East Central Area Plan

Steering Committee Meeting
April 12th, 2018

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VISION ELEMENTS

1. Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive
2. Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods
3. Well Connected, Safe and Accessible Places
4. Economically Diverse and Vibrant
5. Environmentally Resilient
6. Healthy and Active
Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive Housing
Housing

789 Comments
13% of all comments

193 comments were associated with a pin on a map

Frequent Words & Phrases:
- Homelessness
- Density
- Affordable Housing
- Rent
- Character
- Diversity
- Gentrification
- Cost

East Central - All Housing
Likes
146 Comments
19%

50 comments were associated with a pin on a map
Dislikes
456 Comments
58%

114 comments were associated with a pin on a map
Ideas
187 Comments
24%

29 comments were associated with a pin on a map
Affordability (53%)

Likes
- Mix of housing affordability with good access
- Diversity of residents
- Good models of transitional and supportive housing and services

Dislikes
- Increasing lack of affordability (rising rents, housing costs)
- Homelessness
- Gentrification and displacement
- Loss of diversity
- Replacement of affordable units with luxury and/or smaller units
- Lack of affordable housing for seniors, those on fixed incomes, families, middle-income workers

Ideas
- Preserve existing/ create more affordable housing
- Transitional/supportive housing
- Support variety of income levels
- Rental protections
- Ownership options
East Central Area Affordability – Existing Conditions

• 10,696 East Central households (36%) are cost-burdened, which is the same as the percent citywide

• 19,440 East Central households (65%), including 15,212 renter households (72%), live in areas that are vulnerable to involuntary displacement
Housing Options (31%)

Likes
- Diversity of housing types and people
- Density (mixed use, activity)
- Good models of transitional and supportive housing and services

Dislikes
- Loss of diverse options
- New multi-unit developments tend to have small units/cater to short-term
- Lack of resources for people experiencing homelessness
- Density/over-development

Ideas
- Housing types that serve diverse needs and respect character of neighborhood
- Preserve existing diverse housing stock
- More housing on Colfax/near transit
- Innovative housing models
The East Central Area has good housing options for... (Check all that apply)
East Central Area Housing Options – Existing Conditions

• **59%** of units in East Central are *studios* or *one-bedrooms*, as compared to 27% citywide

• **60%** of households in East Central are occupied by a householder *living alone*, as compared to 39% citywide

• **8%** of households in East Central have *children*, as compared 26% citywide

• **76%** of East Central residential buildings have 1-2 units, as compared to 96% citywide

• **80%** of units in East Central are within a *multi-unit (3+)* building, as compared to 40% citywide
Housing Quality (29%)

Likes
- Neighborhood character
- Older homes & residential buildings
- Historic Districts/Overlays that preserve character

Dislikes
- Poor upkeep of existing housing stock
- Inappropriate infill (scale, architecture, quality)
- Loss of neighborhood character
- Poor quality new development

Ideas
- Increased landlord accountability
- Preserve and rehabilitate existing housing
- Better quality infill
Key Opportunities

1. **Diverse** and **inclusive** neighborhoods with **affordable, long-term** housing options for a **range of households**

2. A mix of **high quality rental** and **ownership** housing

3. Residential neighborhoods with a **mix of housing types** that **respect existing character**, including single-unit, ADUs, duplexes, and multi-unit

4. A strong **support network** of housing options and services for those most in need

5. Households have **convenient access** to transit, jobs and services
Discussion Activity

• Choose one or more Key Opportunities that you feel strongly about and should be a priority OR describe one that you feel is missing.

• Imagine you are in the year 2040 and are describing what this Key Opportunity looks like.

• Write 1 sentence on a sticky note. Start your description with “In 2040”, this will help you stay focused on Outcomes and not process.
Well Connected, Safe and Accessible Places
Mobility
Mobility

- 1,991 Comments
- 32% of Total “East Central” Comments
- Top Six Topics
  - Walkability 32%
  - Bike Lanes 28%
  - Parking Lots 20%
  - Pedestrian Safety 18%
  - Colfax Avenue 16%
  - Traffic 16%
Likes

- 571 Comments
- 30% of total “mobility” comments
Dislikes

- 664 Comments
- 34% of total “mobility” comments
Idea

- 696 Comments
- 36% of total "mobility" comments
Pedestrians (46%)

Like
• Walkability of the area
• Proximity and accessibility of services
• Sidewalk and running path improvements

Dislike
• Pedestrian environment along Colfax Avenue
• Unsafe/lack of pedestrian street crossings
• Narrow sidewalks
• Poor sidewalk lighting

Idea
• Better maintenance of curb/sidewalk
• Activate alleys
• More crosswalks
• Pedestrian “greenbelt”
• More inviting and well-lit streetscape
Cars (40%)

Like
- Central access and short commute
- Grid connections

Dislike
- Increase in traffic congestion
- Speed of traffic
- Intersection safety
- Too much / too little parking
- Increase in accidents involving bikes/pedestrians

Idea
- Parking garages where appropriate
- Traffic calming throughout the neighborhood
- Parking requirement reductions
- Remove roads (cars) from Cheesman Park
- Remove / increase amount of parking
- Improve street lighting and road conditions
Bikes (26%)

Like
- Bikeability of neighborhoods

Dislike
- Road and sidewalk disrepair
- Unsafe intersection crossings
- Lack of bike lane connections (north-south)

Idea
- Safe / dedicated / protected bike lanes!
- Colfax Avenue more “bike-friendly”
- More north-south bike lanes
- Better bicycle signage and street lighting
- 16th Avenue = “bike/ped only”
Transit (24%)

Like
• Don’t need a car to live in the area
• Frequency of bus service
• Access to public transportation (10 & 15/L)

Dislike
• Transit has not responded to population boom
• Quality of bus stops
• Lack of bus stop shelters

Idea
• Light-rail along Colorado Boulevard
• Improve bus stops and shelters
• Reliable and frequent north-south bus routes
• Dedicated bus lanes
• Free/more affordable bus along Colfax Avenue
• Improve awareness of public transportation in the area
• Trolley, streetcar or light-rail
• Better last-mile solutions
Key Opportunities

1. Accessible, safe and well-maintained sidewalks and crossings for all pedestrians
2. Bike lane connections that are safe, visible and accessible for all riding levels
3. Elimination of all traffic injuries and fatalities
4. Driving is optional and walking, biking and taking transit is easy
5. Streets that equitably serve the neighborhood
6. Reliable, frequent and affordable transit with clean bus shelters
7. Efficient use of space that provides adequate parking while prioritizing walking, biking and transit
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