
Council Newsletter



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES

January 9, 2014

Upcoming Council Meetings

City Council will meet on **Monday, January 13, 2014**. City Council will interview applicants for the various vacancies on the boards and commissions at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room. The agenda is attached. Sandwiches will be available.

City facilities will be closed on **Monday, January 20, 2014** for Martin Luther King holiday. The next City Council meeting will be **Tuesday, January 21, 2014**.

Informative Memoranda

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

1. Article concerning the City of Englewood upgraded bond rating, the Littleton/Englewood/South Metro Fire merger efficiencies and the Freedom Service Dog show on Saturday, February 22, 2014.
2. Open House for the Ultraviolet System Addition to the Allen Water Treatment Plant, January 15, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
3. Memorandum concerning Project Update.
4. Calendar of Events.
5. Tentative Study Session Topics.
6. Minutes from the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting of November 14, 2013.



Parks and Recreation Department

Progress on the Pump House and Wet Well at Golf Course

Staff is working with a contractor, The Industrial Group, to replace the wet well and rebuild a new pump house at Broken Tee Golf Course. The current wet well (a steel pipe running about 25-30 feet underground) has been around for more than 30 years and has started to corrode, in turn affecting the irrigation system at the golf course.

The project is scheduled to be completed around March 1, 2014.

Biggest Winner Kick-off this Sat., Jan. 14 from 8:30 a.m. - Noon - Englewood Rec. Center

The Biggest Winner is a five-month weight loss journey for teens, adults and seniors. Swedish Medical Center will be the Title sponsor this year. In a co-sponsoring role will be Fit to Smile, Elevation Health, and Sprouts Marketplace. The kick-off event features numerous health exhibitors, free fitness class demonstrations, nutrition tips and initial weigh-ins.

Englewood's bond ratings get upgrade

By Leigh Ann Hoffhines
YourHub Contributor

City of Englewood officials recently received word from Standard & Poor's Rating Services that the city of Englewood's bond ratings have been upgraded. Standard & Poor's cited Englewood's strong economy and the city's budgetary performance as the rationale behind the improved ratings.

Englewood's general obligation bonds (Allen Water Plant Improvements) were upgraded from AA-

AA+. Englewood's refunding certificates of participation (Englewood Civic Center project) were upgraded from A+ to AA. Standard & Poor's highest rating is AAA.

For details on the ratings upgrades, download the summary report at englewoodgov.org. The report details the rationale for the improved ratings.

Leigh Ann Hoffhines is the communications coordinator for the city of Englewood.

Littleton, Englewood, South Metro Fire merger could bring efficiencies

By Clayton Woullard YourHub Reporter The Denver Post
Posted:

DenverPost.com

A new study reveals there could be some efficiencies and cost savings by consolidating the Littleton and Englewood fire departments into the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority, but it appears only one entity is interested at this point.

In 2012, consulting firm ESCi conducted a study on whether it would be feasible to consolidate the Englewood and Littleton departments. While the study showed it was feasible, it said there would be less than \$100,000 in cost savings. One of the options for consolidation including the two departments merging to be part of the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority. The agency conducted the feasibility study last year.

Among the findings, both Englewood and Littleton would benefit from creating a single hub station in Englewood, or combining two stations into one; having four battalion chiefs and one district chief each day; and moving certain stations around to more strategic locations.

South Metro Fire Rescue Chief Dan Qualman said a larger organization would mean being in more areas and achieving quicker response times. He also said consolidation removes duplication of services and makes it easier to have special teams such as dive rescue, hazardous materials and technical rescue.

"It's also a little bit more costly to operate a smaller department just from the economies of scale, so if you're buying more units you can get a better price on them and not duplicating a department head," Qualman said. "The more you put those together, the more you can save."

While the study said it would be feasible for the departments to consolidate into South Metro, it did not say exactly what those cost savings would be for the two cities.

No one from the Littleton Fire Department could be reached for comment for this story by press time, but Qualman said Littleton was not interested in consolidating into South Metro Fire Rescue because he thinks his department did not see significant cost savings. Littleton also provides fire and ambulance services to the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District.

If the two departments were to join South Metro at 9.25 mills, it would generate in its first year about \$78 million, about \$26 million of that coming from Englewood and Littleton.

Englewood Fire Chief Andrew Marsh said his city is still interested in such a merger and presented the study findings in a study session to city council on Jan. 6. Marsh said while the study showed there would be cost savings for Englewood to join South Metro, they're still trying to determine exactly what those cost savings would be.

"The study from South Metro showed the staff levels are what we need, so they're not proposing less staffing," Marsh said.

He said their stations are aging and looking toward sustainability of the department is a major factor in considering the merger, so combining two stations into one could create cost savings.

Marsh said Englewood is also looking at a proposal by the city of Denver to provide EMT and fire services to the city. Ultimately, the city's decision will come down to what option allows them to provide the best level of service.

Clayton Woullard: 303-954-2953,

r twitter.com/yhclayton

**WHO:**

Freedom Service Dogs of America Worst in Show, dog show for the rest!

The event welcomes any dog that has ever wanted to be in a dog show to strut their stuff. Enter your singing, drooling, hairy dogs that deserve the title of Worst in Show!

WHEN:

Saturday, February 22, 2014
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum in Lowry

WHAT:

Parody dog show with food sampling, raffle and silent auction. Let your imagination run wild with the hilarity that only the WORST dogs can create!

WHY:

Help us rescue a shelter dog and save the life of a veteran.

www.FreedomServiceDogs.org



OPEN HOUSE

**FOR THE
ULTRAVIOLET SYSTEM ADDITION
TO
THE ALLEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE OPEN HOUSE
AND TOUR CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION
OF THE ULTRAVIOLET PURIFICATION SYSTEM
TO THE ALLEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

**THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT
2:00 ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014 AT
THE ALLEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT,
1500 W. LAYTON AVE.**

TOURS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE DEDICATION.

MEMORANDUM



TO: Gary Sears, City Manager

THROUGH: Rick Kahm, Director of Public Works ✓

FROM: David Henderson, Deputy Public Works Director ✓

DATE: January 8, 2014

SUBJECT: PROJECT UPDATE – Library Remodel, University/Hwy. 285 Intersection Improvements, Little Dry Creek Plaza Repairs, Redevelopment at 5001 S. Broadway, Flood Middle School Redevelopment, Security Camera Project, Servicer Stormwater Improvements, The Englewood Campus, Craig Hospital Expansion, Xcel Energy Projects, Kent Place, CityCenter Site Development, Englewood McLellan Reservoir Foundation, Air Quality/Energy Savings Projects, GPS in City Vehicles

LIBRARY REMODEL

Public Works staff is coordinating a remodeling project in the library. The project is being funded from a donation and will be done in three phases:

- Phase I New computer use area in current display alcove, east side - **complete**
- Phase II Remove some shelving and relocate four computers in adult area - **complete**
- Phase III New carpeting, pillars, paint, and furniture in children's areas – **will start in mid February**

UNIVERSITY/HWY. 285 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

CDOT is planning to reconstruct the University/Hwy. 285 intersection. Staff attended a plan review meeting with CDOT on Thursday, December 5th. The plans call for constructing the intersection with 11 inches of concrete. CDOT will complete the design and “shelve” it until funding is available. The estimated project cost is \$3 million, and CDOT staff is not sure when funding will be authorized. Staff will pass along additional information as it becomes available. **CDOT has informed us that this project will be delayed until FY 2016.**

LITTLE DRY CREEK PLAZA REPAIRS

City Council approved a contract for repairs and upgrades to the Little Dry Creek Plaza (at Englewood Marketplace). The contract includes bringing the existing ramp up to current ADA standards, removing and replacing broken/displaced concrete flatwork, and caulking around the plaza.

Nordstrom Commercial Builders (NCB) completed construction of the project last week. Landscaping improvements will follow in the spring of 2014.

REDEVELOPMENT - 5001 S. BROADWAY

The Advance Auto store opened for business on December 21st. Colorado Structures Inc. continued construction of the Sprouts store. Sprouts is expected to open in June, 2014.

Site work (completion of the traffic signal, sidewalk warranty work) will be completed this spring, prior to Sprouts opening.

FLOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT

Demolition is complete and Wood Partners now owns the site. **Wood Partners' contractor continued grading the site and excavating for the parking garage.**

Xcel Energy's contractor continued undergrounding of overhead power lines.

SECURITY CAMERA PROJECT

Final plans and specifications are complete and the Request for Proposals (RFP) has been advertised. A vendor walk-through was conducted on October 8th. Five proposals were submitted on October 29th. Vendor interviews were conducted on November 15th. **Staff expects to update City Council at the January 21st Study Session.**

SERVICENTER STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

To assure compliance with state and federal requirements for stormwater runoff, Street Division staff is constructing an area to wash trucks, fire equipment, and street sweepers. The area will be isolated from the storm sewer system that goes to the Platte River. This is a short term solution until we can construct a new addition to the Servicenter that incorporates a truck washing station meeting all applicable standards. The Servicenter has included \$550,000 in the 2014 budget to accomplish this required improvement. **Staff has reviewed the car wash design proposal, and will attend an upcoming Study Session to discuss this proposed project.**

THE ENGLEWOOD CAMPUS

Englewood School District continues construction of the new campus on South Logan Street. Staff is monitoring the public right-of-way construction to assure conformance with approved plans and agreements.

CRAIG HOSPITAL EXPANSION

Construction of the new campus continued.

XCEL ENERGY PROJECTS

Gas Line Replacement Projects

Xcel completed gas line replacement work in the 2900 and 3000 blocks of S. Downing Street and the 3900 – 4000 blocks of S. Grant Street. Pavement restoration will be completed as weather and schedule allow. Gas line replacement in the 1000 – 1100 blocks of E. Bates Parkway continues as weather allows. Gas line replacement in the 4400 block of S. Delaware Street has begun, and is expected to be complete in early March.

Staff continued reviewing additional Xcel permit requests including S. Broadway between Rafferty Gardens and Centennial.

Xcel notified Public Works of a major upcoming gas main replacement project. The project is expected to replace 78,000 feet of gas main in Englewood over the next four years. **Staff will be meeting with Xcel in January to discuss the proposed project.**

KENT PLACE

The contractor continued work on the residential apartments.

CITYCENTER SITE DEVELOPMENT

Alexan East and West Parcels

438 residential units. Alexan's occupancy level for October, 2013 is 95%. Commercial uses: Let It Bead, Liquor Store, State Farm, Lifetime Family Practice, Cuttin' It Loose, CityCenter Community, Nixon's Coffee House, and King Liquor Store.

Parkway Retail / Office Buildings

Commercial uses: The International House of Pancakes (IHOP), Qdoba, GNC, Supercuts, Nails Center, CityCenter Dental Group, Tableaux Interior Design, Englewood Eyecare, Collective Licensing Int'l, Inc., Quizno's, "Insurance Company of the West", Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Wellness Treatment Center, SB Clark Companies, Unifocus, Bartertown Comics, and XL Edge.

Bally's Building

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

Retail South of the Parkway

Tenants: Petco, Ross, Coldstone Creamery, Noodles, Office Depot, and Einstein Bagels.

Gold Mine Pad

Tenants include: Jamba Juice, Tokyo Joe's, and Doctors Express.

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. **Holiday lighting has been removed. The Tree will be disassembled and stored away this Friday.**

ENGLEWOOD MCLELLAN RESERVOIR FOUNDATION (EMRF)

PA-84 West

The Mike Ward Infiniti dealership opened on Monday, August 29, 2011.

The Larry Miller Nissan Dealership opened on February 11.

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.

PA-85 (Benjamin Franklin Charter School)

The Benjamin Franklin Charter School is open.

AIR QUALITY/ENERGY SAVING PROJECTS

Flex Fuel Program

Currently, 39 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 approximately \$0.40 per gallon less than regular unleaded gasoline. Ten of our fleet vehicles run on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). 39 on-road vehicles and 23 off-road (construction equipment) run on biodiesel fuel.

Hybrid Vehicle Purchase

Two hybrid vehicles are in service, one in the Fire Department and one in the Building Division.

"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. The Servicenter is now "single-streaming" waste at the Servicenter and a dumpster has been supplied for *cardboard only* recycling.

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 five times longer, and provide better visibility.

GPS IN VEHICLES

The City received a grant, through RAQC (Regional Air Quality), to install 37 GPS units in some of our fleet vehicles. The GPS units have been installed in Police patrol vehicles, Public Works vehicles, Fire Department equipment, and some Wastewater Treatment Plant vehicles. Police and Fire have gone live with the system and are now able to track emergency vehicle locations 24/7. The system will allow us to track locations, easily obtain information regarding quantities of ice slicer dispensed, monitor idle times, and allow the public to track where plow trucks have been.

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD
2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Mon., Jan. 13	6:00 p.m.	Board and Commission Interviews, City Council Conf. Rm.
Tues., Jan. 14	5:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Board, Community Development Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conf. Rm.
Wed., Jan. 15	6:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee, City Council Conf. Room
	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., Jan. 20		City Hall closed — Martin Luther King Day
Tues., Jan. 21	5:30 p.m.	Executive Session, City Council Conference Room
	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Weds., Jan 22	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Mon., Jan. 27	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Mon., Feb. 3	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., Feb 4	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning, Community Development Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Feb. 5	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., Feb. 10	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Tues., Feb. 11	3:00 p.m.	NonEmergency Employees Retirement Board, Public Works Conference Room
	5:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Board, Community Development Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conf. Rm.

Wed., Feb. 12	Cancelled	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
Thurs., Feb 13	11:00 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	3:00 p.m.	Police Officers Pension Board, Public Works Conf. Rm.
Mon., Feb 17		City Hall closed — President's Day
Tues., Feb. 18	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Wed. Feb. 19	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning, Community Development Conference Room/Council Chambers
Mon., Feb. 24	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Mon., March 3	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., March 4	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning, Community Development Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Mar. 5	3:00 p.m.	Firefighters Pension Board, Public Works Conf. Rm.
	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., March 10	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Tues., March 11	5:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Board, Community Development Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conf. Rm.
Wed., March 12	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
Thurs., March 13	11:00 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Board, City Council Conf. Room

TENTATIVE



**STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS
FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL**

- January 21 Study Session & Regular Meeting – Tuesday
Executive Session - Litigation
South Platte Working Group 2 Proposed Improvements
BID Distribution
Security Camera Update
Citizen of the Year Selection
Board and Commission Appreciation Celebration Discussion
Fire Dept./Bldg. Div. Permit Technician
- January 27 Study Session
City Council and City goals
Comprehensive Plan
Financial Report – November & December, 2013
PIF/CIP Update
Fire Training Center Update
Board and Commission Reports
- February 3 Study Session & Regular Meeting
Colorado & County Legislators - tentative
RTD Representatives - tentative
Kent Place right-of-way and easement dedications
ServiCenter oil room and equipment wash bay
- February 10 Study Session
2014 Citizen Survey
Citizen Engagement/Mindmixer/
Webstreaming/Nextdoor Network
WWTP Farm Lease /WWTP 5 Year Plan
- February 18 Study Session & Regular Meeting – Tuesday
Englewood Chamber In-Kind Funding
- February 24 Study Session
City Council Goal Setting – Mid-February
Board and Commission Reports

March 3	Study Session & Regular Meeting
March 10	Study Session NLC Conference in Washington, D. C. – 2/8 to 2/10/14
March 17	Study Session & Regular Meeting
March 24	Study Session Board and Commission Reports
March 31 st	No meeting scheduled – 5 th Monday
April 7	Study Session & Regular Meeting
April 14	Study Session
April 21	Study Session & Regular Meeting
April 28	Study Session Board and Commission Members Reappointment Discussion Board and Commission Reports
May 5	Study Session & Regular Meeting
May 12	Citizen of the Year Celebration

FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Public Comment Process
Motel Calls for Service
US Legislators
City Council Technical Allowance
Fire Study Presentation
Emerald Ash Borer Program Update

**ENGLEWOOD TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING**

Minutes of November 14, 2013

 The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Englewood Transportation Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Berger at 6:35pm in the City Council Conference Room, City of Englewood Civic Center.

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

Members Absent: Peter Smith
Christine McGroarty, Alternate Member

Also Present: Sergeant Mike O'Connor
Sergeant Christian Contos
John Voboril, Planner II
Linda Trujillo, Recording Secretary

It was determined that a quorum was present.

 **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Berger acknowledged the September 25, 2013 email poll for approval of minutes for the meeting of September 12, 2013. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Public Comment

There were no visitors present.

 **Old Business**

Bicycle Master Plan – John Voboril, Planner II, Community Development

John Voboril, Planner II with Community Development, said that he was present to update the Committee on bicycle planning efforts by Community Development, as well as to provide an overview of what may happen in the future. Mr. Voboril passed out maps to the Committee.

Mr. Voboril referred to the first map, which was an original bike route system that had been put in place in the 1970's. Voboril said that was been implemented at that time in response to the oil embargo, which had inflated gas prices. Voboril said that the route had been established with one main north/south route (Sherman), and one main east/west route (Dartmouth). In 2004, a new Bicycle Master Plan was developed by Community Development and Public Works. Voboril said that funds were not available at that time to implement the plan; but that in 2011, Community Development had won a Tri-County Health grant which had provided funding to sign most of the identified routes from the 2004 Plan. Voboril handed out the map showing the signed routes. Voboril said that the present plan identifies regional routes that connect with Denver as well as Littleton. Local routes were

designed to easily connect with schools and parks. At this time, the vast majority of the 2004 Master Plan has been implemented; so the timing is right for a new Bicycle Plan to be done in order to improve existing routes.

Voboril said that the Light Rail Station Master Plan had just been completed, and in that process consultants had identified Oxford and Dartmouth as key corridors that should be considered for improvements in order to assist bicyclists in getting to the Light Rail stations. These improvements would create a loop linking the Rail Trail to the Light Rail Stations, down to Big Dry Creek Trail, and include Clarkson. Consultants had suggested a "protected bikeway", but Voboril said that were several options that could be considered. Voboril said that RFP's will be sent out early next year for a "Next Step Study" where consultants will be asked to develop bicycle alternatives that will lead to a preferred plan.

Voboril said that another grant, "Colorado Walk and Wheel Grant", had been applied for through Kaiser Permanente in order to do a new Bicycle Plan. If the grant is not secured, plans would have to wait until the new Comprehensive Plan process is initiated.

Dave Cowan asked how many other municipalities had applied for the grant. Voboril said that he did not know. Randy Penn noted that he hoped, if the grant was won, that key areas such as Oxford and Dartmouth could be focused on in conjunction with the Rail Trail design. Voboril said that as part of its Comprehensive Plan, the City of Sheridan has identified some type of a pedestrian bridge over Santa Fe at Oxford, continuing with a tunnel under the railroad tracks to get the Oxford Station. Voboril said that staff plans to have the consultants look at that area.

Daryl Kinton asked what would be involved in looking at alternatives for Dartmouth. Voboril said that the consultant chosen for the Next Step Study will be asked to study conditions there to come up with design options. Kinton asked about future trail improvements that had recently gone through City Council. Randy Penn explained that trail connections are planned for the Englewood High School down to Little Dry Creek, and one at Emerson Park and Bates Avenue. Kinton asked about a connection from the Marketplace area. John Voboril said that consultants had studied that area years ago, and options identified then were not feasible. Voboril said that the area will be looked at again. Dave Cowan mentioned that some consultants doing Master Bicycle Plans often include components such as education and encouragement. Mr. Voboril said that their planning had included some, and that it was a key component of the Kaiser grant which had been applied for.

Bicycle Parking

Mr. Voboril, referring to the question raised at last month's meeting, stated that the City did have codes regarding requirements for bicycle parking in new developments. Mr. Voboril asked if there were any questions regarding the section of the Code that had been forwarded to the Committee. Randy Penn noted that the Codes include requirements for schools, and that Council may touch base with the schools to ensure that the parking is available and that it is implemented in the new school campuses under construction.

Dave Anderson asked if the parking requirements were "industry standard" regarding spacing, etc. Mr. Voboril said that he believed that it was, but that he had not personally researched it. Dave Cowan asked when the Code had been updated. Mr. Voboril replied that he was not sure, but that he believed the standards had been in place since at least 2001. Cowan said that he believed that "best practices" for the issue had been updated

since that time. Mr. Voboril thanked Mr. Cowan for the comment, and stated that it would be part of the consultant's task to review the standards based on newer practices. Mr. Cowan remarked that he thought it would be an optimal time with schools being remodeled and new businesses coming into the area.

Randy Penn added that bicycle storage facilities were included in at least two new developments currently underway. Discussion ensued regarding making a recommendation to Planning and Zoning regarding studying the issue, or possibly waiting to see what happens with the new Study, if the grant application is approved.

Martin Plastics Redevelopment

Rick Kahm said that he believed the development was somewhat in a holding pattern, but that the project was still being considered, with the original plan was being re-worked to more of a mixed-use development.

Craig Hospital Expansion

Mr. Kahm reported that the Hospital had just met requirements the City had made for closing Clarkson, including flashing pedestrian lights and upgraded ramps on Hampden. Construction was moving forward. Kahm added that bicycle access was being maintained, and that a delineated bicycle lane will eventually be put in place. Kahm added that there had been few concerns, with no substantiated parking problems in the area.

Broadway/Kenyon Redevelopment

Kahm said that demolition and environmental work was completed, and the developer had begun work early in November. Grading, building pad construction and undergrounding for Xcel lines is underway. Kahm added that the City Ditch is in the process of being relocated.

5001 S. Broadway Redevelopment (Sprouts/Advance Auto)

Kahm reported that the Advance Auto store would be opening soon. Kahm said that when Advance opens, and until the new traffic light is installed in the spring, the City will allow access on Acoma and restricted right-in, right-out access on Broadway. Kahm said that there had been issues with traffic control on the project, but that staff was working with the contractors. Site work continues for the Sprouts store. Randy Penn added that the restaurant tenant had not been announced. Daryl Kinton asked if there would be access on Belleview. Penn said that there would be right-on, right off turns off Belleview, but that the State would not put a traffic light on Belleview at Acoma.

RTD Rail Trail

Randy Penn reminded the Committee that RTD owed the City 450 parking spaces as well as a Light Rail Station at Bates, and parking at Cushing Park. In lieu of those improvements which had not been realized due to escalating costs, the City had proposed RTD fund a Rail Trail beginning at General Iron Works down to Big Dry Creek. The trail would be a pedestrian/bike trail with bridges at Oxford, 285, and Dartmouth. Staff is waiting on a response from RTD.

Daryl Kinton asked if funding from DRCOG was being pursued. Penn replied that it was, and that Sheridan had shown support for the Trail. Rick Kahm added that the City was working on another group with the River Trail, which links Littleton and Denver to the area. Kahm added that if the Rail Trail was approved, it would open

up the possibility for east/west protected bike lanes. Penn added that Sheridan would need to pursue funding for a bridge or tunnel underneath Santa Fe. Discussion ensued regarding additional trail connections, etc.

 **New Business**

SRTS School District Grant – Dave Cowan

Regarding funding for Safe Routes to School grants, Dave Cowan informed the Committee that recent legislation will soon require a 20% match which had not been required in the past. Cowan said that he and Daryl Kinton had recently met with the school district and Bicycle Colorado, to talk to the school district regarding their interest in accessing funds before the 20% match requirement goes into effect. Cowan added that as a result of the Safe Routes project the District had done several years ago, each of the schools had gotten a storage shed for bicycles, and that elementary schools now have a bicycle program in place where bicycle safety is regularly taught.

Cowan said that this grant request consists of a "Phase II" of the previous project which would increase the number of bicycles at each school, enabling a more advanced bicycle safety program; which would include field trips, rides, etc., as part of Physical Education classes. PE teachers would be trained to lead these groups as well as to teach younger students how to ride bikes. Middle School and High Schools would establish mentorship/maintenance programs which would not only teach bicycle safety, but would encompass a life skills program where skills learned could be applied outside the program. Cowan added that in addition to more bikes, adaptive bicycles for special education students would be provided.

Cowan said that each of the schools would have a day set aside where streets would be closed to do a school-wide ride. Ladd Vostry and Sgt. O'Connor said that Bishop Elementary had an annual "Thanksgiving" Fun Run, and that St. Louis School had a similar event.

Cowan explained that he was seeking letters of support for the grant request, and that December 6 was the deadline for applications for this grant cycle. Randy Penn said that the Committee could possibly send a recommendation to City Council supporting the Safe Routes application. Daryl Kinton moved that the Committee make the recommendation. Dave Anderson seconded the motion. Director Kahm noted that there was a very short timeframe, with only be one Council meeting before the December 6 deadline. It was agreed that Recording Secretary Trujillo would compose a letter of support based on information that Mr. Cowan would forward.

 **Director's Choice**

Rick Kahm had no additional items for discussion.

 **Chairperson's Choice**

Chair Berger passed out information regarding "Tipsy Taxi". Berger said that the group hoped to expand into Englewood as well as Arapahoe County, and that he hoped to have representatives from the group attend the next meeting to present information.

Berger then mentioned an issue at the Gothic Theater regarding access when leaving the establishment, especially late at night. Berger said that with the venue now booking bigger acts, etc., he would love to see the area improved with amenities such as better lighting and a break in the median for crossing Broadway. Randy Penn said attempts at grant funding had not been successful with DRCOG up to this point, but that the issue could

be revisited. Sgt. Christian Contos reported that police activity in the area had greatly decreased since the Theater had come under new management. Mr. Berger added that with the new management bringing in national groups and improving the Theater, he believed it was an opportunity to bring more people into Englewood.

Mr. Berger then asked if there was a phone number other than 911 where drivers could report dangerous drivers or drivers texting while driving. Sgt. Contos responded that “*CSP” could be dialed on a phone which reaches the Colorado State Patrol, and is designed specifically to report reckless, drunk, distracted, and aggressive drivers. Contos said that the caller should be prepared with vehicle information including type and license plate, as well as location, direction the vehicle is travelling, and what the behavior is. Sgt. O’Connor added that the Englewood Police non-emergency number (303-761-7410) is also available to report such issues, and that information is dispersed to all police cars.

Committee Members’ Choice

Sgt. O’Connor announced that due to some re-structuring in the Police Department, as of January 1, 2014, there would no longer be a Traffic Sergeant. Three motorcycle traffic officers will remain, but will be moved under the supervision of Sgt. Christian Contos, who also oversees the Impact Team. Sgt. O’Connor introduced Sgt. Contos, who will be the new liaison for the Committee. Sgt. O’Connor said he will be going back to the Patrol Division, but will be available if needed. Dave Anderson asked about the status of the speed trailer. O’Connor said that Sgt. Mark McKay in Code Enforcement will be taking over supervision of the parking management officer who is currently deploying the speed trailers, which will continue to be utilized based on citizen calls, etc. O’Connor said it had been a pleasure serving on the Committee and wished the Committee success with future endeavors. The Committee thanked Sgt. O’Connor.

Sgt. Contos explained that he currently supervises the Impact Team and he will be splitting those duties between that and supervising the three motorcycle officers under Traffic, as well as serving on ETAC. Contos passed on his phone number, 303-762-2379, and said that his office was in the building. Sgt. O’Connor added that Officer Steve Kunst will be the informal leader of the Speed Watch program, who will relay information to Sgt. Contos. Dave Anderson thanked Sgt. O’Connor for having given him a tour of police cars, and Sgt. O’Connor extended the invitation to the other members. O’Connor said that the Department had won a grant from CDOT to purchase holsters for the laser speed detection devices that are used, which is a big improvement. Sgt. Contos told the Committee that he appreciated everyone’s patience and understanding while he becomes comfortable with his new position. Chair Berger welcomed Contos to the Committee.

Dave Anderson announced that since this is his last term, he has one last meeting. Anderson said that he had been on the Committee since its inception. One of the things the Committee had done in the beginning was to go around the community with satellite meetings, and it was a good opportunity for residents to visit with the Committee. Anderson said that the meetings had been useful in exchanging information, and he recommended the Committee consider it again.

Anderson commented that he continued to hear from others that the light at Oxford on Broadway was troublesome. Anderson said that he had noticed a traffic counter there. Ladd Vostry said that it had been placed there by the State. Randy Penn commented that he believed the traffic on Oxford was increased partly due to

