Community Think Tank — Meeting #2
Feb. 9, 2017
5:30-7:30 p.m.
University of Denver
Anderson Academic Commons - Special Event Room
2150 E. Evans Ave.

Meeting Summary

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Denveright Update
- City Snapshot & Planning Essentials
- Community Planning Breakouts & Report-Outs
- Next Steps

Welcome & Introductions
Andy Mountain, Think Tank co-facilitator, welcomed meeting attendees, reviewed the agenda for the evening and recapped the role of the Think Tank. The 32 Think Tank members in attendance provided brief introductions and stated their areas of residence. Mountain then outlined the upcoming Think Tank schedule to include:

- Think Tank Meeting # 3—April/May 2017
  o Growth scenarios
  o Comparing and contrasting potential 2040 growth trajectories and how they impact our quality of life, travel, land use and more

- Think Tank Meeting # 4—Fall 2017
  o Cross cutting goals
  o Review and discuss areas for overlap and collaboration among the four Denveright plans
**Denveright Update**

After the introductions, Mountain turned the meeting over to Caryn Champine, Director of Planning Services for City and County of Denver, to provide an update on the status of each of the four Denveright plans. Champine provided the following high level summary of each.

- **Blueprint Denver** – Just released a Community Profile and a Diagnostic evaluating the outcomes of the 2002 Blueprint
- **Parks & Recreation Game Plan** – Preparing to release an Existing Conditions Report and Diagnostic evaluating the outcomes of the 2003 Parks Game Plan
- **Denver Moves: Transit** – Just released a Transit State of the System Report
- **Denver Moves: Pedestrians & Trails** – Preparing to release an Existing Conditions Report

Champine summarized the community visioning and listening efforts, stating that the Denveright team has attended 29 Street Team events since September 2016, held five community workshops in October 2016 with over 375 participants, and conducted six online surveys with more than 6,900 responses. Highlighting the responses, Champine stated that 70% of the people living in Denver are satisfied living here with amenities including open-space, restaurants, entertainment venues, and walkable neighborhoods. She noted that the biggest concerns mentioned in the community vision and listening efforts were:

- People can’t afford to live here
- Getting around
- Too many people
- Decreased safety
- Quality of architecture

Referring to handouts on the tables, Mountain summarized the Vision Narratives generated by the Think Tank at the September 2016 meeting in the areas of Quality of Life, Design of Public Spaces, Mobility and Affordability. He asked the Think Tank members to keep these future-state descriptions in mind during the evening’s small group discussions about land use, transportation, and parks and recreation priorities.

**City Snapshot & Planning Essentials**

Champine gave a brief primer on city planning and zoning considerations to provide background for the evening’s breakout discussions. She described how Denver’s neighborhoods have been defined and outlined the distinguishing characteristics of the six most common Neighborhood Contexts found within our city. They include:

- Suburban
- Urban
- Urban Edge
- General Urban
- Urban Center
- Downtown
Community Planning Breakouts
The Think Tank members were pre-assigned into six breakout groups – one group for each Neighborhood Context (Suburban, Urban, Urban Edge, General Urban, Urban Center and Downtown). Mountain outlined the goal of the breakouts – to discuss transportation, land use, park/open space, and recreation priorities in the primary Neighborhood Contexts that exist within Denver. With the help of facilitators and city subject matter experts, each group considered a series of questions related to growth, streetscape, mobility and parks and recreation to arrive at a set of priorities for each topic area. After approximately 45 minutes, the facilitators for each group provided a summary of his/her group’s discussion. A separate report-out summary will be provided to Think Tank members.

Next Steps
Mountain explained that the breakout discussions would be summarized and sent out to the Think Tank for review and additional comment within the next two weeks. He asked the members to consider volunteering in other ways with the greater Denveright effort (e.g. staffing events, speaking opportunities, etc.) and directed them to a flier at the sign-in table with more information. He then gave any public in attendance a chance for comment (no comments were made), encouraged the Think Tank members to reconvene for social hour at the Pioneer and closed the meeting after thanking everyone for attending.

Think Tank Member Attendees

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