
Council Newsletter



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES September 20, 2012

Upcoming Council Meetings

City Council will meet on **Monday, September 24, 2012**. The Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. There is no Regular Meeting scheduled. The agendas are attached. Sandwiches will be available at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

The next meeting will be **Monday, October 1, 2012**.

Informative Memoranda

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

1. News release concerning Council Public Hearing on South Clarkson Street closure on October 1, 2012.
2. Invitation to help judge artwork for 2013 Englewood Calendar.
3. Memorandum and Letter to residents and property owners concerning a public meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2012 about the Englewood and Oxford Stations and a potential Bates light rail station.
4. Articles concerning the Breasts of Englewood.
5. Article concerning Bitner Family Fundraiser on Saturday, September 22, 2012.
6. Article regarding Englewood economic incentives.
7. Article concerning Englewood High School's recognition of Mayor Penn.
8. Articles from Governing and Buxton Magazine submitted by Mayor Pro Tem Woodward.
9. E-mail concerning Amendments 65 and S, and measure 2A from Mayor Pro Tem Woodward.
10. Letter from Ira David Sasina concerning his home near the Englewood Schools redevelopment project.
11. Letter expressing appreciation to the Utilities Department for a water main repair.
12. Memorandum concerning Housing America Month.
13. Calendar of Events.
14. Tentative Study Session Topics.
15. Minutes from the Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee meeting of July 12, 2012.
16. Minutes from the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of August 9, 2012.
17. Minutes from the Transportation Advisory Committee special meeting of August 9, 2012.
18. Minutes from Code Enforcement Advisory Committee meeting of August 15, 2012.

Leigh Ann Hoffhines

From: Leigh Ann Hoffhines
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2012 4:29 PM
To: 'Leigh Ann Hoffhines' <leahoff@englewoodcolorado.gov>; Englewood Herald - Tom Munds (tommunds@englewoodcolorado.gov); Kevin Hamm (khamm@englewoodcolorado.gov); Millett, Sarah; Villager - News Desk (newsdesk@englewoodcolorado.gov); Clayton Woullard (claytonw@englewoodcolorado.gov); Tom Barry (tbarry@englewoodcolorado.gov); Millett, Sarah
Cc: Leigh Ann Hoffhines
Subject: 10/1/2012 Public Hearing on Clarkson St. vacation/Craig Hospital expansion



City of Englewood, Colorado News Release

For Immediate Release: September 19, 2012

Media Contact: Michael Flaherty, Deputy City Manager

Phone: 303-762-2314

E-Mail: mflaherty@englewoodcolorado.gov

Englewood City Council to hold October 1 Public Hearing to gather input on closing the 3400 block of South Clarkson Street to accommodate Craig Hospital expansion

Englewood, CO: Englewood City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on Monday, October 1, 2012 to gather input on the proposed vacation of the 3400 block of South Clarkson to accommodate the planned expansion of Craig Hospital. The Public Hearing will take place at 7:30 pm in the 2nd floor Council Chambers in the Englewood Civic Center, located at 1000 Englewood Parkway.

Craig Hospital has approached the City of Englewood with plans of a proposed expansion of the hospital. In order to accommodate the expansion, Craig Hospital is asking the City of Englewood to vacate the right-of-way of South Clarkson between Girard and Old Hampden, which means that the 3400 block would be closed to through traffic once the expansion is complete.

Englewood's Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the proposal and is recommending approval of the street vacation. The traffic engineering consultant for Craig Hospital has conducted a traffic study identifying issues and offering a recommendation for mitigating impacts. Englewood's Public Works Department and Fire Department have also studied the proposal and staff has determined there are no significant traffic impacts or emergency transport issues related to the proposed closure.

Before making a final decision, City Council wants to hear input from the community. Interested community members are encouraged to attend the October 1 Public Hearing.

Details on the proposed Clarkson Street vacation and the planned expansion of Craig Hospital are available on our website: www.englewoodgov.org/Index.aspx?page=1054.

#

Leigh Ann Hoffhines
Communications Coordinator
City of Englewood
1000 Englewood Parkway
Englewood, CO 80110
303-762-2316

www.englewoodgov.org | [Facebook](#)



Memorandum

City Manager's Office

TO: Mayor Penn and City Council Members
THROUGH: Gary Sears, City Manager
FROM: Leigh Ann Hoffhines, Communications Coordinator
DATE: September 20, 2012
SUBJECT: 2013 Englewood Calendar Artwork Selection (October 1 or October 3)

I would like to extend an invitation for City Council to serve on the selection panel for the student artwork that will be included in the 2013 Englewood Calendar.

The artwork and judging forms will be available in the City Council Conference Room prior to the Study Session on Monday, October 1 beginning at 4 pm. If that time does not work for you, you are welcome to attend the Cultural Arts Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 3, at which the Commission members will be casting their votes. The Cultural Arts Commission meeting starts at 5:45 pm in the City Council Conference Room.

If you are interested in helping select the calendar artwork but neither of those times work for you, please call me so we can make other arrangements.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions about the judging process for the calendar. I can be reached at 303-762-2316.



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor Penn and Council Members

THRU: Gary Sears, Englewood City Manager
Harold Stitt, Community Development Senior Planner

FROM: John Voboril, Planner II

DATE: September 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Englewood Light Rail Corridor Plan Second Meeting Reminder Letters

Community Development and consulting firm Crandall Arambula are currently in the process of sending out email and postal letter notices of the second round of planning meetings to both station area stakeholder groups and members of the general public who participated in the first round of meetings or who had previously registered as interested participants. Copies of the communications to both groups have been attached to this memo to keep Council informed.

Att: Englewood Light Rail Corridor Plan – Second Meeting Reminder Letters

C: Gary Sears
Mike Flaherty
Alan White
Harold Stitt



CITY OF ENGLEWOOD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

September 12, 2012

Re: Englewood Light Rail Corridor Plan – Second Meeting Reminder

Dear Englewood Light Rail Corridor Stakeholder:

The second round of Englewood Light Rail Corridor Plan meetings are scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 27th. Stakeholder meetings will be held in the Perrin Meeting Room in the Englewood Public Library on the first floor of the Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway. When entering the library, turn in the opposite direction of the check-out desk, walk past the computer area, turn left, and walk down the aisle to the northeast corner of the library.

Meeting Schedule

Bates Station Area Stakeholders	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Englewood Station Area Stakeholders	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Oxford Station Area Central/South Stakeholders	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Oxford Station Area North Stakeholders	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

General Public Meeting

If you are unable to attend your scheduled stakeholder meeting, please consider attending the General Public Meeting. The General Public Meeting will be held in Hamdpen Hall, on the second floor of the Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway. Doors open at 6:30 PM for sign-in and refreshments, with the formal meeting scheduled to run from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

The General Public Meeting presentation will be recorded and made available for comments on the project website (www.Englewood-light-rail-plan.info) within one week of the actual meeting date.

For the second round of meetings, the Crandall Arambula consultant team will review the input received from stakeholders and the general public for each station area at the first round of meetings. The consultant team will then present development scenario alternatives for each station based on analysis of existing and projected conditions, and input received from stakeholders and the general public.

Thank you for your participation in the Englewood Light Rail Corridor Plan project. Please contact me at 303.783.6820 or _____ with any questions you may have concerning the project.

Sincerely,

John Voboril, AICP
City of Englewood Project Manager



C I T Y O F E N G L E W O O D
C O M M U N I T Y D E V E L O P M E N T

September 12, 2012

Re: Englewood Light Rail Corridor Plan – Second Meeting Reminder

Dear Englewood Resident/Business:

The second General Public Meeting for the Englewood Light Rail Corridor Plan process will take place on Thursday, September 27th, in Hampden Hall at the Englewood Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway. Doors will open at 6:30 PM for sign-in and refreshments. The formal meeting presentation will begin at 7:00 PM.

If you are unable to attend the second General Public Meeting, you may review a recording of the presentation and provide comments via the project website (www.Englewood-Light-Rail-Plan.info), within one week of the actual meeting date.

For the second round of meetings, the Crandall Arambula consultant team will review the input received from stakeholders and the general public for each station area at the first round of meetings. The consultant team will then present development scenario alternatives for each station based on analysis of existing and projected conditions, and input received from stakeholders and the general public.

Thank you for your participation in the Englewood Light Rail Corridor Plan project. Please contact me at 303.783.6820 or with any questions you may
have concerning the project.

Sincerely,

John Voboril, AICP
City of Englewood Project Manager

THE BREASTS OF ENGLEWOOD

29 women – and 1 mayor – show support for cancer survivors

By Peter Jones

What do Englewood Mayor Randy Penn and former disc jockey Jo Meyers have in common? Normally not much, other than Englewood residency.

Penn, 63, has the stocky build of a lifelong football veteran. He coached the Englewood High School Pirates for nearly four decades and became a community fixture before handily winning election to the City Council in 2007.

Meyers, 56, spent 33 years in the world of high-profile radio broadcasting, traveling up and down the Denver dial – from KBPI to KOSI to the defunct KAZY – often in the coveted and frequently zany morning-drive air shift.

The two Englewood fixtures have disparate backgrounds and personalities, but they both found time to give of themselves – imprints of their breasts, to be precise – for the cause of helping cancer victims make ends meet.

"If it can make money and help people out, it doesn't matter what people think," said Penn, the only man to participate in Englewood's inaugural Breasts of Colorado. "There are other things in life besides being a jock, and sometimes you have to step out a bit. This is an easy way for me to give back to the community."

The experience was particularly meaningful for Meyers, who had breast reconstruction surgery two years ago after undergoing a double mastectomy.

"It was easy for me to do this," she said of the breast-cancer benefit. "I'll stand in front of somebody, naked from the waist up. I was a very shy person. Now I'm not shy at all. There's no time to be shy."

Meyers and Penn were two of the 30 models who endured a casting of their chests for Breasts of Colorado, a multi-faceted project of the Greater Englewood Chamber of Commerce. Local artists then turned the recreations into genuine works of art.

Participants were asked to raise at least \$500 for Sense of Security, a Denver-based nonprofit that assists breast-cancer patients with

their living and health care expenses while enduring the treatment, healing and survival process.

Chamber Executive Director Colleen Mello said the idea came after her sister and business partner at Molly's Closet happened upon a similar event in San Diego.

"She came back and thought since we do Paint the City Pink in Englewood, it would be a good tie-in," Mello said.

Recruiting willing participants was easy, once people got past their initial blank stares about an admittedly offbeat fundraiser.

Penn, who has three aunts who have had breast-cancer surgery, hopes his participation will inspire other men to step up to the plate next year, noting that about 2,000 men are diagnosed with breast cancer every year.

"It's a good way to bring that information to men," the mayor said. "I'll take it to the high school and let the kids look at it. It won't bother me."

The half-hour casting process was painless, he added.

"You're thinking it's going to fall off because it starts getting heavy at the bottom," Penn said.

"When it dries, it loosens up and falls right off."

Like Englewood's mayor, most women who volunteered their breasts did so in honor of family members. Jaime Thompson, co-owner of Englewood's Thompson Automotive, said her favorite aunt died of breast cancer.

"She was a great lady and she didn't have the help she needed," Thompson said. "Maybe if organizations like Sense of Security would have been available to her, things could have been different. I eagerly volunteered. It's a great cause."

Some of the artists also had personal ties. Shawn Winchester, the painter who put her creative stamp on Thompson's chest, is a double-mastectomy survivor.

Last week's art opening at the Big Purple Box, 1705 S. Pearl St., was the start of a series of quirky events that will culminate during October, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

On Oct. 3, an eccentric gala at Red & Jerry's, 1840 W. Oxford Ave. in Sheridan, will feature a benefit bra sale, a burlesque show and a performance by Denver Cy-

cle Sluts, the city's self-described "original camp drag comedy troupe."

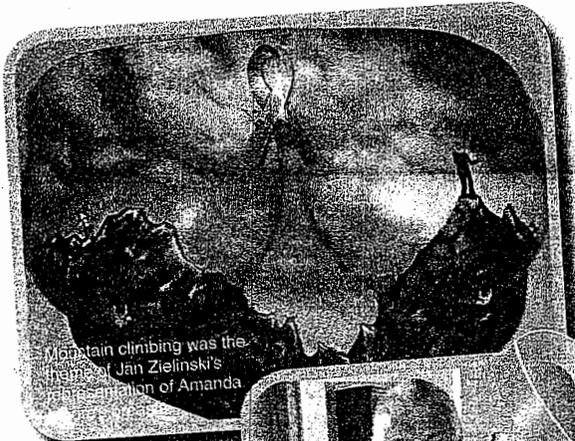
Finally, on Oct. 7 after Englewood has officially dyed its fountain pink, the Englewood City Center will host Breasts of Colorado's closing ceremony – where a final check will be presented to Sense of Security and Rocky Mountain Roller Girls will roll the roundabout in solidarity with breast-cancer survivors.

For Meyers, who grew accustomed to such eccentricities on morning radio, the experience has been the culmination of a saga that began when she left broadcasting five years ago to write *Good to Go: A Guide to Preparing for the End of Life*.

As its title may imply, the book is a humorous primer covering everything from funeral planning to designating a "shovel buddy," a friend one can trust to sort through their more embarrassing possessions after death.

One of Meyers's favorite shirts: "Mine are fake. My real ones tried to kill me."

"My friends have been through this too. We call ourselves the 'Chemo-sabes,'" Meyers said with a smile. "All those years in radio, I would go and emcee events. I would get involved in benefits, but I never really got it. Now I get it."



Mountain climbing was the theme of Jan Zielinski's interpretation of Amanda

Englewood Mayor Randy Penn was the only man to have his chest casted for the inaugural Breasts of Colorado, a breast-cancer fundraiser organized by the Greater Englewood Chamber of Commerce. The event is raising money for Sense of Security, a nonprofit that assists breast-cancer patients.

Photos by Peter Jones



Artist Jenn Hall, left, created the flowery art that adorns the breast cast for former disc jockey and Englewood resident Jo Meyers, who had reconstructive surgery two years ago after undergoing a double mastectomy. Meyers's artistically interpreted chest is among 30 on display at the Big Purple Box, 1705 S. Pearl St. in Denver.



Eve Widner's chest is "Where the Wild Things Are."



Jaime Thompson, co-owner of Thompson Automotive in Englewood, is not sure what she will do with the artwork inspired by her bosom. "They were joking with me that I should hang it at the shop," she said. The artist, Shawn Winchester, survived a double mastectomy.



Barbara Spohn-Lillo imagined a few drinks for model Jessie McDaniel.



ARAPAHOE COUNTY BELLEVIEW CORRIDOR PLAN OPEN HOUSE SET FOR SEPT. 26

A new transportation study will help to shape the future of Belleview Avenue from Monaco Street on the west to DTC Boulevard on the east, including the Interstate 25 interchange. When completed in 2013, the Belleview Avenue Corridor Plan will outline improvements for automobile, mass transit, pedestrian and bicycle traffic along this major arterial, which carries 50,000 vehicles per day through Greenwood Village, Denver and unincorporated Arapahoe County.

Residents, business owners and commuters are invited to an open house to learn about the study and share comments from 4 to 7 p.m. Sept. 26 at Greenwood Village City Hall, 6060 S. Quebec St.

For more information and to receive study updates, go to arapahoe.gov or call Arapahoe County Public Works at 720-874-6500.

Arapahoe County

Forum for RTD District E candidates slated for Sept. 29. The League of Women Voters of Arapahoe County will hold a candidate forum for candidates vying for the District E position on the Regional Transportation District Board of Directors, at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Eloise May Library, 1471 S. Parker Road in Denver.

The winning candidate will replace William McMullen, who is term limited. Candidates are Jeffery Bjorlin, Vince Chowdhury, Claudia Folska and Dave Williams.

District E includes parts of Denver, Aurora, Greenwood Village and Centennial.

The forum is free and open to the public. For information, contact Karen Hart at 720-234-5303 or

League of Women Voters of Arapahoe County

ENGLEWOOD

Fundraiser for Bitner family Sept. 22. The community is invited to a fundraising event Sept. 22 to benefit the family of fallen Englewood police officer Jeremy Bitner.

The City of Englewood is joining other community agencies to help organize this event, which will take place in the 3400 block of South Acoma Street in Englewood from 3 to 9 p.m. The fundraiser will feature live music, a silent auction and food and soft drinks from local vendors.

This family-friendly event will also feature a "KidZone" area with activities for youth, and Englewood police officers

and firefighters will be on hand throughout the day.

The Detective Bitner Family Fundraiser is free, but donations are encouraged. All proceeds will go the memorial fund set up for the family of Bitner.

For a schedule of events, go to englewoodgov.org.

City of Englewood

LITTLETON

City warns residents of roofing scam.

The Littleton Building Department has received complaints from homeowners concerning certain roofing companies who state they represent the City of Littleton and are required to inspect their roof for damage. The city is not working with any roofing companies for inspections, nor are shake roof coverings prohibited as some of these companies are representing.

Homeowners should contact their insurance company if they believe their roof has sustained damage from wind or hail.

For more information, call the Littleton Building Department at 303-795-3751.

City of Littleton

Littleton Public Schools finance department recognized. The Littleton Public Schools finance department has again earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report. This is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

In addition, the association named LPS director of finance and risk management Donna Villamor the recipient of the Award of Financial Report Achievement as the lead person responsible for preparing the award-winning report.

The Littleton Public Schools comprehensive annual financial report is available online at littletonpublicschools.net.

Littleton Public Schools

METRO AREA

Rocky Mountain Base Submarine Veterans meetings. We are looking for submariners and want you to know that your shipmates at Rocky Mountain Base are here waiting for you to join us.

Monthly meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the meeting promptly at 7 p.m. at American Legion Post No. 161, 6230 W. 60th Ave. in Arvada.

For more information, call Gene Nagel at 720-350-2948.

Rocky Mountain Base Submarine Veterans

*yourhub.com
9.20.12*

984-2HUB (2482)

Your Business**Englewood
council OKs
economic
incentives****By Clayton Woullard**
YourHub Reporter

Englewood debuted its first economic development incentive program meant to shore up sales tax revenue that has been flat in the city since 2003.

The program, approved by city council Sept. 4, will allow the city to offer incentives and rebates for things such as public improvements or infrastructure costs to help businesses get projects started.

The city recently did this in terms of public improvements for the new King Soopers that will open at Federal Boulevard and Belleview Avenue, but the city has done so for only three projects in the past 15 years.

Council is free to consider any request on a case-by-case basis.

"Essentially what this allows for is for city council to make decisions to waive certain fees and to rebate certain tax obligations of a developer so (a) project may go forward that otherwise would not be able to go forward," said deputy city manager Michael Flaherty.

Mayor Randy Penn said he wants to assure residents that the council will approve incentives only for projects where the city knows the sales tax returns will be substantial to make it worth giving the incentive in the first place.

"The most important thing is we want companies to know Englewood is willing to work with them just as all other cities are doing," Penn said. "It has to be cost-effective, there has to be a payback to the city so the citizens can earn that back."

Flaherty said there has been a backlog of requests, so residents should begin seeing results of the incentive program in the short term.

*yourhub.com
9.20.12*

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations

Manitou Springs City Clerk Donna Kast and **Montrose City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo** both earned the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Commerce City Public Works Director

Gregg Clements is retiring after 36 years of service with the City. He has been involved with several projects such as Dick's Sporting Goods Park, Victory Crossing, Buffalo Run Golf Course, and the Municipal Services and Recreation Center. He stepped into acting roles for numerous departments, including serving a year as city manager, as well as streamlining development reviews and processes.

Greeley Finance Director Tim Nash

is resigning from his position with the City after three decades of service to work as finance director in Encinitas, Calif. "Tim is one of the best in the business and CML wishes him well. He has been a great supporter," Sam Mamet, CML executive director.

Montrose Senior Assistant City Attorney

Bennet Morris recently was appointed by Gov. John Hickenlooper to serve as a Montrose County Court judge. He will leave his position as senior assistant city attorney, which he has held since 2003, to fill the judgeship created by the resignation of the Hon. Jerry Montgomery.

Broomfield Police Chief Tom Deland

was honored for his 35 years of service to the Broomfield Police Department. He started in 1977 as an animal control officer and by 1991 was appointed the City's fourth chief of police. In 2001, when Broomfield became a city and county, he also assumed the role of county sheriff.

Lone Tree Associate Municipal Judge and Castle Rock Associate municipal/Teen Court Judge Theresa Slade

recently was appointed by Gov. John Hickenlooper to serve as a district court judge in the 18th Judicial District, which includes Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties. She will fill a vacancy created by the retirement of the Hon. Valeria Spencer.

Englewood Mayor Randy Penn recently was honored for his many years of service at Englewood High School. "As a longtime professional colleague of my wife, Judith, we can both say well deserved, Mr. Mayor, and Go Pirates!" stated Sam Mamet, CML executive director.

Fire accreditation

The **Castle Rock Fire Department** received international accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. The accreditation is a process that includes community input, an evaluation of present practices, and a commitment to continued self-improvement.

Library groundbreaking

The **City of Denver** celebrated the groundbreaking for a new library, located at Colfax Avenue and Irving Street, with Denver Mayor Michael Hancock and City Librarian Shirley Amore in attendance. When the facility is finished, it will be a 28,000-square foot, two-story state-of-the-art building. The community participated in the final design of the building, which includes flexible spaces for classes and gatherings.

Partnership for health care

The **City of Longmont** recently started an exciting new partnership with the medical providers in the community. The Longmont Community Medical Services Network is a collaboration between the City, Boulder County Public Health, Longmont United Hospital, and many others. The network is exploring new and innovative ways to partner to provide more efficient and effective health care.

Content management system

The **City of Arvada** and the **City of Boulder** were awarded second place in the 2012 Best of the Web City Portal Category from the e.Republic's Center for Digital Government for their collaborative approach to share and jointly pursue innovation for a specialized website content management system. To achieve ongoing greatness and to stay on the leading edge in an era of shrinking budgets, the Cities of Arvada and Boulder entered into a partnership that would allow each city's website to evolve and grow without becoming overwhelming to a single development team and organization.

Literacy center opens

The **City of Aurora's** Mission Viejo Branch Library has opened the Literacy Cottage — the second early literacy center in the Aurora Public Library system. The Literacy Cottage is a dedicated room with three advanced graphical interface computer stations that have touch screens for little fingers to explore and develop essential pre-reading skills; these computers offer multilingual formats. The center features children's art work, educational toys, children's books, and a fun mini-play area all designed to stimulate and meet educational needs of young children by providing a vibrant, literacy-rich space.

Business walk

The **City of Wheat Ridge** recently conducted its first-ever "business walk" coordinated by the Economic Development Division of the City Manager's Office. Volunteers and city staff, during a two-hour period, visited with local businesses to learn how businesses are doing and to determine how the City can help those businesses succeed.

City and county meeting

The **City of Brush** recently hosted a city and county meeting, allowing governmental entities from throughout Morgan County the opportunity to share with other attendees the events and activities occurring in their respective communities. Discussion topics ranged from recycling to mill levy allocation and from bridge replacement to water and wastewater treatment projects.

Energy savings

The **Town of New Castle** has been saving thousands of dollars a year in electricity costs at its wastewater treatment facility as a result of the installed energy-tracking software developed by Clean Energy Economy for the Region at the facility. The software system tracks energy use in real time and displays it on a large kiosk, where facility managers can see how much their buildings are using.

Water conservation award

The **City of Grand Junction** was recognized for its continued water conservation practices at the many parks, practice fields, and golf courses it maintains with a plaque from the Clifton Water District, Ute Water Conservancy District, and other Drought Response Information Project (DRIP) committee members. DRIP noted that the City had used 30 percent less water in the past six years.

Art walk

The **City of Colorado Springs** held the fourth of five art walks led by Mayor Steve Bach in an effort to raise awareness of the many works of art in its downtown. The walk highlighted 15 butterflies from the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs Butterflies and Friends project. A total of 31 butterflies are on display around the city and will be auctioned off as a fundraiser for its School District 11 arts programs.

Energy saving

The **Colorado Springs Fire Department** announced that it is accepting federal grant funds to help pay the ongoing salaries of 15 firefighters. The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency will provide the City with about \$2 million over two years; however, after the two years, the department will have to come up with the salary money.

Constitution day

The **Town of Grand Lake** hosted a U.S. Constitution Day Festival, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution, on Sept. 22. The day included a patriotic parade, pie bake sale, and outdoor dance party.

GOVERNING | View

THE STATES AND LOCALITIES

SUBSCRIBE
NEWSLETTERS
ADVERTISE



HOME NEWS & TOPICS COLUMNS & BLOGS MAGAZINE EVENTS & WEBINARS BOOKS PAPERS MULTIMEDIA

CURRENT: GENERATIONS | PUBLIC SECTOR DEGREES | GOVERNING DATA | THE GOVERNING INSTITUTE | ELECTION CENTER 2012

SEARCH

ECODISTRICTS SUMMIT 3 days to innovate, invest and inspire
#greencitiesaroundtheworld
OCTOBER 24-27, 2012

City Revenue Drops for the 6th Consecutive Year

POSTED BY RYAN HOLEYWELL | SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

Tweet



iStockphoto

City governments suffered their sixth consecutive year of revenue decline in FY 2012, according to a new report by the National League of Cities that paints a bleak portrait for localities and offers little reason for optimism.

The annual report, based on data collected from more than 300 cities, finds that cities are still reeling from the effects of the recession that began in late 2007 and still haven't started to recover.

It's a stark contrast to the rebound being enjoyed by states, which are projected to finally return to pre-recession levels of revenue during FY 2013.

The discrepancy is due to a couple of factors. Cities, unlike states, rely on property taxes as a key source of revenue. That means they're especially susceptible to the sluggish downturn in the real estate market. And because of the way property values are assessed and collected, there's typically a delay between when property values start to decline and when that decline actually results in less tax revenue.

Another sign of trouble for cities: they've erased nearly half their reserves in an effort to plug their budget holes. Before the recession, cities collectively had ending balances of about 25 percent. In 2012, they're projected to be just 12.7 percent. Those balances, which have been slashed, have historically been used by ratings agencies and others as a barometer to measure a city's fiscal health.

More bad news for cities: the sluggish situation could continue for years to come, according to the report. "Looking to 2013, all indications point to continuing

challenges for city budgets, with national economic indicators pointing to slow growth and the possibility of federal budget cuts that may further dampen economic recovery," the authors write.

City finance officials projected they'll see an overall 3.9 percent decrease in revenue for the 2012 fiscal year, which ended this summer or will end this fall in most places. Expenditures were projected to be up just 0.3 percent.

Interestingly, the trend seems to have occurred for so long that finance officers are adjusting to a new normal. About 57 percent of city finance officers said their cities are better able to meet their fiscal needs this year than they could in 2011 -- despite the decrease in revenues.

More than 40 percent of city finance officers reported that their city had increased fees to help increase revenue. And 22 percent increased local property taxes (the authors note that historically, that's typical, regardless of the state of the economy).

Across the nation, cities are cutting back on personnel -- typically through hiring freezes -- as well as delaying infrastructure work and slashing services to deal with their revenue declines.

Finance officers blame the cost of pensions and health benefits for their workforce and its retirees as a primary driver of their fiscal strain.

Going forward, those costs will continue to compete for scarce resources, meaning elected officials will have to make tough choices, like whether to increase taxes and fees on residents, or cut city services, in order to compensate employees and retirees, according to the authors.

RELATED ARTICLES

Report: State Revenue Returns to Pre-Recession Levels

Report: 5th Consecutive Year of City Revenue Decreases

States Inch Closer to 2008 Budget Levels

Dissecting State and Local Finances



Written and compiled by staff writers and editors, GOVERNING View is an on-the-ground, and sometimes behind-the-scenes, look at the topics we're covering in print and online. From notes on what's up in statehouses, county courthouses and city halls to encounters with people, places and things, GOVERNING View is a window into the side of state and local government you don't always see.

FEEDS ABOUT THIS BLOG CONTACT

LATEST FROM VIEW

Kansas Helps Developmentally Disabled Get to Work

GOVERNING Daybook

City Revenue Drops for the 6th Consecutive Year

DLCC Officials Optimistic on State Legislative Races

Could the Chicago Teachers Strike Spread? Not Likely

NASCIO REGISTER NOW!
TWO THOUSAND TWELVE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Oct. 21-24, 2012 San Diego, Calif.
Destination Success



Ryan Holeywell
Ryan Holeywell is a staff writer at GOVERNING
E-mail: rholyw@nlc.org

COMMENTS

oldest first



RETAIL & RESTAURANTS

HEALTHCARE

CONSUMER
PACKAGED GOODS

PUBLIC SECTOR

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Competitive Community - July 10, 2012

Don't Offer Incentive Without It

Justifying the offer of incentives to businesses is always a challenge for community leaders. A Cost/Benefit Impact is a relatively simple and widely used tool which adds up the value of the benefits that accrue to the community by the proposed new or expanded business and subtracts the costs associated with it.

Cost/Benefit Impact analyses can range from simple to a more sophisticated. The simple analysis is conducted using direct public financial costs and direct financial benefits (public revenues generated). The more sophisticated analysis attempts to put a financial value on intangible costs and benefits and requires careful data gathering and calculations.

For the community the simple analysis is the one most frequently used in negotiations because it assist in answering two questions, "Are incentives justifies and if so how much is too much?" Nothing beats hard numbers to justify incentives for a good project or to reject a bad one.

The three components of the simple Cost/Benefit Impact are:

Identify direct public costs: In addition to the costs of incentives, all other direct public costs associated with the project are totaled to include infrastructure costs, utility and highway upgrades, increased fire and police protection and any other public expenses associated with the project.

Identify direct public benefits: The true measure of the project value includes all property taxes, sales and user taxes, impact fees, licenses and permit fees.

Computing Impact: Direct costs are matched against direct revenues; if costs exceed revenues, the desirability of the project needs further analysis. If direct revenue exceeds costs the analysis can:

1. Help identify the break-even point, and
2. Determine the number of years it will take for the project to payback the incentives and other public costs.

To avoid making poor incentive decisions a Cost/Benefit Impact analysis can provide hard numbers to determine if incentives are in order, the amount of incentives needed to make the deal and to justify the decisions to offer them.



Mapping Tourism

Identifying and prioritizing tourists and tourism markets for better marketing and long-term planning.

[Read this field brief.](#)

New Retail? It's in the Bag

How one community has successfully used analytics and SCOUT, Buxton's web-based analytics portal, to recruit retail development.

[Read this field brief.](#)

Client Testimonial: Tulsa, OK

Tammy Fate, Retail Marketing Coordinator, tells us about Tulsa, OK and how they are using Buxton analytics to actively recruit retail, and help the development community.

[Watch the video.](#)



From: Gary Sears
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2012 12:52 PM
To: Sue Carlton-Smith
Subject: FW: The Bell endorses Amendments 65 and S, Measure 2A

Please put in the packet. Thanks, Gary

From: Jim Woodward
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2012 12:33 PM
To: Randy Penn; Gary Sears; Mike Flaherty; Dan Brotzman
Subject: Fwd: The Bell endorses Amendments 65 and S, Measure 2A

Jim Woodward,
Mayor Pro Tem
City of Englewood, CO

Sender and receiver(s) should be mindful that all my incoming and outgoing emails may be subject to the Colorado Open Records Act, § 24-72-100.1, et seq.

----- Original message -----

Subject:The Bell endorses Amendments 65 and S, Measure 2A
From:The Bell Policy Center <joewatt@bellpolicy.org>
To:Jim Woodward <jwoodward@englewoodgov.org>
Cc:

Having trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#)

	<p>The Bell Policy Center <i>Expanding opportunity through research and advocacy</i></p>
<p>We take pride</p> <p>in our work, but we</p> <p>can't do it without</p> <p>support.</p> <p>If you like what we</p>	<p>The Bell endorses Amendments 65 and S, Measure 2A <i>Download our complete ballot guide</i></p> <p>We are pleased to announce that The Bell Policy Center's Board of Directors has voted to endorse Colorado Amendments 65 and S, as well as Denver Measure 2A, three important items on this fall's ballot.</p>

do,

please consider a donation.

DONATE

Amendment S gives the governor more power to hire people in his or her administration by removing some positions from the protections of the state personnel system and grants the governor the power to dismiss members of the state personnel board. It also makes several other changes to the state's hiring process.

We support this amendment because we believe that those who serve the public should be given the flexibility to operate as effectively as possible. This particular amendment will expand the governor's ability to hire the most qualified employees for the job. We are also pleased that the input of state employees was taken into account during the drafting of the amendment.



Facebook



Twitter

Amendment 65 amends the state constitution to change state law from "encouraging campaign spending limits" to "establishing spending limits." It also instructs Colorado's congressional delegation and the Colorado State Legislature to propose and support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that allows Congress and the states to limit campaign spending.



Join our list

We support this amendment because we think that leveling the playing field of campaign finance is important to the health of our democracy. Amendment 65 represents a step in that direction.

Contact us

Measure 2A allows the city of Denver to retain property tax revenues estimated to total \$44 to \$68 million annually that would otherwise be rebated to residents in the form of property tax credits. It also restores 6.2 mills to Denver's property tax rate that were cut in order to stay below the caps that TABOR imposed. The changes will be phased in over a period of several years. At the end of the phase in-period, a typical Denver homeowner will pay about \$111 more per year in property taxes. The additional revenue will be used to restore city services in six key areas: Children, libraries, public safety, streets, seniors and disabled people, and parks and open space.

The Bell is a non-profit,

We support this measure because ensuring that the public sector possesses adequate resources to deliver important services to

**non-partisan
policy center.**

**We conduct
objective research
and advocate
policies that
reflect progressive
values.**

**Our mission is to
make Colorado
a state of
opportunity
for all.**

**The Bell Policy
Center**

1905 Sherman St.,
Suite 900

Denver, Colorado
80203

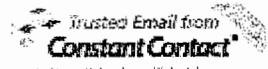
303-297-0456

citizens is at the core of our mission as an organization. This measure will improve the quality of life in Denver and make the city's overall tax structure less regressive for low-income residents. It will benefit low-income parents and their children by restoring child-care services for 3,000 low income children, funding free pool and recreation center access and doubling the number of children in after-school and summer programs. It will also benefit the elderly and disabled by increasing the city's property tax credit from \$186 per year to \$372 per year for 4,000 low-income senior citizens and people with disabilities.

Our board has voted to take no position on Amendment 64, concerning the regulation of marijuana. Our complete [ballot guide](#) can be downloaded from our website. We encourage you to share it with your friends and keep it handy when you vote.

[Forward email](#)

 SafeUnsubscribe


Trusted Email from
Constant Contact
Try it FREE today.

Aug. 29, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to express our concerns as well as offer a proposal. Re: The work being done at Clarkson St. and Lehigh Ave. to change the entrance to the new bus terminal and parking area, is having a direct negative impact on us in so many ways and on so many levels at 3801 S. Clarkson St. and because of that we have decided to sell our home for these specific reasons. For example: the land you will be taking to put in the 2 way street, curb and gutter plus sidewalk will come within 3 feet of the side of our house and will devalue our property by a substantial amount when we try to sell and must disclose this process to a buyer. We have maintained that piece of abandoned property as well as made improvements with fruit tree, evergreen tree, sod, fencing, sprinkler system etc, for the past 26 years. It is possible, according to your design that we may not be able to open our garage door and / or use our driveway .

We would like to offer a proposal that would be a tremendous benefit to the city, parks and rec., and the new campus, including a much more cost effective and more efficient way to accomplish the same goal in regards to putting the new entrance to the campus and in regards to the parking issues. We would like to offer our property to the City of Englewood FIRST in order to eliminate the process and the expense, to all involved, of moving the project to the north of Lehigh and still allow for access to the already existing utilities, water and city ditch at the entrance of Lehigh and to the entrance to the school property so, that any future maintenance for those utilities would be still more cost effective and easier to repair. For example, due to multiple school buses continually passing over those existing utilities will cause more need for repair. We also believe the city, the parks the new campus and the citizens in the area will greatly benefit and appreciate the extra parking. As per the first meeting in Fisher Auditorium " this new campus will only increase the value of our houses."

We are asking in exchange for our home, improvements, maintenance, and time \$350,000.00 Please take into consideration these concerns, as well as others not mentioned, and the knowledge, information and suggestions provided. Our goal is to be no longer negatively impacted by this project as soon as possible as we feel the impact will only increase.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration regarding this proposal.

Ira David Sasina

September 16, 2012

Dear Mr. Sears,

I meant to write this letter a couple of weeks ago, but I've been ill, so it has taken awhile to recover. I recently received a letter from my neighbor, voicing his complaints about the delay in finishing the work on our street. I realized that it was important to let you know that we don't all agree with his point of view.

I was home during the time the work was being done to replace the water main. We were kept informed about every phase of the project, and any questions were answered politely and thoroughly.

Watching the actual process was fascinating, and gave me a new respect for the people who do this work. It was amazing to see how perfectly coordinated they were while moving the equipment and pipes. The workers and equipment were in constant motion, and each function was performed seamlessly.

In my opinion, there was nothing to complain about regarding the delay – I really didn't notice. I hope that you will convey to the employees that some of us think they are doing a great job.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jill Dawicki
4118 S. Pearl St.
Englewood, CO 80113



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor and City Council

THRU: Gary Sears, City Manager
Alan White, Community Development Director ✓

FROM: Janet Grimmett, Housing Finance Specialist ✓
Harold J. Stitt, Senior Planner ✓

DATE: October 1, 2012

SUBJECT: Council Proclamation - October 2012 - Housing America Month.

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) have requested member agencies support for the national Housing America Campaign. The Campaign is a year-long effort to inform the public and decision makers about the need to meet the country's affordable housing and community development challenges. NAHRO is joined in the campaign by partners from the non-profit, governmental, and private sectors. As a show of support to this effort Community Development is requesting Council proclaim October 2012 as "Housing America Month."

More than 70 years ago, this nation committed itself to providing a decent home and suitable living environment for all Americans. To date, this promise has not been fully realized. With renewed public support and enlightened leadership, NAHRO and its member agencies are committed to reestablishing this objective as a national priority.

This is a critical national objective that can only be met through an unwavering federal commitment; an ongoing ability on the part of state and local government to fill in the gaps created by the limits of federal assistance; a dedicated, mission-driven not-for-profit community, and a forward-thinking private sector.

Today, 15.6 million households pay more than half of their income for housing and homeless estimates are nearly 750,000. America is the best housed nation on earth, yet for a growing and more economically-diverse number of families, children, seniors and persons with disabilities, affordable housing in quality communities is illusionary.

Safe, decent and affordable housing is pivotal in our society—beyond providing basic shelter, it positively impacts the economy and improves the quality of our environment. Over the years, the public and private sectors have learned much about the cost-effective provision of affordable housing; what works, what does not work, and why. Englewood's housing programs demonstrate a commitment to this national goal of meeting the housing needs of all Americans.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS for more than 70 years it has been the policy of this nation, under the US Housing Act to promote the general welfare of the nation by employing its funds and credit to assist the several states and their political subdivisions to remedy the unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for families of lower income;

WHEREAS, according to the “State of the Nation’s Housing” report, 15.6 million households now pay more than half of their income for housing;

WHEREAS, according to current estimates, on any given night, there are nearly 750,000 homeless nationwide and up to 3.5 million persons who experience homelessness at some point throughout the year;

WHEREAS, according to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition’s “Out of Reach” report, minimum wage earners are unable to afford even a one-bedroom home anywhere in the country, and 88% of renters in cities live in areas where the fair market rent for a two-bedroom rental is not affordable even with two minimum wage jobs;

WHEREAS public housing is home to over 2 million people, more than 40 percent of whom are children, and currently receives federal funding at less than 82 percent of need for ongoing operations and faces an estimated \$18 billion - \$20 billion backlog in capital repairs;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; Mortgage Bankers Association; National Association of Home Builders; National Association of Realtors; National Council of State Housing Agencies; National League of Cities; Public Housing Authorities Directors Association; Habitat for Humanity International; and U.S. Conference of Mayors are united in an effort to raise public awareness of the importance of affordable housing and community development programs and resources;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned groups have declared October Housing America Month, part of a year-long, national campaign to inform the public and decision makers of the critical need to address the nation’s housing and community development concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Englewood, which has, over a period of thirty years, addressed affordable housing and community development needs and has been successful in doing so using a combination of local, state and federal resources hereby endorses the Housing America Campaign, its goals, objectives and purposes and in so doing recommits itself to meeting the affordable housing and community development needs of the community.

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD
2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Sat. Sept. 22	3 – 9 pm	Detective Bitner Family Fundraiser 3400 block South Acoma Street
Mon., Sept. 24	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Mon., Oct. 1	4:00 pm*	Art Selection for 2013 Calendar – City Council Conf. Rm. (*any time before the Study Session starts)
	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues. Oct 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Chambers/City Council Conference Room
Wed., Oct. 3	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority Board Meeting, Housing Authority Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., Oct. 8	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Tues., Oct. 9	5:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Board, Community Development Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful Meeting, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Library Board, Library Board Room
Wed. Oct 10	6:30 p.m.	Urban Renewal Authority, Community Development Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thur. Oct 11	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee, City Council Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Transportation Advisory Board
	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Malley Senior Center
Mon., Oct. 15	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room

	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues. Oct. 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Chambers/City Council Conference Room
Wed., Oct. 17	Cancelled	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, Telephone Poll
Mon., Oct. 22	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Tues., Oct. 23		Joint Englewood/Littleton Council Mtg, Littleton
Mon. Oct. 29	Cancelled	Study Session
Mon., Nov. 5	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues. Nov. 6	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Chambers/City Council Conference Room
Wed., Nov. 7	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority Board Meeting, Housing Authority Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Thurs. Nov. 8	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee, City Council Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Broken Tee Golf Course
	6:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee, City Council Conference Room
Mon., Nov. 12		City Hall closed – Veterans' Day (Observed)
Tues., Nov. 13	5:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Board, Comm. Dev. Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful Meeting, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Library Board, Library Board Room
Wed. Nov 14	6:30 p.m.	Urban Renewal Authority, Community Development Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers

TENTATIVE

**STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS
FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL**



October 1	Study Session & Regular Meeting Executive Session – Negotiations (CenturyLink Franchise) Amendment 64
October 8	Study Session DRCOG Senior Issues
October 15	Study Session & Regular Meeting Financial Report
October 22	Study Session Board and Commission Reports
October 23	Joint Meeting with Littleton City Council in Littleton – Tuesday Nutrients Humane Society of South Platte Valley
October 29	No meeting scheduled – 5 th Monday
November 5	Study Session & Regular Meeting Security Cameras Update
November 12	Veteran’s Day Holiday – no meeting scheduled
November 19	Study Session & Regular Meeting Financial Report Aid to Other Agencies Discussion
November 26	Study Session Board/Commission Reappointment Discussion – tentative Board and Commission Reports
December 3	Study Session & Regular Meeting

December 10	Study Session Financial Report Board and Commission Reports
December 17	Study Session & Regular Meeting Holiday Dinner – No Study Session Scheduled
December 24	No meeting scheduled
December 31	No meeting scheduled
January 7	Study Session & Regular Meeting Board and Commission Appreciation event discussion Mill Levy
January 14	Study Session Board and Commission Interviews
January 22	Study Session & Regular Meeting – Tuesday Financial Report
January 28	Study Session Citizen of the Year Selection Board and Commission Reports

FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Citizens Budget Committee
 Comprehensive Plan Update (October)
 Neighborhood Preservation
 Water Conservation Plan (October)
 Executive Session – Xcel Franchise Agreement (December)
 Golf Course Restaurant Contract
 Citizen Engagement/Mindmixer
 City of Englewood/Xcel Energy Residential and Small
 Business Energy Efficiency Outreach
 Mill Levy (January/February)
 Motels Report
 Public Comment Process
 Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee/City Council

ALLIANCE FOR COMMERCE IN ENGLEWOOD COMMITTEE

July 12, 2012

Minutes and audio are available at:

<http://www.inglewoodgov.org/index.aspx?page=1103>

I. CALL TO ORDER



The regular meeting of the Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee (ACE) was called to order at 11:36 a.m. in the City Council Conference Room of the Englewood Civic Center, Chair Knoth presiding.

Present: Vasilas, Sarconi, Calonder, Knoth (entered 11:37), Weinberger, Miller Whyte (alternate)

Absent: Schalk, Champion

Also present: Joe Jefferson, City Council Liaison (entered 11:51)

Staff present: Alan White, Community Development Director
Darren Hollingsworth, Economic Development Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 10, 2012



Chair Knoth stated that the Minutes of May 10, 2012 were to be considered for approval. It was determined there was a quorum. Chair Knoth asked if there were any changes or adjustments to the Minutes. There were none.

Calonder moved:

Vasilas seconded: THE MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2012 BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

The motion carried.

II. ACE BUSINESS



INCENTIVES

Discussion Points:

1.What types of projects should be considered eligible?

Any

2.What source of funds should be used for incentives? (what should be rebated?)

Sales Tax

3.What should the incentives be used for by the business: (what is the purpose of the incentive?)

Give the incentive to support the businesses Return on Investment.

4.What do you want to achieve with incentives?

Decrease the vacancy rate.

5.ACEs guiding philosophy:

Providing this incentive is of no cost to the City. Its incremental anyway.

Calonder moved:

Sarconi seconded:TO OFFER AN INCENTIVE TO ALL NEW BUSINESSES THAT GENERATE SALES TAX IN THE FORM OF A 50% REBATE OF ALL SALES TAX PAID FOR 5 YEARS. THE APPLICATION WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A ONE PAGE DOCUMENT AND THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE HANDLED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

The motion carried.

III.PUBLIC COMMENT



There was no public present.

IV.COMMENTS



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ms. Mello was not present. Mr. Hollingsworth distributed a memo inviting ACE members to a joint meeting with the Chamber and the Business Improvement District board members on July 24th.

BID COMMENTS



Mr. Vasilas said the joint meeting to share ideas is a good idea. He noted he is now the Vice President of the BID and Mr. Laughlin is the President. The BID continues to work on getting security cameras installed in the BID area. The next BID meeting is next Wednesday, July 18th.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Hollingsworth had nothing further.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS



Mr. Jefferson apologized for being late. He stated the more due diligence and direction ACE can provide to City Council the better off and more possible this is.

ACE COMMENTS



Mr. Vasilas invited everyone to attend the joint meeting on July 24th.

V.UPCOMING ACE BUSINESS

- a.The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2012.

No further business was brought forth for consideration. The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Barbara Krecklow, Recording Secretary

City of Englewood
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of August 9, 2012

I. Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Englewood Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Gomes at Baker Park, 2200 W. Wesley Avenue.

Present: Austin Gomes, Chairperson
Mitch Waldman, Vice Chairperson
Doug Garrett, Commission Member
Karen Miller, Commission Member
Duane Tucker, Englewood Schools Liaison
Donna Schnitzer, Cultural Arts Commission Liaison

Absent: Mark Husbands, Commission Member
Bob McCaslin, City Council Liaison
Jerrell Black, Ex-Officio

Also Present: Bob Spada, Golf Operations Manager
Joe Sack, Recreation Manager

II. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Gomes asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of July 12, 2012. There were none. The minutes were approved as presented.

III. Scheduled Public Comment

There were no scheduled guests.

IV. Unscheduled Public Comment

There were no unscheduled guests.

V. Parks and Recreation Recommendation/GOCO Duncan Park Grant

Recreation Manager Joe Sack informed the Board that staff is preparing a grant application for Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for the redevelopment of Duncan Park. Sack explained that the deadline for the grant is August 29th and the Department should know by the end of December if it was successful with the application. Sack noted that in the August packet was a letter of support from the Board that has been signed by Chairperson Gomes. The Board was also told that staff had met with GOCO support staff at Duncan Park to discuss the redevelopment and that GOCO staff was very supportive of the project.

VI. 2013 Capital Budget

Sack told the Board that also included in the packet was information regarding the 2013 Conservation Trust Fund and Arapahoe County Open Space Fund and what the Department will be submitting to the City Manager for his acceptance and

recommendation to City Council. Vice Chairperson Waldman asked if the numbers were close to what has been budgeted in the past years. Sack replied that they are. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Commission Member Garrett and seconded by Commission Member Waldman to recommend to the City Manager to accept the 2013 Conservation Trust Fund and Open Space proposals as presented by the Parks and Recreation staff.

Ayes: Gomes, Waldman, Garrett, Miller, Tucker, Schnitzer

Nays: None

Motion passed.

The Board received information regarding 2011 Innovations, Volunteer and Corporate sponsorship and the cost savings to the Department of Parks and Recreation and the City. Sack stated that in 2011, the Department had over 570 volunteers who worked in various positions and costs associated with that in addition to grants, sponsorships and corporate donations that the Department received, the value and cost savings was approximately \$920,000.

VII. Duncan Park Update

In regard to Duncan Park and the dirt area where the building stood, Sack reported that irrigation has been installed and fill dirt has been brought in and spread. Sack said that the sod is scheduled to be laid on Wednesday of next week.

VIII. Centennial Park Trail Loop Project Update

Commission members were told that the Centennial Park Trail Loop project is moving along with the concrete path laid and the irrigation for the recurrent pond being started. Sack reported that next will be the installation of the landscaping and bridge abutment.

IX. Cultural Arts Commission Update

Cultural Arts Commission Liaison Donna Schnitzer announced that the Commission has elected Kristy Reed as the new Chairperson. Schnitzer discussed a new public art project that the Commission is considering.

X. Director's Choice

Sack reminded commission members that FunFest will be Saturday from 10am to 5pm. The Commission was also told that tonight is the last Sounds of Summer concert, featuring *The Nacho Men*. The Commission received copies of the new fall Activities Guide.

XI. Commission Member's Choice

Commission Member Miller reported that Englewood Education Foundation's Fall Fling will be October 13th of which letters of support have been sent out.

Englewood Schools Liaison Duane Tucker announced that demolition of the Lowell building has been halted while additional asbestos in the plumbing joints is removed. Tucker reported that remodeling of the Middle School has begun.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49pm.

/s/ D. Severa
Recording Secretary

**ENGLEWOOD TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

Minutes of August 9, 2012



The special meeting of the Englewood Transportation Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Berger at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Conference Room, City of Englewood Civic Center.

Members Present: Andy Berger, Chair
David Anderson
Dave Cowan
Daryl Kinton
Peter Smith
Randy Penn, Council Liaison
Rick Kahm, Director of Public Works, ex officio

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Ladd Vostry, Traffic Engineer
Linda Trujillo, Recording Secretary
Sergeant Mike O'Connor
John Voboril, Planner II, Community Development

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Berger acknowledged the April 17 email poll for approval of minutes for the meeting of March 8, 2012. The minutes were approved, as presented, by Committee Members Anderson, Berger, and Smith.

Public Comment

There were no visitors present.

Old Business

There were no items up for discussion under Old Business.

New Business

• **ETAC Meeting Schedule**

Chair Berger explained that he had asked for this Special Meeting in order to address the cancellation of the last two meetings, which had raised some concerns among Board members. Berger said that according to the City Charter, there were no regulations currently regarding meeting schedules. Berger added that he believed the current method for creating the Agenda, which has been done by the Recording Secretary Linda Trujillo with his assistance as well as staff, was acceptable. Dave Anderson said that he was not comfortable with the precedent being set by the cancellation of the last two meetings; and that he believed the creation of the meeting Agenda should not be up to staff, but should fall upon the Board members to bring forward items for discussion. Anderson continued, saying that he believed it was necessary to establish policies regarding meeting cancellations, etc. Anderson suggested that a motion be made to

stipulate that a meeting may be canceled after members are polled, but that no more than one meeting per year can be canceled. Dave Cowan asked what the requirements were for a meeting to be canceled. Anderson replied that it would be the Chair Person's decision after polling the members. Anderson added that he had two suggestions for cancellation policies, one being the aforementioned, and the other being that two meetings in a row could not be canceled. Following discussion, Anderson made the motion to establish the policy that after polling, a meeting could be canceled, but that only one meeting per year could be canceled. Daryl Kinton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- **Light Rail Station Area Master Plan Project**

John Voboril, Planner II with Community Development, announced that the public kick-off meeting for the Englewood, Oxford, and Bates Light Rail Corridor planning process had been held the previous evening, following a full day of meetings with consultants. Voboril explained that Community Development had applied for a \$100,000 federal grant from DRCOG for light rail planning. Voboril said that the federal government was focused on encouraging planning around these areas in order to reduce congestion on roadways as well as improve air quality by increasing transit use.

Voboril said that one issue affecting the planning included additional park-n-ride parking spots which RTD had promised as part of Fastracks. RTD had considered expanding the existing parking lot to the north where Little Dry Creek goes under Santa Fe to the Platte River. Neighbors opposed the plan as they wanted the area to remain as open space, so a suitable location for additional parking has not been determined. In addition, in light of the difficulties involved in getting a Light Rail Station at Bates, alternatives are being discussed. If building the Bates Station is not an option and the Winslow Corporation proceeds with the re-development of multi-family housing on the General Iron property, a way needs to be found to make the area become better connected to the Englewood station.

In addition to the possible redevelopment of the General Iron site, Littleton Capital Partners has made a proposal to redevelop the Martin Plastics site at Oxford and Navajo as multi-family housing. Voboril said the interest in building housing was fueled by the low apartment vacancy rate, and areas near Light Rail are very desirable. Voboril said that part of the planning process was determining whether there would be further interest in housing developments in the future, and where those developments might be.

Voboril gave the Board some background information on Crandall and Arambula, the consultants that were chosen, saying that they were very experienced in these types of projects. Voboril said that initial meetings with the consultants had been very successful, and that the series of meetings planned are expected to be finished by early 2013. Some of the issues/concerns addressed at the meetings included eminent domain, parking, traffic issues, and east-west connections at Santa Fe.

Dave Anderson, who had been at the Light Rail meeting the previous evening, asked whether the private sector would handle improvements to the infrastructure that would be required in conjunction with the housing improvements. Voboril responded that most likely, federal funds would need to be applied for as part of the T.I.P. process. Voboril added that any changes to Santa Fe would require CDOT's cooperation. Rick Kahm said the application process occurs every two years through DRCOG, and that once a project has been identified, the process is to apply for funds for the design. Kahm said that typically, grant money for

the design of a project includes funds for infrastructure. Randy Penn added that DRCOG funds are highly sought after, and that out of \$38 million available this year, \$84 million was applied for; meaning projects must score very high in order to be funded. Ladd Vostry added that generally, a local match of 20% is required, and that if the match amount is higher, it increases the possibility of being awarded funds. Penn encouraged the Board to attend the meetings in order to voice opinions. Penn added that one of the most important issues he had taken from the meeting had been the need for a dedicated lane from Federal to Broadway for safer access to Light Rail. Rick Kahm said that years ago, it had been discussed to build a tunnel under Santa Fe at the Englewood Station for pedestrian and bike traffic, and asked if it had come up in the meetings. Voboril said that the consultants were looking at the concept. Discussion ensued regarding how long it will be before Light Rail expands to other areas, costs, etc. Voboril said that Crandall Arumbula's goal is to leave the City with a plan that includes attainable goals for the future.

Dave Anderson asked about the role of the Steering Committee, which he had been invited to join. Voboril said the Steering Committee was made up of a group of civic leaders in the community, as well as representatives from the private sector; and that the Steering Committee would be providing input in addition to a Technical Committee of key staff people from the City, DRCOG and RTD. Daryl Kinton agreed to join the Steering Committee. Voboril said the next series of meetings would be on Thursday, September 27 beginning with the Technical and Steering Committees, stakeholder meetings, and ending with a public meeting at 7:00pm.

 **Director's Choice**

Referring to the earlier discussion of meeting scheduling/cancellation policies, Kahm confirmed that there had always been the option of adding meetings as necessary.

 **Chairperson's Choice**

Chair Berger had no additional items.

 **Committee Members' Choice**

Sgt. Mike O'Conner said he would contact Tracey Holmberg to attend the next meeting to provide an update on Safe Routes.

Dave Anderson commented on the paving projects he had noticed throughout the City. Rick Kahm said that the Department had used extra paving funds for several heavy projects. The project at Union Avenue near the Waste Management truck entrance went well when it was closed for two days while it was paved with concrete. More recently, Floyd Avenue from Broadway to Cherokee, was completed a day ahead of schedule; and currently crews were working on Broadway from Flood Middle School to Dartmouth. Kahm said each of the projects had been accomplished with virtually no complaints from the public due to extensive prior notifications by the Streets Division. Randy Penn said that maintaining the streets was a priority for Council. Kahm added that the City's streets were an \$80 million asset, so it was imperative that

they be maintained. Kahm said that the City's Concrete Utility program was almost complete for the year, and that the contractor would be back in September to finish up.

Chair Berger mentioned that Littleton had paved the south side of Belleview near his home, and asked about the north side. Kahm responded that the north half of Belleview was in the City of Englewood. The Cities work together and jointly own a roto-mill machine. Kahm added that the north half of the street wasn't scheduled for re-paving yet. Kahm also said that the Streets Division would be working on crack pouring in the streets this Fall.

Daryl Kinton spoke about his concerns regarding the proposed development at Oxford and Navajo, and the resulting increased traffic hazards. Kinton said that he hoped changes would be made at that intersection, including possibly building a bridge, in order to alleviate congestion and make the area safer for both cars and pedestrians. Kahm added that Navajo and Windermere being truck routes added to problems there. Kahm said that staff's position on the proposed development was to not allow any parking areas on Windermere. Dave Anderson asked how fast the project was moving forward. Kinton replied that it had already been approved by Planning and Zoning and would come before City Council in a few weeks. Discussion ensued regarding traffic, safety, and parking issues at the location.

Randy Penn passed on some items he suggested the Board look at. First, Penn spoke about getting a dedicated bike lane from the Marketplace to the Dartmouth underpass. Penn also suggested looking into getting Denver's B-Cycle program to expand to Englewood. Penn then reported that he had spoken to residents in the 3300-3400 block of South Broadway who would like to have speed signs installed, as they believe it would help to control speeding. Penn referred to the grant request for Medians which the City had not qualified for, saying that perhaps there was another project that the Board could help put together to submit to DRCOG. Lastly, Penn referred to Craig Hospital's Pennsylvania Street vacation request, explaining that the Hospital wants to add a four-story tower on the west side and a four-story tower to the existing tower. The Hospital needs to upgrade, including adding single patient rooms, with the intention of upgrading further in the future. Penn suggested the Board investigate the project, and Kahm said a representative could be invited to present a presentation. Penn said that so far, no major obstacles had been identified by the City.

 **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

/s/
Linda Trujillo, Recording Secretary

**Englewood
Code Enforcement Advisory Committee
Special Meeting Summary Form**

Date: August 15, 2012

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Linda Hart Time: 6:37

Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Susan Bayless	Absent	Linda Hart	Present
Marjorie Becker	Absent	Mary Berger	Present
Heather Roberts	Present	Doug Cohn	Present
James Jordon	Present	Miguel Drake (alt.)	Absent

Ex-officio Members Present: Bob McCaslin Present
Rick Gillit Absent
Mike Flaherty Present
Mark McKay Present

Guests Present: Karin Rosvall-Clausen, 1180 E. Amherst
Marva Jolly, 4596 S. Jason

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Member H. Roberts Second: Member M. Berger

Discussions / Corrections: None

Motion carried

III. Open Public Forum

Guest 1 :Name: Marva Jolly, 4596 S. Jason

Topic: Raising Chickens; Ms. Jolly stated that she raises chickens in her backyard; she currently has 15 chickens and 2 turkey's. M. Jolly questioned whether establishing regulations on chickens would be fair. M. Jolly stated that urban chicken keeping is becoming very common and she is associated with a number of others in the metro area that also raise chickens in their backyards.

IV. New Business

A. Chicken and fowl regulations/requirements

Committee Comments (if any): The Committee had a lengthy discussion with M. Jolly and asked numerous questions regarding odors, rodents, predators, and neighbor complaints. The Committee discussed a possible permit requirement following the discussion; Chair Hart asked the Committee if they wanted to pursue a permitting process for chickens. Member D. Cohn made a motion to table the discussion of requiring a permit for chickens until such time that a problem is evident. Member Roberts seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor, Chair L. Hart abstained.

V. Unfinished Business

A. None

Discussion:

VI. Other/Announcements

Council Member B. McCaslin presented Committee Members who did not attend the board and commission appreciation event with gifts and thanks all for their service.

VII: Topics for Next Meeting

A. New Business

None

B. Unfinished Business

1. Pot-bellied ordinance/permit review

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Member D. Cohn Seconded by Member J. Jordan

Time Adjourned: 7:55