

## TIMELINE OF VISIBLE & VOCAL OPPOSITION TO THE NAME STAPLETON

### **1990s**

“Rename Stapleton Committee” is formed to remove the name from any new development at the site of the former airport, due to Benjamin Stapleton’s membership in the Ku Klux Klan. Made up primarily of black community activists from neighborhoods near the site. Group meets with city officials, representatives from Forest City, and solicits alternative names from the community. They disrupt the ground breaking, are given a verbal understanding that the name “formerly Stapleton” will be used for two years as an initial locator.

### **2000**

Due to objections to the name Stapleton, again because of the Klan history, the SDC formed a committee to create a naming policy. According to Roberto Corrada, who served on that committee, “I remember we had a committee that met several times. It recommended that Stapleton places and neighborhoods should have other names, but that Stapleton could be used for marketing purposes for a while, and then Stapleton would be dropped. That’s why you see ‘XXXX at Stapleton.’ The ‘at Stapleton’ is supposed to be dropped. Unfortunately, the marketing exception seems to have swallowed the rule.”

### **Feb. 2001**

SDC created naming policy limiting the use of the name for marketing purposes only. (see Stapleton naming policy below, p. 3)

### **Oct. 2001**

Community Declaration filed by Forest City, forming a project within the old Stapleton airport.

### **Dec. 2002**

Co-chairs of CAB write letter to Forest City objecting to use of “Stapleton” on a holiday card: “Four of the six panels (on the card) were devoted exclusively to...‘Stapleton.’ We believe the card was inappropriate and insensitive...Stapleton’s association with the Klan remains deep in the collective memory of Denver’s African-American community....The mass distribution of your holiday card went far beyond [locator] use. It sends a message of disinterest of history of the land that you are developing, its residents and the surrounding neighbors. We are disappointed in Forest City.”

### **Aug. 2003**

Amended Declaration: states that the “**initial** name of the community is Stapleton” and creates a process by which it can be changed. This is almost the first item addressed in a 144 page document. (see Section 1.4 below, p. 3)

### **Aug. 2015**

Black Lives Matter 5280 flyers the neighborhood, alerting residents to Benjamin Stapleton’s membership in the Klan and calling for name to be changed as part of an effort to make the community more welcoming and inclusive of people of color. Close to 1,400 people signed Black Lives Matter 5280 petition on change.org.

***Sept. 2015***

SUN meeting is held to hear from the community. Over 100 people attend to speak. The only follow-up is a question about neighborhood name included in a neighborhood survey.

***Fall 2017***

Rename St\*pleton for All formed following the violence of the Unite the Right white nationalist rally and counter protests in Charlottesville, NC.

November - Forest City removes "Stapleton" from the 29th Ave. signage

December - City of Denver removes "Stapleton Park" sign from a park in Globeville

December Listening Sessions held, and the analysis of comments concluded that most who participated want the name changed

Community organizations that dropped the name: Foundation, SDC, CAB, DSST (in process)

***May 2018***

58% of SUN ballots cast were in favor of removing "Stapleton" from the name of our registered neighborhood organization (RNO): Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN).

***Fall 2018***

Forest City rebrands, using "80238: 12 Neighborhoods Strong" as a marketing name

***May 2019***

DSST Stapleton renames itself DSST Montview, following a student-led, years-long process of research, discussion, and a vote of the students

**Stapleton Development Corporation**

**Resolution**

**Approval of Stapleton Naming Policy**

**February, 2001**

All future names for neighborhoods, streets, parks, schools, etc. at the developing neighborhood currently known as Stapleton, should be created by developers in consultation with the Citizens' Advisory Board, unless there are existing City, School, or conflicting park naming policies already in place. Community input, historical significance, geography and physical features should be used as guidelines when considering new names. Developing new names should be done in the most inclusive and sensitive manner recognizing the diversity of communities that will live and work in this evolving Denver neighborhood.

This policy is expressly not intended to prohibit references to Stapleton as a location for marketing purposes.

Section 1.2 Purpose and Intent. Declarant declares that this Community Declaration is made for the purposes set forth in the recitals of this Community Declaration. Declarant intends that this Community Declaration establish a general plan for the development of the Community. This Community Declaration is intended to and provides a flexible and reasonable procedure for the future expansion of the Community and provides for its overall development, administration, maintenance and preservation. An integral part of the development plan is the creation and operation of the Community Association, to own, operate and maintain various Common Elements and community improvements, and to administer and enforce this Community Declaration and the other Governing Documents referenced in this Community Declaration.

Section 1.3 Binding Effect. Declarant hereby declares that all of the Real Property shall be held, sold, and conveyed subject to the easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions of this Community Declaration, except such portions of the Real Property as are a part of or are subsequently dedicated as right-of-way, public street, road or highway or dedicated as and used as a public park. Portions of Real Property once subject to this Community Declaration that become exempt upon dedication as a right-of-way, public street, road or highway, or dedicated as and used as a public park, shall, upon vacation of all or any part of the dedication, then again be subject to this Community Declaration, to the extent of such vacation. Declarant declares that this Community Declaration shall run with the Real Property and shall be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the Real Property or any part thereof, their heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of each Owner thereof.

Section 1.4 Name and Type. The type of Common Interest Community is a Master, Large Planned Community. The Community is a 'large' community, as defined in the Act and is also a 'master' Community. The Community may be located both in the City and/or in the County of Adams, Colorado. The initial name of the Community is 'Stapleton.' The name of the Community can be changed, upon the recommendation of the Delegates to the Board, the Board's approval of the recommendation, and Declarant's approval of the Board's action. Upon the adoption of a new name for the Community, the Community Association shall adopt and record an amendment to this Community Declaration, and the right to such amendment, as provided for above, is expressly reserved for twenty (20) years from the date of recording of this Community Declaration. The name of the Community Association is the "Master Community Association, Inc." The Community Association may adopt and use other names, as and in the manner permitted under the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, as that act may be amended from time to time.

Section 1.5 Governing Documents. The Community's Governing Documents consist of the following, as they may be amended: (a) Articles; (b) Bylaws; (c) Community Declaration; (d) plats, maps (as those terms are used in the Act) and deeds, as appropriate; (e) Supplemental Declarations; (f) Renovation and Remodeling Criteria; (g) Rules and Regulations; and (h) Board Resolutions.