

East Central Area Plan Steering Committee Meeting #22



Date and Time: Thursday, May 9, 2019, 6 – 8 p.m.

Location: Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods' Tears McFarlane House, 1290 Williams St.

Attendees

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Frank Locantore, Chair; Myles Tangalin; Neil Goldblatt; Buzz Geller; Jesse Clark; Caroline Schomp; Jimmy Balafas, Jess Clark, Don Novak, Brian Klipp, Bob Hampe

DENVER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilman Wayne New, Melissa Horn, District 10 staff

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Curt Upton

CONSULTANT TEAM

JJ Folsom; Brad Segal; Cheney Bostic

OTHER ATTENDEES

Meeting Summary

1. WELCOME

Frank Locantore welcomed the steering committee members and walked the committee through the meeting agenda.

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

JJ Folsom gave an update on the remaining community engagement, including the upcoming community workshop and scheduled RNO and BID meetings.

3. PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND LONG RANGE TARGETS

Curt Upton presented the performance measures and targets. There was a request to also provide the current conditions measures. Curt replied that both current and targets will be provided in the plan but we want to get the committee's input on the measures, not necessarily the targets. There was discussion on how feasible it would be to add all the estimated affordable units needed to fill the shortage. Frank Locantore asked if we were legitimately achieving the vision for East Central with the proposed target for affordable housing. Curt Upton replied that the targets are still draft but should also be achievable and that the affordable housing issue will likely need to be addressed through not only additional supply of units but on improving wages for existing residents.

Jess Clark recommended that impervious area not be used alone as a performance metric for green infrastructure categorically because it would be difficult to set a target that has measurable impacts on water quality, shade/cooling, etc., and that meets regulatory objectives. He suggested that a more stormwater management specific strategy metric (i.e. “Water Quality Capture Volume” or “Runoff Reduction”) might be used for better guidance on green infrastructure strategies.

4. PREVIEW OF MAY 21ST RECOMMENDATIONS AND WORKSHOP MATERIALS

The consultant team presented draft recommendations for Economy and Housing, Land Use, Mobility and Quality of life. Jimmy Balafas questioned whether the proposed height increases along Colfax would be enough to support BRT and sufficiently attract investment needed to revitalize the corridor. Brad Segal responded that the proposed heights were created to balance impacts on adjacent neighborhoods with the goal of increasing density along Colfax while preserving some of the valued characteristics of Colfax.