ED Notes Oct 2021

**C4C**

 **Museum:**

The bridge and streetscape won the ULI Impact (Inspire Category) award (Ceremony 9/23). <https://colorado.uli.org/events/impact-awards/>

**AFA:**

Bond team (which URA is part of) has begun circulating the PLOM to issue debt. Target is October with another update to the state EDC that month. Pricing calls have already occurred and we’re hoping for a November/December close date.

**Stadium/Arena:**

Grand opening has occurred (Arena) and nothing but great reception from all I talk to.

**UCCS Hybl Sports Medicine Center:**

No new updates

**C4C General:**

New quarterly update at months end.

**Vineyards**

No new updates.

**N. Nevada (University Village)**

No new updates.

**Polaris Pointe:**

Ribbon cutting for the I-25/powers extension went very well and was well attended.

**Gold Hill Mesa:**

Should have retainer agreement inked week of 10/25

**Weidner/City Gate**

But for/financial analysis are in front of the board for review. Seeking vote to move on with the district submittal process once all docs are finalized.

**S. Nevada**

Since the board voted to approve recommending an ask to council to increase sales tax increment from 1.5%-2% Bob, Danny and I have been working through upcoming budget committee presentations and scheduling presentations with Council before years end.

**City Auditorium**

No new updates.

**Museum and Park**

No new updates.

**Ivywild**

No new updates.

**Marriott**

Still working through a board tour.

**Panorama Heights (formerly Almagre,Zebulan Flats and Lofts @ 1609)**

I’ll update the board as to why we still don’t have the district 2 vote and when it is supposed to happen.

**Hancock Commons:**

Documentation is ready to go but we’re waiting on the right-of-way acquisition and to get through district 2’s vote on Panorama Heights.

**Lowell/Draper Commons:**

Notices are out to the districts and we have the PPLD and D11 meetings in November.

**Gazette SF:**

Retainer agreement has not been executed but consultants are ready to commence work once finalized.

**O’Neil Group Project:**

Application is in front of the board for review. Working with SEC on an engagement letter should the board choose to move forward.

**ULI:**

Colorado Executive Team’s Target actions for 2021:

 **1) Reimaging Healthy Urban Living**

--Reinvigorating public and commercial spaces during and post-COVID

--Continuing to support development and revitalization of healthy communities with access to active living, healthy food, economic opportunities and nature

**2) Promoting mobility and transportation**

--Envisioning the future of mass transit related to land use, development, mobility, the economy, and environmental quality

--Seeking innovation in alternative modes that support healthy, balanced communities with access to transit options for all

**3) Addressing the affordable housing crisis**

--Focus on the gap in “Missing Middle” housing where ULI can make a difference

***Continuing Priority:***

--Supporting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in ULI membership and as a ULI Best Practice

--Lead/coordinate regional efforts to improve South Platte riverfront as linchpin for for mobility, parks, recreation, healthy development

***Action steps:***

--Ensure that ULI is integrally involved in various affordable housing initiatives including task forces, focus groups

--ULI launches its own workshops to test the practicality of the City of Denver’s finance and policy strategies as they relate to affordable housing

--Engage national ULI expertise (such as the Terwilliger Housing Center) in local discussions

--Launch a series around Front Range Rail to influence at least 13 communities as they choose station sites, prepare infrastructure and access, and zone land around stations

Our local committee that I chair with James McMurray is working on a fall showcase to highlight some of our downtown projects. Currently we are working towards a Colorado Springs Past, Present and Future theme with presentations from (still working through ideas on these) the Pioneer Museum, Mayor Suthers and Tatiana Baily along with highlighting some local projects. November 30th is the preferred date.

**DCI:**

10/06 @ 11:30 (webinar) Bringing back downtown after COVID <https://www.downtowncoloradoinc.org/event-4483822>

10/29 9:00 - 4:30 (in person) Southern Colorado URA Conference (I will be the emcee of the event) <https://www.downtowncoloradoinc.org/event-4433297/Registration>