

# 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

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## 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 Djanants

### 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