



Meeting Details

Meeting Name:	East Steering Committee
Date/Time:	Thursday, January 25, 2018, 6-8 PM
Location:	Art Gym Denver, 1460 Leyden Street

Attendees

Steering Committee Members

Merritt Pullam, Chair; Laurie Bogue; Tom Fesing; Bridget Galati; Caryle Faust (alternate for Marti Holmes); Tracey MacDermott; Monica Martinez; Tom Meyer; Rosalyn Redwine; Wende Reoch; Andy Sense

Denver Elected Officials & Staff

Councilman Herndon; Councilwoman Susman; Lucas Palmisano (Office of Councilwoman Susman)

Denver Staff

Josh Palmeri; Curt Upton; Elizabeth Weigle

Meeting Summary

1. **Welcome** – Merritt Pullam welcomed the steering committee members and introduced new members. Andy Sense introduced himself as a new member.
2. **Approval of December 11 Meeting Summary** – Merritt Pullam asked whether there were any comments on the December 11 meeting summary. No comments were raised, and members approved the summary for posting on the website.
3. **Partnerships Tools Overview & Discussion** – Continuing in the series of plan implementation tools, Curt Upton gave an overview of partnership tools, including agreements and entities.
4. **Urban Quality Tool** – Merritt Pullam reminded members to schedule their assigned Urban Quality Tool by the end of February. Tom Fesing said the first survey he spearheaded went well, though he would recommend conducting surveys in the Spring or Fall for future NPI projects so that it is not as cold.
5. **Residential Pattern Book Overview and Discussion** – Josh Palmeri gave an overview of the Residential Pattern Book, which is a study of the built character of the East Area’s residential



neighborhoods. The book will be used to identify valued characteristics that should be preserved and/or encouraged in new development. The presentation included data for each neighborhood regarding the age of construction, land use, zoning, and building types, and representative photos provided by Steering Committee members. Following the presentation, committee members and members of the public in attendance participated in an activity where they identified characteristics they liked or disliked in photos of residential buildings in each neighborhood. Following the activity, Merritt Pullam asked everyone to share a characteristic that they highlighted.



During the discussion, some members of the public also raised questions and concerns regarding the study area boundary, specifically that only a portion of Park Hill is included. Staff responded that the boundaries are based on statistical neighborhoods, which have been in place since 1972 and are driven by the need to maintain consistent boundaries over time for the purposes of data tracking and historical comparison. The boundaries align with U.S. census tracts. Staff will develop a Frequently Asked Questions document to provide more background on the Neighborhood Planning Initiative and address other questions that are raised throughout the planning process.

6. **Closing** – Rosalyn Redwine introduced herself as a new member of the committee. Merritt Pullam thanked everyone for attending.