



## Meeting Details

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	<b>Far Northeast Steering Committee</b>
<b>Date/Time:</b>	Wednesday 5/31/2017, 6:00pm – 7:45pm
<b>Location:</b>	Montbello Public Library

## Attendees

### Steering Committee Members

Tim Camarillo	Brian Smith
John Foote	Susan Stanton
Lisa Ford (proxy for Rich Barrows)	Rose Thomas
Terry Liggins	Ann White
Loretta Pineda	Turner Wyatt
Angie Rivera-Malpiede	

### Denver Elected Officials

Stacie Gilmore	Chris Herndon
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### Denver Staff

Lilly Djanians	Valerie Herrera
Magen Elenz	Courtland Hyser

### Other Attendees

Donna Garnett	William Thomas
Kristina Opre	

## Meeting Summary

1. **Welcome and Introductions-** Councilwoman Gilmore welcomed the steering committee members and then all attendees took turns introducing themselves to the group.
2. **Presentation-** Community Planning and Development staff gave a multi-part presentation on the following topics:
  - a. **Steering Committee Background-** Courtland Hyser provided an overview of the role and function of the steering committee. Valerie Herrera presented behavioral ground rules for steering committee meetings and asked for feedback/edits to the ground rules.



**Steering Committee Feedback:** Members expressed support for the ground rules as-written and did not suggest any additional edits.

- b. **Planning Background-** Courtland Hyser provided background information on how planning works in Denver, including the unique roles of citywide and small area plans in guiding future decision-making. Over the past 15 years, less than 20% of Denver’s neighborhoods received an updated plan. The City created the Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI) as a way to cover 100% of the city with small area plans over the next 15 years. The Far Northeast area is the first area to receive an updated plan under the Neighborhood Planning Initiative.

**Steering Committee Feedback:** Members did not have any questions or comments on the planning background presentation.

- c. **Far Northeast Overview-** Lilly Djaniantis presented preliminary demographics and mapping analysis for the Far Northeast area.

**Steering Committee Feedback:** Members directed staff to update the demographics analysis prior to the public kickoff meeting to include more detail on ethnicity (Latino/Hispanic) and to provide more statistics at the neighborhood scale. Members suggested that future research should include additional analysis on the topics of zoning/accessory dwelling units, average home sale prices and rents, and property ownership (out-of-state investors).

3. **Review of Major Themes in Community Feedback-** Steering committee members reviewed a preliminary summary high-priority issues that have been identified by the project team thus-far based on conversations with community stakeholders, input collected at various community meetings over the past six months, and the existing conditions analysis.

**Steering Committee Feedback:** Members indicated that the identified themes were mostly on-target. The committee directed staff to add a “crime and safety” category to the list, and to promote the “skilled jobs, job training, and growth” and “youth, youth services” themes into the top tier of identified issues. Once the list is complete, steering committee members indicated that it may be advisable to re-sort the themes to cut down on the total number and to acknowledge that some of the more specific themes are actually subsets of broader ones.

4. **Public Kickoff Meeting Discussion-** Steering committee members discussed the upcoming Public Kickoff Meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> including the SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) mapping exercise that will be conducted with the public in small groups.

**Steering Committee Feedback:** Members offered several suggestions for the public meeting, including distributing flyers digitally and in-person, providing Spanish-language interpretation and materials, providing healthy food, and incorporating opportunities for attendees to share stories and personal experiences. The committee stressed that an effective public engagement exercise should be fast, hands-on, and fun. To help ensure a good turnout, steering committee members agreed to each invite 5-10 people to attend the public kickoff meeting.