

# East Area Plan

## Steering Committee Meeting #18



Date and Time: Thursday, March 28, 2019, 6 – 8 p.m.

Location: Montclair Civic Center (The Molkery), 6829 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver

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### Attendees

#### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Merritt Pullam, Chair; Tom Fesing; Marti Holmes; Tracey MacDermott; Tom Meyer; Wende Reoch; Andy Sense; John Fernandez (substitute for Monica Martinez)

#### DENVER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilman Herndon; Luke Palmisano, Council District 5

#### COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Curt Upton

#### CONSULTANT TEAM

JJ Folsom; Beth Vogelsang; Fernando Abbud

### Meeting Summary

#### 1. WELCOME & APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING SUMMARY

Merritt Pullam welcomed the steering committee members and walked the committee through the meeting agenda. The committee had no comments on the January meeting summary and voted to approve it for posting on the website.

#### 2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

JJ Folsom recapped the community engagement that had occurred in 2017 and 2018, and then discussed the key themes identified in the Design Quality focus group meeting held in January 2019. JJ then summarized the community input from the February and March 2019 workshops. Overall, the committee agreed with the themes and priorities identified from the community input. Specific topics discussed included:

- Economy/Housing/Design
  - Consider context and transitions when planning for density along Colfax
  - Explore increasing density by encouraging more units in the same building/lot rather than just large single-family homes
  - Concerned about displacement of small businesses, particularly during BRT construction
- Mobility
  - Support the idea of making 16<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> more multimodal streets. Consider bolder recommendations, such as a multimodal connection on 16<sup>th</sup> that continues to Anschutz

- Consider protected/safe bike lanes on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
- Consider equity in bike planning. Some people don't have the luxury of taking a longer route, and they wind up on the most dangerous streets. Shared streets may be a better design for these streets.
- Community's concern is more about speed than it is about traffic volume
- Quality of Life
  - Consider disability access in the parkways discussion
  - Health of the tree canopy is a key issue
  - Consider policy recommendations to reform street standards in order to accommodate plan vision
- Other
  - Include best practices and bold ideas in the plan

### 3. REVIEW REMAINING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

JJ Folsom described the upcoming community engagement activities, including a second round of focus groups in April and another community workshop in May. Curt Upton asked the steering committee members to help arrange meetings with their RNOs and the project team.

### 4. STEERING COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT IN DRAFTING PORTIONS OF THE PLAN

Curt Upton asked the steering committee members to get in touch with the project team if they are interested in drafting some of the content for the area plan.