

# East Central Area Plan Steering Committee Meeting #23



Date and Time: Thursday, June 13, 2019, 6 – 8 p.m.

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

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## Attendees

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Frank Locantore, Chair; Myles Tangalin; Buzz Geller; Jesse Clark; Caroline Schomp; Jimmy Balafas; Don Novak; Heather O'Neil; Bob Hampe; Neil Goldblatt; Brad Cameron

### DENVER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilman Wayne New, District 10; Councilman-Elect Chris Hinds, District 10

### COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Scott Robinson; Curt Upton

### CONSULTANT TEAM

JJ Folsom; Brad Segal; Cheney Bostic; Ben Kelly; Fernando Abbud; Dick Farley

### OTHER ATTENDEES

John Hersey, RTD; Dave Engelken

## Meeting Summary

### 1. WELCOME

Frank Locantore welcomed the steering committee members and walked the committee through the meeting agenda. Councilman New thanked the steering committee members for their work on the project. Members of the Humboldt Street Neighbors Association presented some questions and concerns about the draft plan recommendations.

### 2. REVIEW REMAINING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

JJ Folsom described the upcoming community engagement activities, including upcoming RNO meetings, the draft plan open house tentatively scheduled for late August, and the adoption process in the fall. The plan is to cancel the July steering committee meeting to allow more time for steering committee members to review the draft plan. The committee discussed ways to organize their review and discussion of the draft plan.

### 3. COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY

JJ Folsom walked through the input received from the May community workshop. Feedback from the public was generally positive on the draft recommendations presented. The steering committee discussed the draft height map and the proposed height incentive recommendation. There was a desire for more detail on what the community benefits in the incentive program would be, and concern that allowing additional height at locations like 9<sup>th</sup> & Corona could

encourage valued businesses like King Sooper's to leave. There was discussion about tailoring the desired benefits in specific locations, such as requiring a grocery store or only allowing the incentive for the first development on a block. There was also a question about how the map could be adapted if the BRT station locations change.

The steering committee also discussed the draft mobility recommendations, including whether closing 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. will still be explored. There was a desire to study potential conversions of one-way streets as a comprehensive system, looking at the impacts on traffic within neighborhoods and regionally, while also making sure there could be immediate improvements to pedestrian and bike safety. The committee also requested an analysis on impacts to on-street parking, and the use of pop-ups to study improvements to Park Ave. while respecting its historic character.

#### 4. DRAFT PLAN REVIEW DISCUSSION

Curt Upton asked the steering committee to review the draft plan, focusing on substantive issues with recommendations, and provide comments as redlines within the document. Comments will be incorporated into the next draft.