

This was our second meeting with the Housing Focus Group. Our goal was to discuss issues and concerns from a big-picture perspective. Below is a brief summary of the conversation.

- I. After greetings and introductions we reviewed the summary from our last meeting and affirmed;
 - a. There should be no net loss of housing units within the neighborhood,
 - b. Kirk quickly reiterated CDOT's acquisition policy and provide a small handout outlining the process, and
 - c. The importance and necessity of a comprehensive mitigation plan, with dedicated funds to support the plan.
- II. Steve Gordon shared an area map showing vacant land near existing residential. There are only about 5-7 residential lots which can be used for additional residential in the neighborhood. There are underutilized lots, i.e. storage type lots, minimal value buildings, etc.
- III. Steve Gordon also briefly discussed the station area plan and that additional recommendations and completion is waiting on information regarding the future of the Stock Show.
- IV. Beth Truby shared information and provided a website for low interest loans to property owners to improve their properties. This is a link to the single family rehab program where assistance is available to fund improvements to people's homes. Or the phone number is 303-534-3872. <http://renewdenver.org/housing-rehabilitation.html>
- V. We also talked about how CDOT might be asked to help fund existing City programs which would make funds available to homeowners within Elyria, Globeville and Swansea for housing improvements and mitigation.
- VI. Focus Points Family Resource Center was very clear that they have no intention of moving from where they are currently located.
- VII. When considering replacement housing stock within the neighborhood, it was advised that we remember many of the families are large families and will need housing to accommodate.
- VIII. The question was asked; "What about homes which aren't acquired by CDOT, but live too close to the highway." This initiated a discussion about how much land should be acquired by CDOT, the minimal or maybe a bit more to provide adequate buffering. The consensus is that a bit more land should be acquired, so there are no homes "within the shadow" of I-70.
- IX. Concern was also expressed about depreciated value of the current housing and the timeline for actual construction. It is anticipated that actual construction will begin in 5-7 years.
- X. There was also a request for a listing and location of group homes and those who have transition from prison to the neighborhood, along with known pedophiles.
 - a. Answer to question: The information sex offenders is public information & can be found at The location of Registered Sex Offenders is available from the DenverGov Police Web site. There are FAQ's on the DenverGov web site and a number to call. <http://www.denvergov.org/sexoffenders> Click on Search Denver Sex Offenders. This takes you to an external web site where you can search for Registered Denver Sex Offenders. You can search in the proximity of an address. You can download the list (bottom of the page).
- XI. Foreclosures within the neighborhood (80216); 3rd quarter (2011) there were 11, 4th quarter (2001) there were 14.

- XII. The focus group asked for assurances that if a new recreational center was built, it would be maintained and operated by the City and the rates for immediate neighborhood residents would be kept affordable.