

East Central Area Plan

Steering Committee Meeting

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AGENDA

Time	Item	Objective
6:00 – 6:15	Welcome	Welcome, approval of meeting summaries
6:15 – 7:15	Potential changes to draft plan	Discuss items from the draft plan raised by committee members
7:15 – 7:30	Endorsement	Decide on endorsing the draft plan

Discussion Items

C-L1: Reduce regulatory barriers to make it easier to build affordable housing, reuse existing building, and develop lower-scale buildings on small lots

D. Evaluate parking requirements and reduce or eliminate if found to be restricting equitable development, affordable housing, historic preservation, are requiring more than needed due to changing mobility trends, or are contributing to unsafe pedestrian and bicycle conditions. Coordinate street parking management program with any parking reduction to mitigate impacts on adjacent neighborhoods.

Proposed addition: “if found to be restricting equitable or economically feasible development...”

M1: Create bold changes to the mobility system by repurposing street space along key corridors to prioritize safe and accessible walking, biking, rolling, and transit

M1.O.1.a: Improve pedestrian and bike safety and comfort with reduced crossing distances, new crossings, alley crossing safety enhancements, and geometric and operational improvements for all users. Priority Locations include: Colorado Blvd, Garfield St, Steele St, Detroit St, Clarkson St, and Washington St.

Proposed change: Include Madison St.

L8: Encourage high-quality design and character preservation in Centers and Corridors

L8.A current text:

Modify regulations to improve design quality in Centers and Corridors. Primary elements to consider include:

1. Ground floor design treatment and activation standards
2. Parking locations and design
3. Building materials
4. Transitions to lower scale residential and historic districts
5. Streetscape and open space design
6. Creative design solutions and flexibility

Proposed addition:

1. Character defining features, proposed changes should reinforce and complement the historic character of the neighborhood its layout and composition.
2. Overall Compatibility Considerations:
3. Relationship to the features in the surrounding context and to adjacent properties, including setback, floor-to-floor heights, roof forms, articulation and scaling elements.
4. Use of design variables compatible with the Character-Defining Features of the neighborhood.
5. Character-Defining Features:
 - a) Mass & Form
 - b) Floor Heights
 - c) Building Entries & Exits
 - d) Transparency & Windows
 - e) Materials
 - f) Architectural Detail
 - g) Roofs
 - h) Walls & Fences

Myles' Comments

- Policy L11 - Empower underrepresented residents to be more involved and collaborative in city government
- Height recommendations map
- Preservation areas map
- Coordination of new housing options and preservation tools
- Neighborhood traffic calming
- Parking study data
- Alternative BRT stop locations
- Context map
- Graphics legibility

Public comment themes

11 comments from 9 people

- Mixed opinion on building heights
- Detailed mobility comments to be addressed in implementation
- Inclusion of non-profit developers in planning and implementation

Endorsement

Remaining Process

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- Planning Board September 2
- City Council Public Hearing October 5