Denveright Community Visioning Workshops - Meeting Summary

On October 4 and 5, 2016, the Denver hosted five Denveright Community Visioning Workshops. The same workshop was held at five different locations and times in order to maximize the number of Denver residents who could attend. Free child care and Spanish language interpretation were offered at each meeting.

1. **Oct 4, 7:30-9:30 a.m.** - Central/Downtown Denver at the McNichols Building. Attendees*: 48+
2. **Oct 4, 3-5 p.m.** - Northeast Denver at New Hope Baptist Church. Attendees: 52+
3. **Oct 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** - Northwest Denver at North High School. Attendees: 132+
4. **Oct 5, 3-5 p.m.** - Southeast Denver at Jewish Community Center. Attendees: 48+
5. **Oct 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** - Southwest Denver at College View Elementary. Attendees: 95+

The purpose of the workshops was to learn about Denverites’ visions for the future of our city. Each workshop included:

- A brief introductory presentation about Denveright and the visioning process;
- Breakout sessions for each plan where attendees gave direct input on the vision for that plan; and
- An open-mic, listening session in which community members shared their thoughts about issues important to them

Please visit [www.denvergov.org/denveright](http://www.denvergov.org/denveright) to find more detailed materials from the workshops, including a video of an entire workshop.

**Breakout Sessions**

After the introductory presentation, participants could engage directly with staff from each plan. A summary of the breakout session for each plan follows.

**Blueprint Denver**

Blueprint Denver hosted four activity stations focused on engaging workshop participants about our collective community values. An activity encouraged attendees to express their vision for Denver in 2040. Photos then captured everyone’s personal vision in a slide show. Another activity focused on ranking community values – participants could vote on their top choices in colorful glass jars. Attendees also had the opportunity to choose the most important elements of a complete neighborhood and to identify key elements missing from their own neighborhood. There was also
a station where community members could learn more about neighborhood planning and its connection to Blueprint Denver.

**Game Plan**

The Game Plan station provided the public with four informational boards, a large Parks and Recreation infographic and an engaging feedback opportunity relating to unique challenges the system faces as Denver grows and evolves. The boards provided information on the Game Plan as well as a historic context about how our city’s park system has changed over time. At the feedback station, the public could choose up to 18 different cards with interesting facts about Denver Parks and Recreation on one side and questions relating to the fact on the other side. Once completed, the cards were organized into categories so that the public could easily see what others in their community had thought about the same topic.

**Denver Moves: Transit**

The Denver Moves: Transit station hosted three activities to gather community input around: “What is your vision for transit in Denver?” “What local and regional transit connections are missing?” And, “Which routes do you wish operated more often?” By placing lines, pins and notes on maps, participants illustrated where they wanted new service or improved service as well as identifying locations where they would like to see improvements to the transit system, such as pedestrian access or an enhanced stop. Participants were also asked what system enhancements system will help them: keep taking transit; take transit more often; or try the bus or train for the first time. Responses were vibrantly illustrated through category-specific colored triangles placed on the “community vision for transit” mural.

**Denver Moves: Pedestrians and Trails**

The Denver Moves: Pedestrians and Trails station provided five interactive displays. Participants were asked to describe what their vision of a world-class pedestrian and trail network looked like. They participated in a visual preference exercise, where they looked at different pictures of trails and sidewalks and then voted on the picture that best reflected an ideal sidewalk and trail. Participants helped inform future project prioritization by voting on the top three most important land uses that they would like to safely access by walking or bike. Options included parks, schools, transit stations, grocery stores and open space, among others. Participants were then asked to help
guide how the city should allocate its limited financial resources by placing pedestrian and trail “dollars” into different buckets, each with a different goal or value (e.g. connectivity, equity, safety, etc.). Finally – they were invited to participate in a mapping exercise. A large, 10’x10’ vinyl floor map of the entire city was provided for participants to mark key destinations, important connections and places where safety was an issue.

**Listening Session**

Each workshop closed with 30 minutes of an open-mic “listening session” in which attendees were asked “As we vision for the future of Denver, which issues and opportunities are most important?” Responses were captured and summarized on large wall graphics. Images of wall graphics with responses from all five meetings are available at the Denveright website, where they can be downloaded for easier viewing.

*Attendees numbers are based on those who signed-in at the welcome table*