Community Think Tank – Meeting #2
February 9, 2017
Tonight’s Focus

Priorities and driving forces for how we approach land use, mobility, parks and recreation in different neighborhood contexts
Tonight’s Agenda

• Introductions
• Denveright Update
• City Snapshot & Planning Essentials
• Neighborhood Context Breakouts & Summary
• Next Steps
Community Driven Process

Who?
Everyone who lives, works, and plays in Denver

65 Denver residents from across the City

Who?
Neighborhood reps and content-matter experts

Role
Attend meetings, take surveys, share your voice!

Input on topics that cut across all four plans

Vet principles and recommendations of each plan
Think Tank Roles

1. Provide input on **key issues that cut across** all four plans.

2. **Educate and engage the broader community** in the Denveright effort
Think Tank Commitments

- Attendance at Think Tank meetings
- Share information
- Denveright community ambassadors
- Bring ideas
- Consider the broader city

- Respect the ideas of others
- Focus on the overarching issues
- Homework assignments
- Communication between meetings
- Denveright coordinated events and outreach
Think Tank Schedule

Meeting 1
September 2016
• VISION AND VALUES
  • What does the future look like if we are successful in planning for density & growth, design of parks & public spaces, quality transportation options and affordable housing?

Meeting 2
February 2017
• LAND USE PLANNING AND PRIORITIZATION
  • Given the different neighborhood contexts that exist in Denver, how should we prioritize transportation, land use, park and recreational resources considerations?

Meeting 3
April/May 2017
• GROWTH SCENARIOS
  • Comparing and contrasting potential 2040 growth trajectories and how they impact our quality of life, travel, land use and more.

Meeting 4
Fall 2017
• CROSS CUTTING GOALS
  • Review and discuss areas for overlap and collaboration among the four plans.
Public Outreach: Denveright Visioning
Summer – Fall 2016

29 Street Team Events

CHUN National Night Out BBQ

Feria de Verano in Elyria
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6  Online surveys with over 6,900 responses
How long have you lived in Denver?

- Do not live in Denver
- <1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- >20 years
Satisfaction

How satisfied are you with living in Denver?
Likes

What do you like most about Denver? (top 5 responses)

- Parks and Open Green Space
- Restaurants and Entertainment
- Walkable Neighborhoods
- Opportunities to Live a Healthy Lifestyle
- Neighborhood Main Streets
Concerns

What are your biggest concerns as Denver continues to grow and change? (top 5 responses)

- People can't afford to live here
- Getting around
- Too many people
- Decreased safety
- Quality of architecture
Think Tank Vision Narratives

How you desire Denver to be in 20 years:

- Quality of Life
- Mobility
- Design of Public Spaces
- Affordability
Quality of Life

• Flexibility, adaptability, shared-benefit
• Diversity in density
• Affordable and connected
• Healthy and green
• Culturally rich
Mobility

• Predictable, consistent, safe
• More choice (preference for transit)
• Bike and pedestrian connections make getting around enjoyable and healthy
• Mobility hubs activate areas and shorten commutes
Design of Public Spaces

- Multi-functional parks and public spaces abound throughout the city
- Programmed activities
- Clean, inviting, accessible
- Smaller, neighborhood parks with amenities
Affordability

- Comingled market/affordable options
- Regionally driven mobility efforts
- Equitable access to jobs, services, food, etc.
- Business/job diversification
City Snapshot & Planning Essentials
Distinguishing Characteristics

Block Pattern & Building Placement
Distinguishing Characteristics

Diversity & Pattern of Use

Parking & Access
Six Neighborhood Contexts

- Suburban
- Urban Edge
- Urban
- General Urban
- Urban Center
- Downtown
Neighborhood Contexts

Suburban

Urban Edge

Urban

Curvy Streets

Mixed Street Pattern

Grid and Alley

Shopping Centers

Shopettes

Main Streets
Neighborhood Contexts

General Urban

Urban Center

Downtown

Grid and Alleys

High Pedestrian Activity

Transit Hub

Main Streets

Mixed Use

Structured Parking
Neighborhood Contexts

ROADWAY
The area between the curbs.

PEDESTRIAN REALM
The area between private property and the curb or roadway.

PRIVATE REALM
The private development that lines a street. This area includes buildings and off-street parking.
Community Planning Breakouts
Breakout Overview

• **Goal:** Identify priorities for each neighborhood context:
  – Growth
  – Parks and Recreation
  – Land Use/Streetscape
  – Mobility
Breakout Guidelines

• Focus on your neighborhood context
• Represent yourself and your designated role
• Discuss all four topics (10-15 minutes each)
• Identify at least 2-4 priorities for each topic
Community Planning Report - Outs
Next Steps
Next Steps

- Meeting summary – **February**
- Volunteer/Ambassador Program – **March**
  (email afor.chavez@denvergov.org)
- Plan-Specific Workshops and Outreach – **Spring**
- Next Think Tank meeting (Growth Scenarios) – **April/May**

*Social Hour at the Pioneer (University & Wesley)!*