



Meeting Details

Meeting Name:	East Steering Committee
Date/Time:	Monday, December 11, 2017, 6-7:30 PM
Location:	Art Gym Denver, 1460 Leyden Street

Attendees

Steering Committee Members

Merritt Pullam, Chair; Laurie Bogue; Marti Holmes; Monica Martinez; Hilarie Portell; Wende Reoch

Denver Elected Officials & Staff

Lucas Palmisano (Office of Councilwoman Susman)

Denver Staff

Curt Upton; Elizabeth Weigle

Meeting Summary

1. **Welcome** – Merritt Pullam welcomed the steering committee members.
2. **Approval of November 16 Meeting Summary** – Merritt Pullam asked whether there were any comments on the November 16 meeting summary. No comments were raised, and members approved the summary for posting on the website.
3. **Financing Tools Overview & Discussion** – Continuing in the series of plan implementation tools, Curt Upton gave an overview of financing tools that are used to help pay for infrastructure and public services including: revenue tools such as fees, grants, tax credits and taxes; and debt tools such as bonds, loans, credit assistance, and structured funds. Curt Upton answered questions from the committee.
4. **Recap: What have we done so far?** – Elizabeth Weigle gave an overview of what has been completed since the kick-off of the neighborhood planning process, including: data analysis, community engagement, history research, existing plans evaluation, coordination with other ongoing projects, and development of the urban quality tool. This work will form a strong foundation for the next phase of the planning process.
5. **Upcoming Look Forward** – Elizabeth Weigle highlighted several tasks coming up in the first quarter of 2018. The committee discussed the upcoming surveying using the Urban Quality Tool,



which members should seek to schedule in January or early February. Staff will follow-up with the updated worksheet, more detailed maps and instructions, and a refresher training. Members may use the Google spreadsheet or email staff with the scheduled survey date for their respective groups.

6. **Myths & Facts & Announcements** – Elizabeth Weigle and Curt Upton introduced a new standing agenda item for steering committee meetings that will provide members with the opportunity to share what they are hearing about the project in the community and help improve the accuracy of information being spread. It will also be an opportunity to identify tools that would assist members in answering questions and providing accurate information, such as the creation of responses to Frequently Asked Questions. Topics discussed at this meeting included: aging in place; concerns that the planning study and BRT project have already made determinations regarding increased density along/adjacent to Coflax; general questions about BRT and continued opportunity for public input; concerns about displacement of residents and small businesses; and the relationship with the ongoing Denveright planning efforts.