Far Northeast Area Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #17

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 28, 2018, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Green Valley Ranch Recreation Center

Attendees
STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (PRESENT)
Charlie Foster            Donna Garnett
Frank Tagader            Rose Thomas
John Foote               Angie Rivera-Malpiede
Susan Stanton            Terry Liggins
Blanca Madrid            Tim Camarillo
Ann White                Rick Wells

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (ABSENT)
Brian Smith              LaToya Petty
Earleen Brown            Katie McKenna
Turner Wyatt             Rachel Marion
Shelli Brown             Loretta Pineda
Rich Barrows

ELECTED OFFICIALS/COUNCIL DISTRICT AIDES
Chris Herndon, District 8 Melissa Sotelo, District 11
Magen Elenz, District 11

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STAFF
Eugene Howard            Courtland Hyser
Valerie Herrera          Lilly Djaniants

VISITORS/GUESTS
Samantha Suter, MIG      John Fair
Rachel Shindman, EPS     Khadija Haynes
Gretchen Armijo, DDPHE

Meeting Summary

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
   Co-Chair Ann White welcomed the attendees and led the meeting.

2. MEETING NOTES APPROVAL
   The October 25, 2018 meeting notes were reviewed and approved. There were no corrections.
3. PLAN GUIDANCE AND REVIEW OF SPECIFIC REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY AREAS

Courtland Hyser, Denver Community Planning and Development, reviewed the opportunity area maps that have been developed over time by the steering committee and the public via the Far Northeast planning process. The overview showed how the market research, retrofit concepts, and citywide plans are coming together with the input and guidance from the steering committee and the community to inform the Far Northeast Plan recommendations. The steering committee participants continued the review of draft concept direction for the following areas that remained from the October meeting:

- Green Valley Ranch Town Center, identified as a Community Center concept
- 6 Sites within Montbello that could be future Local Center infill opportunities
- Community Center Mixed Use Development Opportunities in the undeveloped portions of the Gateway and DIA Neighborhood Areas.

A. Green Valley Ranch Town Center
   a. Courtland provided a summary of community ideas for the Community Center
   b. Courtland provided an overview of existing zoning
   c. Rachel Shindman presented an overview of current and future economic development opportunities for the Town Center
   d. A methodical transformation over time was visualized for the Town Center

B. Review of (6) Future Infill Development sites in Montbello
   a. One of the sites is currently being redeveloped
   b. Ideas for the remaining (5) locations were discussed. Ideas included, retrofitting and reusing existing structures; developing more housing/affordable housing; low-scale Local Neighborhood Centers

C. Community Center Mixed Use areas within the Gateway and DIA Neighborhoods.
   Ideas included:
   a. Follow national best practices for greenfield development
   b. Prioritize connectivity
   c. Clear Street Signage and Wayfinding to get around and through the area
   d. Connect transit services and multiple modes of travel to the A-Line Rail Stations
   e. Develop identifiable, “branded” gateways and public art
   f. Ensure ample Open spaces and parks with trails that connect them to the broader system
   g. Connect to natural areas such as the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge
   h. Prioritize enhanced public realm amenities, walkability, connectivity and safety for all users of all ages

D. Draft Mapping Discussion
   a. Incorporate Transitions
   b. Locate Density Along corridors, transit, rail and transition down to existing residential areas
   c. Consider 8 Stories in higher intensity Community Corridor Areas along Tower Road and along Peña Boulevard
4. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS
a. No December Steering Committee Meeting (holidays)

b. Council District 11 Town Hall/Final Far NE Public Meeting
   **Date:** TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019
   **Location:** Evie Garrett Dennis Campus
   1-West Commons Building
   4800 Telluride Street
   Denver, CO 80249
   **TIME:** 6PM-8PM

c. January NPI Far Northeast Steering Committee Meeting
   **Date:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019
   **Location:** Montbello Public Library
   12955 Albrook Dr, Denver, CO 80239
   **Time:** 6-8PM