

# And what are people saying?

Approximately 60-65 people attended each listening session on Dec. 11, with some attending both. A total of about 45 people spoke—with the majority of those who spoke in favor of a change.



Kathy Duda—We moved here from Chicago and San Francisco kicking and screaming (because) it didn't seem that diverse. What caught my eye was the slogans... about inclusivity and diversity... (But) this is a gated community. Children that feel really safe at DSST walk through this neighborhood and they don't feel as welcome. If we truly came here with the intent to be inclusive...then let's let the people the name means something to make the change.



Michael McMurray—Despite being mixed race and brown skin, I grew up in a middle class home. (By graduate school) I became aware of the privilege my life afforded me...What's important to others is also important to us...We care. It (changing the name) would be a huge statement of inclusiveness.



Sandra Burroughs—I fear the name will attract others who are proud of Stapleton's association with hate. Let's show them they're not welcome here. I've also thought about people with the same fears as mine who choose not to live here. Let's loudly tell those people they are welcomed here.



Harold Scramstad—The great American stain was built around race. It's not going to go away no matter what gestures we make...A name is what you make of a name...We have to wash the name with great schools...with economic and social opportunity for everyone. We can't go back. The only place we can go is forward.



Mandel Rousseau—I don't think it is just to have that (Stapleton) legacy continued...because of the pain that goes with the KKK. If you know something is wrong and you have the ability to do something about it, I challenge you to think about that and decide to make a change for the better.



Ellen Miller Brown—What are the children thinking about as they watch us? We cannot divorce ourselves in this decision from what's going on today in the larger community...I want to change the name. And I want to show the children that we...stand up for what's right and I hope they will watch us and do the same.

A summary of statements and conclusions was created by the moderator Dr. Nita Moseby Tyler and is posted with this story on our website at FrontPorchNE.com.



Dipti Nevrekar—I have a dark-skinned son who has faced racism at school. I have to tell him...don't wear a hoodie, you can't act evasive or defiant. People of color face disparities every day. Here's an opportunity to change it.



Rajeev Vibhakar—We love living in Stapleton. In Stapleton and Denver I have friends from every spectrum of society...the people who live in this community are probably about as inclusive as any you could find anywhere.



Gregory Diggs (left) has been an outspoken advocate for changing the name. Ron Adams, at the Dec. 11 event said, "Stapleton was a complex person who did something bad, then did something good...Stapleton is a meritocracy. You work...you can buy a house...There's no such thing as white privilege." The two are exchanging phone numbers to meet and talk.

10 days later at the CAB meeting...

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