

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

November 15, 2012

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 300

CAB Members Present: Nadine Caldwell, Bar Chadwick, Lucia Correll, Laura Edler, John Fernandez, Phil Flores, King Harris, Khadija Haynes, Alice Kelly, Damon Knop, Sgt. Eric Knutson, Krista Lewis, Steve Larson, Barbara Neal, Alan Pettis, Dennis Piper, Carol Roberts, Jim Wagenlander, **Community:** Lynn Coleman, Erin Jones, Dan Oltersdorf, Nathan Stan, **FC:** Tom Gleason, **SF:** Beverly Haddon, Leslie Joseph, Angie Malpiede, **SDC:** Cheryl Cohen-Vader, Rick Gonzales, Sentoria Hardiman, **SCRG:** Kate Kramer.

Call to Order: Khadija Haynes called the meeting to order. The October 18, 2012, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Co-Chair Report: Khadija Haynes reminded the members to sign in at the door and for committee heads to send in their written reports to be included in the CAB packet. All of the committee co-chairs have received copies of the performance review which needs to be completed and in to CAB by the next meeting.

Partner Cities Updates:

City of Denver: No written report.

Bar Chadwick : There is a new housing director for the City and County of Denver. There was to be an internal meeting regarding affordable housing and housing diversity issues scheduled for the week following this meeting to meet with the new director.

- **City of Aurora:** No written report.

Nadine Caldwell reported that Aurora has a new task force, the Colfax Corridor Connections, which had its origins in Denver and subsequently included Aurora. They are looking at transportation issues on Colfax from I-25 in Denver to I-225 in Aurora. They are studying mobility needs, as well as bicycling, pedestrian, and motor vehicular issues, in the area from 12th to 20th Avenues. Going out 25 years, the group is looking at how to make improvements without tearing out sidewalks and making any structural changes. They are planning to continue through November of 2013.

Westerly Creek Village is the area from Yosemite to Iola Streets and from 19th to 26th Avenues that the city wants to develop and has formulated a new urban renewal plan for. Their meeting was scheduled for November 29.

John Fernandez reported that the first screening results are in on a study to narrow down the technologies to enhance mass transit capacities from Fitzsimons to the Auraria campus.

The funds Aurora had hoped to get for the improvements to Montview Blvd. were included in a bond package that voters did not approve in the November election. However, there is a FEMA grant to rebuild the bridge over Westerly Creek

Committee Reports:

- **Communications:** No report.
- **Design Review:** No written report.
Laura Edler reported that there was a commercial design review meeting, on October 18, to discuss Home Depot's leasing of the southeast corner of its parking lot for commercial use. The increased traffic issue was addressed. There will be at least 2 or 3 more meetings before approval.
- **Membership:** No report.
- **Housing Diversity:** No report.
- **Parks Advisory Group:** Written report submitted.
Lucia Correll reported that DIA has transferred some land to Forest City for the 26th Avenue Park. Construction of the connector streets will begin in March and be completed by summer 2013. The current plan is to develop 2 acres, between Fulton Street and Westerly Creek, fully as a park and leave the additional 23 acres in its natural state. Residents who live near the park have lots of ideas as to what should be happening to the park and are attending the PAG meetings. A couple of ideas were a prairie dog habitat on 10 acres and a BMX park for kids. PAG has not dealt with intract parks in the past – Forest City historically dealt with those - and resident input is a new experience.
DIA has completed a contract for the remediation work in Westerly Creek North that will begin in December and will continue until spring 2013. The workers will access Westerly Creek through Florence Way, will work from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be quite noisy.
Dennis Piper reported that Denver Public Schools has retained an architect for the Stapleton high school and has scheduled a meeting for those involved for the Friday after Thanksgiving.
The equestrian trail issue has been resolved, thanks to Bar Chadwick. Signs will soon be erected on the trails where equestrian use is permitted.
- **Zoning & Planning:** No report.
- **Transportation:** Written report submitted.
Angie Malpiede reported. TMA's Employee Network Transportation Council had their meeting and two of the attendees were the new owners of Quebec Square who are very enthusiastic about pedestrian and bicycle access.
TMA has met with Goodwill to develop a joint bicycle venture in which bicycles donated to Goodwill would be refurbished to be distributed throughout the community. Also, they would like to pilot a "bicycle library" in which no membership fee or credit card is necessary in order to use the bicycles, so that anyone who wants to use a bicycle would be able to.

TMA is developing a new bicycle and walking map which measures distances by minutes instead of miles.

The route 89 bus, which runs from Fitzsimons to Central Park Recreation Center will start running on January 5 and run Monday thru Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Be well had its 3rd annual awards community celebration in which 9 community awards were given to people nominated by other community members. The keynote speaker was Dr. Maya Rokeymore and there was a presentation by Mildred Thompson. The Nuggets mascot, Rocky, entertained.

City of Denver (cont.)

(At this point Alan Pettis of Councilman Chris Herndon's office was asked if he had anything to report.)

Alan Pettis stated that anyone not receiving their newsletter should let him know so that he can make sure they are added to the distribution list. Some events fairly important to the masses are coming up in December and January.

There will be meetings on parks funding coming up.

A meeting regarding the tower was scheduled for November 15, 2012, at Bill Roberts School.

SDC Update: Written report submitted.

Design Review Committee is up and running and working toward its full contingent of architects and at some time they will review the design criteria.

Forest City Update: Written report submitted.

Troy Gardner, commercial project manager for Forest City, stated at the ZAP meeting that the phone is ringing much more often since the interchange has opened. It has had a positive impact on potential development.

Barbara Neal reported that DIA approached Park Creek Metropolitan District to see if there might be a location at Stapleton for *Cloudscapes*, a cloud sculpture that has been hung at DIA as part of their temporary art program. It is a rather large piece and the PCMD board declined for lack of space and concerns over the expense to prepare the foundation, maintain the piece and potential liability, since it can be climbed.

The potential elementary school site is at 27th and Kingston Street.

Stapleton Foundation: No written report.

Bev Haddon thanked everyone who worked so hard for propositions 3A and 3B, in particular Forest City.

Stapleton Partner Updates:

- **Police Academy/Denver Police District 2:** No written report. Sgt. Eric Knutson reported that Coldstone Creamery was held up on November 10. The robbery is under investigation.

Garage burglaries, mostly due to unlocked garages, are continuing. As a result the police department has increased its surveillance – more foot patrols, bicycle patrols.

Construction burglaries are decreasing. The increase in security has helped in this regard.

This year's Halloween party hosted more than 3000 children.

Tech. Amy Esten was promoted to detective. Her replacement on the CAB will be appointed soon.

- **Stapleton United Neighbors:** No written report submitted.
Damon Knop reported that 7-11 has applied for a liquor license. They have purchased the land and seem to be moving forward.
Also, SUN has written a letter to the City of Denver regarding the 2 lane traffic on Iola and Havana Streets between 31st and 25th avenues. The concern is that cars travel faster on two lane streets than on one lane streets.
- **Master Community Association:** No report.
- **Bluff Lake Nature Center:** No written report.
Krista Lewis, the new Development Director of Bluff Lake, reported. Bluff Lake has just finished a video which can be viewed on you tube at Bluff Lake Denver. December 4 is Colorado Gives Day. Bluff Lake has partnered with Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership on 11/27 and 11/28 to sponsor an informational table at the Central Park Rec Center. On December 4, Bluff Lake and Sand Creek are hosting a ladies night at the Berkshire restaurant from 4 to 6:00 p.m. And in April the two organizations will sponsor an inaugural 5K run.
- **Sand Creek Regional Greenway:** Written report submitted.
Kate Kramer reported that SCRGP has gotten a refuge trail connector permit from the City of Denver. Construction was to be the following week. Rep. Salazar has been scheduled by Fish and Wildlife Service to do the ribbon cutting on December 21. SCRGP is requesting that the ribbon cutting ceremony be moved to sometime in January.
Fish and Wildlife Service is putting up refuge connector signs in Spanish.
- **The Urban Farm:** No report.
- **Johnson & Wales:** No oral or written report.
- **Others:**
Khadija Haynes suggested that the date of the December meeting be moved up one week to December 13, rather than December 20. The members agreed.
King Harris reminded the CAB of the annual Thanksgiving food distribution at Epworth UMC, Bruce Randolph Avenue (34th Avenue) and High Street, on Saturday, November 17. He asked for volunteers.

- **Public Comment:**

Lynn Coleman, an East Montclair neighborhood resident, expressed her, and many of her neighbors', concern regarding the 7-11 store and gas station opening on Montview Blvd. Their concern is with the element that the store will attract and the likelihood of increased crime because of the 24 hour liquor sales. In addition the store will be across the street from the Bill Roberts School and a few blocks away from DSST. The excise and licensing meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

- **Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **December 13, 2012, @ 7:30 a.m.**