
Council Newsletter



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES October 20, 2010

Upcoming Council Meetings

The meeting for **Monday, October 25th** has been **cancelled**.

City Council will meet on **Monday, November 1, 2010**. The Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Regular Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The next City Council meeting will be **Monday, November 8, 2010**.

City offices will be closed on **Thursday, November 11th**, for **Veteran's Day holiday**. City offices will also be closed on **Friday, November 12th** for a **furlough day**. City offices will reopen on Monday, November 15th.

Informative Memoranda

The following are memoranda in response to City Council's requests, as well as other informational items.

1. Letter expressing appreciation for use of the Brent Mayne Field for the Englewood Girls' Softball Team.
2. Article entitled "Jumping for health."
3. Article from *Governing* entitled "Doing Less with Less."
4. Memorandum concerning the Project Update.
5. Calendar of Events.
6. Tentative Study Session Topics.
7. Minutes from the Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee meeting of September 9, 2010.
8. Minutes from the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting of September 9, 2010.
9. Minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting of October 5, 2010.



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October 4, 2010

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Jerrell;

Please allow me to express my thanks and gratitude for allowing the girls' Softball team to utilize the beautiful lighting system at Brent Mayne Field for the game against the Jefferson Saints on September 23rd. What an experience! Very rarely do any high school softball teams get to play their games in the evening, and this is the second opportunity for our girls to play a night game – the last being Senior Night at the end of last season.

This was an incredible opportunity for both teams. In spite of the score, every girl left with a special memory of the game that they will cherish for years to come. The crowd was the largest to attend a softball game this year, as most of them are played in the late afternoon when many parents and family members are still at work. I received numerous comments afterward from parents, students, players, and coaches expressing their thanks for putting on such a special event. Not only was it a fantastic experience for the teams and their fans, but it added an extra bit of excitement to our Homecoming Week festivities.

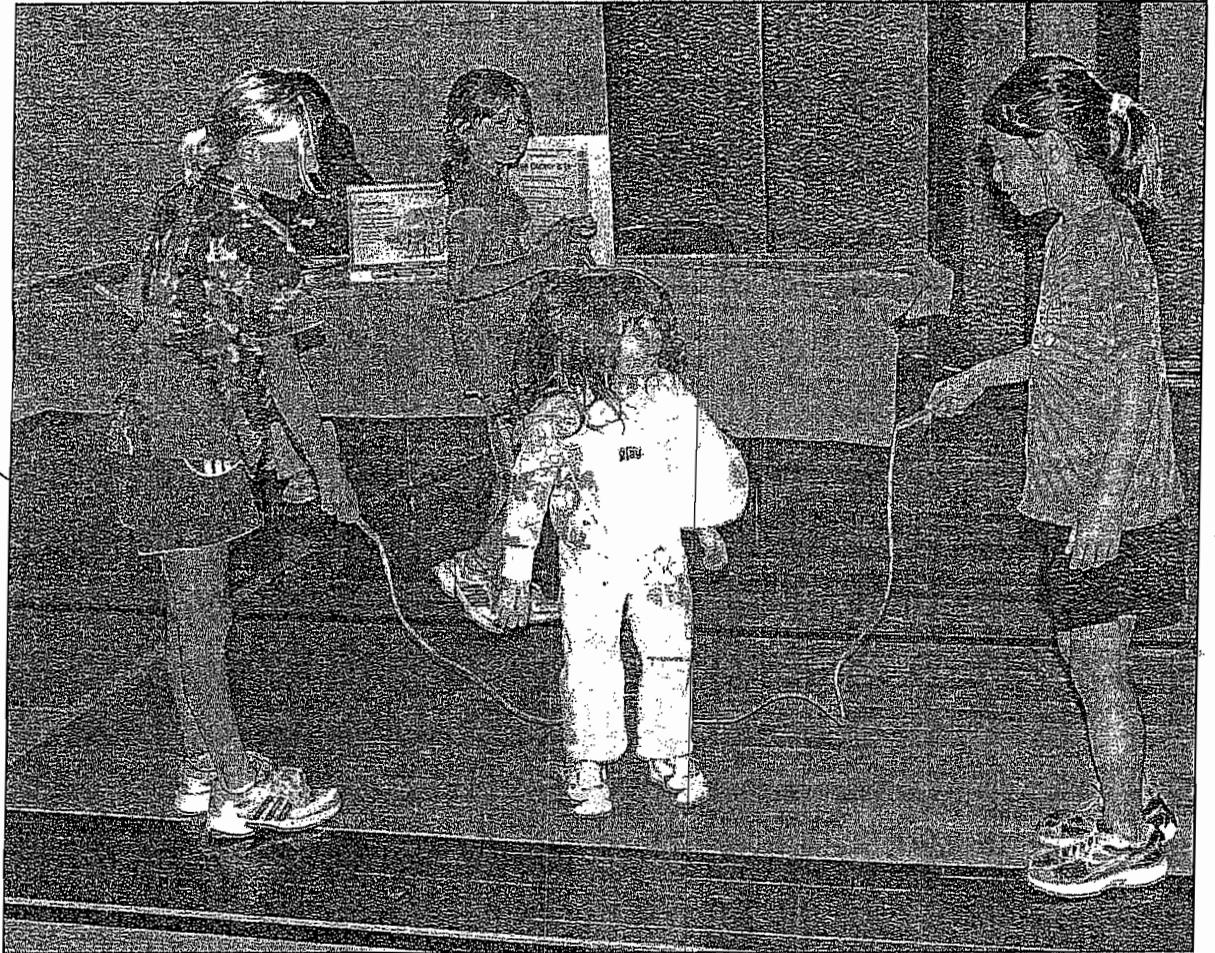
Our baseball team was afforded the same opportunity last season, and as the planning for spring sports has already begun, I have been asked by a number of people if we are going to schedule another night game this season. I certainly hope we can.

All of us at Englewood High School, myself especially, are very grateful for the wonderful relationship we have with Englewood Parks & Recreation, and we deeply appreciate all the support you have provided our athletic programs through the years. We hope to be able to host a couple of night games each year for both our baseball and softball programs and continue this wonderful new tradition that has quickly become the highlight of each of these seasons. On behalf of everyone associated with the softball program, thank you again for the very special evening.

With appreciation –


Paul Evans
Director of Athletics & Activities
Englewood High School

Jumping for health



Englewood Herald 10/15/10

Two members of the Willow Creek Elementary School jump rope team, Finley Karr, left, and Lawson Willis, try to help 3-year-old Skylar Kennedy learn to jump rope at the Oct. 8 Jump Rope for Health event at the Englewood Recreation Center. About 150 youngsters attended the event that included a demonstration by the jump rope team and a chance to learn some new jump rope tricks. Photo by Tom Munds

About 150 attend jump rope program

Tom Munds
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What they're saying

Lots of giggles accompanies the whap-whap of the ropes Oct. 8 as about 150 children took part in the Jump Rope for the Health event at the Englewood Recreation Center.

A new jump rope was given to the first 150 children who registered, there was a demonstration by the 35 members of Willow Creek Elementary School jump rope team and then the team members spread out to help kids learn new jump rope tricks.

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Rowan Velasquez, Englewood's program director

tonight because they want to love to jump rope," Englewood resident Mike Powell said. "The girls saw some of the jump rope teams on TV and wanted to learn some

new jump rope tricks. I don't think either girl blinked during the demonstration and now one of the team members is teaching them a couple of the tricks. I think that's

great and the kids are loving it."

The event was held in celebration of National Physical

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Therapy Month.

"We also hosted the event to bring attention to the benefits of physical activity plus to show you don't take a lot of expensive equipment to exercise and have fun doing it," Rowan Velasquez, Englewood's program director, said.

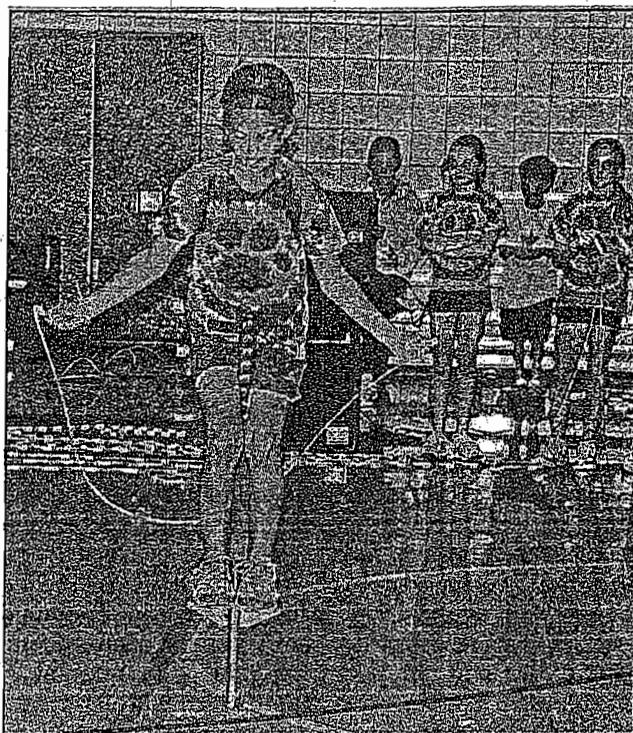
Centennial resident Steve Wood brought his three daughters to the event because they liked to jump rope and to give Mom a break.

Andrea, his oldest daughter, broke out her rope and began jumping. She said she liked jumping rope because it is fun and it strengthens her muscles.

Kara Kramp, a Littleton resident, also brought three children, two who were old enough to jump rope.

"The two girls, Darby, 6 1/2, and Shelby 4 1/2, jump rope in the driveway all the time," Kara said. "They wanted to come tonight to watch the demonstration and to try to learn some of the tricks they can do at home."

The 35 Willow Creek third-, fourth- and fifth-graders wowed the crowd as they performed a variety of jump rope routines. They even did



Emily Strande, a member of the Willow Creek Elementary School jump rope team, jumps rope while riding a pogo stick during the Oct. 8 Jump Rope for Health event at the Englewood Recreation Center. The team put on a demonstration and then members moved around the gym and tried to help about 150 youngsters learn one or two new jump rope tricks. Photo by Tom Munds

the steps to the "Cotton-eye Joe" dance while jumping their ropes. Several of them even jumped rope while riding a pogo stick.

Then, the members of the Centennial school moved out to help kids learn jump rope tricks.

"The girls from the team helped me a lot," Miranda Powell an Englewood third-grader, said. "I think I learned two new tricks. I can't do them perfectly yet but I'm going to practice at home till I can because they are cool tricks."

Ballots

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Sheridan.

Hours at mail-in ballot drop-off locations vary. complete schedule of hours is on the website www.pahoevotes.com.

The website also includes an option to register to receive a mail-in ballot and a way to track the ballot as they put it in the mail.

The process to take advantage of early voting is the same as on election day, at each of the early voting sites is equipped with the same type machines used

Forum

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Hickenlooper: Everything we've been able to see is the impact of that executive order has been minimal — most no impact. ...

Tancred

Owens: Have you read the platform of the American Constitution Party?

Tancred: I have.

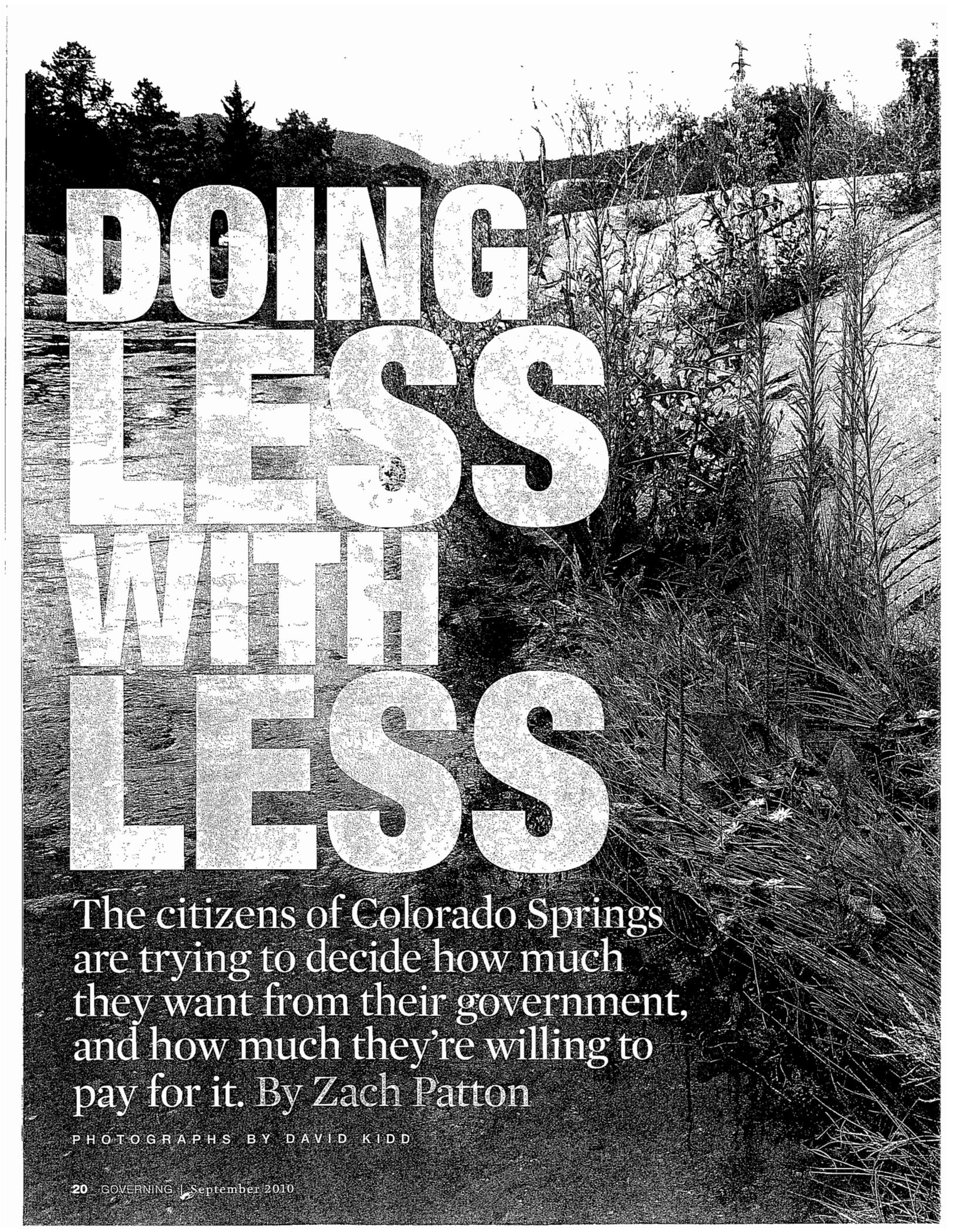
Owens: Do you agree with it?

Tancred: Well, do you agree with every single thing that's in the Republican Pa

Coroner

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Sky Ridge Medical Center



DOING LESS WITH LESS

The citizens of Colorado Springs are trying to decide how much they want from their government, and how much they're willing to pay for it. By Zach Patton

PHOTOGRAPHS BY DAVID KIDD



On a hot afternoon in late summer, the city pool at Monument Valley Park in Colorado Springs, Colo., usually would be teeming with children and families—the kids splashing, swimming and soaking up the August sun. But this year, the pool stayed quiet. Budget cuts forced the city to close all its swimming facilities. A few of them were taken over by a private swim club, but the ones that couldn't find a backer, like Monument Valley, remained shuttered.

"This place ought to be packed," says Kim King, administration manager of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, as she stands outside the fenced-off pool in Monument Valley Park. "This should be crawling with kids. But there's nobody here."

Nearby, King points to a set of public restrooms housed in a small Spanish-style building clad in yellow stucco. Those are closed too, with signs on the door: "Notice: Due to budget reductions, this facility is closed indefinitely." Opposite that building is a moderate-sized pond with a small island in the middle. Today the pond stands empty. The city can't afford to maintain it, and the water's been reduced to a stagnant, scummy puddle.

Times are tough in the Springs, as veteran residents call it. Like cities throughout the country, this town has been hit hard by the recession. But its fiscal problems are especially severe. The city is famously right-wing, and its property taxes are some of the lowest in the nation—in 2008, the per capita property tax was about \$55. City revenue instead comes mostly from local sales taxes. As a consequence, Colorado Springs is feeling the downturn's effects faster and more sharply than other

cities. At the close of 2009, the city found itself facing a nearly \$40 million revenue gap for this year.

So to save money, the Springs slashed its budget and enacted a series of severe service cuts. One-third of the city's streetlights were turned off to reduce electricity costs. The city stopped mowing the medians in the streets. (At one point earlier this summer, the medians were so overgrown with weeds that the city was in violation of its property maintenance code.)

The parks department was hit especially hard—its budget was gutted from \$17 million in 2009 to just \$3 million this year. In addition to closing the pools and restroom facilities, the city removed all the trash cans from its parks, since it could no longer afford to collect the garbage. Four community centers and three museums were put on the chopping block, although private donations and some emergency public funds are keeping them open for the rest of the year. With maintenance money wiped out, the vast majority of the city's parks were left to wither and brown in the summer heat. Former flower beds downtown are now just messy tangles of weeds.

And it's not just aesthetics. As money has gotten tighter over the past two years, the city has cut some 550 employees from its workforce by eliminating positions or through outright layoffs. Of the 1,600 municipal employees left, 1,200 are police officers or firefighters. Municipal bus service was reduced by 100,000 hours, meaning buses no longer run in the evenings or on weekends—a problem in a place where the vast majority of transit riders have no alternate way to get to work. The police department auctioned its three helicopters on the Internet. Spending on infrastructure



City Councilmember Sean Paige, a self-described Libertarian, believes that scaling back government services in Colorado Springs is a good thing. "There's a crybaby contention in town that says we need to raise taxes."

projects has essentially ceased, and the city faces a \$700 million backlog in capital needs.

It's a crisis, to be sure. But in this politically conservative, tax-averse town, it's also something of an experiment. After the impending cuts were announced in fall 2009, the city put a property tax increase on the November ballot. The measure was soundly defeated. Thanks to Colorado Springs' Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), which actually predates the state's TABOR by a year, any proposed tax increase must be voted on by the citizens. With their vote, residents made it clear they'd rather suffer service cuts than see their taxes raised.

As a result, other cities are watching and waiting to see if this exercise in stripped-down government might serve as a model during tough economic times. City Councilmember Sean Paige is one person who thinks scaling back government's role in the Springs is a good thing. "People in this city want government sticking to the fundamentals," he says. "There's a crybaby contention in town that says we need to raise taxes, and we need to get rid of TABOR. But I think the citizens have made it clear that this is the government people are willing to pay for right now. So let's make it work."

Colorado Springs' service cuts made national headlines when they were rolled out this past spring and summer. After reading the media stories, one might expect the city to look like some urban dystopia: fallen trees in the streets, boarded-up buildings, roads left dark by switched-off streetlights and drivers swerving around giant, unfilled potholes.

But when actually walking around Colorado Springs, things don't look that bad. The city is hemmed in to the west by Pikes Peak and other spires of the Front Range (the original "purple moun-



The city's parks department—which saw its budget slashed from \$17 million to \$3 million this year—manages more than 200 parks and open space areas, including Garden of the Gods Park.

tain majesties" in *America the Beautiful*, which was written here in 1893). Take away the mountains though, and Colorado Springs could be any mid-sized American city. Downtown consists of a clutch of dun- and clay-colored midrises along broad, flat avenues. There's a small, walkable strip of bars and outdoor cafes.

This city of about 420,000 residents also has something of an earthy, hippie side: Acacia Park, a leafy square at the north end of downtown, is ringed by art galleries, an indie music store, a Tibetan imports place, a hookah bar and an Afghan kabob joint. There's even a feeling of progressive urban planning that belies the town's Libertarian reputation. More than 70 miles of on-street bicycle lanes thread their way across the city, and the city manages another 100 miles of urban trails for jogging and hiking. Green spaces downtown are filled with eclectic sculptures by local artists.



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In fact, it's easy to walk around the place and wonder what all the fuss is about. So what if there are a few weeds in the medians? Or if some of the streetlights have been turned off? Is that such a price to pay for low taxes and limited government?

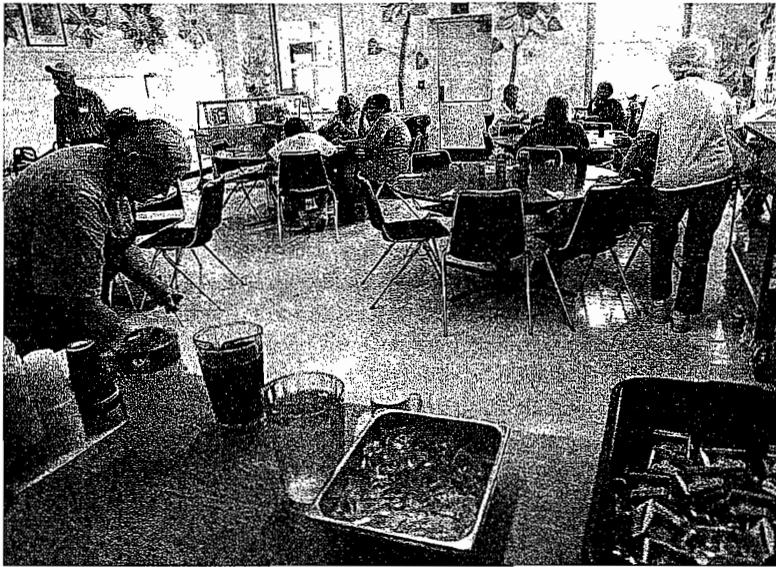
Colorado Springs may have gained a reputation as a bastion of right-wing values and small-government ideals, but the city hasn't always been quite so conservative. Thanks to several military bases nearby, as well as the U.S. Air Force Academy, there's long been a Republican bent to the area. But it wasn't until about 20 years ago that the Springs began to shift to the Christian right. In the 1980s, in a bid to diversify the area's economy, the city began actively courting nonprofit organizations to relocate to Colorado Springs. Dozens of groups moved in, especially religious ones.

At one point, the city was home to the national headquarters of more than 80 religious organizations, including, most famously, the socially conservative Focus on the Family, which relocated here in 1991. By 1993, Focus on the Family ran a 45-acre campus on the north side of town with 1,200 employees. Other similar groups followed, earning Colorado Springs the nickname of "the Evangelical Vatican."

As local politics have swung to the right, Colorado Springs has become more virulently opposed to taxes: Since 1990, the local property tax rate has plunged 41 percent. The local TABOR law, implemented in 1991, imposes an inflation-based cap on the amount of revenue the city can collect. Any revenue over that limit must be returned to taxpayers. That's kept the city government lean and small, even before the recent round of cuts.

The proliferation of nonprofit groups has had another effect—a strong current of can-do volunteerism in the community. As the government has scaled back its services, private organizations have, in many cases, stepped in. In addition to the citizen groups that have taken over some of the pools and one of the city's community centers, companies and nonprofit foundations have helped raise funds for visitors' centers and other facilities. At the Phantom Canyon Brewing Company in the center of town, the front of the menu implores diners to "Save the Fountain!" by purchasing a new signature ale. Some of the proceeds go toward keeping the water turned on at the Julie Penrose Fountain, a giant metal loop that rains water down on kids in America the Beautiful Park. The city cut funding for the fountain a couple of years ago.

As the cuts worsened this year, Colorado Springs has increasingly relied on these volunteers' efforts. By lining up residents to "adopt a trash can," the city has returned about one-third of



Top: One of the city's four community centers is now operated by a church. **Bottom:** City buses no longer run in the evening or on weekends, which is a challenge for the 80 percent of local transit users who don't own a car.

the rubbish bins that were removed from municipal parks. Citizens can “adopt a streetlight” on their block and have it turned it back on by paying a donation—between \$100 to \$240 depending on the type of light. The city has even discussed an “adopt a median” program, recruiting residents to trim the medians with their lawn mowers.

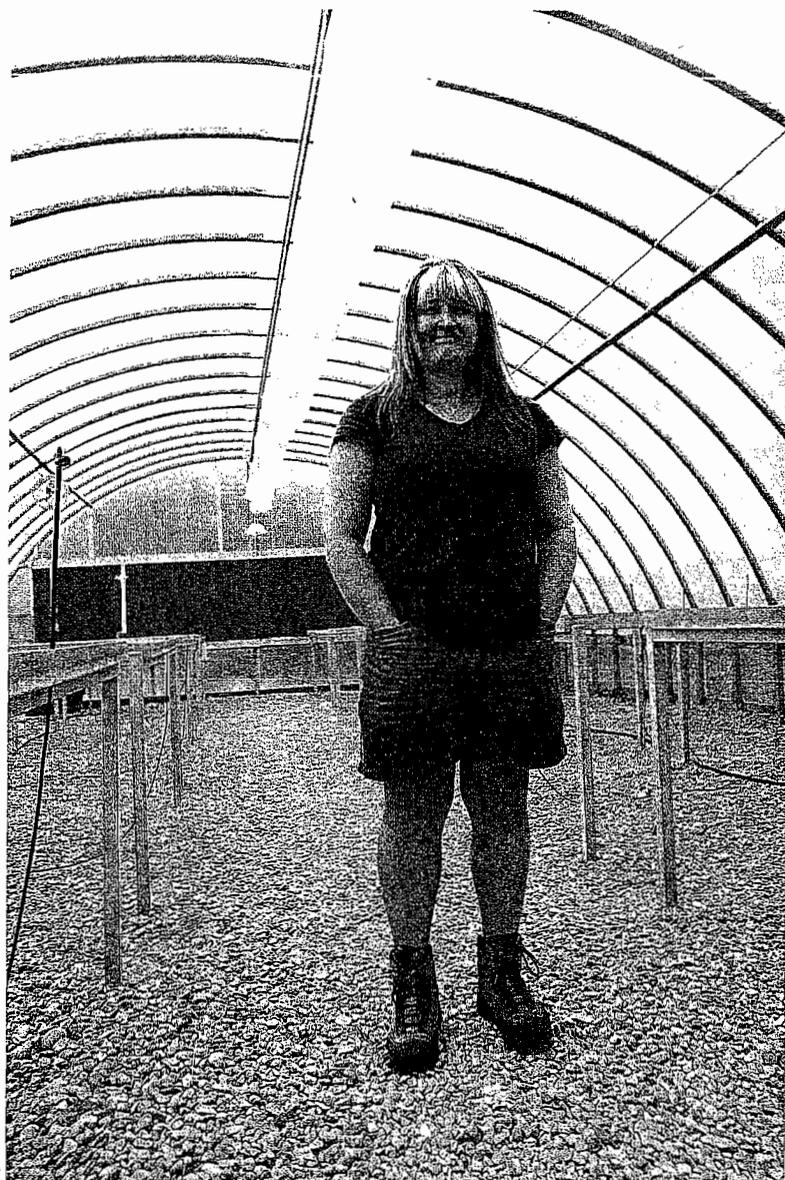
“This city has really stepped up, and I’m proud of it,” Paige says. “It’s almost like we’re moving to a do-it-yourself model.”

But that’s a concern for some, including City Councilmember Jan Martin, who authored last fall’s proposed tax increase that would have covered this year’s shortfall and prevented the service cuts. “Right now, in this crisis, we’ve sort of lost the sense of the common good,” she says. “There’s a real sense of, ‘I’ll take care of mine. You take care of yours.’”

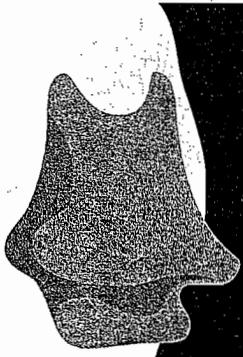
Look a few years down the road, she says, and the city’s rich areas will prosper while the poorer sections will suffer. “The parts of the community that can’t afford services will continue to deteriorate. And the neighborhoods that can afford to pay for streetlights and parks and trash removal and medians will continue to prosper and be beautiful. I worry we’re creating a city of haves and have-nots.”

For now, the outpouring of volunteer support has mitigated some of the most visible impacts of Colorado Springs’ budget cuts. But there are bigger, longer-term issues, says Interim City Manager Steve Cox. “We get a lot of attention for the trash cans and the streetlights, but that’s just scratching the surface. There are deeper problems than that.”

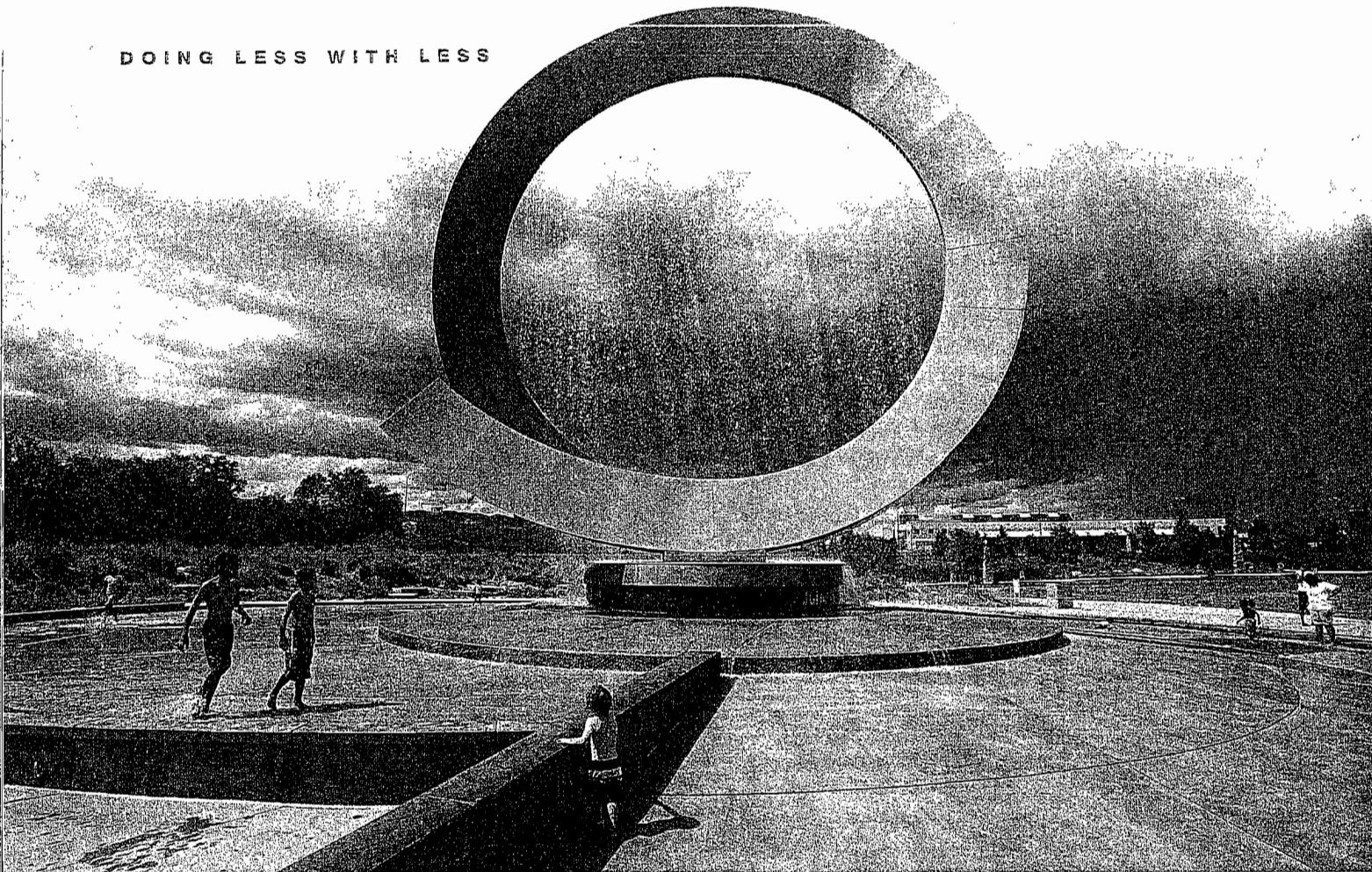
One of those problems is public safety. Everyone agrees that the police and fire departments should be last on the list of cuts. Still, those departments have had to reduce services. In addition to selling off helicopters, the police department has slashed its ranks, says Chief Richard Myers. Property detectives have been cut by one-third, and the department has completely wiped out some units, including its fugitive-investigation group. “We’ve



Park maintenance worker Melissa Trovas watches over one of several now-empty greenhouses owned by the city, formerly filled with flowers destined for planting downtown.



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eliminated entire street teams out of our regional drug unit," he says. "In 2011, we're significantly shrinking the number of school resource officers. Our specialty units are just imploding."

In all, the department is down about 80 officers, from a high of 689 a few years ago. That's a significant cut, but what's worse is that the force already was stretched thin. "Most police departments in comparable cities would have 750, 800, maybe 900 police officers," Myers says. "Now we're down in the low 600s, and the city isn't shrinking." Even more challenging, he says, is that Colorado Springs covers such a large area of land. Geographically the city is huge: Boston, Miami, Minneapolis and San Francisco could all fit within its borders.

With a dwindling number of cops serving a growing population across a vast tract of land, residents are feeling the cuts. Officers no longer can respond to as many incidents in person—if someone breaks into a car or steals a kid's bike, the police take the crime report over the phone. And it's unlikely they'll have the resources to follow up on it, Myers says. "We're struggling with the fact that so many people can be victimized by property crimes and have it treated more as an insurance report and a cursory tick mark on the tote board, rather than us helping them try to solve their crime."

Technology is a problem too. The police department already was lagging in technology before the latest cuts. Investing in it



Top: Private donations have kept the water running in city fountains.
Bottom: City Councilmember Jan Martin says she worries that Colorado Springs will become a city of "haves" and "have-nots."

now would be impossible. For example, Myers points to in-car video cameras, a tech upgrade he implemented as police chief in two other cities. "That's standard in police departments; it's a routine tool in law enforcement," he says. "We don't have a single one in a squad car here."

Despite all the reductions, Myers says he can't point to an uptick in crime. But he worries about the longer-term implica-

tions of a bare-bones force. Myers says he firmly believes that a proactive, decentralized style of policing, as it was proven in the 1990s, reduces crime, increases the public's confidence in the police, and increases the collaborative kind of policing where citizens and officers work together for long-term solutions. "And to now see us moving more and more and more to almost a completely reactive style of policing is just difficult for me to tolerate."

Still, Myers says he recognizes that tough times call for tough measures, and if this is the police department Colorado Springs is willing to pay for, so be it. "My mourning period is over, and the focus now is on redefining the new norm. We're past doing more with less," he says. "We're doing less with less."

Colorado Springs' fiscal day of reckoning has arrived. But the reason other cities are watching the Springs is because what happens there isn't necessarily just an extreme experiment in do-it-yourself government—it could be the future.

Thanks to the city's heavy reliance on sales taxes, the revenue crisis was brought to bear in 2009. In other municipalities, where revenues rely more on property taxes, the problems may only be beginning. "Cities are really going to be hard hit at least through 2011," says Christiana McFarland, director of finance and economic development programming for the National League of Cities (NLC). Because property taxes are based on periodic assessments, there's an 18- to 24-month lag before the city feels the downturn's full effect. "We're anticipating property tax revenues will take a huge hit this coming year," she says.

And cities already have been making cuts, according to NLC surveys. More than two-thirds have delayed investments in infrastructure or capital improvements. Another 22 percent have made cuts in public safety; 27 percent have reduced their spending in human services; and a full 71 percent have been forced to make cuts in personnel. "With the budgets already cut down to

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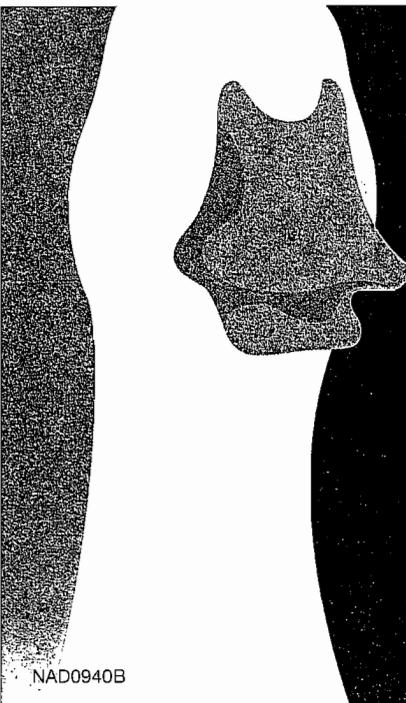
the bone," McFarland says, "they're going to start digging into the marrow."

The big question is whether the cuts are part of a crunch-time crisis, or whether they represent a new era in smaller government. For her part, McFarland says she doesn't think the Colorado Springs model can be a long-term solution. "Cities need to get back to a basic level of delivering services, particularly in public safety."

Meanwhile in Colorado Springs, the crisis is spawning broader conversations about what citizens expect government to be. "It really brings you to some fundamental questions that elected representatives should be asking themselves," Martin says. "It forces you to prioritize and decide, what is the role of government? And what services should the city be providing?"

One thing seems certain in the Springs: The service cuts are here to stay. Thanks to TABOR, it could be years before the city is even able to return to 2009 spending levels. The pools may reopen and the medians may get mowed, but those services will likely be performed by the private sector. As public funds start to trickle back in—and local sales tax revenues have been on the uptick so far this year—they'll be reserved for rebuilding the police department and adding back some of the bus routes. And for many, that's just the way things should be. "I think we're plowing fertile new ground here," Paige says. "And I think we can make it work." **G**

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MEMORANDUM



TO: Gary Sears, City Manager

THROUGH: Rick Kahm, Director of Public Works ✓

FROM: David Henderson, Engineering/Capital Projects Administrator ✓

DATE: October 21, 2010

SUBJECT: PROJECT UPDATES –Xcel Energy Projects, Concrete Utility Program 2010, Street Maintenance Projects 2010, Golf Course Clubhouse Basement Remodel, CityCenter Site Development, Englewood McLellan Reservoir Foundation, Air Quality/Energy Savings Projects)

XCEL ENERGY PROJECTS

Xcel's contractor is upgrading the power poles along Bates Ave., between Acoma and Franklin. **Xcel continued work on the Bates Ave. power lines.** The contractor expects to complete the project in early November.

Xcel's contractor is close to completing installation and testing of the new gas line in S. Franklin St. (Amherst to Floyd). Installation of the gas regulation station in Romans Park is underway.

Xcel continued work replacing a gas pipeline in the 4400 block of S. Washington St.

CONCRETE UTILITY PROGRAM 2010

Thoutt Brothers Concrete will complete the 2010 program this week.

STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECTS 2010

The Street Division completed the blocks scheduled for this years' overlay program. **The Street Division completed repaving the intersections of Dartmouth/Downing, Yale/Vallejo, and the alley east of 3000 S. Broadway.**

Cracks will be poured as weather and time allow.

GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE BASEMENT REMODEL

Remodel of the basement storage area is substantially complete. **Punch list items should be complete next week.** Improvements include additional electrical service for 63 carts, mechanical system improvements to vent battery gases, and changes to the cart storage layout.

18 new electric golf carts will be delivered next week. Golf Course maintenance staff will be hanging chargers for the new carts as they are delivered.

CITYCENTER SITE DEVELOPMENT

Alexan East and West Parcels

438 residential units. Alexan's occupancy level for June, 2010 is 92.7%. Commercial uses: Mile High Coffee, Let It Bead, Curves for Women, State Farm, Cuttin'It Loose, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, Foothills Physical Therapy, and Creative Perspectives.

Parkway Retail / Office Buildings

Commercial uses: The International House of Pancakes (IHOP), Qdoba, GNC, Supercuts, Nails Center, CityCenter Dental Group, MMB Hearing, Tableaux Interior Design, Englewood Eyecare, Collective Licensing Int'l, Inc., M.P. Hayutin, LLC, CityCenter Wine and Spirits, Quizno's, Miller/Weingarten, Air Walk, "Insurance Company of the West", Printwear Express, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, and Wellness Treatment Center.

Bally's Building

Tenants include Bally's, "Blondies Fire House Pub and Restaurant", and MaxFour.

Retail South of the Parkway

Tenants: Petco, Ross, Payless Shoes, Coldstone Creamery, Noodles, Sports Authority, and Office Depot.

Gold Mine Pad

Tenants include: Jamba Juice, Tokyo Joe's, Mega Wraps, and Browncow.

CityCenter Site

EEFI continues project management of all infrastructure on the site. Staff is monitoring the security, sweeping, snow removal, and day porter services performed under the Common Area Maintenance. The Piazza fountain has been shut down for the season. **Decking over the fountain was installed this week.**

Chuck E Cheese Expansion

Expansion of the Chuck E Cheese building continued. They are adding 2,958 square feet to the west side. **The contractor expects to complete the project next week.**

Wal Mart Expansion

Wal Mart's contractor continued construction of a 10,488 square foot addition to the east side of the store. The project will eliminate the tire and auto section and add square footage for groceries. The building entrance will move east to the middle of the building.

Bradley Station Environmental

EEFI's environmental consultants prepared an Executive Summary Report (dated July 28, 2008). Updates will be provided as additional information is received.

ENGLEWOOD MCLELLAN RESERVOIR FOUNDATION (EMRF)

PA-84 West

TT of Denver continues with construction of its project; estimated completion is February, 2011. EMRF continues to receive monthly draws against the deposit.

PA-85 (RTD site)

RTD paid the final billing in the amount of \$591,836.86. Finance has deposited this money in the LTAR fund.

AIR QUALITY/ENERGY SAVING PROJECTS

Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Panel Installations

Lighthouse Solar has completed the installation of PV panels and electrical hookups on the Police/Fire, Malley Center, Civic Center, and Servicenter roofs.

Flex Fuel Program

Currently, thirty-three of our fleet vehicles are running on E-85 ethanol fuel. All new replacement vehicles (less than ¾ ton) will be compatible with E-85. Approximately 50 Flex Fuel vehicles will be in our fleet within two years. Currently, the cost of E-85 fuel is approx. \$0.96 per gallon less than regular unleaded gasoline. Thirteen of our fleet vehicles run on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).

Diesel Retrofit

Retrofitting of our diesel powered vehicles is complete. Englewood is one of three municipalities in Colorado to meet the 2007 emissions standards for off-road vehicles.

Hybrid Vehicle Purchase

Staff has applied for a 2011 grant for two hybrid vehicles.

"Green" Programs

We continue to work with our vendors to expand the Green product line as it becomes available. 90% of our custodial paper supplies are from recycled sources.

Energy Saving Projects

In 2001, the Public Works Traffic Division began an ongoing program to convert traffic signals from incandescent lamps to Light-Emitting-Diode (LED) bulbs. To date, 80% of our City maintained signals have been converted. LED traffic signals use 90% less energy than incandescent lamps, last 5 times longer, and provide better visibility.

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD
2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Mon., Oct. 25	Cancelled	City Council Study Session
Mon., Nov. 1	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, City Council Chambers
Tues., Nov. 2		Election Day
	Cancelled	Planning & Zoning Commission
Wed., Nov. 3	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, 3460 S. Sherman #203, Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Liquor Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., Nov. 8	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session, Community Room
Tues., Nov. 9	4:00 p.m.	NonEmergency Employees Retirement Board, Public Works Conference Room
	5:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Board, Community Development. Conf. Rm.
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful Commission, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Library Board, Library Board Room
Wed., Nov. 10	6:30 p.m.	Urban Renewal Authority, Community Dev. Conf. Rm.
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, City Council Chambers
Thurs., Nov. 11		City Hall Closed – Veterans' Day
Fri., Nov. 12		City Furlough Day – City Facilities Closed
Mon., Nov. 15	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, City Council Chambers
Tues., Nov. 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council Chambers
Wed., Nov. 17	6:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee, Council Conf. Rm.
	7:00 p.m.	Liquor Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers

Thurs., Nov. 18	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee, City Council Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	Parks & Recreation Commission, Broken Tee Englewood Golf Course
	6:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee, City Council Conference Room
Mon., Nov. 22	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session, Community Room
Thurs., Nov. 25		City Hall Closed — Thanksgiving Day
Fri., Nov. 26		City Hall Closed — Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon., Nov. 29	Cancelled	City Council Study Session
Wed., Dec. 1	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, 3460 S. Sherman #203, Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Liquor Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., Dec. 6	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, City Council Chambers
Tues., Dec. 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council Chambers
Wed., Dec. 8	6:30 p.m.	Urban Renewal Authority, Community Development Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, City Council Chambers
Thurs., Dec. 9	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee, City Council Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	Parks & Recreation Commission, Malley Center
Mon., Dec. 13	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session, Community Room
Tues., Dec. 14	5:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Board, Community Development Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful Commission, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Library Board, Library Board Room
Wed., Dec. 15	7:00 p.m.	Liquor Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers

TENTATIVE TOPICS

FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSIONS



November 1	Study Session & Regular Meeting ETAC & Low Speed Vehicles 2010 DRCOG Traffic Signal System CDOT Amendment to Senate Bill #8 (Traffic Signal Maintenance) Medical District Small Area Plan
November 8	Study Session Housing Rehab. Program Citizen of the Year Selection Process
November 15	Study Session & Regular Meeting Financial Report
November 22	Study Session
November 29	No Meeting Scheduled – 5 th Monday
December 6	Study Session & Regular Meeting EMS Fees Aid to Other Agencies Discussion of Board/Commission Reappointments
December 9	(Thursday) Breakfast Mtg. w/Littleton City Council @ WWTP
December 13	Study Session Financial Report
December 20	Study Session & Regular Meeting Holiday Dinner
December 27	No Meeting Scheduled
January 4	Study Session & Regular Meeting (Tuesday)
January 10	Study Session
January 18	Study Session & Regular Meeting – Tuesday Financial Report Citizen of the Year Selection
January 24	Study Session Board and Commission Interviews

January 31	No Meeting Scheduled – 5 th Monday
February 7	Study Session & Regular Meeting
February 14	Study Session
February 22	Study Session & Regular Meeting – Tuesday Financial Report
February 28	Study Session
March 7	Study Session & Regular Meeting
March 14	Study Session
March 21	Study Session & Regular Meeting Financial Report
March 28	Study Session
April 4	Study Session & Regular Meeting
April 11	Study Session
April 18	Study Session & Regular Meeting Financial Report
April 23	Study Session
May 2	Study Session & Regular Meeting Discussion of Board/Commission Reappointments
May 9	Study Session Citizen of the Year Celebration
May 16	Study Session & Regular Meeting Financial Report

FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Historic Preservation
 Unrelated Persons per Household
 Inclusive Cities
 BID Liaison
 Informing Citizens
 Best on Broadway Gateway Signs
 PLACE Discussion

ALLIANCE FOR COMMERCE IN ENGLEWOOD

September 9, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER



The regular meeting of the Alliance for Commerce in Englewood (ACE) was called to order at 11:39 a.m. in the City Council Conference Room of the Englewood Civic Center, Chair Lonborg presiding.

Present: Lonborg, Vasilas, Schalk, Sarconi, Champion, Calonder
Knoth (Alternate)

Absent: None

Also present: Joe Jefferson, City Council Liaison (exited the meeting at 12:00)
Jim Woodward, Mayor
Colleen Mello, Englewood Chamber of Commerce Liaison

Staff present: Alan White, Community Development Director (entered 11:56)
Darren Hollingsworth, Economic Development Coordinator



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 8, 2010



Chair Lonborg stated that the Minutes of July 8, 2010 were to be considered for approval. It was determined there was a quorum. Chair Lonborg asked if there were any changes or adjustments to the Minutes. There were none.

Vasilas moved:

Sarconi seconded: THE MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2010 BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

The motion carried unanimously.



Chair Lonborg announced that Margaret McDermott tendered her resignation to ACE effective immediately due to personal reasons.

II. ACE BUSINESS



EXPANDED MEMBERSHIP FOR ACE

Mr. Jefferson said he felt it would be a good idea to expand the ACE membership from seven members to nine members. Historically, ACE has been one of the more difficult boards to get on as there is not a huge amount of turnover. He said he feels it would be nice to have more input and more businesses feel like they have a seat around the table.

Mayor Woodward said if ACE is going to expand, we may want to set up districts so not all members are coming out of one area. Englewood has roughly 46% of industrial space in Arapahoe County, yet that group does not have a representative on ACE. The Belleview and Federal area is another area that does not have representation. He stated his recommendation, if new members are added, would be that the new members would come from other areas as opposed to the downtown area.

Mr. Knoth asked if the current ACE members would have to actively go out to find people from those areas.

Mayor Woodward said that is a matter of staff and City Council to get that information out to those people, but certainly ACE members could do that too. Information on openings is included in the Citizen, which goes out to all addresses in the City.

Chair Lonborg asked if any of the members had any concerns regarding increasing the membership. There were no concerns.

Mr. Vasilas asked who decides how many members ACE has. Mr. Jefferson said it is set by City Council. The Ordinance would need to be changed.

Vasilas moved:

Schalk seconded: TO REQUEST CITY COUNCIL EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALLIANCE FOR COMMERCE ADVISORY GROUP FROM SEVEN MEMBERS TO NINE MEMBERS.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Knoth was asked if he would be interested in moving up from the alternate position to fill the remainder of Ms. McDermott's term, which ends on July 1, 2011. He stated he would be.

Mr. Hollingsworth noted vacancies are filled by City Council on a semi-annual basis; in January and July. Chair Lonborg asked how Mr. Knoth could move up without waiting until January. Mayor Woodward said ACE could make a recommendation that City Council appoint Mr. Knoth to fill the vacancy at this time instead of waiting until January.

Sarconi moved:

Vasilas seconded: THE ALLIANCE FOR COMMERCE ADVISORY GROUP REQUESTS THAT CITY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY APPOINT CHAD KNOTH TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY MARGARET MCDERMOTT'S RESIGNATION.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Jefferson suggested ACE wait until January to fill the alternate position and two additional member vacancies, if approved.

Chair Lonborg asked all members to help identify industries and candidates to fill the vacant position, and if approved, the two additional positions.

Chair Lonborg asked staff if they can put together a key list of people from the industrial sector. Mr. Hollingsworth stated staff could pull together a list of industrial businesses. He noted several have been approached over the years with a request to participate on ACE.

Mr. Vasilas said he would volunteer to contact people on the list. Ms. Sarconi said she would also help in contacting prospective members.

Chair Lonborg asked if there were other segments missing. Mr. Vasilas said the Belleview and Broadway area. Mayor Woodward suggested the South Santa Fe area.

Chair Lonborg thanked Mr. Jefferson for suggesting the ACE membership be expanded.



CITY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Chair Lonborg said she requested this item be included in the ACE Agenda for two reasons:

1. The City has gotten some press regarding the furlough days, and
2. The City has approached Swedish, and she said she assumed others, to assist in the funding of some things that traditionally the City has funded in the past, such as the Art Bus.

If this is going on, the business community and the City needs to know what the City's financial situation is, what City Council's ideas are to address those situations, and what the back-up plan is if things don't come together exactly as we are hoping.

Director White said the picture is not rosy. The financial report that was included in the meeting packet was to the end of July. It gives a summary of the major revenue sources for the City and also a report on expenditures. The members reviewed the information.

Also discussed were sustainability, City sponsored events, the Art Shuttle, furlough days for City Employees, employee wage freezes, hiring freeze and stimulus funds.

Chair Lonborg asked what the City is doing on the revenue side of the equation.

Discussion ensued. Chair Lonborg asked Mr. Schalk if there was a list of programs he was talking about that he would like Englewood to look at. He said yes. Chair Lonborg asked Mr. Schalk to provide ACE with a list at the next meeting. He said he would compile the list. Mr. Knoth asked Staff to provide a list of what the City has applied for, such as grants, even

if the City was turned down. Chair Lonborg asked Staff to also include a list of programs that have been looked at but the City was not eligible for.

Chair Lonborg asked if the City keeps going at this rate and see no change in the economy, how many years does the City have reserves to cover. Mayor Woodward said the undesignated reserve of approximately \$4 million would run the City for 39 days without any revenue. Chair Lonborg said what she was asking was how long that would cover the loss between the revenues and what it costs to run the City. She said if there is an approximately \$2 million difference those reserves will last approximately two years. Mayor Woodward said that is correct. The Mayor discussed ways to increase revenue through economic development.

Mr. Schalk asked how the City could take one small event, such as the concert series, and turn it into a sustainable event. Mayor Woodward said the Chamber is working with the City to do just that. Mr. Champion said whatever the event is, there has to be one thing that can draw a lot of people to the City. Mr. Calonder said the City needs to incent in a big way to turn things around. We have to do something very different and very unique to get an outside person to look at our City. If not, they'll go to a neighboring City that is offering something that we are not.

Chair Lonborg encouraged ACE to get the out-of-the-box thinkers and area businesses around the table to say "what can we do?" Mr. Schalk said the City needs to retool, which means cutting positions and putting people in that position that is part of the new way. Look at what your departments are doing, are the people in your departments the people you need to have in your departments or can you make some changes and bring some new blood in and get a new direction going? He said he does that all the time in his business. Do we continue to apply for grants and do studies or do we figure out incentive programs and try to go create business? He said he wanted the second option.

Mr. Knoth asked if ACE should have a meeting to brainstorm. Mr. Schalk said he would like to do that. Mayor Woodward also said he would like to do it. Mr. Schalk said how about a study on how the City runs as a business and where we could make some changes.

Chair Lonborg said she thought ACE was talking about ideas for the City itself, the revenue side of the equation, rather than how the City operates as a business. She said as a business advisory group she felt more comfortable with Mr. Schalk's first idea; she was not sure it was ACE's business to tackle how the City runs as a business. She asked Mr. Knoth which one he was suggesting ACE hold a meeting about. He said the first one, of ideas. Chair Lonborg said she'd like to discuss ideas such as solar to see if there are ways that the City can make it easier to do. That's the list of things she would love to brainstorm. She said she would like to see some additional brains around the table if we are going to brainstorm. She asked how the rest of the members felt and did they want to tackle that meeting. She asked if ACE wanted to dedicate the October meeting to that issue. Several said yes.

Mr. Vasilas asked for more information regarding stimulus funds and whether any are available to the City and/or businesses.

The members discussed other individuals who could attend the brainstorming meeting.

Mr. Vasilas asked if ACE still wanted the BID board to attend the October meeting to discuss the proposed BID event to be held in 2011. Without the support of the City the BID cannot put the event together. Chair Lonborg asked if the BID could come at 12:30 to the October meeting or wait until the November meeting. Mr. Vasilas said the BID could come at 12:30 on October 14th.

Chair Lonborg thanked everyone for their input. The discussion will continue at the October meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public present.

IV. COMMENTS & EVENTS

Due to time constraints these items were not discussed.

No further business was brought forth for consideration. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2010.

Barbara Krecklow, Recording Secretary

ENGLEWOOD TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of September 9, 2010

 The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Englewood Transportation Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Anderson at 6:33 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, City of Englewood Civic Center. Assistant City Attorney Reid was introduced to ETAC members.

Roll Call.

Present: David Anderson, Danielle Gregory, Daryl Kinton, Randy Penn (not voting), Jennifer Jones (not voting), Rick Kahm, ex officio.

Absent: Andy Berger, James Weeks.

**Also Present: Linda Wilks, Recording Secretary
Sergeant Mike O'Connor
Assistant City Attorney Reid**

A quorum was present.

 **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Anderson acknowledged that applicable membership was not present this evening to approve minutes for the meetings of July 8, 2010 and August 12, 2010. In the interest of time, Recording Secretary Wilks will conduct an email poll for approval of these two sets of minutes.

 **Public Comment**

There were no visitors present.

 **Old Business**

Discussion continued regarding ETAC's efforts to finalize recommendations to City Council relating to low speed vehicles on Englewood streets, including golf cars, under 50cc scooters, Segways, and "toys". Assistant City Attorney Reid was in attendance to assist with that discussion and will prepare a document that can be used when ETAC meets with City Council; the document will include ETAC's recommendations and the State Definitions. Ms. Reid commended Sgt. O'Connor for his detailed research, and bringing current City laws in line with State requirements. Ms. Reid explained that, following ETAC's meeting with City Council, the City Attorney's office will draw up an ordinance, and any changes or new information that materialize from that meeting can be incorporated into the final document. Brief discussion ensued regarding the process when meeting with Council.

Chair Anderson inquired about the process to permit these types of vehicles. Sgt. O'Connor said he is working with the Police Chief and Commanders to develop a record keeping process as well as materials needed to provide an informative packet for the public when registering their vehicles with the City. Mr. Anderson reiterated that the City will not provide funding for this program, that permit fees must cover all City expenses.

Committee members considered laws for these vehicles in surrounding jurisdictions and the impact on drivers traveling from one town to another.



New Business

There were no items presented for discussion under New Business.



Director's Choice

- Mr. Kahm advised that, upon his return, Traffic Engineer Vostry will provide traffic study statistics for ETAC's reference.



Chairperson's Choice

Chair Anderson had no items to present for discussion.



Committee Members' Choice

- Council Liaison Penn briefly reviewed the City's upcoming budget schedule.
Mr. Penn left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.
- Committee Member Kinton said that, at a later date, he would like to revisit the possibility of having a study conducted in Englewood by graduate students from the Planning Division of the University of Colorado Denver that might provide suggestions that could create improved pedestrian access/safety for senior and disabled citizens.
- Sgt. O'Connor thanked the Committee for their hard work on the golf car issue.
Sgt. O'Connor announced that the EHS Homecoming Parade will be held on Friday, September 24th at 1:30 p.m.



Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Linda Wilks, Recording Secretary

Englewood Transportation Advisory Committee

EMAIL POLL

Approval of Minutes for Meeting of September 9, 2010

Recording Secretary Wilks conducted an email poll on October 15, 2010, for approval of minutes for the regular bi-monthly ETAC meeting of September 9, 2010.

The minutes were amended by Committee Member Kinton, and approved as amended by a majority vote from Committee Members Anderson, Gregory, and Kinton.

Linda Wilks, Recording Secretary

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 2010**

I. CALL TO ORDER



The regular meeting of the City Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Englewood Civic Center, Chair Knoth presiding.

Present: Bleile, Roth, Welker, Krieger, Knoth, Fish, Brick, Calonder
Kinton (alternate) (exited at 8:55)

Absent: King

Staff: Alan White, Community Development Director
John Voboril, Planner
Nancy Reid, Assistant City Attorney

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 21, 2010



Welker moved:

Krieger seconded: TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 MINUTES

Chair Knoth asked if there were any modifications or corrections.

There were none.

AYES: Roth, Welker, Krieger, Knoth, Fish, Brick, Calonder
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Bleile
ABSENT: King

Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Case #2010-01, Amendments to the Englewood Downtown and Medical District
Small Area Plan



Krieger moved:

Fish seconded: TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON CASE #2010-01

AYES: Roth, Welker, Krieger, Knoth, Fish, Brick, Calonder, Bleile
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: King

Motion carried.

 Mr. John Voboril, Planner, was sworn in. He provided background information on the Englewood Medical and Downtown Small Area Plan process to date. Community Development staff kicked off the small area planning process for the Englewood Downtown and Medical District in the fall of 2006. A number of stakeholder meetings were scheduled and 5,000 invitations were mailed out to all business, property owners and residents within the medical district and downtown district boundaries as well as one block beyond these boundaries. Three hundred people registered as stakeholders and out of those 150 actually attended the meetings. From the feedback gathered from the stakeholders staff developed a vision, goals and objectives that were then put together in the Small Area Plan document. This document was then taken to a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission and was forwarded with a favorable recommendation to City Council. City Council adopted the document by Resolution in the spring of 2007.

The second step in the planning process was then to turn to looking at new medical zone district regulations for the areas identified as areas of change in the Small Area Plan process. Staff analyzed the existing zoning for major deficiencies and then began to develop new concepts for new zones in the areas. Those concepts were then brought back to the Planning Commission for a series of study sessions where the Commission helped to refine those concepts. Next, staff went back out to the stakeholders and held another meeting to present the concepts. Staff received a very favorable reaction to the concepts from the attendees. Staff then began to codify the language of the concepts into real regulations that could then be included in the Unified Development Code. A public hearing was then held on the regulations as well as the proposed area for rezoning. Those also were met with a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission to the City Council. City Council also held a public hearing and first and second readings and voted to approve the two Ordinances; the first to amend the Code with the new medical district regulations and the second to rezone the area that was designated as an area of change. Today those areas have been rezoned to M-1 and M-2 medical.

At the conclusion of that process the Planning Commission realized there were a number of outstanding issues that had not been resolved. These include the following:

1. In areas of stability overnight in-patient hospital use is still an allowed use in the areas north of Girard.
2. The 3400 block of Logan and Grant Streets should be reconsidered as an area of change due to the fact that this area is just to the west of the Swedish campus

and is between the campus and the downtown area and therefore would make a logical area of change.

3. Sub-area 5 stakeholders should be reengaged concerning the possibility of increasing development options due to the area's proximity to the highway.

Community Development Staff, in response to these issues, put together a Phase II stakeholder process for these unresolved issues. Focus was on Sub-areas 2, 3 and 5. 1,673 invitations were sent out to all residents, business and property owners within these three sub-areas as well as one block beyond the borders. One hundred and seven people registered for the meetings and 55 people actually attended the meetings.

At the first meeting staff showed the stakeholders the existing conditions and talked about the new medical zoning district regulations. They were asked to take some time to consider whether these new zoning regulations were something they felt would be a good fit for their areas. They came back two weeks later and provided their input to staff. The vast majority of stakeholder comments was that no, these medical district regulations are not really appropriate for these areas. The one exception to that was there were a few stakeholders in the 3400 blocks of Grant and Logan Streets that did express support for the new medical district regulations for these blocks. At the same time, there also were a number of stakeholders that were living north of Girard in Sub-area 2 that were opposed to the new medical district regulations for the 3400 blocks of Grant and Logan Street. For the second half of the meeting staff said since the stakeholders were not interested in becoming areas of change and being rezoned to medical district regulations, would stakeholders then be in favor of reforming the existing zoning so stakeholders would be better protected from unwanted hospitals uses or large, dense uses coming into your area? By and large they were very supportive of that in both Sub-areas 2 and 3. Residents in Sub-area 5 are not affected by hospital use, but they wanted some additional redevelopment opportunities they currently do not have such as small offices, retail uses, or adding more residential units per land area.

Staff then took the stakeholder feedback and developed draft goals and objectives and presented them to the stakeholders at the third meeting. A visual preference survey was also conducted at this meeting where staff showed different sizes of development and asked them if that particular picture was an appropriate scale for your neighborhood or not. This exercise gave staff a good idea of what the stakeholders felt was an appropriate scale to use in future study sessions to figure out what these zoning regulations ought to be.

Planning Commission was asked to consider a request from several sub-area 2 stakeholders to down-zone the entire sub-area from a mixed use multi-unit residential and office district to a single-unit residential district. Planning Commission did not favor this option.

Mr. Voboril reviewed the proposed amendments, concluded his presentation with suggested Findings of Fact, and answered questions from the Commission.

Mr. Welker said you indicated stakeholder correspondence was sent to the people in the medical district, including the management of Swedish and Craig Hospitals. Is that true?

Mr. Voboril said yes. Letters were sent to the hospitals inviting them to participate in the meetings and members from Craig hospital did attend the stakeholder meetings.

Chair Knoth said as a clarification, the amendments are not for zoning changes, they are just for guidelines. Mr. Voboril said yes, these are changes to the Small Area Plan document that was approved in 2007. It is a policy document giving staff official guidance of how we should conduct study sessions to look at zoning regulations. These are not laws, they are goals and objectives. Chair Knoth asked if someone came in to do a project tomorrow what regulations would apply. Mr. Voboril said if a project came in tomorrow they would have to follow the existing regulations in those areas as the Commission and staff has not done any actual zoning work. Staff will hopefully be moving forward with these regulations toward the end of the year if time allows. After analyzing the issues and holding study sessions with the Planning Commission staff will probably want to call back the stakeholders to show them the proposed changes and then go forward with the formal process to change the zoning regulations in these areas.

Chair Knoth asked if there were any further questions for Mr. Voboril. There were not. Chair Knoth thanked Mr. Voboril for his presentation.

 The following persons spoke during the public hearing:

1. R.J. Scheck
2. Charles Smith
3. Maureen White
4. Gerald Tindall
5. Paul Douden
6. Cynthia Searfoss
7. Lisa Warren
8. Linda Cohn
9. Constance Crawford
10. Don Kent
11. Matthew Machetta
12. Patrick Neil
13. Jim Christensen

Bleile moved:

Roth seconded: TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON CASE #2010-01 TO A LATER DATE.

AYES: Bleile

NAYS: Roth, Welker, Krieger, Knoth, Fish, Brick, Calonder

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: King

Motion failed.

Brick moved:

Fish seconded: TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON CASE #2010-01

AYES: Roth, Welker, Krieger, Knoth, Fish, Brick, Calonder
NAYS: Bleile
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: King

Motion carried.



Krieger moved:

Welker seconded: *CASE #2010-01 AMENDMENTS TO THE ENGLEWOOD DOWNTOWN AND MEDICAL DISTRICT SMALL AREA PLAN, BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL WITH A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION FOR ADOPTION.*

Mr. Welker said he wanted to let everyone in the audience know all the Commissioners are citizens of the City of Englewood; we don't all live in your neighborhood, but live in other neighborhoods in the City and have similar concerns. He stated he is the senior member of the Commission having been on it since 1995. The Commission has been through a lot of issues where changes have upset people in the City and most of it is under the guise of that we are somehow threatening your livelihood, devaluing your property, etc. The Commission's goal is not to do any of that and doesn't believe it is Council's either. We are trying to deal with things that will keep the City viable and allow the businesses, like Swedish, that are thriving to continue, but put some limits on them. These are goals, not laws or ordinances. He extended an invitation to all to attend Planning and Zoning meetings and become involved in the process. He noted the Commission is scheduled to meet twice a month. He assured the audience the Commission does care and this is not the end of this discussion; it is not going to force something down your throats. Please convey that statement to the other people that you represent or that you know of that have concerns. We are here to try to work out solutions that will be good for the City in the long run; 20 to 40 years ahead.

Ms. Krieger said to the best of our knowledge, there is no huge plan here. Swedish isn't planning on buying up the whole neighborhood that anyone knows about. There aren't any developers that are sitting there ready to snap up your property. Development could be small offices, multi-family, it could be anything. There is no hidden agenda here. From where the Commission stands, especially the two blocks of Logan and Grant, when you

look at a map of the City it's completely encased by everything else. That is why from the Commission's standpoint and from a developer's standpoint it looks like a good place eventually to fill in. That doesn't mean it's going to happen tomorrow. No one can force you to sell your house as witnessed by the woman who did live in the center of Swedish Hospital. In order to have huge development a number of people have to sell. As you have all seen tonight, there are a number of differing viewpoints. Some people are afraid their property values are going to go down, others think they will go up, some owners want the ability to rent their property and others like their neighbors that are invested and want more homeowners. There's a whole range of goals out there. The Commission's job is to try to sort out all of that and figure out what is best for the City in the long run, not in the short run.

Mr. Fish said he felt Staff has done a good job of communicating. He said that is one point he must disagree with the public on. He said he wanted it on the record that he believes the process of communicating to the community and the feedback the community has given us has been an outstanding process and doesn't think it can really be improved. There have been multiple meetings with the public. Everyone has had a chance multiple times to speak. As Mr. Welker, said this process is not finished; there is still time to participate. He said he appreciated everyone that attended tonight's meeting.

Ms. Krieger noted what the City envisions and what actually happens can be completely different things as evidenced by the old Comprehensive Plan. If people love their neighborhood, invest in their houses, and want it to be residential it will stay that way regardless of what vision the City has.

Mr. Bleile said he has many things he would like to say and would like to continue this even if it's not from a public perspective. He said he has a page and a half of things, both rebuttals from the public and he is not necessarily sold on some of the additions. He said he does agree that the process the Planning and Zoning Commission and Community Development has done to reach out to this small medical area community has been outstanding. He said he doesn't know how many city governments anybody else has participated in, but this particular City has held numerous public hearings on this side of the fence. There have been numerous community events, flyers sent out, and the Commission has been working on this for years. He quoted a comment he made at an earlier meeting this year saying he was very disappointed that the Commission has had this much progress on the plan and nobody has come forward...zero, not one in 4 years had come forward to this Commission to go on record in front of us. We have asked and reached out and it has been an outstanding effort. He said maybe that is because he sees the work that has transpired from Community Development and maybe you, the public, do not. There has been a tremendous effort to put this information out there. He said the members of this Commission is not here because we are paid by Swedish, we don't have any more vested an interest that Swedish expands versus one of you wanting to sell your house for development. We are here to protect not only your interest. The person sitting behind you isn't going to have the same vested interest as the person sitting in front of you. The

Commission cannot make decisions that are going to be perfect for everybody; you all know that. We put on our citizens hats quite often in meetings. As a Commission we have the duty to not just you guys here tonight, but the 21,000 other citizens that are not here speaking. We have to balance the needs of all the citizens, businesses, #1 employer, etc. What we decide is not final, this goes to City Council and the public gets to go through the process all over again. This is by no means the last step nor is it the first step, it is just a step. This is how government works.

Chair Knoth said he believes the Commission has tried to soften the edges and tried to cut down heights, not allow hospital use in other parts of town where we don't want it and that is what is stated in these goals and guidelines. It's not completely down zoning into a single family situation, but said he didn't think that is what we want to see in this area.

Mr. Roth addressed the down zoning issue. He said the problem with down zoning is it makes many properties, such as apartments, in the area non-conforming, which limits the owner's ability to do improvements on those properties.

Mr. Fish said down zoning could create a situation in which the commercial properties would then begin to deteriorate. We don't know if it would actually happen, but that is certainly a likely possibility if they can no longer function as commercial properties. That is not in the best interest of the area.

Mr. Welker stated we cannot take the commercial properties right to exist away either because they are property owners just like you are. The Commission must do what we believe is best for the future. Single-family housing is always acceptable as an existing use within higher zoned districts. The Commission is not taking away your right to have a house in those districts ever as long as it is there now, but we are not going to allow a car dealership to move in. There are certain areas where things are appropriate.

Mr. Bleile said he wanted to address more of the public, but they have been leaving. It's frustrating that folks that got up and spoke to us and expected input have left. Knowing that they were going to trickle out I wanted to have an opportunity to actually speak to everyone that was here. Ms. Krieger said that is a problem we always have. Mr. Welker said they can always listen to the minutes.

AYES: Roth, Welker, Krieger, Knoth, Fish, Brick, Calonder, Bleile
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: King

Mr. Brick said he voted yes on the Amendments because they are consistent with the following Objectives in Roadmap Englewood: 2003 Englewood Comprehensive Plan:

1. Section 5 Housing, Goal 2 Objective 2-3: Upgrade or replace substandard residential units.
2. Section 7 Business and Employment, Goal 1 Objective 1-2: Actively engage in attracting new businesses to the City.
3. Section 7 Business and Employment, Goal 3 Objective 3-3: Recognize the complementary effects between the physical appearance of both commercial districts and the surrounding residential areas.
4. Section 7 Business and Employment, Goal 5 Objective 5-2: Increase the value and appeal of Englewood's retail and industrial corridors in order to stimulate economic growth.

Ms. Krieger said she was voting yes too because she agreed with Mr. Brick.

Mr. Roth voted yes and also agreed with Mr. Brick.

Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM



Charles Smith shared concerns about staff not being introduced at the start of the meeting and asked what Swedish Hospital's role was in the Small Area Plan.

Cynthia Searfoss said many people left tonight frustrated and angry before the Commission was allowed to talk to the audience. The guidelines for holding a public hearing were discussed.

Paul Douden also shared concerns about staff not being introduced. Several Commissioners noted Mr. Voboril did introduce himself at the beginning of his testimony.

V. DIRECTOR'S CHOICE



Director White did not have any matters to bring before the Commission.

VI. STAFF'S CHOICE



Director White stated the next meeting will be on October 19th, a study session regarding the medical marijuana amendments.

VII. ATTORNEY'S CHOICE



Ms. Reid stated for the public that is still here, when you make a decision in the quasi-legislative roll, you have to have facts and something on which to base your decision, which is what Mr. Brick explained. There have been a number of meetings with the residents of the medical district and that is the time that staff allowed for give and take. It needs to be

understood that the Commission can only make a decision based upon what is provided in the public hearing. The purpose of the stakeholder meetings is to allow everyone in the area to give input to staff before the issue gets to the Commission.

VIII. COMMISSIONER'S CHOICE



Mr. Brick said he appreciated Ms. Reid's clarification.

Mr. Welker said he's not sure it's a problem that can easily be fixed. He said he believes all the Commissioners would like to have a better dialogue and better communication with ourselves, with Council, with Staff and the citizens; we do the best we can. He said he felt like Staff and the Commission has tried to get public input.

Mr. Brick said he feels we have been successful too. There were probably 20 to 30 people here; that usually does not happen.

Mr. Welker said the problem is those people leave here feeling they were unheard.

Ms. Krieger said and the Commission is actually thrilled to have them attend.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Barbara Krecklow, Recording Secretary