

Loretto Heights Area Plan Steering Committee Meeting # 2



Date and Time: Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 from 6:00-8:00pm
Location: Loretto Heights Library – 3001 S. Federal Blvd.

Attendees

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (AND ALTERNATES)

Adriana Peña, Tony Hernandez, Mark Witkiewicz, John Olson, Jim Gibson, Andrew Rogge, Clare Harris, Tara Durham, Kristina Evanoff, Melissa Thate, Sister Mary Nelle Gage, Dr. Hany Khattab, Father Joseph Dang, Councilman Kevin Flynn, Councilman Jolon Clark, Stacy Wahrer, AnaClaudia Megalhaes, Chessy Brady

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Steve Nalley, Jason Morrison, Jenny Buddenborg, Brandon Shaver, Fran Peñafiel Vial

Meeting Summary

1. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Jason Morrison introduced the evening agenda and informed the public that comment cards were available to provide feedback during the meeting. He also introduced two new steering committee members, Dr. Hany Khattab and Stacy Wahrer.

Brief steering committee introductions were made around the table.

2. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS ON EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

Jason provided time for the steering committee to ask questions or give comments about the existing conditions report that was presented at the October meeting.

Tony Hernandez asked about the boundaries of the area plan. There was some concern that the plan would not include the entire College View/South Platte neighborhood even though development at the campus would likely impact them.

Clare Harris explained that she represents the entire College View neighborhood and the area plan boundary seems appropriate.

Jason and Councilman Flynn added that the boundary was chosen to simply acknowledge the surrounding context and does not mean that residents outside of the boundary are excluded from the process. Furthermore, land use and zoning changes are only expected to occur on the campus and will not alter existing land use and zoning for residents and business inside of the boundary.

Jim Gibson requested that staff provide the steering committee with a document detailing how the boundary was settled upon.

3. HISTORIC PRESERVATION SURVEY

Jenny Buddenborg gave details about the scope and goals of the survey report commissioned by the City. She mentioned that the consultant may be able to present some findings to the steering committee at the January meeting.

Tony Hernandez, John Olson, and Mark Witkiewicz had a brief discussion about the campus being just outside of a Federal opportunity zone.

Jenny pointed to characteristics of Pancratia Hall as an example of what the survey may be helpful in identifying. She then detailed how the information in the survey report will be used. John Olson added the possibility of the survey recommending the creation of multiple historic districts versus the individual landmarking of each building.

4. DENVERIGHT VISION ELEMENTS

Steering committee was encouraged to consider what the six Denveright elements mean to Loretto Heights area.

5. INTRODUCE ONLINE SURVEY

Jason introduced the draft online survey that will be launched in December. He asked the steering committee to comment on the questions asked and overall functionality of the survey.

Tony Hernandez requested that a campus map be available on the website to give the public a better understanding of the site. Sister Mary Nelle Gage requested that text be added to the beginning of the survey that would be inclusive of alumni and other members of the public who have been a part of the campus even if they no longer live in Denver.

Jason mentioned that the survey would be available in English, Spanish, and possibly Vietnamese, if Father Joseph Dang felt it would be necessary.

Clare Harris and Sister Mary Nelle Gage explained that there should be a paper version of the survey to reach older demographics and members of the public who are not technologically savvy. They stressed that seniors should be included in the outreach as they have the most institutional knowledge of the campus and surrounding area.

6. MAPPING ACTIVITY

The steering committee was split into four groups to identify likes/assets, worries/concerns, and hope/opportunities for the site. Afterwards, each group reported out to the full steering committee and members of the public.

7. WRAP UP / HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

Jason will provide agenda for next meeting and this meeting summary. He also gave the steering committee a homework assignment. All members were given the task of finding three or four inspirational images that represent what the site could look like in 2030.