Stapleton-Area Elementary Enrollment System

Community Meeting

November 19, 2013

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Schedule of Meetings

- **Tuesday, November 19, Bill Roberts K-8 School**
    - **DPS Presentation, Q&A**
    - **Special Public Comment in the Community, 7:00 – 8:00pm**

- **Additional community meeting – December 9, Swigert, 6:00pm**

- **Additional public comment – December 19, 6:30pm**

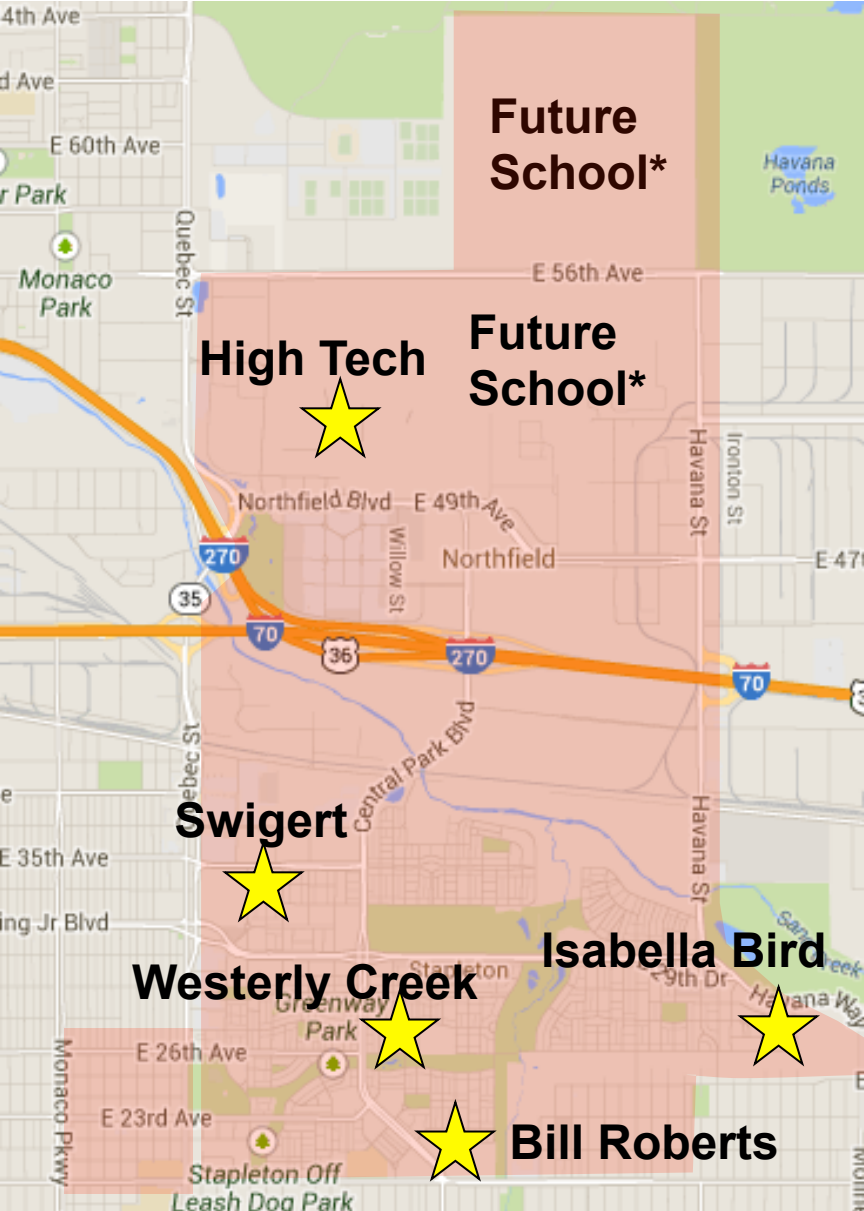- **Board Vote – December 19 (after public comment)**

Tonight's Agenda

- **Context Setting**   **6:00 – 6:30**

- **Questions & Answers**   **6:30 – 7:00**

- **"In the Community" Public comment**   **7:00 – 8:00**

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Goals in thinking about enrollment in Stapleton-area schools

■ Increase ability for families to attend the school closest to them and strengthen ties with community around each elementary school

■ Recognize programmatic options and the history and importance of choice in the Stapleton-area

■ Increase the percentage of Stapleton-area shared boundary families getting accepted into their first choice school

■ Respect community ties across the Stapleton-area

■ Build off the community-led engagement processes that have happened to date

■ Limit increases in transportation costs that will divert funds from the classroom

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Overall Proposed Stapleton-area Shared Boundary

- Ensure that a shared boundary extends north of I-70 to include homes that are building out

- Maintain the enrollment priority that Stapleton-area families have to Stapleton-area schools

* Future school sites approximate based on residential development data from Forest City

Board Decisions for December

December Board Decisions

- Enrollment system for Isabella Bird Community and High Tech Elementary

- Consideration of addition of a proximity zone for all of the schools

- Changes in Transportation policy

Issues no longer being considered

- Automatic increase to proximity zone preference percentages

- Different proximity zone preferences for ECE vs. K – 5

Key Questions to Discuss

- **After siblings, ECE, and full-time staff member children have been seated, what allocation of remaining seats should be made for students residing in that school's proximity zone?**

- **Within the Stapleton-area shared boundary, should families living North of I-70 have priority to elementary schools North of I-70 and should families living South of I-70 have priority to elementary schools South of I-70?**

Transportation Proposal

Provide transportation only to:

- **A) students attending their proximity zone school and live outside the 1 mile walk zone**

     and

- **B) students unable to attend their proximity zone school, but attending another Stapleton school more than 1 mile away**

Ground Rules for Questions and Answers

- Please identify yourself: name, school your child attends or Stapleton-area you reside

- Be respectful of others

- Use the microphone so all can hear your questions

- Be succinct in asking your question or making your comment

- Only one question per turn at the microphone

- Only one conversation at a time

- People will have an opportunity to ask questions after each speaker

- Most importantly… if we didn't get to your question /comment please write it on a card along with the topic area. We will produce a FAQs to be widely distributed

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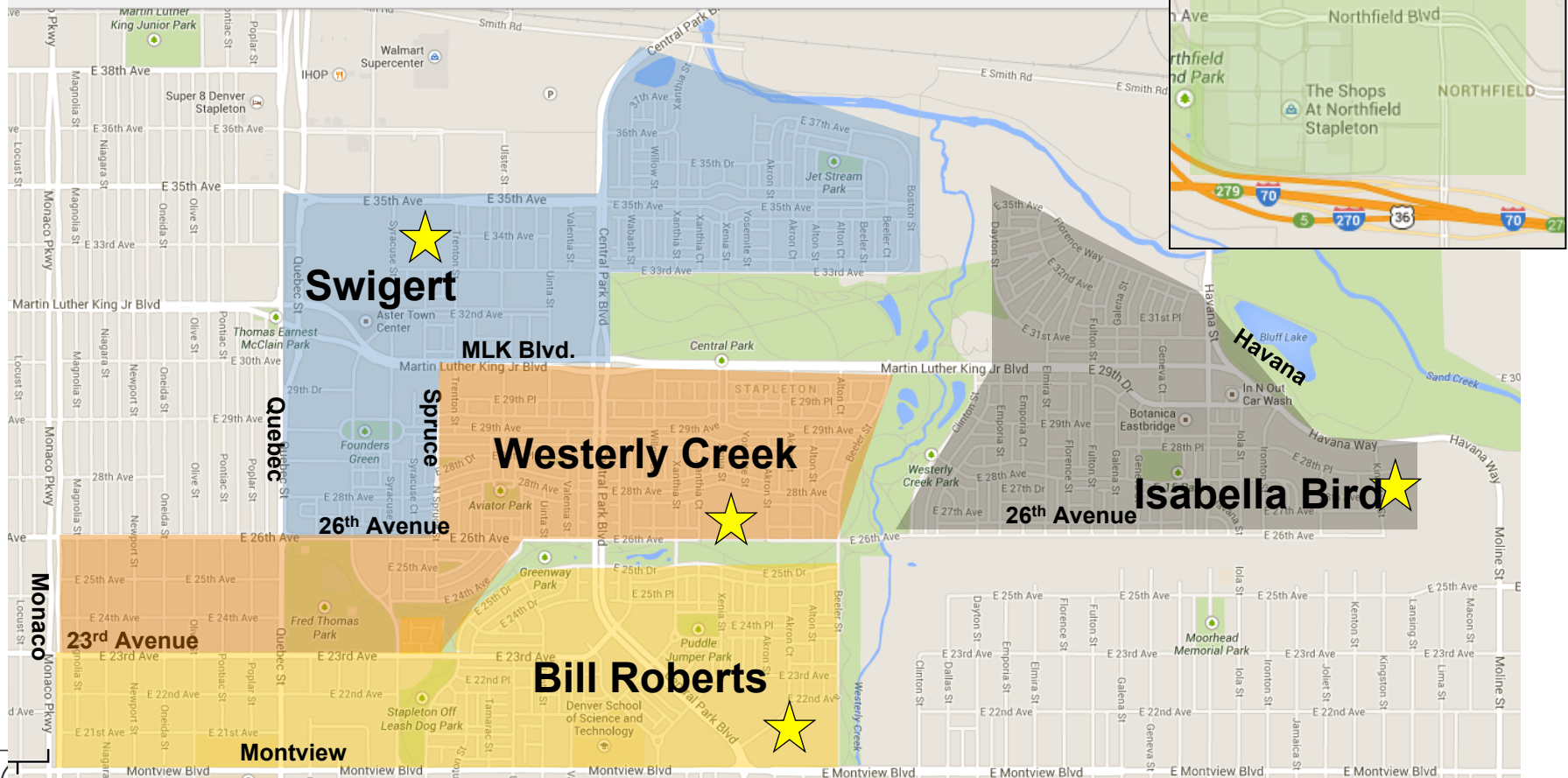
"In the Community" Public Comment Session

- **60 minutes**

- **2 minutes per person**

- **Your name will be announced, please step forward to the microphone**

- **Board members do not respond to comments**

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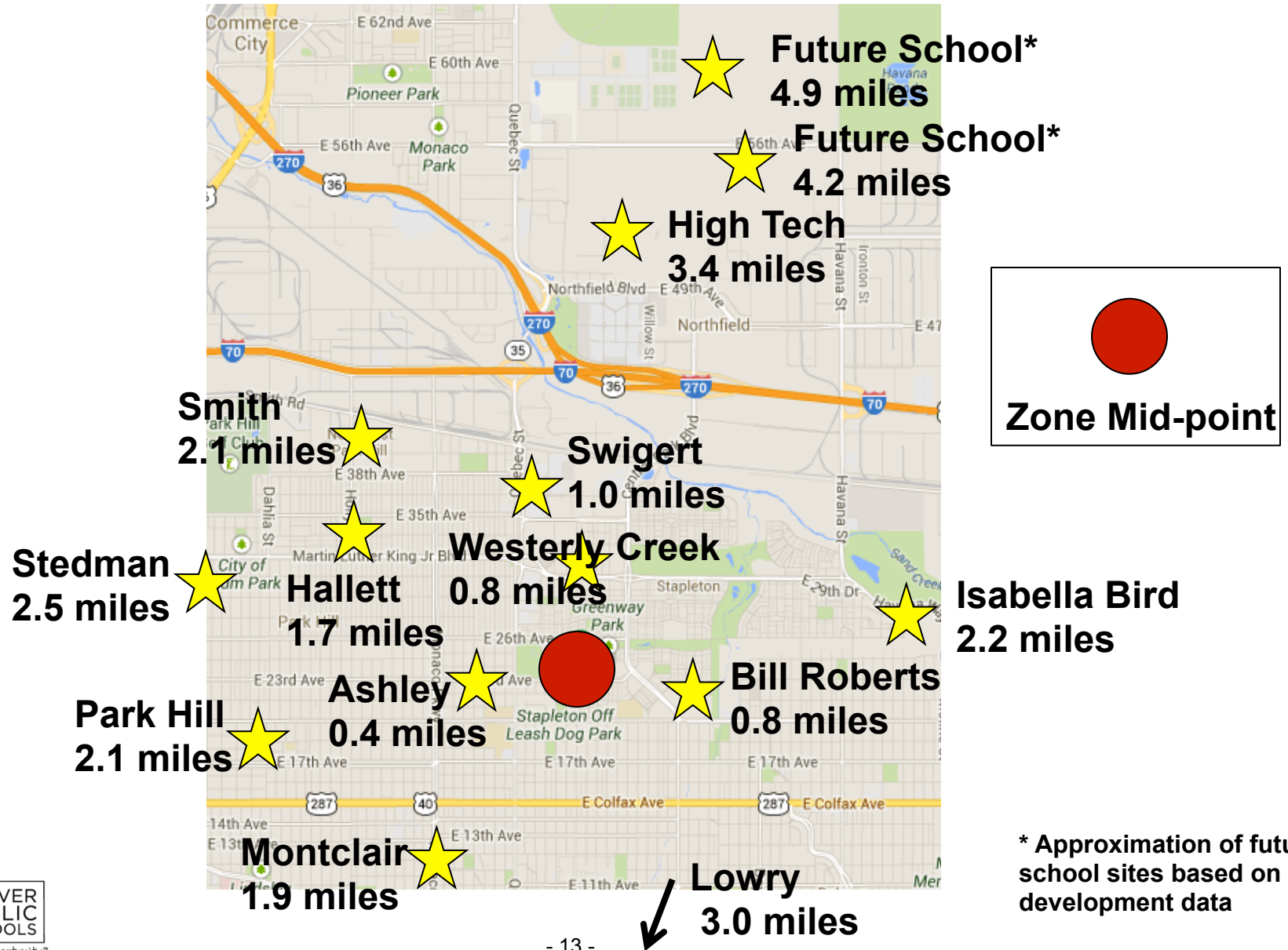# Appendix

Proposed Proximity Zones

Guiding principles for zone creation:

- Uses natural features as lines (Central Park, Westerly Creek Park, 26th Avenue Greenway) as well as major streets (MLK, I-70)
- Promotes socioeconomic diversity across the campuses
- For South Stapleton, number of units within each proximity zone is reasonably close (900 – 1,100 homes)
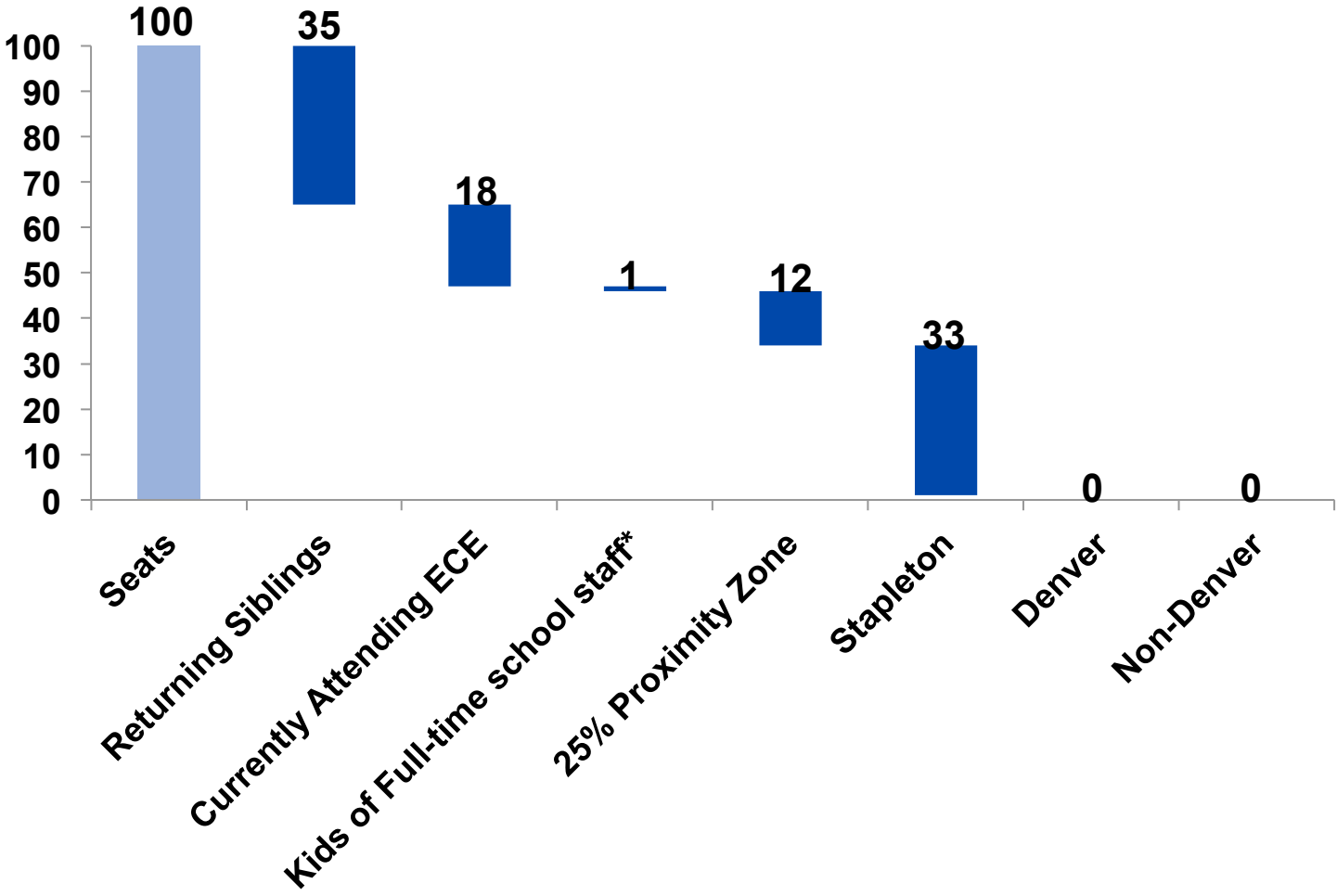
Bill Roberts Distance to other DPS Elementary Schools

Using 23rd Ave & Spruce St. as the mid-point of Bill Roberts for the starting point

Future School*
4.9 miles

Future School*
4.2 miles

High Tech
3.4 miles

Zone Mid-point

Smith
2.1 miles

Swigert
1.0 miles

Stedman
2.5 miles

Hallett
1.7 miles

Westerly Creek
0.8 miles

Isabella Bird
2.2 miles

Ashley
0.4 miles

Bill Roberts
0.8 miles

Park Hill
2.1 miles

Montclair
1.9 miles

Lowry
3.0 miles

***Approximation of future school sites based on development data**

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Example: 2013-14 Westerly Creek Kindergarten

*Total of 11 students enrolled based on this priority out of 2,072 total students at these schools