

Far Northeast Area Plan Steering Committee Meeting #9



Date and Time: Wednesday, February 22, 2018, 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Location: Green Valley Ranch Library

Attendees

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (PRESENT)

Frank Tagader
Charlie Foster
Susan Stanton
Blanca Madrid

Terry Liggins
Tim Camarillo
Rose Thomas
LaToya Petty

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (ABSENT)

Loretta Pineda
Katie McKenna
Brian Smith
Earleen Brown
Turner Wyatt

Angie Rivera-Malpiede
Rich Barrows
Ann White
Shelli Brown
John Foote

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Courtland Hyser
Eugene Howard

VISITORS/GUESTS

Maricruz Herrera
Andrew Knudtsen, EPS
Rachel Shindman, EPS
Lindsey Sousa, AECOM

Nick VanderKwaak, AECOM
Sam Suter, MIG
Mondi Mason, DDPHE
Gretchen Armijo, DDPHE

Meeting Summary

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Co-Chair Frank Tagader welcomed the attendees and led the meeting.

2. MEETING NOTES APPROVAL

The January 24, 2018 meeting notes were reviewed and approved. There were no changes.

3. PUBLIC MEETING #3 SUMMARY AND RECAP

Courtland Hyser and Eugene Howard provided an overview of the third Far Northeast Area Plan public meeting, held on January 30, 2018 at the Evie Garrett Dennis Student Union. The meeting was held jointly with the annual District 11 Town Hall and featured a resource fair with 33 agencies and service providers.

The public engagement exercise for the Far Northeast Area Plan was a visual preference survey where members of the public were invited to place dots next to photos representing different types of development that they would like to see in various opportunity areas throughout Far Northeast. The responses generally favored mixed use development at a range of densities, as well as large format retail and entertainment uses. An online version of the exercise is currently available on the project webpage (www.denvergov.org/farnortheastplan) and will remain open until March 31st.

4. MARKET STUDY

Andrew Knudtsen and Rachel Shindman from Economic and Planning Systems (EPS) briefed the steering committee on the market analysis they are currently conducting for Far Northeast Denver. The primary goals for the analysis are to identify: market trends, opportunities for development, and additional factors that support development and make reinvestment feasible. The first half of the presentation summarized the current market in Far Northeast Denver in terms of demographics, household characteristics, income, and employment. The second half of the presentation was a sector-specific market overview of the housing, industrial, and retail sectors. Work on the market study will continue for the next several months, and EPS will return to the steering committee for a final presentation later in the planning process.

5. TRANSPORTATION INTRODUCTION

Lindsey Sousa and Nick Vanderkwaak from AECOM introduced the topic of transportation and mobility. They presented layered maps that showed existing facilities, community-identified issues, and transportation studies and projects that are already planned in the area. This analysis was repeated for all four major transportation modes: vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit. Recommendations in the Far Northeast Area Plan will focus on bridging the gaps between what exists, what's needed, and what's already programmed. AECOM will return for the March steering committee meeting to present the draft transportation planning work in more detail.

6. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- a. GVR sidewalk data collection ends: March 18, 2018
- b. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 6:00-7:30pm
- c. Montbello Library
- d. Online visual preference survey: closes March 31st