

Housing and Homelessness Working Group

August 10, 2017, 1:30 PM
City and County Building, Room 391

Summary

- 1) Discussion on GES People's Survey. *Globeville, Elyria-Swansea Coalition Organizing for Health and Housing Justice*

The Coalition spoke as residents of GES, taking turns speaking of the difficulties with increasing rent, taxes, and expenses in the area. The Coalition introduced the people's survey: 35 residents volunteered to survey 500 residents on a variety of matters relating to growth. Some notable points from the survey are that 50% of the houses are owner-occupied, the majority of the neighbors would like to stay in the area, and that this posed a health issue in addition to a financial issue for the residents. The Coalition also introduced the land-banking concept, to put 99-yr restrictions on the properties that a 3rd party, non-profit would purchase and either sell or lease back to the residents for a reduced price. The Coalition expressed the desire to using funds from the affordable housing fund to help this concept.

Councilman New asked about possible funding sources. The Coalition responded that they are in the phase of searching out public and private funds.

Councilwoman Ortega suggested that the Coalition look to partner with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Councilwoman Kniech asked about other national models. Lexington, KY has a similar model, the Coalition will provide details on that model and funding at a later time.

- 2) Presentation on policies related to resident preference in new housing developments. *Laura Brudzynski, OED*

Councilwoman Kniech presented on the relevant portions of the fair housing act and how the Federal law relates to resident preference programs on a municipal level. Laura presented on the background of residential preference programs in Portland and two versions in San Francisco (powerpoint available online).

- 3) Discussion

Discussion centered around how a residential preference plan could look in Denver – would this be a Council-led initiative or within the housing plan? Councilman Brooks suggested bringing forward a policy now. Councilwoman Kniech brought up salient logistics of whether a Denver model would be site-specific or city-wide.

Major points to develop would be what counts for priority points and how any sort of preference would be allocated in relation to other factors (e.g. household economics-based vs displacement).

- 4) Open Public Comment, if time allows

No public comment occurred.

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Interpretación en español proporcionado

AGENDA

1. Encuestas de la Gente de GES, *La Coalición de Globeville Elyria Swansea Organizado para la justicia en salud y vivienda*
2. Presentación de reglas relacionado a preferencia en nueva desarrollos de viviendas *Laura Brudzynski, OED*
3. Discurso
4. Comentario Publico Abierto, si hay tiempo