

# East Central Area Plan Steering Committee Meeting #12



Date and Time: Thursday, June 14, 2018, 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; Caroline Schomp; Michelle Reichmuth; Brad Cameron; Jimmy Balafas; Heather O'Neil; Buzz Geller; Megan Deffner

### NON-MEMBER TECHNICAL ADVISORS

Brian Klipp

### DENVER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilman Albus Brooks; Councilman Wayne New; Melissa Horn, District 10 staff

### COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Curt Upton; Scott Robinson

### OTHER ATTENDEES

Dan Youngren; David Neuhausel

## Meeting Summary

### 1. WELCOME

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

### 2. REVIEW OF DRAFT VISION STATEMENTS

The committee went through the six draft vision statements that had been drafted by staff based on public input and the committee's direction at the three preceding meetings and suggested revisions:

- Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods
  - Be clearer about preserving the existing character of residential areas
  - Mention other commercial areas and transit corridors besides Colfax
  - Be more general about the preservation of commercial character
  - Include more about streetscape and adaptive reuse on Colfax
- Well Connected, Safe, and Accessible Places
  - Ensure the vision still acknowledges that cars will still be part of the transportation mix
  - Include flexibility for future transportation technology
  - Refer to high-capacity transit instead of BRT specifically

- Mention pedestrian safety at intersections
- Economically Diverse and Vibrant
  - Ensure “financially stable” does not imply only wealthy residents
  - Refer to partnerships with businesses in general instead of hospitals specifically
  - Include more flexibility for the types of businesses
  - Mention entertainment and art galleries
  - Acknowledge other cultural institutions in the plan
- Equitable, Affordable, and Inclusive
  - High-quality housing may imply expensive, use safe and desirable instead
  - Referring to the area as a hub makes it sound too small
  - Strengthen references to Equitable and Inclusive instead of just Affordable
  - Mention reuse of existing buildings at higher density
- Environmentally Resilient
  - Work in idea of circularity and reuse of resources
  - Include something about reducing waste, composting
  - Refer to renewable energy generally and new technology instead of solar panels specifically
- Healthy and Active
  - Address homelessness
  - Life expectancy should be higher
  - Be clearer about all residents having access to parks

### 3. GUIDING PRINCIPLES EXERCISE

The committee discussed guiding principles, which are intended to provide direction for the plan when competing interests must be balanced. The committee evaluated the pros and cons of three sets of competing interests related to mobility, parking, and social services. Staff will draft guiding principles based on the discussion to be reviewed by the committee at an upcoming meeting. The committee will also discuss the four remaining guiding principles at their July meeting.