



Meeting Details

Meeting Name:	Far Northeast Steering Committee
Date/Time:	Wednesday 09/27/2017, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Location:	Montbello Public Library

Attendees

Steering Committee Members (Present)

Ann White
Frank Tagader
Charlie Foster
Blanca Castillo
Susan Stanton

Terry Liggins
John Foote
Rose Thomas
Angie Rivera-Malpiede

Steering Committee Members (Absent)

Brian Smith
Rich Barrows
LaToya Petty
Tim Camarillo
Shelli Brown

Loretta Pineda
Katie McKenna
Turner Wyatt
Earleen Brown

Denver Elected Officials/Council District Aides

District 8
Councilman Chris Herndon

District 11
Councilwoman Stacie Gilmore
Melissa Sotelo, City Council Aide

Denver Staff

Courtland Hyser
Valerie Herrera

Eugene Howard

Meeting Summary

1. **Welcome and Introductions** - Co-Chair John Foote welcomed the attendees and led the meeting.
2. **Meeting Notes Acceptance**
The August 31, 2017 meeting notes were reviewed and approved. There were no changes.



3. **September 13, 2017 Public Meeting Summary**

Courtland Hyser and Eugene Howard provided an overview of the second Far Northeast Area Plan public meeting. This was a joint public meeting with Blueprint Denver. The meeting was the best-attended meeting of the five Blueprint Denver meeting held in September, with 87 people officially signed in and an estimated 100 people in attendance.

Feedback on the draft Future Vision Statements:

- i. The dot exercise revealed that a large majority of the meeting participants were comfortable with the draft statements.
- ii. The survey seeking community feedback on the draft Vision Statements will remain open through October 31, 2017. The City will continue to circulate the survey through its communication channels for more feedback, and Steering Committee members are encouraged to do the same: www.denvergov.org/farnortheastplan
- iii. The Steering Committee will consider edits to the Vision Statements at the Thursday, October 26th meeting.

5. **Blueprint Denver Place Mapping Exercise**

Courtland reviewed the Blueprint Denver Place framework with the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee then reviewed the draft Place Map for the Far Northeast area, starting in the west and moving east through the planning area. Comments and guidance from steering committee members are summarized by area, below:

A. Peoria Street

- i. The plan will be a guiding document for a long-term vision so recommendations should not be limited only to what's present today.
- ii. The draft map should be sensitive to the existing residential along the east side of Peoria. Consider a "Corridor" designation along the west side of Peoria while preserving the east side existing residential.
- iii. Consider expanding the Center concept east into the industrial area at the southern end of Peoria. Future development along Peoria may encourage transit investments in this area like bike infrastructure and other transportation demand management strategies.
- iv. Future residential density may support future retail and be a great place for small, locally-owned businesses.

B. Chambers Road: Has two Local Centers (Chambers/1-70, and Chambers/GVR Blvd)

- i. Chambers and I-70 (40th): Consider identifying this as a Community Center since it's currently where all the travelers/Hotels/Restaurants are. May also be a good location for future development opportunities.
- ii. Chambers and GVR Boulevard is appropriate as mapped (Local Center).

C. Pena Boulevard Corridor

- i. Both sides of Pena (1000 ft on each side) are controlled by the Airport and subject to FAA rules.
- ii. QUESTION for follow-up: Can Airport land adjacent to Pena be used in any way by the community? Examples: Community Gardens, Open Space, Bikeways – a continuation of the DEN at 1st Creek Open Space?



- iii. Restrictions on Pena mean that other roads will likely need to provide access to private properties in this area: Memphis and Airport Way on the West and Salida, 40th and GVR on the East.
- iv. Consider future Bike/Ped trail connectivity through this area. Pena Boulevard is planned to be expanded to four lanes in both directions over a 10 year period, starting at the airport.
- v. Consider “Center” rather than a “Corridor” designation along key GVR Blvd intersections (Memphis, Airport Rd, Telluride).

D. Tower Rd

- i. The Intersection with GVR Blvd operates like a Center today. The Community Center designation is appropriate for the GVR Town Center.
- ii. Consider a series of centers along Tower Rd rather than one long corridor.
- iii. The area north of 64th could be a good location for future recreation, entertainment or other large-scale uses (festival space, water park, etc).

E. 61st and Pena Station Area

- iv. Regional Center is appropriate on the West side of Tower at the station. Corridor is appropriate along the east side of Tower, but should be Community Center or another (non-corridor) designation east of that towards Piccadilly.
- v. 64th is connected to E-470, and therefore to the Gaylord Development. This could be an opportunity to connect Gaylord to future station area development with a Corridor.

F. Residential Areas

- i. Suburban Character is appropriate as proposed throughout Far Northeast.

G. Districts

- i. Consider future revitalization in the industrial zones along Havana with retail or a concept similar to Stanley Market.
- ii. 47th at Paris may be an area that can accommodate additional commercial/retail development.

H. Transitions

- i. Consider using parks, piazzas, and community gathering spaces to transition to residential areas.
- ii. Transitions can use a mix of residential products (apartments, town homes, condos) along the edges of Corridors and Centers to taper down and transition into single-family residential areas.
- iii. Transitions should work to preserve land for open space and parks. Coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions to connect trails.
- iv. Public art, wayfinding and signage should also be considered in transition areas.

6. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- i. Next Steering Committee Meeting: Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Green Valley Ranch Recreational Center. 4890 Argonne Way.
- ii. Online Survey/Visioning Exercise is open until October 31, 2017. Survey can be found at www.denvergov.org/farnortheastplan project website.