West Area Plan Steering Committee

Initial Kick-off Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2019
Meeting Agenda

• Welcome
• Team Introductions
• Roles and Responsibilities
• West Area Plan Background
  • Neighborhood Planning
  • Stakeholder Packet
• “What Have You Heard?” Exercise & Mapping
• October 5, 2019 Public Kick-Off Details
Welcome

Introductions

• Name
• Neighborhood
• How Long in the Community?
• Areas of Interest
West Area Plan Team

City and County of Denver
- Eugene Howard, PM
- Valerie Herrera
- Fran Penafiel
- Becca Dierschow

Consultant Team
- Beth Vogelsang, PM
- Bryan T. Robinson
- Andrew Knudtsen
- Ryan Sotirakis
- Anne Kuechenmeister
Steering Committee Members

Roles and Responsibilities

• Representative of your Broader Community
• Providing Multiple Perspectives
• Sharing information and Collecting Feedback
• Participation in Meetings
• Collaborative Spirit
• Consensus and Mutual Agreement
• Recommendations to Planning Board and City Council

Future Meeting Schedule

• Set Day of the Week, Week of the Month
• Future Meeting Location Considerations
Background

Citywide Planning

• Sets broad citywide policies and recommendations
• Comprehensive Plan 2040 and Blueprint Denver provide citywide planning guidance
• Citywide plans may cover specific topics:
  • Parks and Recreation Game Plan
  • Denver Moves Pedestrians and Trails
  • Denver Moves Transit
  • Vision Zero
  • Housing an Inclusive Denver Plan
Background

Neighborhood and Area Plans

• Recommendations for specific areas of the City
• Cover multiple topics at system levels
• Consistency with adopted citywide plans
• Updates to Blueprint Denver Mapping
Area Plans Before 2017

Why a Neighborhood Planning Initiative?

• Total Coverage for the City
• Equity Among All Neighborhoods
• Consistent Application of Citywide Plans
How Neighborhood Planning Works

• (15+) Indicators of planning need

• Consistent Plan Content
  • Standard Planning Topics + Community Priorities
# Neighborhood Planning Indicators

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How Neighborhood Planning Works

• (19) Plan Areas
• (3) Plans in process at once
• (18-24 Months) Timeline for each plan
Plan Content Topics

**Always Topics (Every Plan)**
- Introduction
  - Vision Elements
  - Equity and Inclusion
- Plan Framework
  - Land Use and Built Form
  - Mobility
  - Quality of Life Infrastructure
- Focus Areas
  - Neighborhoods
  - Community Assets
- Implementation Plan
  - Community Priorities
  - Projects and Partners

**Focus Topics (Community Driven)**
- Topics vary by Plan Area
- Community Prioritized Topics
- Focus on top issues
- Coordination with City Agencies
- Built Environment Topics
- Policies and Regulations
West Area Map Package Review
Era of Construction
Zoning
Land Use
Tree Canopy
Parks and Open Space
Sidewalks
Residential Parcel Size
Building Coverage
Exercise – What You Know
What Have You Heard?

Tell us about the “big issues” you hear people talking about in your community. These can be things neighbors want the city to study, places of importance, places to preserve, things to celebrate.

Please use the map and post-it notes to tell us about specific places. Draw on the map, they are for you!
Next Steps

• Public Kick-Off Meeting
  • Saturday, October 5, 2019
    Newlon Elementary School
    9:30-11:30 AM

• October Steering Committee Meeting
  • Review Feedback from Kick-Off
  • Discuss West Area Plan Vision & Guiding Principles
  • Potential Focus Topics