



Meeting Details

Meeting Name:	East Central Steering Committee
Date/Time:	Thursday, February 8, 2018, 6-8 PM
Location:	Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods' Tears McFarlane House, 1290 Williams St.

Attendees

Steering Committee Members

Frank Locantore, Chair; Trent Thompson; Myles Tangalin; Caroline Schomp; Jimmy Balafas; Heather O'Neil; Bob Hampe; Buzz Gellar; Neil Goldblatt, Don Novak

Denver Elected Officials

Councilman Wayne New

Melissa Horn, District 10 staff

Denver Staff

Curt Upton; Scott Robinson

Meeting Summary

1. **Welcome** – Frank Locantore welcomed the steering committee members and walked the committee through the meeting agenda.
2. **Steering Committee Feedback Discussion** – Frank Locantore gave an overview of the feedback he received from the Steering Committee members regarding how the planning process was going so far. There were two general themes: more clarification on what the end result will be and how we will get there; and comments about the format and process for what has already been completed. Frank will specifically solicit feedback 2-3 more times during the process, but feedback is welcome at any time. It will be used to improve both the current plan and future NPI plans.
3. **Project Milestone Schedule** – Curt Upton gave a brief review of the plan process and the current place in that process – transitioning from Phase I: Understand the Area to Phase II: Establish a Vision. Curt then gave an overview of the work that was completed as part of Phase I. Curt then went over a more detailed schedule for Phases II-IV, including which milestones and tasks would be completed each quarter and what community engagement activities would accompany them. There was discussion about the how the vision would be for the entire area, and recommendations for individual neighborhoods would fit underneath. Discussion also



focused on guiding principles, how topics would be prioritized, the possibility of City Council not approving the plan, the schedule for future community engagement, and what guidance the plan can provide before it is adopted.

4. **Partnership Tools** – Curt Upton gave an overview of partnership tools that can be used to implement the recommendations of the plan, divided between agreements and entities. The Steering Committee requested an example of a public-private partnership Denver has been part of, and brought up neighborhood agreements as another tool that would be outside the City’s remit.
5. **Visioning Process and Elements Framework** – Curt Upton gave an overview of the six vision elements and 10 related goals that were developed for Denveright and are to be adopted in the new citywide Comprehensive Plan. He described how these vision elements will serve as the starting point for developing the Vision Statements that will guide the East Central plan. This process will utilize the community input and existing conditions analysis that has been completed in Phase I of the planning process. Curt also outlined what makes a good vision statement and how they will be used in developing the rest of the plan. There was a discussion about how to strike a balance between bold, long-term and achievable goals, opportunities for community input on the vision statements, innovation, potential conflicts between the Comp Plan vision elements and the East Central plan vision statements, and the place of recommendations on design, density, and zoning in the plan.
6. **Place Mapping Presentation and Discussion** – Scott Robinson gave an overview of the place mapping strategy for Blueprint Denver. The Steering Committee review maps of the draft place type designations for the East Central area and provided feedback for the Blueprint Denver team. Further opportunities for input will be available at upcoming community workshops on Blueprint Denver in late February and early March.
7. **General Announcements** – There were no general announcements.