

SDC CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 300

CAB Members Present: Nadine Caldwell, Laura Edler, Phil Flores, Roslind Alston for Councilman Michael Hancock, Dennis Hanson, Khadija Haynes, Alice Kelly, Sergeant Eric Knutson, Kate Kramer, Justin Ross, Ann White;
SF: Beverly Haddon; **SDC:** Cheryl Cohen-Vader; **Forest City:** Tom Gleason

Call to Order: Justin Ross called the meeting to order. The June 18, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

Co-Chair Report: No oral or written report was provided.

Committee Reports:

- **Design Review Committee (DRC)** – No oral or written report was provided because the DRC was canceled.
- **Membership Committee** – No oral or written report was provided because no meeting was held.
- **Housing Diversity Committee (HDC)** – Justin Ross gave a short oral report; a written report was included in the packet. CHAFA Tax Credits were not granted for Mercy Housing's second affordable rental development at Stapleton. There could be a possible delay of three months before the next application. Alison George, VP Multifamily Development requested support in the form of a letter from the Stapleton United Neighbors, Housing Diversity and possibly the Citizen's Advisory Board. Bluff Lake Apartment Homes was suggested as a new name for the project.
- **Communications Committee** – No oral or written report was provided because no meeting was held.
- **Workforce & Business Opportunity** – No oral or written report was provided because the meeting was canceled.
- **Parks Advisory Group** – Dennis Piper gave an oral report; no written report was provided. The discussion at the meeting concerned the lack of activity at Westerly Creek North. Complications are related to the cleanup of Filing 19 within the Westerly Creek corridor. Other complications include the necessity of building bridges over Sand Creek. Still working on energy options for the Central Park Rec Center with a possible September start date for construction.
- **Zoning & Planning (ZAP)** – No oral or written report was provided because the meeting was canceled.
- **Transportation** – No oral or written report was provided.

SDC Report: Cheryl Cohen-Vader gave an oral report; a written report was included in the packet. On Wednesday, August 5th a community meeting with Councilman Hancock will be held to discuss the potential lack of space in the Stapleton elementary schools. Greg Holt, DIA will provide an update at the Thursday, July 23rd SDC board meeting on the status of remediation at Stapleton. A Public Meeting No. 4 will be held on Wednesday, July 22nd to discuss the I-225 Light Rail Corridor DRAFT Environmental Evaluation. The meeting will be held at the Summit Conference and Event Center located at 411 Sable Blvd. in Aurora. Kim Day, Manager of Aviation, has appointed Patrick Heck, Deputy Manager for Revenue and Business Development, as the new SDC airport representative.

Forest City Report: Barbara Neal, Art Consultant for Stapleton gave an oral report; no written report was provided. The dedication for "The Picnic", a bronze sculpture in the ellipse at East 35th and Xenia Street was held on a stormy Friday afternoon in June. On Saturday, September 19th "Garden Stories" which is located in the Community Garden at East 23rd & Spruce Streets will be dedicated in conjunction with the benefit event for the Community Garden. A call to artists was launched on the café website for the renewed public art project at the Central Park Recreation Center. The deadline for the applications is Monday, August 10th. The footers have been sunk for the stainless steel kinetic sculpture, "Prairie Reef", which will be installed early fall in the medians either side of East 23rd Ave. & Central Park Blvd.

Stapleton Foundation Report: Bev Haddon gave an oral report; no written report was provided. Gabriel Guillaume, the new 2040 Executive Director was introduced. 2040 Partners for Health is a Community-Based Participatory Research and development partnership between a community group of five neighborhoods (EastMontclair, Park Hill, Northeast Park

Hill, Northwest Aurora and Stapleton), the University of Colorado, and the Stapleton Foundation. A two year, five neighborhood baseline study (950 houses were interviewed) was conducted to provide information for identifying important health and health care problems and how these problems can be addressed.

Partner Cities Updates:

- **City of Denver:** No oral or written report was provided.
- **City of Aurora (COA):** Nadine Caldwell gave a short oral report; no written report was provided. Site plans have been approved for the purposed project on Colfax but no work has begun.
- **City of Commerce City:** No oral or written report was provided.

Stapleton Partner Cities Updates:

- **Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN)** – Dennis Hanson gave an oral report; no written report was provided. The Stapleton Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, July 18th between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm.
- **Master Community Assoc. (MCA)** –Tom Gleason gave a short oral report; no report was provided. The owners of the Extra Space Storage facility at 2997 N. Ulster St. are working with the Stapleton MCA, Lin Clark of Art and Framing at Stapleton, Forest City and Stapleton Public art Consultant Barbara Neal to provide space for a Stapleton Community Art Space. The art space will be located in the first level retail area that wraps around the storage facility and will open in September with a benefit for local artists.
- **Bluff Lake Nature Center (BLNC)** – No oral or written report was provided.
- **Sand Creek Regional Greenway (SCRG)** – Kate Kramer gave an oral report; no written report was provided. A Pull-4-CO event will be held near Bluff Lake Nature Center to pull noxious weeds along Sand Creek on Saturday, July 11th. Vista Volunteer, Jonathan Daugherty, a Vista Volunteer will be working for SCRG. A half Marathon & 5 Miler charity race will be held on Sunday, September 20th starting in Central Park Stapleton and running along the SCRG. SCRG and St. Jude Heroes are the official charity partners. The annual REI Volunteer Day will be held on Saturday, September 5th starting at 8:00 am. For more information on the race or the volunteer day go to www.sandcreekgreenway.org.
- **The Urban Farm (TUF)** – Khadija Haynes gave a short oral report; no written report was provided. A fundraiser “Art for the Animals” will be held in September. No official date has been decided. The Adams County Fair starts the week of August 5th.
- **Johnson & Wales (J&W)** – No oral report was given; a written report was included in the packet.
- **Denver Police Academy/Denver Police District II** – Sergeant Eric Knutson gave an oral report; no written report was provided. The Town Center Cop Shop will celebrate its one year anniversary on Saturday, July 18th between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. The Cop Shop is located at 7484 East 29th Ave.

Other Business:

Khadija Haynes mentioned that the Denver Post has a phone number for stories on historical buildings in the Denver area.

Public Comment:

Anne Paul, Stapleton resident discussed neighborhood concern about the excessive discharge from Filing 11 sump pumps.

Adjourned: The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be **August 20, 2009 @ 7:30 a.m.**