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Affordable Housing in Buena Vista — Collegiate Commons June 19, 2019 Phillip Puckett and Mark N. Doering



Collegiate Commons: Uncommonly Complex

Timeline:

2015 – CHFA 9% LIHTC Application – Failed 2016 – Try again, but with a new site

2017 – Municipal Election

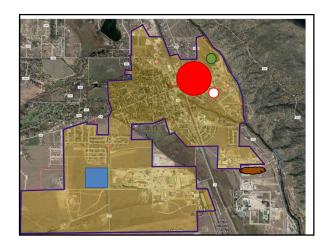
2017 – Amendments for School, Investors, CHFA and to stay out of court

2017 – 1st phase Ball Field (March 1, 2018) 2018 – Construction of Apartments and 2nd Phase

2019 – 100% Apartment Occupancy (April)

2019 – CHFA tax credit deadlines (December)



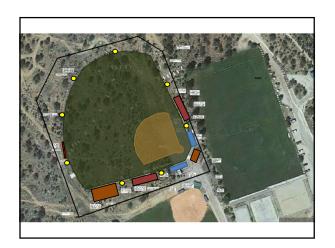


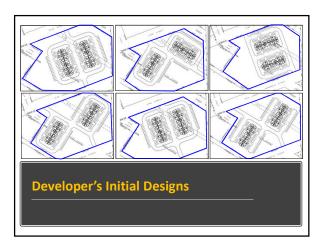
















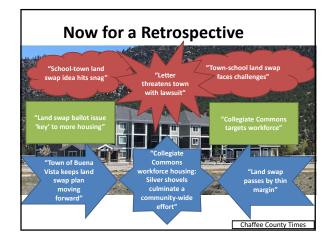
Details of the Deal

- Town population: 2,917 Revenue: \$3.5 Million
- 2 different.....
- 1 of 13 awarded LIHTC out of 43 Colorado applications
- \$952,365 awarded for 48 Units (30-60% AMI)
- \$350,000 awarded from GOCO (ball field)
- \$130,000 awarded from Daniels Fund (ball field)
- \$45,000 awarded from El Pomar Fund (ball field)
- \$400,000+ in-kind contributions (ball field)
- 18 Resolutions and 5 Ordinances needed
- · Voted down 4 times, until community volunteered
- 97 residents, 37 are kids (3% of town population)
- 127 applicants to get the first 48 in an apartment

Lessons Learned

- Transparency
- Don't Minimize Impacts to Your Partners
- Backup Plans (B, C, and D)
- Pursue Grants
- Local Involvement
- Not anyone can do LIHTC
- Property Used or Held for "Park Purposes"
- Suggested other methods for Small Communities
- Tax Credit/Rental Process takes time to vet applications of renters







What Went Well Political Will Partnerships Adaptability 48 Housing Units 97 people (37 kids) New Baseball Field