SDC Board Meeting
Minutes
February 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Kevin Marchman in Chair Pat Teegarden’s absence.

January Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the January meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed and the January minutes were accepted.

Financial Report: Jan Bevier provided the financial report. SDC remains on budget. The financials were accepted as presented.

DIA: Greg Holt reported the High Line Canal work was completed and they are in the process of writing the closure report to be submitted to CDPHE. Work continues on the Section 10 restoration project that looks to be complete by the end of March. The next land transfer is expected in late March.

Foundation for Sustainable Communities: Landri Taylor reported that NETC has been involved in outreach for the I-70 corridor project. NETC recently hosted a CDOT meeting for the elected officials to discuss schedules, management, design, etc. The meeting was well attended. NETC has developed a Central 70 video report that is available on the website. www.nettransportation.org

SDC Report: Kevin Marchman reported the Denver City Council passed the 5-year housing plan Tuesday night. Copies of report are available online.

SDC Report: Due to the recent SDC discussions regarding Land Trusts, the video: The Arc of Justice, The Rise, Fall and Rebirth of a Beloved Community was shown. The film features the journey of New Communities, Inc. and the struggle for racial justice and economic empowerment among African Americans in southwest Georgia.

Vice Chair Marchman remarked that the Housing Advisory Committee is looking for new ways to provide Affordable Housing and land trusts may be an answer to that.

City of Denver: Bar Chadwick reported the City is in the process of arranging a ground breaking for the new fire station at 50th and Central Park Blvd.

Councilman Herndon reported the Denver City Council passed the 5-year housing plan. An exploratory committee has been assembled to consider a Winter Olympics bid. Councilman Herndon is taking applications from high school students for the NE Denver Leadership Week program.

STAPLETON RELATED ENTITIES:

Forest City – Tom Gleason reported Kappa Housing is looking to go back to CHFA in hopes of obtaining 9% tax credits in June for an affordable Senior housing building (rental). Regarding affordable for-sale units, Thrive is about to begin construction of 16 units in F47. NE Denver Housing is working on 63 affordable units (40 at 23rd & CPB, 23 at F22, at 21st and Trenton). The CPB extension may be completed by late fall, however there are still discussions with RTD, in regard to how it would impact the A Line service, and how to avoid significant service disruptions.

Jim Wagenlander inquired whether Forest City has a public statement regarding the potential sale of Forest City. Per Tom Gleason, there are restrictions on what can be said and all news releases are available on the Forest City website.

CAB Report: Jim Wagenlander stressed the importance of providing affordable housing. He stated that CAB had forwarded naming recommendations in December and asked that SDC address those recommendations. CAB will continue to advocate for affordable and diverse housing.
Councilman Chris Herndon inquired if CAB was briefed on the SUN survey regarding the Stapleton name change. Justin Ross noted that the name change question has been asked several times with several different surveys.

Tammi Holloway reported that Chair Teegarden wanted to take all information into consideration, including data from the name sessions, the SUN survey, etc. The SDC Board can make a decision about its own use of the name and if it chooses the SDC Board can also make a recommendation about other groups use of the name.

Vice Chair Kevin Marchman stated that due to Chair Teegarden’s absence, SDC will take up this question at next month’s meeting. He commented there are any diverse opinions and the Board should have as much information as possible. Kevin directed staff to gather information mentioned in meeting.

Public Comment: Genevieve Swift shared information regarding Rename Stapleton for All and encouraged SDC to remove Stapleton from their business name, and encourage Forest City to discontinue the use of Stapleton in their marketing materials. Tammi Holloway responded that SDC has taken some actions previously to remove Stapleton from its business presence and will continue to do so.

Performance standards review: Per CAB Chair Jim Wagenlander, CAB has not completed its assessment. CAB will be focusing on next few weeks to get the review completed.

Terry Whitney moved for adjournment at 8:59 AM.

SDC Board Attendees: Justin Ross, John Moye, Terry Whitney, Eddie Miller, Stephen Miller, Kevin Marchman, Greg Holt, Chris Cramer, Nadine Caldwell, Jim Wagenlander, Councilman Chris Herndon, via phone: Happy Haynes