



AGENDA

Planning and Economic Development Policy Committee

October 13, 2021

8:30 am

VIRTUAL MEETING

City of Aurora, Colorado

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Council Member Marsha Berzins, Chair
Council Member Dave Gruber, Vice Chair
Council Member Angela Lawson, Member

Council Goal: Be a great place to locate, expand and operate a business and provide for well-planned growth and development.

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Tentatively scheduled for November 10, 2021 at 8:30 AM MT

6. Adjournment



Planning and Economic Development

MINUTES

Date: September 8, 2021

Time: 8:30 am

Members Present Councilmember Marsha Berzins, Chair: Councilmember Dave Gruber, Vice Chair: Councilmember Angela Lawson

Others Present Andrea Amonick, Angela Lawson, Becky Hogan, Blake Fulenwider, Bob Gaiser, Brad Pierce, Brandon Cammarata, Bruce Dalton, Cathy DeWolf, Cesarina Dancy, Chad Argentar, Chance Horiuchi - On Havana Street, Daniel Krzyzanowski, Daniel Money, David Gruber, Debbie Bickmire, Dennis Lyon Elena Vasconez, Frank Butz, Gayle Jetchick, Heather Lamboy, Jason Batchelor, Jessica Prosser, Julie Patterson, Karen Hancock, Liz Fuselier, Marcia McGilley, Mark Smith, Marsha Berzins, Melissa Rogers, Melvin Bush, Mindy Parnes, Philip Nachbar, Rachel Gruber - Denver Airport, Robert Oliva, Sarah Wile, Scott Berg, Stephen E Rodriguez, Tom Worker-Braddock, Trevor Vaughn, Victor Rachael, Yuriy Gorlov

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of August 11, 2021 DRAFT Minutes – Council Member Berzins

2.a August 11, 2021 DRAFT minutes were approved.

3. General Business

3.a MOU to participate in Xcel Energy’s Partners in Energy Implementation Phase

Summary of Issue and Discussion:

Karen Hancock, Principal Planner/Daniel Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- In 2014, the city of Aurora participated in Xcel Energy’s (XE) pilot program called “Community Energy Efficiency Planning or CEEP.” In 2020, the city of Aurora applied to participate in the first phase of a follow-on program called “Partners in Energy” with the primary goal of developing an Energy Action Plan. In July 2020, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to participate in the program and access significant technical assistance resources. Throughout the last half of 2020 and first half of 2021, XE’s consultant, The Brendle Group, worked with city staff to convene a stakeholder group of large and small businesses, multi-family residential owner/operators, non-profits and school district facilities staff to develop an Action Plan to reduce energy usage and costs.
- The second phase of the “Partners in Energy” program consists of implementing the final Energy Action Plan. To access the technical resources for the Implementation Phase, a second MOU is required. The draft MOU was provided to the Committee in

their backup. No costs will be incurred by the city to participate. City staff will assist XE and consultant staff in executing the implementation elements.

- CM Lawson asked if there is a plan to expand on our grid and make it more resilient in the future? Ms. Hancock responded that one step is the smart meters technology currently being implemented in Aurora. She can follow up with Xcel Energy on the grid details and invite them to talk to the committee on specific subjects if that is something of interest. (This information is attached to these meeting minutes.)
- CM Gruber asked what return on investment would a homeowner or individual see? He suggested that they include upfront steps to see the impact on the carbon footprint, annual savings, and available grant opportunities. Ms. Hancock responded that Xcel Energy wouldn't give a rebate for anything that doesn't offer a good return on investment. It will vary depending on the building use and how the building owners use their energy. Ms. Hancock will get more information and report back. (This information is attached to these meeting minutes.)
- CM Berzins agrees and would like to thank the Energy Action Team for their time spent.
- Council Members Berzins, Gruber, and Lawson approved this to move on with additional information provided at Study Session.

3.b Retail Development Update

Summary of Issue and Discussion:

Bob Oliva, Senior Project Manager, Planning & Development Services/Daniel Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- Staff provided a presentation on recent retail data trends in the city including how the pandemic has affected sales tax for different retail establishments in the City.
 - CM Lawson asked Bob how he sees investors coming into, for example, Ward V; are they considering what the community needs when they look at the area? Bob responded that we are trying to develop programs to incentivize the developer to bring better retailers to the area. CM Lawson asked, what is it about Aurora that we can't have similar retailers to other jurisdictions? Bob responded, it's the demographics. One of the things that retailers look at is the amount of single-family owner-occupied homes versus rental units. The retailers have credible research companies that can project their sales based on these types of demographics.
 - CM Gruber asked how do we monetize this information you're providing? Do you have ideas on things that can be done better? Bob responded that one of the things that came out of the symposium was the idea of micro-markets that sort of run themselves. They talked about Fitzsimmons as a micro-market with the medical, medical office, hospital, bioscience market. Aurora should build off the hot micro-market areas. When they look at the Placer data, they can see that the people going to Fitzsimmons are coming from other demographics. CM Gruber responded that he had not heard that Fitzsimmons is a micro-market. He expressed concern that we do things that will positively impact these the micro-markets. CM Berzins commented that it's not just about creating positive impacts on the campus but also the areas around the campus.

3.c Opportunity Zone Update

Summary of Issue and Discussion:

Yuriy Gorlov, Vice President Aurora Economic Development Council, Daniel Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- Opportunity Zones were part of the 2017 tax reform bill that President Trump signed in December 2018. The program was designed to stimulate development in needy and low-income census tracts. The City of Aurora has five Opportunity Zone census tracts included in the program. The areas include the Fitzsimons Innovation Campus, properties along the south side of Colfax Avenue from I-225 to Yosemite, Metro Center and the northeast portion of Aurora. AEDC worked with City staff to ensure these areas were designated as Opportunity Zones. Investment needed to be made by December 31st, 2019, for maximum deferral of capital gains and maximum sheltering of any future appreciation. However, investment in an Opportunity Zone can be made up to December 21st, 2026.
- There have been numerous local and national funds established that align with supporting Aurora's main and targeted industries. Several projects are developing here because of the program. The city should create marketing material since the bulk of deals are still to come.
 - CM Gruber took over leading the discussion as CM Berzins had to leave early.
 - CM Lawson asked if there is an opportunity for the smaller investors who don't have much capital? Yuriy responded that anybody could come together, create a fund, and invest in a business. There is plenty of space for that. They don't see that through their channels, but they can ask around and follow up. CM Lawson asked for something to be communicated to the smaller good investors that we have opportunities. CM Gruber asked if they have heard about an extension of the opportunity zone program from the original ten years due to COVID? Yuriy responded the 180 day turn around window was pushed to March 2021 for any transactions that took place during the start of the pandemic and there have since been more regulations put in place to help guide investors.
 - CM Gruber asked if they have anything beyond Opportunity Zones. Yuriy responded that they are talking to aerospace and defense contractors and companies that want to build. The fortune and smaller companies they are talking to that want to expand or relocate have been positive into September. Even with a bit of COVID lingering, companies are optimistic and encouraged about what Aurora has to offer.

3.d Public Works Development Review Update

Summary of Issue and Discussion:

Victor Rachael, Deputy Director of Public Works – Engineering/Daniel Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- At the August 11, 2021, PED Committee meeting, the committee requested a follow-up on the Development Review Update.
 - Due to time constraints CM Gruber asked that this item be moved to the next PED Meeting,
 - CM Gruber asked Victor if the Aurora Highlands Grading Permit and Mile High Drainage issue was resolved? Victor responded that they submitted a revision to the master drainage for the southern area. There were some minor comments but gave them the green light to move forward with their submittals for site plans and preliminary drainage. Two of the three larger grading packages for Aurora Highlands have been approved. There is a mass grading package number three or

phase three. The comments have been addressed, so they are waiting on the signature set to be resubmitted.

4. Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration

4.a Aurora Economic Development Council

- Yuriy Gorlov:
See item 3.c

4.b Havana Business Improvement District

- Chance Horiuchi:
They are promoting a lot of job fairs and have created a Jobs On Havana Street page. Because of the diversity of On Havana Street some of the businesses are selected for new marketing, new products, new menus, new training, and hiring practices. They are replacing branding and identity markers, so you'll see new signs when you drive along the corridor. They helped a stakeholder improve a monument sign at the very popular Birchtree Shopping Center at Havana & Jewell.
- New Businesses:
Foggy Nutrition is a health shake and smoothie shop
Mochi Nuts makes Mochi donuts and Korean style hot dogs
The Better Mattress will be moving to the open space in the Lyft Denver building
Sephora recently opened in Kohl's
There is a new Ross in the former Toy's R Us building
Autowash will be redeveloped into a Cobblestone Auto Spa
- Events On Havana Street:
Recently hosted Governor Polis for a tour of diverse businesses and a round table at Coffee Story for the business to share their concerns regarding the pandemic recovery.
Dotsero Last Days of Summer Concert FREE at The Stampede Tuesday, 9/28/21 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Doors Open at 6 p.m.
INSPECTOR, ELEFANTE FREE Live music The Stampede. Friday, 10/1/21 at 8 pm
Smaller pop up events for Halloween
Working with Buckley Space Force on the 12 days on Havana Street Reindeer games event
See more BID Stakeholder Events on our website, The BID will promote and share existing events here at <https://onhavanastreet.com/events/>

4.c Aurora Chamber of Commerce

- Kevin Hougen:
Ribbon cutting today at the NAACP building.
Business after hours are starting back up on the fourth Thursday of each month.
Defense Council meeting on 9/23/21 at Colorado Technical University.
The Forum for the City Council Candidates is on 9/29/21 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. It's an opportunity to listen to the candidates in Wards I, II, III and at Large. It will be live for the candidates and virtual for the audience.
Rotary State of the City Luncheon on 10/13/21.
General Raymond, Commander of the United States Space Command, has invited the Aurora Chamber to the Pentagon in Washington DC October 12-14, 2021.
The Association of Defense Communities has its annual event in San Antonio on November 1-3, 2021.
On 11/10/21 joint mission with the Military Affairs Committee of Colorado Springs.
State of the Base with Colonel Jackson Buckley Base Commander on 1/19/22.

4.d Planning Commission

- Melvin Bush:

Tonight's agenda includes a DR Horton project with ten and a half acres of townhomes called the Citadel on Colfax, just South of Colfax near Sable.

4.e Oil and Gas Committee

- Brad had to leave the meeting for work.

4.f Business Advisory Board

- Elena Vasconez:

They had a presentation on the marijuana hospitality license, and there were no contrary questions at the meeting. They are still collecting ideas and comments from the board members and will meet in two weeks and plan to produce a report at some point.

4.g Retail

- See item 3.b

4.h Small Business

- Elena Vasconez:

They are currently supporting the childcare providers in Aurora. Childcare is another industry that COVID-19 has severely impacted. They partner with the Office of Early Childhood Education to provide one-on-one consulting and training, both in English and Spanish. In 2021 they are conducting three home-based and one center-based training. Currently, they are doing virtual to discuss finances, marketing, licensing, and legal aspects. In between the six weeks of training, they meet with a business consultant and a technical childcare provider. To date, they've trained 25 business owners. They are recruiting for the 9/15/21 training class in Spanish. There is a central-based training coming up in October.

4.i Visit Aurora

- Bruce Dalton reported on:

Next week they will be hosting their annual board workshop. Once the consultant provides the tourism survey results for the board of directors' review, they will establish a five-year planning & strategic plan for Visit Aurora. CM Gruber commented that the numbers from Bob looked good and asked Bruce if he saw something similar? Bruce responded that Bob was spot on with a lot of his reporting today. Over the last week, the Denver airport travel numbers were exceeding the 2009 numbers for leisure travel, but the group business isn't returning as yet. They've had some cancellations, which is bringing down the group numbers. Group occupancy is at 10-20%, and leisure occupancy on the weekend is at 65%, far below the 2019 numbers but higher than 2020. As Bob mentioned, the problem is finding people to work. What seems to be working across the tourism world is that they're starting to either add fees to the services provided or eliminate them due to the labor shortage. If you check into a hotel right now, you have an option to have your room cleaned or not. As the numbers continue to grow and group business returns, a lot of those services, like a daily cleaning of the hotel room, will not be offered unless you pay additionally for it. CM Gruber commented that he had seen that

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in his travels. If they're not going to provide cleaning, that will have a secondary effect where the jobs will go away.

5. Confirm Next Meeting Date

October 13, 2021 at 8:30 AM Teleconferencing meeting.

CM Lawson added that this day is also the Aurora State of the City Luncheon at 11:00 AM. She asked that the agenda allow time accordingly for them to make the event.

6. Adjournment

Marsha Berzins, Chair



Conservation Converts: Saint John's Cathedral Gets Rebates for Heating Upgrades



Our Xcel Energy representative and contractor were so diligent about explaining the process and getting the necessary information to file the rebate paperwork. I was really impressed with the level of customer service.

Tara Williams

Director of Finance and Administration

Deferred maintenance

Maintenance needs fall down the priority list due to various circumstances — it happens to the best of buildings everywhere. At Saint John's Cathedral in Denver, a 104 year-old facility built when Denver was no more than a string of mining camps along the Platte river, the maintenance staff faced several issues. They needed to remove asbestos from under the cathedral and address boiler and steam trap problems. The boilers hadn't been touched in years. Mud inside steam traps and water bills that were higher than normal were clear indicators that things weren't operating efficiently. With a packed schedule full of church services, classes in the adjacent school and various activities hosted each week, slowing down wasn't an option.

The first order of business was obvious: begin collecting bids from contractors to get started on the repair process.

A positive learning curve

The Department of Energy reports that heating and cooling can account for half of a building's utility bills. Cathedral staff knew they could be saving money. Through the process of selecting a contractor, Tara Williams, the Cathedral's Director of Finance and Administration and her staff learned that the energy efficiency work they were looking to complete was eligible for Xcel Energy rebates.

"Everyone who gave us bids told us there were dollars available, which helped us move the project up the priority list," says Williams.

Ultimately, they replaced 56 decades old steam traps and added pipe insulation. Both maintenance improvements were eligible for rebates and reduced the amount of energy they were wasting, which in turn reduced their overall usage and lowered their bill. The bonus is that they could now potentially invest the money saved into other efficiency work.



Savings snapshot

Project	Replace 56 steam traps and add pipe insulation
Estimated project cost	\$22,000
Estimated annual energy savings	25,000 therms
Estimated annual cost savings	\$12,488
Xcel Energy rebate amount	\$8,450 (38% of total cost)
Payback term	Less than 2 years

"Those two steps made a big enough difference that we started thinking holistically about energy efficiency," says Williams.

Williams and her team decided to get an on-site energy assessment performed by Xcel Energy for a more comprehensive approach. An energy advisor conducted an audit of the facility and its energy use, and produced a detailed report including energy conservation opportunities with associated costs, paybacks, savings, and potential rebates.

"The assessment helped us create a priority list," says Williams, "and since the first round of repairs was mitigated by the rebates, it enabled us to do more work than we would have initially."

Williams was impressed with the entire process.

"Our Xcel Energy representative and contractor were so diligent about explaining the process and getting the necessary information to file the rebate paperwork," says Williams. "I was really impressed with the level of customer service."

Maintenance efforts paid off — the cathedral will save 25,000 therms of energy. According to the Environmental Protection Agency's Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator, that's the equivalent of taking 28 cars off the road.

Rebalancing priorities

Now that they know the benefits of energy efficiency, Williams says they'll be more aggressive with their work.

"We're analyzing our entire system to extend the life of the boiler and make sure we're operating as efficiently as we can," Williams said.

She says the effort to use less energy aligns well with existing green initiatives like composting and recycling to reduce waste, and creating a community garden.

On the efficiency front, they're now looking at upgrading the lighting in office areas and in exit signs, as well as replacing an aging hot water boiler.

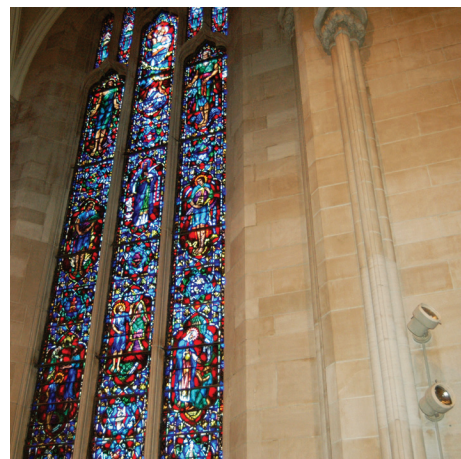
"We know the benefits of energy efficiency go beyond financial savings," says Williams. "It's also about being a responsible member of the community by lowering our environmental impact, which is important to us."

Other rebates available through Xcel Energy's Heating Efficiency program include:

- Boiler and furnace installations
- Boiler tune-ups
- Water heaters
- Equipment improvement add ons — modular burner controls, outdoor air reset controls and stack dampers



Pipe insulation makes the boiler operate more energy efficiently by allowing the pipes to better retain the hot-water heat.



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Tareke Tuku,
Ranch Liquor Store owner

Any small business owner can appreciate the value of cutting costs wherever possible. That was the case for Ranch Liquor Store owner Tareke Tuku in Thornton, Colorado. He began exploring energy-efficient lighting after reviewing the monthly bills at his 4,500 square-foot store. That's when he learned there were two other ways he could be saving.

"I had an energy consultant come in and we walked around the store," Tuku explains. "We agreed that we should upgrade old T12s to LEDs, but he pointed out a higher efficiency option for my motors, too."

A final solution they uncovered was adding anti-sweat heater controls on the refrigerated cases. All of the upgrades were eligible for Xcel Energy rebates through the Commercial Refrigeration and Small Business Lighting programs.

"He explained the costs for everything, the rebate amounts and how much money I would save over time, so I decided to go for it," Tuku says. In all, Tuku made the following energy-efficient upgrades:

Refrigeration Upgrades

- Retrofitted 29 doors with anti-sweat heater controls
- Replaced 25 display case motors with ECMs (electronically commutated motors)

Lighting Upgrades

- Replaced lighting in 29 display case doors with LEDs
- Replaced 39 T12 fixtures with LEDs

The upgrades cost just under \$17,000, but Xcel Energy rebates paid for almost half of that cost, coming in at \$7,815. Xcel Energy offers incentives in the form of rebates to encourage customers to make energy efficient choices with their equipment. Tuku says the rebates and estimated savings sold him on the upgrades.

"Each motor was costing me \$240 per year and the new ones cost only \$60 per year," Tuku says. "It made a big difference." Tuku is happy with the energy savings he's already seeing and looks forward to realizing even more savings in the years to come.



PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Projects	Upgraded lighting, motors and added anti-sweat heater controls
Overall cost	\$16,895
Xcel Energy Rebates	\$7,815 (46% of total cost)
Estimated Annual Energy Savings	\$8,497 (83,887 kWh)

For more information about Xcel Energy's Rebate Programs, please visit xcelenergy.com.



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David Malone
Colocations Operations Manager

When you’re in the network reliability business with hundreds of clients in dozens of countries, you can’t exactly shut down to upgrade equipment. The Minnetonka maintenance team for Level 3 Communications, a premiere global communications provider, knew they could be operating more efficiently but they weren’t sure where to start. They partnered with Xcel Energy to review their systems, equipment and processes to determine an energy efficiency priority list.

Prioritizing projects

Level 3’s global network provides enhanced, scalable network capabilities to address the increasingly complex operating environment of today’s technology landscape. Their comprehensive portfolio includes data, security, video, voice and unified communications solutions to address customer’s most difficult IT challenges.

Xcel Energy representative, Scott Heimstead, suggested a Data Center Efficiency study to identify equipment and processes that could be improved to save them energy and money.

“We thought we could invest a little money in energy efficiency changes and reduce our overall footprint,” says David Malone, Colocations Operations Manager at Level 3. “The report gave us a big laundry list of items, recommendations, costs and returns on investments that support our overall goal of being an environmentally-friendly company.”

From that list, Malone and his team worked with Heimstead to find the best mix of projects that would provide the best return on investment. Any items they couldn’t tackle right away went on the waiting list for the next round.

“A lot of the projects didn’t necessarily have to happen in sequence,” explains Heimstead. “For example, we worked on the network controls and variable frequency drives as a package deal.”

Steps to savings

In all, Malone and his team completed the following energy conservation measures, all of which were identified in the initial study:

- Installed networked control of individual computer room air conditioning (CRAC) units to reduce unnecessary simultaneous humidification and dehumidification



Project snapshot	
Total incremental capital cost	\$363,015
Xcel Energy rebate	\$150,996
Cost after rebate	\$212,019
Annual energy savings	3,496,859 kwh
Annual electric cost savings	\$241,406
Demand reduction	505 kW
Simple payback with rebate	0.88 years

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- Recommissioned variable volume pumping controls
- Added variable volume pumping controls to existing constant volume systems
- Installed occupancy sensors in the data center spaces to shut off lights when spaces are unoccupied
- Consolidated the loads on transformers to improve the operating efficiency
- Installed variable frequency drives (VFDs) on the CRAC unit supply fans, allowing reduced speed operation resulting in fan and cooling power savings

These measures now save them more than \$240,000 per year in energy costs or 3,496,859 kWh. According to the Environmental Protection Agency's Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator, that's the equivalent of powering 220 homes for a year. Even better, the projects will pay for themselves in energy savings in less than a year.

"The rebates were definitely a factor," explains Malone. "Being able to say we'll get a rebate in addition to saving a lot of money and reducing our environmental footprint over time definitely helped our approval process."

"If we can save them energy and money, they can show management that the project was worthwhile," explains Heimstead. "One bonus was the relatively inexpensive nature of some of the equipment and the remarkable payback of implementing these projects."

He adds that energy efficiency makes a lot of sense to operations of companies like Level 3 since reducing their energy bill increases their profitability.

Because the project worked so well at this facility, other Level 3 facilities mirrored the efforts, further saving the company money. Malone credits Heimstead for his diligence in seeing everything through.

"Scott's been a great partner," Malone says. "I get a call once a month where he'll suggest something like better lighting options to provide better savings. It's been nice to have someone there trying to help us keep our operating costs as low as possible."

More efficiency to come

Level 3 is now building a brand new data center on the same site to meet their customers' growing needs. The savings they recouped from the first set of projects will help them get the next data center built that much faster. Armed with the knowledge that efficiency can be built in during the design phase, Malone reached out to Heimstead once again.

"It's great to get us involved early," says Heimstead. "We can provide ideas and options to help customers save energy and money right from the beginning."

"Improving our environmental sustainability practices including energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction is part of our playbook," says Mike Beekman, Director of Global Environmental Health and Safety at Level 3. "We continuously evaluate how our operations affect the environment and look for creative and cost-effective ways to reduce those impacts."

Moving forward, he says, any expansion or upgrade will include energy efficiency every step of the way.



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Energy Innovation

Rapidly evolving technology is changing customer preferences for more sophisticated products and services, which is driving change in how we serve our customers.

Within the next decade and beyond, we will have more change in our industry than we have experienced in the last half century, driven largely by technology. Through collaborations with researchers, technology developers, venture investors and others in our industry, we actively monitor and stay abreast of developments in emerging and advanced energy technology. We also have underway initiatives, pilots and demonstration projects that are building new customer experiences and testing the real-world application of cutting-edge technologies to serve customers today.

This work is foundational to fulfilling Xcel Energy's strategic priorities—to lead the clean energy transition, enhance the customer experience and keep customer bills low. We will need zero-carbon, 24/7 power technologies not yet economically available to eliminate the remaining 20% of carbon from our system. Technology is also enabling a more customer-focused experience, one that is built around our customers' preferences and needs.

Through advanced technology, we make our operations more efficient, safer and cost effective. As powerful tools emerge to transform our work, they can reduce our costs, improve productivity and enhance the service we provide, benefitting our customers through their overall experience and the costs they pay.

Governance

Xcel Energy's Board of Directors oversees the company's pursuit of new, advanced energy technologies, with the board's Finance Committee overseeing major investments, including those associated with clean energy and technology. Within the company, the chief customer and innovation officer reports to the chairman and CEO, and oversees company coordination and participation in research, development and deployment associated with the adoption of emerging energy technologies.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Xcel Energy helped launch the Edison Electric Institute’s Carbon-Free Technology Initiative, along with other energy providers and environmental and technology groups. Together, we are advocating for federal policies that can enable the commercial availability of affordable, carbon-free, 24/7 power technologies to help our industry meet net-zero or zero carbon commitments. The initiative began based on the work of a cross-functional Xcel Energy team that evaluated more than 30 promising technologies in five categories: advanced, dispatchable renewable energy; zero-carbon fuels, such as hydrogen; advanced nuclear, both fission and fusion; carbon capture, utilization and sequestration; and long-duration storage and advanced demand efficiency. Learn more about the Carbon-Free Technology Initiative in the [Public Policy brief](#) in Xcel Energy’s Sustainability Report.
- In early 2021, Xcel Energy joined the Low-Carbon Resources Initiative led by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and GTI. It’s a five-year focused research and development commitment to create the pathways to advance low-carbon technologies for large-scale deployment. The goal is to create risk-informed understanding of options and technologies for enabling a clean energy future from 2030 and beyond through global partnerships and demonstrations, applied engineering developments, and technology acceleration of the most promising options.
- We’ve joined EPRI’s Incubatenergy Labs, which offers early stage companies the opportunity to pitch their concepts to a group of leading energy providers, and if selected, prove their innovations over a 12-week period. This accelerated proof-of-concept process provides growth potential for start-up companies that are leading the advancement of electrification, decarbonization and grid modernization. Member companies benefit from exposure to vanguard technologies, with the opportunity to potentially demonstrate and scale the innovations in their operations.
- In Wisconsin, we plan to offer Resiliency as a Service, a new product offering designed to support microgrids and other resiliency projects for large customers who require additional protections against potential power interruptions. Xcel Energy will provide this support through company ownership, installation, operation and maintenance of resiliency assets, such as battery energy storage systems and backup generators. Along with our selected vendors, we will work with customers to design, construct and interconnect their systems. We expect to roll out the program in mid-2021 and are evaluating opportunities to offer the service in other parts of our eight-state service area.
- Xcel Energy launched Battery Connect, a new pilot program for Colorado residential customers that will study how home batteries can help operate the power grid. We are working with SolarEdge and Tesla to manage the Tesla Powerwall 2 and the LG Chem RESU10H home batteries, which make up more than 80% of the existing home-battery market in our Colorado service area. Under the pilot, we will test how home batteries can discharge during peak times to reduce energy demand, as well as how a battery can charge and discharge to support integration of customer-sited solar energy on our distribution system.
- Xcel Energy was the first utility to establish a partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration and receive permission to fly unmanned aircraft systems or drones beyond the operator’s visual line of sight. Since then, we’ve expanded the use of drones and robotics, which offer the ability to get timely and detailed data about our assets, especially in remote or hard to reach areas such as transmission lines, substation equipment and power plant boilers. We’re even using drones to monitor wildlife and conduct avian studies at our wind farms. We own aircrafts that fly indoors and outdoors, submarines, crawlers and swimmers that can help identify issues and correct failures before they occur. Drones are improving safety, reliability and helping lower our costs for customers.
- To foster creativity and innovation, the company is developing an incubation space at one of its downtown Minneapolis locations. The XCELab is a place for Xcel Energy project teams and employees to come together to explore new concepts, test ideas and find ways to build the future of energy. Construction on the space was completed during the coronavirus pandemic and will be activated once employees return to working in the office in late 2021. In the meantime, the Innovation Team enabled several projects and workshops virtually.

Nuclear Hydrogen Pilot

Our nuclear plants play a key role in our clean energy strategy, producing carbon-free, 24/7 power for our customers. Now, thanks to a \$10 million U.S. Department of Energy grant, we have the opportunity to demonstrate how nuclear energy can provide even greater value to customers producing hydrogen.

As Xcel Energy adds more wind energy to its system, there are times when our nuclear plants produce more energy than is needed to serve customers. Through a new pilot project, a semi-trailer sized high-temperature steam electrolysis system will use excess electricity and steam from Xcel Energy's Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant in Minnesota to power the process that splits hydrogen atoms from water.

The pilot is a joint effort between Xcel Energy, DOE and Idaho National Laboratory. Engineering is currently underway, with construction expected to start in 2022 and operation beginning in 2023. Initially, the hydrogen produced in the pilot will be used at the plant. Because nuclear energy is carbon-free, hydrogen produced will be created without carbon emissions, which is a significant advancement over how hydrogen is produced today. The system's high-temperature electrolysis process also is a more efficient and environmentally sustainable way to produce hydrogen.

If production is scaled up after the pilot at Prairie Island, the plant could produce a valued product used in numerous industries, including oil and gas, ammonia production for agriculture, and potentially transportation and power generation, many of which could benefit from efficient, local production sources. Eventually, this type of system could be used at nuclear plants around the country.

Advanced Grid Security and Intelligence Initiative

Technology is advancing in every area of our lives, and Xcel Energy is using digital technology to help bring customers cleaner, safer, more reliable energy. The Advanced Grid initiative is an extensive, multi-year project to modernize the electric distribution grid—an interconnected series of substations and distribution lines that deliver electricity to customers.

Through our Advanced Grid work, we are updating this infrastructure and enabling a series of new capabilities for customers. The Advanced Grid initiative will improve outage restoration, provide customers near real-time data to better manage their energy use and give employees new tools to more effectively work with customers in a secure manner.

The customer experience will improve because of Xcel Energy's ability to better isolate outages when storms disrupt the power grid. Advanced Grid communications technology will help minimize the number of customers affected by an outage by using advanced restoration technology.

In late 2020 and early 2021, systems deployed to our employees provide better insight into the distribution system allowing improved system efficiencies. Nearly 1,700 devices were installed in Colorado in 2020 to enhance our ability to locate power outages and optimize voltage. The voltage optimization program resulted in approximately 60 gigawatt-hours in energy savings and improved service quality for customers. This newer technology, called Integrated Volt-VAr Optimization, optimizes system voltage and is expected to save money for customers.

Colorado customers will begin to see benefits from the smart meter deployments in 2021, when smart meters are installed at customer homes and businesses in a rollout that will wrap up in 2024 across our eight-state service area. The new smart meters provide advanced technology that paves the way for customers to better understand and control their energy usage and save money.

Energy Impact Partners (EIP)

Xcel Energy joined EIP's Fund 1 in 2015 as an opportunity to better understand technology's impact on our business and drive greater efficiency and innovation to meet evolving customer needs. In 2019, Xcel Energy joined EIP's Fund 2 at the same membership level, and in late 2020 and early 2021, joined as co-chairs of EIP's newest funds: Deep Decarbonization Frontier Fund (Frontier Fund) and Elevate Diversity Impact Fund (Elevate Fund).

EIP is a collaborative, strategic investment platform that provides capital primarily to clean-tech companies that seek to optimize energy consumption and improve sustainable energy generation. Investments have included multiple advancements from distributed energy resources to storage, electric vehicles, advanced data analytics, cybersecurity, microgrid applications, and other clean energy technologies.

Our next \$50 million investment supporting EIP's Fund 2 will continue to support Xcel Energy's strategic priorities and carbon-free aspiration through investments in the clean-tech space, along with a commitment to invest \$20 million in the Frontier Fund and Elevate Fund. The Frontier Fund targets investments in companies focused on the last 20% of decarbonization for the power sector: zero-carbon energy generation, clean hydrogen, energy storage, transportation electrification and carbon capture. The Elevate Fund invests in clean-tech companies founded or run by diverse leaders in these target sectors: digital infrastructure; smart homes, buildings or cities; customer engagement; mobility and electrification; supply chain; distributed energy; and cybersecurity.

Our company was a founding participant in the collaboration that originally included more than 15 utility and industrial participants. As EIP expands to include European investors, there are currently more than 25 participants. By joining with peer companies, we gain greater visibility into the business models and technologies of promising companies and can influence emerging business models so that energy companies and third parties can collaborate and grow together.

This collaboration also allows us to share diverse, global perspectives and insights into policy and regulations, positioning our company to successfully manage new trends, rules and other requirements in the states we serve. We are gaining insights that inform our strategic decisions and how we conduct business across our organization from energy supply to distribution, customer solutions and cybersecurity.

Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)

Through our long-time membership with EPRI, we gain insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with using advanced clean energy technologies and reducing carbon emissions. This includes EPRI's work on electric system resiliency, climate scenario analysis and greenhouse gas reduction goals, as well as renewable integration, electric vehicles, combined heat and power, customer demand response and energy efficiency.

EPRI also informs our regulators and customers on the technical and economic issues, opportunities and challenges related to new grid technologies, such as energy storage and distributed generation. In this collaborative research environment, we engage with other organizations that are testing and evaluating new technologies or products and that are developing tools and methodologies to optimize the use and analyze the effects of distributed energy resources on the power grid.

Community Resiliency Initiative

Communities are creating resiliency plans that better prepare them for extreme weather events, such as severe storms, wildfires or floods. One of the most critical components during these potential events is a stable, secure power supply. In Colorado, our Community Resiliency Initiative will support critical infrastructure during a disaster by using energy storage systems to deliver backup power.

In 2019, we invited communities across the state to apply for the opportunity to partner in the development of battery-based microgrids to supply power for select facilities in the event of a wide-scale electrical outage. A microgrid is an electrical system containing multiple generation sources and loads that can either be connected to the power grid or intentionally separated from the power grid or "islanded".

Our community resiliency microgrids will provide backup power to a resiliency center by incorporating on-site renewable generation such as rooftop PV, traditional backup generators and battery storage systems. Customer owned generation will be combined with Xcel Energy owned energy storage systems. When not being used in emergency situations, the microgrid assets can be leveraged to supply benefits to the greater power grid.

We anticipate the Community Resiliency Initiative to provide multiple benefits for customers and the communities we serve. This includes improving outage restoration times, securing facilities' power supplies, advancing clean energy and clean energy jobs, and strengthening and improving grid resiliency. Moreover, the projects provide the opportunity to study the potential value in deployment of resiliency-focused energy storage systems on a broader scale.

In November 2020, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission approved our request to develop microgrids at six sites across our Colorado service area. The sites range from rural locations, to mountain communities, to the Denver metro area and include a variety of facilities, such as community centers, event centers and transportation hubs.

GridNXT at SolarTAC

The Solar Technology Acceleration Center (SolarTAC) in Aurora, Colorado, is a world-class facility for demonstrating and validating advanced solar and distribution grid technologies in a real-world, grid-connected environment. Even before the project's grand opening in 2011, Xcel Energy recognized the potential benefit of the facility and signed on as an original founding member.

Our investment has paid off for customers. Not only have we tested important battery projects at the site, solar technologies fine-tuned at SolarTAC serve our customers in Colorado and New Mexico with more cost-effective, efficient solar energy. Through testing, solar developers were able to make adjustments for adverse weather conditions before installing the technology in our service area.

To continue evolving with technology and developer needs, the 74-acre site has transitioned to become a testbed for solar, storage and other distributed energy enabling products and components. GridNXT at SolarTAC now supports the demonstration of advanced technologies for integrating distributed generation and storage, including microgrid capabilities at the edge or end of the electric distribution system.



CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Text Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance--Corrections
Item Initiator: Brandon Cammarata, Planning Manager - Development Review
Staff Source/Legal Source: Brandon Cammartata, Planning Manager - Development Review/Dan Money, Senior Assistance City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Council Goal: 2012: 5.0--Be a great place to locate, expand and operate a business and provide for well-planned growth and development

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: N/A

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

- Approve Item as proposed at Study Session
 - Information Only
 - Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
 - Approve Item as proposed at Regular Meeting
 - Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
- Why is a waiver needed?[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

Action Taken/Follow-up: *(Check all that apply)*

- Recommends Approval
 - Does Not Recommend Approval
 - Forwarded Without Recommendation
 - Recommendation Report Attached
 - Minutes Attached
 - Minutes Not Available
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HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) was adopted on August 19, 2019, to reorganize and update the previous Zoning Code. Planning staff identified in numerous presentations to Council that “clean-up” ordinances would likely be needed as staff and customers used the new UDO. Council approved text amendment batches in 3Q20 and 1Q21. These draft amendments were presented to the city’s development Joint Task Force (JTF) on September 2, 2021. Participants generally accepted them, and we have not received any follow-up inquiries on these proposed changes.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

The draft text amendment ordinance, included as Exhibit A, includes:

- Corrections to the Permitted Use Table and special standards.
- Removing archaic terms from the Airport Influence Overlay District.
- Updating landscaping requirements.
- Adding in missing standards that Council previously adopted.
- Streamlining definitions.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does the Committee wish to forward these UDO text amendments to a public hearing at Planning Commission followed by Study Session for review by the full Council?

LEGAL COMMENTS

An application for an amendment to the text of this UDO or a legislative rezoning of a large area shall only be recommended if the Planning Director and the Planning and Zoning Commission find that the following criteria have been met, and shall only be approved if City Council finds that the following criteria have been met.

- The applicant has demonstrated that the proposed Ordinance amendment is consistent with the spirit and intent of the Comprehensive Plan and with other policies and plans adopted by the City Council; and
 - The change to the Ordinance text is required because of changed conditions or circumstances in all or a portion of the city; or
 - The change to the Ordinance text is required to address a new or unforeseen threat to the public health, safety, and welfare; or
 - The change to the Ordinance text is required to promote economic growth and investment that will not create material risks to the public health, safety, and welfare. [Chapter 146, Section 5.4.1.3.b]

PUBLIC FINANCIAL IMPACT

YES NO

If yes, explain: N/A

PRIVATE FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable Significant Nominal

If Significant or Nominal, explain: N/A

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-____

A BILL

FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 146 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) THAT ADDRESS TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS, CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO:

Section 1. Section 2.4.6.K and related section 5.3.3.C shall be amended as follows:

2.4.6 Mixed Use – Transit Oriented Development District (MU-TOD)

K. *Public Art.*

1. Each development with a project valuation of \$100,000 or more (except an Affordable Housing Structure) is required to provide public art. A public art plan shall be submitted along with the Master Plan or the first Site Plan for the development, whichever occurs first. The public art plan shall provide for the acquisition of outdoor works of art in compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of Library and Cultural Services, **CODE SECTION 34-128.**

2. This public art requirement in this Subsection J supersedes the Title 32 District contribution requirements in other adopted City statutes or regulations. All other standards under the City's Title 32 District public art requirement apply within an MU-TOD.

3. The minimum amount to be spent on required public art is one percent of the total project construction cost included in any building permit application, except that the total amount to be spent by property owners who are registered non-profit corporations or on projects that are recipients of Aurora Urban Renewal Authority incentives shall be one-half of one percent (0.5 percent) of total project construction cost.

~~4. In addition, each development in which a Title 32 District is required to provide public art under this Section 146-2.4.6.K shall provide funds to~~

~~maintain the required public art in the amount of 25 percent of the minimum amount to be spent on the art under Subsection 3 above.~~

~~5. The public art requirement shall not apply to any development where a district service plan or an intergovernmental agreement with the City obligates the property owner(s) to provide for public art in other ways or amounts. (Ord. No. 2019-49 § 1, 08-19-2019)~~

5.3.3. C. Each development application for any development that benefits from a Special District organized pursuant to and in accordance with Title 32, Article 1, or Title [31](#), Article [25](#), C.R.S, and Chapter [122](#) of the Aurora City Code **OR WITHIN A MU-TOD DISTRICT** shall include a public art plan. The public art plan shall provide for the acquisition of exterior works of art in compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of Library, Recreation, and Cultural Services **IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY CODE SECTION 34-128**. Nothing in this Subsection shall apply to any development located within a Title 32 Special District, where the district is obligated by virtue of the district service plan or an intergovernmental agreement with the City to provide for public art. (Ord. No. 2019-49 § 1, 08-19-2019)

Section 2. Section 2.4.7.N shall be amended as follows:

2.4.7 Mixed Use – Regional District (MU-R)

N. OTHER DISTRICT SPECIFIC STANDARDS.

1. GREEN COURT DEVELOPMENT. ALL STANDARDS IN UDO SECTION 4.2.3 APPLY EXCEPT; (1) NO MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE GROSS LAND AREA INCLUDED IN ANY MASTER PLAN SHALL PERMIT THE GREEN COURT DWELLING USE; (2) THE MINIMUM WIDTH OF GREEN COURTS IN THIS ZONE DISTRICT SHALL BE 40 FEET AND A VARIABLE WIDTH GREEN COURT OPEN SPACE MUST HAVE THE MINIMUM WIDTH OF 40 FEET FOR AT LEAST 75 PERCENT OF ITS LENGTH WITH NO PORTION OF THE REMAINDER LESS THAN 25 FEET IN WIDTH.

Section 3. Section 2.6.2.B.3.b shall be amended as follows:

2.6.2 Airport Influence Overlay (-AIO)

B.3.b

c. The City of Aurora has required that noise mitigation construction techniques be employed in construction to mitigate the noise to which the property is exposed. The vendor certifies that the applicable noise mitigation measures have been installed as required. ~~(Applicable only if the property is located in the NID or SNID Subareas of the Buckley AFB Airport Influence District and the NIBA Subarea of the Denver International Airport Influence District).~~

g. The City of Aurora has required that noise mitigation construction techniques be employed in construction to mitigate the noise to which the property is exposed. The vendor certifies that the applicable noise mitigation measures have been installed as required. ~~(Only applicable if the property is located in the LDN 55 contour of the Centennial or Front Range Airport Influence District).~~

Section 4. That Table 3.2-1 is hereby amended to revise the UDO to read as follows:

Table 3.2-1 Permitted Use Table		P = Permitted C = Conditional use						A = Accessory to primary use T = Temporary use						V = Permitted if structure vacant for 5 years or more															
		RESIDENTIAL						MIXED-USE						SPECIAL PURPOSE															
ZONE DISTRICT & Subarea or Subdistrict		R-1		R-2				MU-N			MU-OA				MU-TD														
Land Use		R-R	A&B	C	A&B	C	R-3	R-4	R-MH	A&B	C	MU-OI	MU-C	OA-R1	OA-R2	OA-RMU	OA-MS	OA-G	MU-FB	Core	Edge	MU-R	MU-A	AD	APZ	I-1	I-2	POS	USE SPECIFIC STANDARD
RESIDENTIAL USES																													3.3.2.A
Household Living																													
Dwelling, Green Court				P	P	P	P	P															P	P					4.2.3.C
Dwelling, Live/work					P	P	P	P							P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					3.3.2.E
PUBLIC, INSTITUTIONAL, RELIGIOUS, AND CIVIC USES																													
Adult or Child Day Care Center, Large							C	C	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	3.3.3.A
Adult or Child Day Care Center, Small					C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	A	3.3.3.A
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES																													
Food, Beverage, and Lodging																													
After Hours Club or Indoor Entertainment										C	C	C	P					C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P		P	P	3.3.5.A

requirements of the state and the registration procedures described in this Subsection ~~H~~**N**.

~~1. Prior to establishing the group home, the owner/operator of the home shall register with the Planning Department on a form provided by the Department. Registration shall be effective for 12 months. Prior to expiration of such 12-month period, the owner/operator of the home shall apply for renewal. Renewal shall be granted by the Planning Director if the group home continues to be in compliance with the definition of group home for FHAA protected citizens and state licensing requirements.~~

~~2. It shall be unlawful to operate a group home for FHAA protected citizens without first having registered as required in this Subsection K. It shall be unlawful to operate a group home with an expired registration.~~

3.3.6 Accessory and Temporary Uses

I. Home Adult or Child Day Care.

1. In-home day care may be provided to children from birth to 16 years of age, ~~with no more than two children, including caretaker's own children, under two years of age. The limit on enrollment shall be six.~~

2. All facilities must operate under the rules set forth by the Colorado Department of Human Services, as amended from time to time.

Section 6. Section 4.2 shall be amended as follows:

4.2.3 Special Dimensional Standards.

H. REVERSE SETBACKS FROM OIL AND GAS FACILITY

THE MINIMUM SETBACK FOR A RESIDENTIAL USE FROM AN OIL OR GAS FACILITY, MEASURED FROM THE LOT LINE OF THE RESIDENTIAL LOT SHALL BE 150 FEET PROVIDED A SIGN IS NOT LESS THAN 4 SQUARE FEET IN AREA IS POSTED AT THE LINE OF A LOT THAT IS WITHIN 350 FEET OF AN OIL AND GAS FACILITY THAT STATES: "THERE IS AN OIL AND GAS FACILITY WITHIN 350 FEET OF THIS LOT."

Section 7. Section 4.7 Landscape, Water Conservation, Stormwater Management shall be amended as follows:

4.7.5 Required Landscaping.

C. Curbside Landscaping

b. Streets with **detached** ~~attached~~ walks shall have curbside landscapes that include the area within the right-of-way as measured between the back of curb and face of walk. The curb is not counted as part of the curbside landscape.

G. Buffer Widths and Allowed Reduction Table.

Table 4.7-2 is amended as follows:

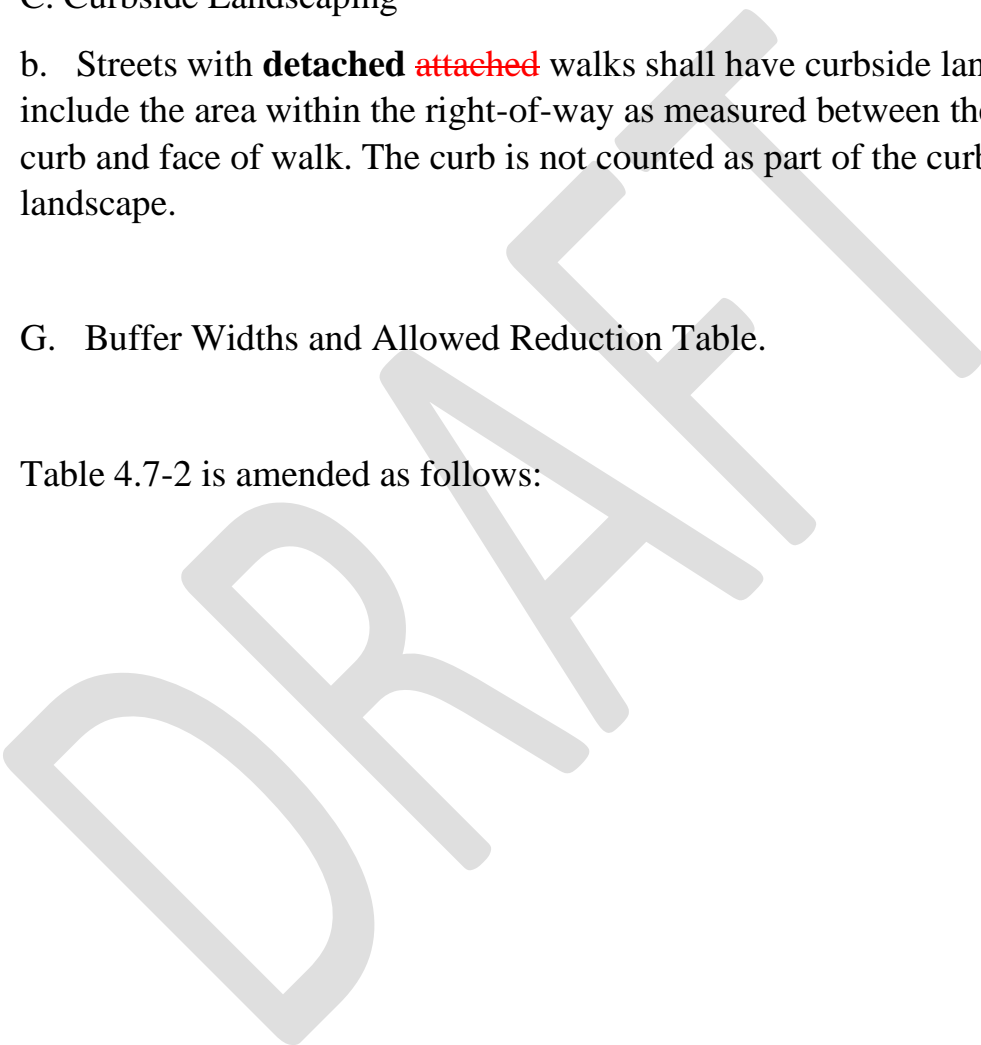

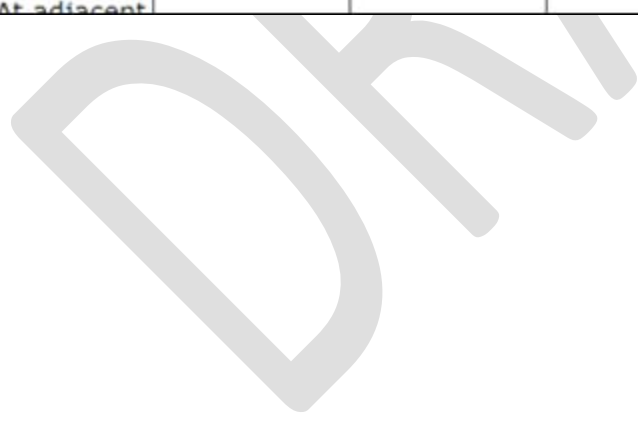


Table 4.7-2 Required Landscaping Buffer Widths and Allowed Reductions (N.A. = not applicable)					
	Residential [1]	Multifamily	Institutional [2]	Office, Commercial and Mixed- Use	Industrial
STANDARD DESIGN [3] Plant material quantities per code requirements Standard design means without buffer reduction incentive features.					
At ROW [4] [5] [6]	N.A.	 20 feet	10 feet	20 feet	Arterial ROW: 25 feet Other Public ROW: 10 feet
At adjacent residential property lines	N.A.	15 feet	25 feet	25 feet	25 feet
At adjacent					

**Local Rd: No Buffer
All Other: 20 feet**



Space [7]					
INCENTIVE FEATURES TO REDUCE BUFFER WIDTHS [9]					
Low Hedge or Berm with Hedge					
Hedge: 3 to 4 foot high hedge planted in a triangular pattern in a double row with shrubs three feet on center.					
Berm: Must be a minimum of 3 feet in height. Slope no steeper than 1:3 rise: run. Berm to include the above noted hedge plant material.					
At ROW	N.A.	18 feet N.A.	9 feet	15 feet	Arterial ROW: 25 feet Other Public ROW: N.A.
Low Wall					
Standard design plus 3 to 4 foot high masonry wall with landscaping on exterior side.					
At ROW	N.A.	15 feet N.A.	6 feet	10 feet	Arterial ROW: 25 feet Other Public ROW: N.A.
Tall Landscape Screen [10]					

Table 4.7-2

Required Landscaping Buffer Widths and Allowed Reductions

(N.A. = not applicable)

	Residential [1]	Multifamily	Institutional [2]	Office, Commercial and Mixed-Use	Industrial
Tall Landscape Screen [10]					
Tall landscape screen shall consist of one of the following: (1) A mixture of evergreen shrubs planted 42" on center and deciduous trees planted 25' on center; (2) A row of evergreen trees planted no less than 20' - 25' on center with deciduous and evergreen shrubs interspersed.					
At ROW	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Arterial ROW: 25 feet Other Public ROW: 8 feet

Table 4.7-2
Required Landscaping Buffer Widths and Allowed Reductions
 (N.A. = not applicable)

	Residential [1]	Multifamily	Institutional [2]	Office, Commercial and Mixed-Use	Industrial
At adjacent residential property lines	N.A.	12 feet	20 feet	20 feet	20 feet
At adjacent multifamily property lines	12 feet	10 feet	20 feet	20 feet	18-15 feet
At adjacent non-residential property lines	20 feet	20 feet	20 feet	5 feet	15-18 feet

P. Residential Yard Landscape.

6. Residential Yard Landscape Requirements.

Table 4.7-3
Residential Yard Landscape Requirements
 Front, side, and rear yard landscaping requirements for single-family detached and two-family (duplex) dwellings

Front yards for lots of 4,500 square feet or larger:
Areas located in front of the house elevation NOT including the streetscape area between the sidewalk and street curbs.
Side and rear yards visible to the public shall comply with front yard standards.

7. Yard Landscape Area Measurements. Figure 4.7-30 identifies what constitutes front and side yards for required and allowed shrub and sod requirements.

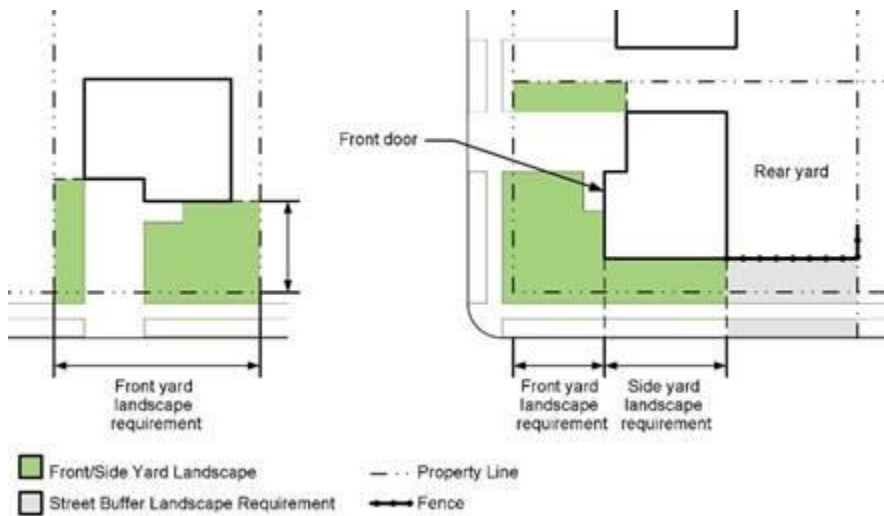


Figure 4.7-30: Residential Front Yard and Corner Side Yards

Section 8. Section 6.2 Definitions and Terms of Measurement shall be amended as follows:

Adult or Child Care Center

A facility, by whatever name known, that is maintained for the whole or part of a day for the care of children under the age of 16 years, or for elderly adults, and that is not located in a dwelling unit occupied by any of the operators of the facility. The facility shall be operated with or without compensation for such care, and with or without stated educational purposes, and shall hold a valid state license for the operating of an adult or child day care center, that provide day care services, including monitoring of clients, social and recreational services, food and nourishment, and health support services. The term shall include facilities commonly known as "day care centers," "day nurseries," "nursery schools," "kindergartens," "preschools," "play groups," "day camps," "summer camps," "adult care," or "adult day care center". It shall include those facilities that give a maximum of 10-hour care for dependent and neglected children. It shall include those facilities for children under the age of six years, with stated educational purposes, operated in conjunction with a public, private, or parochial college or a private or parochial school. The term shall not apply to a kindergarten

maintained in connection with a public, private, or parochial elementary school system of at least six grades. Child care centers are divided into two distinct use groups:

1. “An Adult or Child Day Care Facility, Large” includes facilities that are maintained for the whole or part of a day for the care of 16 or more children under the age of 16 years, or ~~not more than~~ **16 OR MORE** elderly adults, who are not related to the owner, operator or manager of the facility.
2. “An Adult or Child Day Care Facility, Small” includes the following:
 - a. Facilities that are maintained for the whole or part of a day for the care of from **FIVE** ~~six~~ to 15 children under the age of 16 years, or five to 15 elderly adults, who are not related to the owner, operator or manager of the facility.

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CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Public Works Development Review Update
Item Initiator: Victor Rachael, Deputy Director of Public Works - Engineering
Staff Source/Legal Source: Victor Rachael, Deputy Director of Public Works – Engineering/Daniel Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Council Goal: 2012: 3.0--Ensure excellent infrastructure that is well maintained and operated.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: N/A

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

- Approve Item as proposed at Study Session
- Information Only
- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Approve Item as proposed at Regular Meeting
- Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration

Why is a waiver needed?[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

Action Taken/Follow-up: *(Check all that apply)*

- Recommends Approval
- Does Not Recommend Approval
- Forwarded Without Recommendation
- Recommendation Report Attached
- Minutes Attached
- Minutes Not Available

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

At the August 11, 2021, PED Committee meeting, the committee requested a follow-up on the Development Review Update.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

Public Works will provide an update on current performance metric measures.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

N/A – this item is informational only

LEGAL COMMENTS

The City Manager shall be responsible to the Council for the proper administration of all affairs of the City placed in his charge and, to that end, shall have the power and duty to make written or verbal reports at any time concerning the affairs of the City under his supervision upon request of the Council. City Charter § 7-4(e)

(Money)

PUBLIC FINANCIAL IMPACT

YES NO

If yes, explain

PRIVATE FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable Significant Nominal

If Significant or Nominal, explain:



CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Aerotropolis Parkway Update
Item Initiator: Andrea Amonick, Planning and Development Services, Interim Director
Staff Source/Legal Source: Jacob Cox, Mac Callison, Victor Rachael/Dan Money Senior Assistant Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Council Goal: 2012: 5.2--Plan for the development and redevelopment of strategic areas, station areas and urban centers

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: 10/4/2021
Naming Resolution

Regular Meeting: N/A

ITEM DETAILS:

Information Only

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

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PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: Planning & Economic Development

Policy Committee Date: 8/11/2021

Action Taken/Follow-up: *(Check all that apply)*

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Recommendation Report Attached

Minutes Attached

Minutes Not Available

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

Councilmember Gruber requested the custom street name of Aerotropolis Parkway to replace portions of the Harvest Road and Powhatan Road alignments as shown in Exhibit A. He further requested staff to convene a meeting with stakeholders to discuss the renaming and plans for the alignment for the northern portions of the roadway. A meeting was convened on September 20th at which both the renaming and an introduction to the alignment process were presented.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

Staff will provide a very brief update to the Committee for their information.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Information Only

LEGAL COMMENTS

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

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PUBLIC FINANCIAL IMPACT

YES NO

If yes, explain:

PRIVATE FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable Significant Nominal

If Significant or Nominal, explain:



**Planning and Economic Development
MINUTES**

Date: August 11, 2021

Time: 8:30 am

Members Present: Councilmember Marsha Berzins, Chair: Councilmember Dave Gruber, Vice Chair: Councilmember Angela Lawson

Others Present: Alecia Peabody, Andrea Amonick, Andrea Barnes, Blake Fulenwider, Brad Pierce, Brandon Cammarata, Bruce Dalton, Cathy DeWolf, Chad Argentar, Chance Horiuchi-On Havana Street, Cindy Colip, Daniel Brotzman, Daniel Krzyzanowski, Daniel Money, David Schoonmaker, Debbie Bickmire, Elena Vasconez, Gayle Jetchick, Haley Busch Johansen, Heather Lamboy, Huiliang Liu, Jacob Cox, Jason Batchelor, Jose Rodriguez, Karen Hancock, Kelly Bish, Kevin Smith, Kevin Hougen, Mac Callison, Marcia McGilley, Marisa Noble, Melissa Rogers, Melvin Bush, Michelle Gardner, Mindy Parnes, Margie Sobey, Rachel Gruber - Denver Airport, Rachid Rabbaa, Robert Oliva, Sarah Wile, Scott Berg, Thomas Blevins, Tod Kuntzelman, Todd Hager, Tom Worker-Braddock, Trevor Vaughn, Victor Rachael, Yuriy Gorlov

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

2.a July 14, 2021 DRAFT Minutes - Council Member Berzins

July 14, 2021 minutes were approved.

3. General Business

3.a Resolution in support of renaming portions of Harvest and Powhatan Roads to Aerotropolis Parkway

Karen Hancock, Principal Planner/Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney (Sponsored by Council Member Gruber)

Councilmember Gruber requested the custom street name of Aerotropolis Parkway to replace portions of the Harvest Road and Powhatan Road alignments as shown in Exhibit A. Previous city-led custom street names include replacing

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Ursula Street with Aurora Court on the Fitzsimons-Anschutz campus and the extension of 6th Avenue renamed in honor of Mayor Stephen D. Hogan. Planning has guidelines for adjusting street names to assure public safety response service levels are maintained and postal delivery is uninterrupted.

City of Aurora code specifies that addressing of the city is under the purview of the Planning Director (Section 126-272). Section 126-273 of city code specifies that the city will be addressed in accordance with the Denver Metropolitan Grid. Attached is a draft resolution expressing support from City Council for the alignment shown in Exhibit A to be renamed Aerotropolis Parkway. "Aerotropolis Parkway" meets Planning guidelines for custom street names. Renaming this alignment to Aerotropolis Parkway supports place branding an element of economic development for Northeast Aurora as described in Aurora Places. The street renaming to Aerotropolis Parkway was presented to the Aerotropolis Regional Transportation Authority (ARTA) was supported by the Board of Directors. The purpose of this resolution is to name the future road from the Harvest interchange to be built on I-70 North through Aurora that will intersect with Jackson Gap. The funding for the road is from Aerotropolis, which consists of Adams County Commissioners, Aurora City Council members, and the Metropolitan District for Aurora Highlands. Aerotropolis Parkway will allow people to travel through Eastern Aurora and intersect with I-70 and all areas East. As this road's planning is finalized, it's essential to have a name that will last. CM Gruber asked if the new road being put into place by the Aerotropolis Regional Transportation Authority will be named Aerotropolis Parkway?

- CM Lawson asked if an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is required to make this type of change? CM Gruber responded that the city must name roads based on the defined grid for the entire metro area. This section of the road in the resolution is entirely within the City of Aurora. He asked for staff to address the question. Karen Hancock responded that there are rules within the code for naming streets, and custom street renaming is within the purview of this group. If needed, they can coordinate across jurisdictions with the property owners and report back.
- CM Berzins, CM Lawson, and CM Gruber approve forwarding the resolution to Study Session for review by Council.
- CM Gruber requested staff to set up a meeting as soon as possible with the landowners adjacent to the proposed Aerotropolis Parkway alignment, including representatives from Denver International Airport (DEN), to discuss the proposal. He would like this committee to host the results. Council Members do not need to attend the meeting. CM Berzins asked the staff if that is doable? Andrea Amonick responded that they would try to get that set up within the next three weeks. CM Lawson requested that

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the discussions on the roads include the transportation grid. CM Gruber responded that he agrees then continued that the ARTA does not override what the city has done with the North East Aurora Transportation Study (NEATS). The NEATS identifies the location for mass transit in the Northeast sector of Aurora. That study is the basis for the work.

Council Members Berzins, Lawson, and Gruber approve forwarding the resolution to Study Session for review by Council.

Carried

3.b 2021 International Building Code Adoption

Jose Rodriguez, Building Plan Review Manager, Public Works Dept., Building Division

Scott Berg, Chief Building Official, Public Works

- This was presented to the Joint Task Force Committee on July 8, 2021 and the Building Code and Contractor's Appeals and Standards Board Meeting on July 13, 2021 where it received support from both groups.
- The Building Division believes that adoption of the 2021 International Codes will allow the City of Aurora to stay current with the new national codes that have been developed to provide uniformity among different jurisdictions across the country. Architects, engineers and other design professionals are familiar with the current edition of these codes and adoption of the 2021 editions will allow for an easier interaction with the city of Aurora.
- Does the Committee wish to adopt the 2021 International Codes as recommended by staff and forward the Ordinance onto Study Session for consideration by the whole Council?
- Scott Berg, Chief Building Official, assisted since Jose was having technical issues.
 - CM Gruber asked if they have received feedback from the Homeowner Associations and construction companies and were the comments included in the plan? Is there a plan for the Unified Ordinance Office (UDO) to authorize tiny houses and cargo shipping container houses within the city? He asked that if they approve this today would that make it possible for a builder to start building homes using cargo shipping containers within the next few months, or is that something still to be addressed by the council? CM Gruber added that various types of Tiny Homes are coming to fill an important gap of providing low-cost housing. Scott Berg responded that they had done outreach through the joint task force meeting and email blasts to licensed contractors who

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have pulled permits in the last couple of years. They have received the feedback, and everything brought up has been addressed. Jason Batchelor responded that whatever is constructed has to conform to code. The UDO does not prescribe building materials. Scott Berg responded that using a cargo shipping container would be addressed by the building code. The UDO would address the size, location on the property, and appearance. CM Berzins asked if we have shipping container homes now? Scott responded that such a structure was completed years ago at the solar tech project where a shipping container was used for a Solar Decathlon home. Karen Hancock responded that the definition for Tiny Homes is specific. They look at definitions of where they go and where they are allowed. Brandon Cammarata added that "tiny homes" are limited to the Residential Manufactured Home Park District (R-MH) or as Accessory Dwelling Units in Original Aurora. They are not proposed that often. Container housing, like modular housing, has the same general aesthetic requirements.

- See the attached "Planning Update for 8.11.2021 PED."
- CM Gruber recommends approving everything except the tiny homes and cargo container homes. He would like to see a follow-up meeting where the terms and a broader picture of other city regulations is presented to this committee. CM Berzins asked for this to move to the Study Session. CM Gruber agrees that the council will have to approve this. He requested the terms and a broader picture of the other city regulations done by staff and present them to the Study Session. Brandon added that the Tiny Homes guard rails are limited to zoned districts for residential or communities where they permit mobile homes. It is a limited scope, so if the council wanted to expand that or something, but it's limited at this time. GM Gruber asked if they have shipping container homes permitted? Brandon would need to check, but it would be much like a modular-type home. If they could meet the design, setback, and aesthetic requirements, they've met the city's requirements. Karen H added that they do have a Starbucks, and it was a difficult project to review.
- CM Berzins asked about the cost for tiny homes vs. shipping container homes. Bob Oliva responded that the shipping containers are the go-to pop-up device.
- Andrea Amonick suggested that the planning staff work with Mr. Berg to provide more information on how the current UDO handles this and what the impact might be. They need to work through some of the analysis and report back at the Study Session.
- CM Lawson asked how do future innovations get introduced or added to the building code? Scott responded that there is a request for modification or alternative construction provision in the building code. The code is

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reactive, but if they can show it meets the code, he can approve it. CM Berzins asked if a lot of codes will be changing with the energy changes from Washington? Scott responded that it's a three-year cycle, but there are provisions for approving alternative construction means.

- o CM Berzins, CM Gruber, and CM Lawson approved this item to be moved to the Study Session once staff has worked through some of the analysis and report back at the Study Session.

Does the Committee wish to adopt the 2021 International Codes as recommended by staff and forward the Ordinance onto Study Session for consideration by the whole Council?

Council Members Berzins, Gruber, and Lawson approve this item to be moved to the Study Session once staff has worked through some of the analysis and report back at the Study Session.

Carried

3.c Annual Small Business SBDC Update Pandemic 8/11/21

Marcia McGilley, Executive Director, Aurora-South Metro Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

- In September 2014, the South Metro Denver Small Business Development Center (SBDC) moved to the City of Aurora, and Aurora became the Host for the rebranded Aurora-South Metro SBDC during 2015. As the host organization, the full time Executive Director moved to the City.
- The Aurora-South Metro SBDC helps existing and new businesses grow and prosper by offering free and confidential business consulting and free/low-cost workshops. The Aurora-South Metro SBDC Center covers Aurora as well as Arapahoe, Douglas and South Adams and Jefferson counties. In 2020, the Aurora-South Metro SBDC served over 3,000 citizens with one-on-one consulting, presented 125 workshops and referred over 5,000 calls to the needed small business resources. Funding comes from several grants (SBA, CARES Act (separate from City funding), Minority Business Office, Connect2DOT, Childcare, Leading Edge), City of Aurora, municipalities, and public/private partnerships.
- The Aurora-South Metro SBDC achieved the following milestones from 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020:
 - o Created **economic impact** to the local community (**City of Aurora**) - Jobs Created: 104, Jobs Retained: 152, Capital Formation: \$7.8M; Increased Sales Increase: \$17.3M; Contracts/Amount: \$1.7M

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- **Provided Exceptional Customer Service (CORE4 Value):** Client Satisfaction rating of 97% for consulting and 96% for workshop instruction (out of 100%)
- **Pandemic and Recovery Trends and SBDC Response Strategy - Discussion**
- **Additional Funding:** In 2020, the SBDC brought in much needed extra funding to meet the needs of the local business community. Over and above the \$155,000 from the Small Business Administration and \$9,000 from the State of Colorado, we received \$254,000 in supplemental funding from the CARES Act, \$10,000 from the Office of Minority Business, \$20,130 from the Department of Transportation and \$26,500 from the Office of Early Childcare; a total of approximately \$300,000 in additional funding.
- **Key strategic partnerships:** Chambers of Commerce, Aurora and Arapahoe Libraries, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Center, PTAC, City of Aurora Retail Specialist, Community College of Aurora, Pickens Technical College, Office of International and Immigrant Affairs, NAACP, and others.
 - CM Lawson asked if they have training/consulting for people who want to start in Aurora with a tech type of innovation? Marcia responded that they put them through the SBDCs startup program. They have consultants that are competent and confident in doing one on one tech consulting. If it is not something that they have the expertise to take them from A to Z, they refer them within Colorado.
 - CM Gruber asked a question regarding a recent presentation he received about the impact due to the lack of childcare businesses moving into the area. Is there a way to emphasize or stress the creation of larger facilities to take care of children for the entire Aurora economy? Marcia responded that they added the home-based childcare and the center childcare program. They offer four per year and have experts on the City of Aurora team that know how to help entrepreneurs start and grow those businesses. CM Gruber is thinking of going beyond and incentivizing people to create childcare with funding for facilities. Andrea Amonick responded that Marcia and some development staff are working to help develop the childcare centers in redevelopment areas. CM Gruber responded that the only thing about the redevelopment areas is the location. They need to make sure they have centers near large employment centers. Kevin

added that Bob Oliva from Development Services had done a great job working behind the scenes working with Janel Highfill with the Community College of Aurora on retail locations that might be available. CM Berzins added that there are billions of dollars coming from the government to help with daycare.

3.d Public Works Development Review Update

Victor Rachael, Deputy Director, Public Works Engineering

- As part of the general business agenda of the March 10, 2021 meeting, Item 3a, 2020 Development Review Annual Report and Development Process Update, an overview of various departments on time review performance was discussed. The Public Works – Engineering were very far below the performance metric goals. At the PED Committee meeting in July, the committee requested follow-up and additional discussion around drainage reviews.
- Public Works will provide an update on current performance metric measures and a brief overview on drainage reviews. Victor presented a short presentation on where they are and touched on drainage reviews.
 - CM Berzins & CM Gruber responded that they are happy to hear this and hoping we hear the same feedback from Developers.
 - CM Gruber commented that the feedback he has received is that the Master Drainage Plan is the hold-up on many of the projects in the city. Victor responded that the Master Drainage Plan set's the baseline and is the first step in the process. With the improved on-time performance, not only in civil plans but in drainage reviews, including master drainage, those are moving forward much more quickly, including utilization of the outside consultants to make sure developers can continue in the development process. CM Gruber asked if they are using the outside consultants to assist in expediting the review. Victor responded that they are utilized to supplement city resources and distribute the workload to hit the deadlines. CM Berzins commented that the delay makes the prices go higher, with the longer the land sits and the building is delayed. Victor responded they are also seeing the increased cost on the city projects as well.
 - CM Berzins asked Victor to provide another quick update next month.

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4. **Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration**

4.a **Aurora Economic Development Council**

- Yuriy Gorlov reported on:

There is good activity going on in the city. There is a lot of construction underway. Of the items they're tracking, there are 2.5 million square feet of construction in the city, and 3300 acres are entitled. Businesses are moving forward with plans. There is a lot of shuffling happening in the workforce. They have a couple of deals closing in the next couple of months. They are on track to bring another two thousand jobs to the city.

4.b **Havana Business Improvement District**

- Chance Horiuchi reported on:

HBID Sales Tax Update/June YTD Report Here: Notes from Bill Levine at the City of Aurora: Through the first half of the year, the Havana BID represents 9.38% of the sales tax collections from the entire city of Aurora. While this might have been slightly higher historically, I think I mentioned to you that over the last few years the BID contributed about 10-12% in sales tax of the City's total collections (as a result of court cases and an new ordinance passed by the City of Aurora), it is inevitably true that a growing percent of sales tax is collected from online sales (not from a store located anywhere in Aurora). So, I would view this percentage holding fairly steady as a positive given this fact.

Finally, I wanted to add one additional bit of analysis that very much relates to how I think about sales tax. You will see that YTD sales tax collections generated from the Havana BID are up 15.3%. Since we are comparing back to a time period (first half of 2020) that includes when the economy was partly shut down last year due to the pandemic, it can be hard to make sense of this number. Is it good? Normally 15.3% growth would be obviously good, but we are comparing to an extremely weird and bad year. So, I like to compare my numbers back to 2019 as my pre-pandemic baseline. The numbers show that Havana BID sales tax collections in the first half of 2021 are up 9.54% compared to the first half of 2019. My mind has a much easier time comprehending that last statistic; it is clearly good growth!

- New Businesses with updates from July 2021:
NOW OPEN - Ross Dress for Less at the Gardens on Havana
<<https://onhavanastreet.com/business/ross-gardens-on-havana/>>
Cobblestone Auto Spa<<https://onhavanastreet.com/business/cobblestone-auto-spa/>> (Autawash/Autalube sold 5/26/2021) Coffee Story
<<https://onhavanastreet.com/business/coffee-story/>> – Korean Coffee Shop & Café – June 2021

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- Events On Havana Street

August 11, 2021, 6:30pm. Ward IV Meeting, Juan Marcano, Aurora City Council Ward IV - Five Star Residences of Dayton Place, Presentation from Aurora Water on the city's water supply, future projections based on growth, and sustainability efforts. Followed by an open Q/A.

Thursday, August 19, 2021, 8 pm, \$50, Live Music – PANTEÓN ROCOCO at The Stampede

Saturday, August 21, 2021, 9pm, \$40, Live Music – VIVE TOUR 2021 at The Stampede

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 11-9pm, The Stampede, FREE, SarCO te invita al 6to Festival Salvadoreño/SarCO invites you to the 6th Salvadoran Festival

Thursday, August 26, 2021, 8am, Learn More at www.ColoradoKRA.com, 1st Koreatown Aurora Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Friday, August 27, 2021, 10am, FREE, Coffee & Donuts Networking at GEICO Insurance Agency – John Sanchez

Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 6:30pm-8pm, Aurora Central

Library, FREE, Ward III Town Hall – Candidate forum for Ward III and At-Large council seats, Learn More [Here](#)

Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Doors Open at 6 p.m., FREE, Last Days of Summer Concert – Dotsero at The Stampede

Friday, October 1, 2021, 8 pm, FREE, Live Music – INSPECTOR, ELEFANTE at The Stampede.* See more BID Stakeholder Events on our website, The BID will promote and share existing events here at <https://onhavanastreet.com/events/>

4.c Aurora Chamber of Commerce

- Kevin Hougen reported on:

They are seeing a record number of businesses joining the Chamber and a record number of ribbon cuttings. They have a ribbon cutting on August 12, 2021 at the new Aurora Eatery at the Town Center. On August 20, 2021, the recognition of the Armed forces will honor thirteen men and women in the armed forces. Molly Coombs will be hosting a business after hours on August 26, 2021 at the Homewood Suites on Tower close to the airport. On September 16-18, 2021 they have the Leadership Retreat in Breckenridge. The Forum for the City Council Candidates is on September 29, 2021 in council chambers. It's an opportunity to listen to the candidates in Wards I, II, III and at Large. There is a Rotary State of the City Luncheon on October 13, 2021. General Raymond, Commander of the United States Space Command, has invited the Aurora Chamber to the Pentagon in Washington DC on October 12-14, 2021. On November 10, 2021 they have a joint mission with the Military Affairs Committee of Colorado Springs.

The Association of Defense Communities has its annual event in San Antonio on November 1-3, 2021.

4.d Planning Commission

- Melvin Bush reported on:

Tonight, will be busy as they have two comprehensive plan amendment issues; one zoning map amendment and a couple of multifamily site plans. They have a 711, and a chick-fil remodel. They are looking at a car wash, demo, and a couple of multifamily projects.

4.e Oil and Gas Committee

- Brad Pierce reported on:

There is an Ordinance that a council member introduced to create a climate action committee and abolish the oil & gas committee, which is on the Study Session agenda for Monday, August 16, 2021. CM Berzins commented that she wasn't sure why it did not come through the Planning & Economic Development Committee.

4.f Business Advisory Board

- Elena Vasconez reported on:

They have a BAB Board meeting on Monday. The report will be available next month.

4.g Retail

- Bob Oliva reported:

There will be a retail update next month.

The sales are exceeding pre-pandemic numbers. There are significant workforce issues. They are meeting with Aurora ONE after this meeting regarding their project. There is momentum with what's going on in the Arts District. They have opened their research department with the latest technology for shopping center owners. There is a meeting to come with Bruce, Kevin, & Rob to discuss the 40,000 acres for the Inland Port project, a decent office and retail component, and

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is a game-changer. They have several childcare centers ready to go. The childcare business owners need money and know there is access to money but aren't sure how to connect the dots. They are connecting them with people who can help them work on grants.

4.h Small Business

- See item 3.c

4.i Visit Aurora

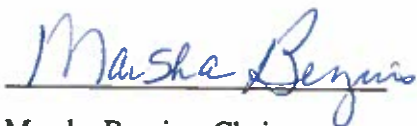
- Bruce Dalton reported on:

They hosted their official open house on July 29, 2021. They are open for business at The Stanley Marketplace. They plan to expand their visitor information kiosk and help areas in other parts of the city. The Colorado tourism office just got a report from Dean Runyan Associates about the whole state of the travel industry in 2020. It was reported that Colorado tourism spending plummeted nearly \$9 billion in 2020 and lost over 31,000 jobs. On a positive note, the hotels are seeing a solid recovery for the last 30 days, with an occupancy rate of 75%. Tax collections are solid right now. The one thing that is affecting our hotels and the lead volume is the Delta variant. They are hopeful that the current regulations will not change within the counties that they operate.

5. Confirm Next Meeting Date

September 8, 2021 at 8:30 AM Teleconferencing meeting

6. Adjournment



Marsha Berzins, Chair

Planning Update for the 8/11 PED
Brandon Cammarata – Planning Manager
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Tiny Homes in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

Definition

A single-family dwelling constructed on a frame and capable of being transported on its own wheels but from which the wheels have been removed, that contains less than 400 square feet of gross floor area, and that meets either the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Sections 5401 et seq.) or the building code.

Permitted Zone District

RESIDENTIAL -- MANUFACTURED HOME PARK DISTRICT (R-MH).

- Tiny Homes are only permitted as a principal uses in the Manufactured Home zone district.
- Proposals must meet requirements for manufactured home parks which include; minimum lot size; outdoor common areas; streets or drives; pedestrian linkages, refuse disposal and lighting.

ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) Approach

- ADU's are only permitted in Original Aurora and require Planning Commission approval.
- When a Tiny Home is proposed as an ADU, it must follow design and site layout requirements.

Shipping Containers as Residential Structures in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

- Shipping containers would need to meet architectural design and materials requirements.
- Shipping containers would need to meet site layout requirements such as setbacks and minimum landscaping.

MEMO

TO: COUNCIL MEMBER MARSHA BERZINS, CHAIR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE
COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA LAWSON
COUNCIL MEMBER DAVE GRUBER

FROM: BRAD PIERCE, CHAIR OIL AND GAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: THIRD QUARTER 2021 REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2021

I am pleased to provide the Third Quarter 2021 Report of the activities of the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee. We had one meeting on WebEx in the Second Quarter on July 21, 2021.

July 21, 2021 Virtual Meeting on WebEx:

- Council Member Allison Coombs made a presentation on a proposed Ordinance creating a Climate Action Committee and abolishing the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee
- Staff provided updates on current Oil and Gas Permit applications since May 19, 2021
- Staff made a presentation on FLIR Camera Field Inspections
- Public Comment:
 - None
- Mr. Moore provided an update on COGCC Financial Assurance Rule Making
- The committee discussed the interviews for the three applicants for the Citizen category vacancy. The committee sent a Memo to the Mayor and City Council with our recommendation for appointment.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brad Pierce
Chair, Oil and Gas Advisory Committee