

# Far Northeast Area Plan Steering Committee Meeting #18



Date and Time: Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Montbello Public Library

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## Attendees

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (PRESENT)

Charlie Foster  
John Foote  
Ann White  
Donna Garnett

Rose Thomas  
Angie Rivera-Malpiede  
Rick Wells

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (ABSENT)

Brian Smith  
Earleen Brown  
Turner Wyatt  
Shelli Brown  
Rich Barrows  
LaToya Petty  
Katie McKenna

Rachel Marion  
Loretta Pineda  
Frank Tagader  
Susan Stanton  
Tim Camarillo  
Blanca Madrid  
Terry Liggins

### ELECTED OFFICIALS/COUNCIL DISTRICT AIDES

Magen Elenz, District 11

### COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Eugene Howard  
Valerie Herrera

Courtland Hyser  
Lilly Djaniantz

### VISITORS/GUESTS

Esteban Rivero  
Timiya Jackson

## Meeting Summary

### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Co-Chair John Foote welcomed the attendees and led the meeting.

### 2. MEETING NOTES APPROVAL

The November 28, 2018 meeting notes were reviewed and approved. There were no corrections.

3. INFORMATIONAL INQUIRY INTO CONSTRUCTION AT 51<sup>ST</sup> AND UVALDA STREET
- Steering committee members inquired about a project at the corner of 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Uvalda Street. The project in question appears to be a church. Eugene Howard, Denver Community Planning and Development, reviewed the construction documentation on file for the project. Questions regarding building materials, overall size, dimensions and landscaping were discussed. Members present were curious how the project was approved for construction utilizing the materials stated on the approved plans. Because the church is an allowed use within the zone district, and the building appears to adhere to construction guidelines, it is allowed in the single-family zone district.

The Far Northeast project team mentioned content in the current Blueprint Denver Draft Update. There are references to community values in the update. The Blueprint Denver Update recognizes:

- There are citywide conversations on the best retrofit solutions to defunct church sites.
- Developing area-wide or community design guidelines is one regulatory tool that can make recommendations when large uses discontinue.

The Steering Committee was then asked to share design elements that are important in the Far Northeast. The Committee listed the following by neighborhood:

- Montbello:
  - Height of the buildings in residential areas
  - Building materials similar to the surrounding context
  - Total lot coverage
- Green Valley Ranch
  - Use of quality building materials; longevity of materials
  - Overall design aesthetics
  - Consistency with surrounding designs and contexts
  - Garage configurations and locations
- Other desired qualities:
  - Landscaping
  - Brick, Stucco
  - Strategically located parking
  - Artwork
  - Unobstructed mountain views
  - Housing type diversity
  - Building transparency

4. PUBLIC MEETING NUMBER FIVE REVIEW

Courtland Hyser, Denver Community Planning and Development, reviewed the community feedback from the January 15, 2019 Public meeting:

- No major comments on first two public meeting maps shown
- Height map discussion by proposed land use
  - Local Centers: Context matters. Up to 5 stories appropriate on a case-by-case basis and best suited in redevelopment scenarios or undeveloped areas.
- Community Centers
  - No comments

- Community Corridor with heights up to 8-stories
  - Mapped mostly on Tower Road
- Regional Center Area: Reflects the existing Peña Station Area Master Plan
  - No comments
- Mobility for Montbello
  - Need to continue communications with Public Works
  - Continue seeking funding to develop plans and implementation
- Mobility for GVR
  - Connect Tower with trails system is the message
- DIA Neighborhood
  - Work with developers and land owners to realize community vision and desired uses

Courtland then provided an update for the upcoming NPI Far Northeast Draft & Timeline Staff has identified a process to make the consolidation of comments easy. The Steering Committee will receive an edit-enabled PDF file, and will be asked to provide comments directly onto the draft.

- Some of our SC members have opted to have their plan draft mailed

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Northeast Transportation Connections is hiring for a driver for their community shuttle
  - i. \$20 an hour
  - ii. The service will be a Peoria shuttle
  - iii. Hours of Operation: M-F 7am – 10pm and 3:30pm-6pm
  - iv. Pilot on Feb 19 – May 31
  - v. Connects commuters from Peoria into Denver
    1. Encourage people to use the A-line
    2. The service is free of charge