



January 22, 2015

Mr. Peter Wysocki
Planning & Development Director
City of Colorado Springs
30 S. Nevada Ave. Ste. 105
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dear Mr. Wysocki,

As you know, on January 13, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously to approve two petitions seeking inclusion into the DDA district. Those petitions represent properties on the eastern contiguous edge of the DDA owned by Nor'wood Development Group and Dunn Family LLLP. Enclosed is the resolution addressing inclusion and accompanying exhibits, for city staff review and presentation before City Council.

As you also know, the DDA board first heard of interest in such expansion at its October meeting, followed by a full presentation by Nor'wood and review at its November meeting, followed by review in December of the request by Dunn Family LLLP.

Other dates of action and interest include:

- On December 4, about 80 people attended a public Downtown Lowdown informational coffee presentation about the vision for the Nor'wood properties.
- DDA hosted a focus group with representation from large and small commercial property owners, residential owners and retail owners to more deeply explore DDA boundary expansion. Those in attendance expressed support.
- Also in December, DDA sent a letter to the more than 600 property owners in the DDA district addressing the petitions for boundary expansion and inviting owners to call or email me with any feedback or questions; none was received.

The DDA board and broader world of downtown and community stakeholders are tremendously excited by the potential of an innovation district on our downtown's eastern edge. The board is fully supportive of these property owners' petition to be added into the DDA. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Edmondson".

Susan Edmondson, Executive Director, DDA

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