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City Infill and Redevelopment Steering Committee Selects Community Representative Members

Earlier this week the core members of the City's Infill and Redevelopment Steering Committee selected seven community representatives from among a large pool of highly qualified applicants. These community members will assist the two previously appointed City Council designees (Jill Gaebler and Andy Pico) and two Planning Commissioners (Robert Shonkwiler and Chuck Donley) in providing direction for the City's infill initiative which will include the drafting of a new chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

This is a great group of residents, who will work collaboratively to plan infill development, especially in the downtown core, that promotes walkability and community, while reducing sprawl." said Councilwoman Gaebler.

"We will continue to involve and seek input from all the key stakeholders including the business community, other developers, the Council of Neighbors and Organizations (CONO), and experienced planning consultants," added Councilman Pico.

Peter Wysocki, Planning and Community Development Director, who will be providing staff support for this effort noted that,

"In conjunction with this effort, we will also be re-starting our 'Code Scrub' process again in the near future, and will be looking for additional expertise. This effort will involve review current land use codes for opportunities to modernize, address barriers and allow more effective and efficient development review".

The selected community representatives are:

- Eddie Bishop; a developer involved with a number of small infill projects in mature areas of the City outside of Downtown
- Barry Craddock of Craddock Commercial Real Estate LLC; with 19 years of experience in retail and residential development and redevelopment including the Mission Trace Shopping Center in southeast Colorado Springs
- Sherrie Gibson; as volunteer program coordinator for a college readiness program, and a current participant in the City's Civic Engagement Program
- Sarah Harris, who works for the Downtown Partnership and who also brings experience from involvement with Denver-area infill projects and the Urban Land Institute

-Aubrey Hoover, the Strategy Coordinator for LiveWell Colorado Springs which is a healthy and livable communities initiative associated with the YMCA

-Laura Nelson, Executive Director of the Apartment Association of Southern Colorado; Her organization represents over 37,000 rental units in this region

-Darsey Nicklasson, an urban planner and previous development consultant who recently broke ground with her partners on a 33-unit apartment building in southern Downtown Colorado Springs

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