East Area Plan

Steering Committee Meeting
May 23, 2019

Montclair Civic Center (Molkery) 6829 E. 12th Ave
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Remaining Community Engagement
We are here

700 + participants in 2019
(200 + participants for targeted outreach)

2,300 + participants to date
Remaining 2019 Engagement

May RNO/BID Meetings

- May 28: Fax Partnership (confirmed)
- May 30: East Colfax Neighborhood Association (confirmed)
- June 3: Mayfair Neighbors Inc. (confirmed)
- June 6: East Side RNO (confirmed)

July TBD East Area Workshop – Draft Plan

Fall Planning Board and City Council Adoption Process
East Area Steering Committee Dates

**June 27:** Review draft plan in progress (team to submit draft recommendations by June 20)

**July 25:** Clarify questions/comments on draft plan East Area Plan Draft

**Aug 22 (if needed):** Approve Draft East Central Area Plan
Questionnaire Handout for Each Topic:

1. For recommendations circle one that best describes how you feel: strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, need more info

2. Prioritize each recommendation

3. If you disagree, please tell us why.

4. What is missing? Other ideas?
Questionnaire Respondents Summary

100+/- attendees

58 questionnaires submitted

14 Park Hill
25 Hale
8 Montclair
10 East Colfax
1 Congress Park
Major Economy & Housing Recommendations
Economy & Housing Questionnaire Respondents Summary

85% of respondents strongly/agree with Economy/Housing recommendations

6% of respondents strongly disagree/disagree with Economy/Housing recommendations

9% of respondents said they need more information
Economy & Housing Recommendations in order of ranking

1. Preserve and enhance a community-serving retail / locally-owned businesses

2. Preserve housing affordability and stabilize residents at risk of displacement

3. Create new affordable housing near transit and amenities (tied for 3rd)

4. Expand diversity of housing types and affordability in all neighborhoods (tied for 3rd)

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT INPUT
Increased housing density is the best way to support those businesses

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT INPUT
Allow ADUs in all areas, especially CO Blvd. to Dahlia between 17th and 23rd (maybe NOT on 17th Ave.)
Economy & Housing Recommendations in order of ranking

5. Bolster the healthcare and wellness sector as the foundation for economic growth

6. Increase access to supportive housing and social services for vulnerable residents

7. Strengthen the small professional office niche

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT INPUT

Get the health care sector financially involved in housing their employees
Major Land Use Recommendations
Land Use Questionnaire Respondents Summary

72% of respondents strongly/agree with Land Use recommendations

13% of respondents strongly disagree/disagree with Land Use recommendations

16% of respondents said they need more information
Land Use Recommendations in order of ranking

1. Adaptive Reuse Ordinance and Incentive Overlay to preserve character while encouraging new development.

2. Incentivize renovations and additions over demolition for qualifying homes to maintain character.

3. Provide modified zoning standards for new construction in SU and TU districts to manage scale. (tied for 3rd)

4. Incentivize maintaining valuable housing stock by offering additional units in locations near transit. (tied for 3rd)
Land Use Recommendations in order of ranking

5. Provide design guidance and design review for new development in Centers and Corridors.

6. Allow height incentives in specified areas in exchange for community benefits.

7. Mobilize next steps for establishing historic or conservation overlay districts in areas of interest.
Major Quality of Life Recommendations
HOW DO WE CREATE A STRONGER PEDESTRIAN AND PARK NETWORK?

CONNECT EXISTING OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND RECREATIONAL ASSETS THROUGH A HISTORIC PARKWAY PEDESTRIAN NETWORK

- Incorporate new pedestrian improvements along the existing Historic Parkways to create a dedicated pedestrian network throughout the area.
- Update the Design Guidelines for Denver's Historic Parkways and Boulevards as needed, paving the way for pedestrian mobility options.

DEVELOP NEW CONTEMPORARY PARKWAYS THAT CONNECT THE COMMUNITY TO OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND RECREATIONAL ASSETS, AS WELL AS SERVE MULTIPLE COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS

- Expand the parkway system to complement the Historic Parkways with the addition of new, distinct contemporary parkways focused toward increased mobility options and pedestrian-friendly environments.
- Contemporary parkways should also serve as vehicles for public art and through-play and provide pedestrian-friendly pathways for the overall pedestrian-friendly development of the city, promoting transit mobility, green infrastructure, vehicular and non-vehicular, and pedestrian management while also including high-efficiency lighting.

ENHANCE EXISTING COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

- Strengthens partnerships with schools, institutions, hospitals, and private property owners to create shared open spaces.
- Increases access opportunities with new pedestrian-bike park space.
- Enhances higher utilization of existing open space and public parks by increasing active programming and improving aesthetics and maintenance of facilities.

CREATE NEW COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

- Create additional community park, recreation, and cultural spaces. Prioritize future locations that align with the City's Green Plan for a Healthy City and urban green areas. Some potential future locations include:
  - Mayfair Town Center
  - Area of South Park Hill above Capitol Avenue
  - East Colfax Neighborhood along Coffee Avenue or at the Post Office Site near Venable Park
  - Invest in and/or region in rail and large-scale developments, especially near RTD stations and within height areas.
  - Establish standards and guidelines that ensure public accessibility, design, and features that respond to the local community context.
Quality of Life Questionnaire Respondents Summary

88% of respondents strongly/agree with Quality of Life recommendations

5% of respondents strongly disagree/disagree with Quality of Life recommendations

7% of respondents said they need more information

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT INPUT

Some streets, especially in East Colfax are just unnecessarily wide, so the road space would not be missed.
Quality of Life Recommendations in order of ranking

1. Enhance existing community open space, parks and recreation facilities (tie for 1st)

1. Strengthen the existing tree canopy and increase canopy coverage within the public right-of-way (tie for 1st)

2. Create new community open space, parks, and recreation facilities

3. Protect and preserve existing tree assets in all redevelopment efforts (tie for 3rd)

3. Encourage sustainable water management practices including stormwater management, flood protection, water quality and water use (tie for 3rd)

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT INPUT
Save the trees we have!
Quality of Life Recommendations in order of ranking

4. Develop new contemporary parkways that connect the community to open space, parks and recreational assets, as well as serve multiple community functions

5. Connect existing open space, parks and recreational assets through a historic parkway pedestrian network

6. Increase pervious surface coverage through the design and implementation of green infrastructure systems

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT INPUT

East Colfax lacks park usage because of lack of safe and easy connectivity to green spaces.
Quality of Life Recommendations in order of ranking

7. Support small grocers and corner stores (e.g. direct assistance and community-supported distribution)

8. Recruit a grocery store in the East Colfax neighborhood

9. Improve healthy food options at existing restaurants and retail establishments
Major Mobility Recommendations
Mobility Questionnaire Respondents Summary

88% of respondents strongly/agree with Mobility recommendations

6% of respondents strongly disagree/disagree with Mobility recommendations

6% of respondents said they need more information

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT INPUT

Need more bike paths that take you downtown for commuters...bike lanes on 16th to connect to route west of Colorado Blvd.
Mobility Recommendations in order of ranking

1. Improve intersection safety, reducing pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver exposure to crashes.

2. Improve and expand the existing bicycle network, providing more connectivity and safer facilities. (tied for 2\textsuperscript{nd})

3. Provide new pedestrian and bicycle crossings of major roadway facilities. (tied for 2\textsuperscript{nd})

4. Provide treatments to streets that enhance safety and/or multi-modal options.

\textbf{WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT INPUT}

\textit{There is no mention of how the multimodal improvements will impact vehicular traffic – discuss impacts to traffic.}
Mobility Recommendations in order of ranking

5. Provide neighborhood traffic calming to address insufficient pedestrian crossings, vehicular speeding, and visibility at intersections.

6. Expand transit network connectivity by providing additional routes, stops, and/or improved headways.

7. Implement a parking management strategy to address resident and business parking needs.