Meeting Details

Meeting Name:	East Steering Committee
Date/Time:	Thursday, February 22, 2018, 6-8 PM
Location:	Art Gym Denver, 1460 Leyden Street

Attendees

Steering Committee Members

Merritt Pullam, Chair; Bridget Galati; Marti Holmes; Monica Martinez; Tom Meyer; Hilarie Portell; Wende Reoch; Andy Sense

Denver Elected Officials & Staff

Councilman Herndon

Denver Staff

Curt Upton; Elizabeth Weigle

Meeting Summary

1. **Welcome** – Merritt Pullam welcomed attendees to the meeting. Steering committee members and members of the public introduced themselves.

2. **Approval of December 11 Meeting Summary** – Merritt Pullam asked whether there were any comments on the January 25 meeting summary. Members suggested that the questions regarding the study area boundary be documented in the summary. In addition, the committee discussed that a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on the website would be helpful in responding to similar types of questions and concerns that are raised. Members also discussed leaving time at the end of each meeting to allow members of the public to ask questions or add comments on topics unrelated to the agenda. Members approved the summary for posting on the website.

3. **Project Milestone Schedule** – Curt Upton provided an overview of Phases II-IV of the project schedule, including milestones, tasks, and community engagement.

4. **Vision Elements and Framework** – Curt Upton provided an overview of the vision elements and goals that have been established as part of the Denveright process to update the city's comprehensive plan. The Vision Elements will be used as a starting point for the East Area Plan,

as neighborhood plans are a supplement to the comprehensive plan. Curt also explained the process that will be used to draft East Vision Statements with the committee, including consideration of the Denveright Vision Elements, community input, and existing conditions data, plans, studies, and histories reviewed to-date.

5. **Blueprint Denver Places & Change Categories** – Curt Upton provided an overview of the policy changes currently being considered through the update to Blueprint Denver. These include a focus on creating an inclusive city with complete neighborhoods and characterizing neighborhood change through four categories: transform; connect; integrate; and enrich. Elizabeth Weigle described the draft place map that will be included in Blueprint Denver as an update to the current land use map.

    Following the presentation, members broke up into two groups to discuss the proposed Blueprint Denver place map and change categories and how they relate to the East Area Plan process. Comments included: provide more clarity around the change categories and how they apply; the residential intensity mapping should better reflect areas with existing low-scale apartment buildings; address the possibility for growth in low residential areas that is in keeping with neighborhood character (not just in transit corridors); consider whether Quebec Street south of Colfax would be appropriate as a local corridor in the future; and consider how to provide guidance for nodes/differentiation along the Colfax corridor.

    Staff will share the comments with the Blueprint team, and members were encouraged to attend the upcoming Blueprint Denver [workshops](#) to learn more and provide additional input.

6. **Urban Quality Scorecard** – Curt Upton reminded members to complete their assigned Urban Quality surveys. There are only a few outstanding areas, and we are aiming to complete them within the next couple of weeks.

7. **Frequently Asked Questions Discussion –** As mentioned earlier in the meeting, staff will be preparing an FAQ section of the website. Members should email staff any questions or concerns they hear from community members that should be addressed. In addition to the boundary questions mentioned earlier, one member also suggested addressing the relationship between zoning changes and the planning process (e.g., Will this process result in rezonings? What types of property restrictions could result from this plan?).