



Council Newsletter

CITY MANAGER'S NOTES March 29, 2018

Upcoming Council Meetings

City Council will meet on **Monday, April 2, 2018**. A Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Regular Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

City Council will meet on **Monday, April 9, 2018**. A Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

Informational Items

The following attachments are in response to City Council requests, as well as other informational items.

1. Denver Business Journal article: Climbing gym transforms former Sports Authority headquarters
2. Invitation: "How To Get There" Town Hall Meeting
3. Calendar of Events
4. Tentative Study Session Topics

<https://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2018/03/20/climbing-gym-transforms-former-sports-authority.html>

Climbing gym transforms former Sports Authority headquarters

By [Monica Mendoza](#) – Reporter, Denver Business Journal
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One of the Englewood buildings that housed the headquarters office of now defunct Sports Authority retail giant is on track to open this summer as perhaps the biggest climbing gym in the U.S.

Earth Treks Climbing and Fitness is turning one of the buildings at the former headquarters of Sports Authority, 1050 W. Hampden Ave., into a 53,000-square-foot climbing gym. The one time warehouse-turned-office, is getting new height added to it for climbing walls and bouldering areas. The company's CEO [Robert Cohen](#) declined to comment on the amount of the building investment.

“When possible, we prefer to repurpose existing buildings - not only does this allow us to find opportunities where they otherwise may not have existed, but it also allows us to become a part of, and hopefully add to, the vibrant communities that already existed,” Cohen said.



[Enlarge](#)The former Sports Authority headquarters building in Englewood is being transformed into what could be the biggest climbing gym in the U.S. The 53,000-square-foot gym is expected to open this summer.

[Sports Authority filed for bankruptcy March 2, 2016.](#) After a series of court battles, fire sales in 450 stores and selling the naming rights at Mile High football stadium, the owner of the property, Etkin Johnson Real Estate Partners sold the two building-campus in April 2017 for \$15.7 million to West Hampden Investors LLC.

The climbing gym is taking one of the two buildings.

When the Englewood facility opens it will be the company's second in metro Denver. Earth Treks opened a 29,000-square-foot climbing gym in Golden in 2014.

Last year, Earth Treks merged with San Francisco-based Planet Granite Climbing, Yoga and Fitness. At the time, the merger put nine climbing gyms under one company. Now, the combined company is opening two more gyms this summer – the Englewood facility and one in the Baltimore area.

“Metro Denver has always been great to us and also houses a unique population that is extremely interested in climbing, adventure and fitness in general,” Cohen said. “It’s a perfect fit. There is already a bustling community in the Englewood area - with the Denver Tech Center and University of Denver right around the corner and nearby light rail and bike trail access, we expect this new location to be highly successful.”

Back in the 1990s, when Earth Treks and Planet Granite first opened climbing gyms, there were less than 20 commercial climbing gyms in the United States. Today there are more than 425 climbing gyms across the country, Earth Treks says.

“We have two new locations opening this summer in Englewood, Colorado and Hampden, Maryland and we’re currently exploring opportunities both in our already-established regions, like the metro Denver area, and in prospective areas including Chicago and Dallas,” Cohen said.



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[6 photos](#)

The new Englewood gym will have a bouldering area, yoga studio, weight room, and child care.

“That community is in need of it and will support it,” said [Tori Barnett](#), Earth Treks and Planet Granite marketing director. “There is demand for that sized facility.”

Earth Treks was started in Columbia, Maryland in 1990 by Chris Warner, who was living there at the time and now lives in Golden. He founded the company as an expedition company, taking people on big mountains and adventures.

Seven years later Warner found himself with a client caught in a blizzard on Denali in Alaska.

Warner told the client he always wanted to open a climbing gym. "The client said, 'if you get me out of here, I will help you start that gym,' " Barnett said.

Earth Trek Climbing Gym opened in 1997. The new combined company now has about 700 employees and 30,000 members in three states and Washington, D.C.

"We believe so strongly in climbing and the transformative effect of it," Barnett said. "Our mission is to share our passion for climbing."



“How To Get There” TOWN HALL MEETING

Hosted by TSAC & Arapahoe County Commissioners

APRIL 18TH, 2018
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
The Streets at SouthGlenn
2154 E Commons Ave Suite #342
Centennial, CO 80122

A discussion to understand and identify the transportation needs of underserved populations in Arapahoe County. We will be using this meeting as an opportunity to address accessible, affordable, and responsive transportation options for the elderly and disabled communities.

Join us in person, or by phone, to talk in depth about the issues at hand. You can participate by attending in person or calling in to the meeting. The dial-in phone number for the meeting is 1-844-801-5555, and when prompted enter the following access code: 763114.

For more information, please call (303) 770-0058 or email standy@ecentral.com.

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD
2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mon., Apr. 2	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Apr. 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Apr. 4	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conf-Room
	3:00 p.m.	Englewood Environmental Foundation, Public Works Conf-Room
	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, EHA Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, Englewood Public Library, Perrin Room
Mon., Apr. 9	6:00 p.m.	Study Session
Tues., Apr. 10	5:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Board, Community Development Conf-Room
	5:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Public Library Board, Englewood Public Library, Altenbach Room
Wed., Apr. 11	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., Apr. 12	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Malley Recreation Center, 3380 S. Lincoln St.
Mon., Apr. 16	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Mon., Apr. 16	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Apr. 17	5:15 p.m.	Budget Advisory Committee, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Apr. 18	5:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee (tentative)
	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Mon., Apr. 23	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Wed., May 2	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, EHA Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, Englewood Public Library, Perrin Room

Mon., May 7	2:00 p.m.	Malley Center Trust Fund, Malley Recreation Center
	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., May 8	3:00 p.m.	NonEmergency Employees Retirement Plan
	5:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Board, Community Development Conf-Room
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
	5:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
Wed., May 9	7:00 p.m.	Public Library Board, Englewood Public Library, Altenbach Room
	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., May 10	2:30 p.m.	Police Officers Pension Board
	3:30 p.m.	Firefighters Pension Plan Board
	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Englewood Recreation Center Aquatics Room, 1155 W. Oxford Ave.
	6:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee, City Council Conf-Room
Mon., May 14	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Tues., May 15	5:15 p.m.	Budget Advisory Committee, City Council Conference Room
Wed., May 16	5:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee (tentative)
	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Mon., May 21	6:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., May 22	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Thurs., May 24	TBD	Town Hall Meeting on ADUs, Community Room
Tues., May 29	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Mon., June 4	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., June 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., June 6	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, EHA Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, Englewood Public Library, Perrin Room

TENTATIVE
STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS
FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL

April 2	Study Session Council Policy Manual Discussion National Citizen Survey Results Presentation
April 2	Regular Meeting
April 9	Study Session MOA Presentation Presentation on Homelessness (Reid McGrath) Emergency Management Discussion Council Strategy Creation Discussion Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Preparation
April 16	Study Session Council Policy Manual Discussion
April 16	Regular Meeting
April 23	Study Session Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Preparation Council Strategy Creation Discussion
April 30	5 th Monday – No Meeting Scheduled
May 7	Regular Meeting
May 14	Study Session Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Preparation
May 21	Regular Meeting
May 24	Town Hall Meeting on ADUs
May 29	Study Session Discussion of ADUs Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Preparation
June 4	Regular Meeting
June 11	Study Session
June 18	Regular Meeting
June 25	Study Session Police Building Project Update

July 16 Regular Meeting
July 19 Joint Meeting with Littleton City Council on Wastewater Treatment Plant
July 23 Study Session
July 30 5th Monday – No Meeting Scheduled
July 2 Regular Meeting
July 9 Study Session

FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Board & Commission Presentations
Englewood Arts Hampden Hall Agreement Update
Small Cell Technology Discussion
Youth Commission Discussion
Building Use Tax Discussion
Immigration Policy Discussion
Home Rule Charter Amendment Discussion
Home Rule Charter Review
Aid to Other Agencies Funding Discussion
ULI Healthy Corridor Report Study

Boards and Commissions

Board and Commission Interviews (January and June)
Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee
Board of Adjustment and Appeals
Budget Advisory Committee
Code Enforcement Advisory Board (May)
Cultural Arts Commission
Election Commission
Englewood Housing Authority (February)
Keep Englewood Beautiful Commission (May)
Liquor Licensing Authority
Fire Pension, Police Pension and Retirement Board
Parks and Recreation Commission
Planning and Zoning Commission (February)
Public Library Board (June)
Transportation Advisory Committee
Urban Renewal Authority
Water and Sewer Board