lori Kerr.