North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative
NDCC
Mayor Michael B. Hancock's Corridor of Opportunity Initiative
project news
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North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative Projects Map
Dear Community Friend,

Earlier this month, the NDCC hosted its quarterly Town Hall Meeting where stakeholders were able to walk from station to station learning the newest information about all of the NDCC's six projects. The NDCC added a new feature to this public meeting that highlights a topic of interest to the neighborhoods in the form of a roundtable discussion. This last quarter's topic was on Jobs & Training led by Councilwoman Judy Montero and included the Office of Economic Development. Participants provided valuable feedback and we would like to share the notes and action steps that will be taken to advance this important neighborhood issue.

Thank you to those who joined us. Stay tuned for the next NDCC Town Hall coming to you in June.

Sincerely,
NDCC Project's Office Team

Featured Project: Neighborhood Plans

On April 21st, a draft Health Impact Assessment (HIA) for the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood Plans was released for public review. The report talks about how the upcoming Globeville and Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood Plans can affect health. It provides a snapshot of health in Globeville and Elyria-Swansea today. It also talks about a range of health-related topics and makes recommendations about how the neighborhood plans can improve these aspects of life. You can download a copy of the full report (in English) as well as a summary of the report (in Spanish) at the neighborhood plans' websites: denvergov.org/globeville or denvergov.org/elyria-swansea. Please consider the four questions below and send your thoughts and comments on the draft HIA to hiacomments@denvergov.org by Monday, May 12, 2014.

1. Is there one topic that stands out to you most, and why? Was anything surprising to you?
2. Should any recommendations be removed or revised substantially? What revision do you suggest?
3. Are there any words that are difficult to understand or confusing? What are they?
office space for nonprofits. A large part of their work includes forming long-term partnerships with nonprofit, for-profit, and governmental organizations and collaborating on land banking and community-inspired development strategies.

ULC has a variety of community assets and investments throughout the Denver Metro Area. ULC has also established the country’s first affordable housing Transit Oriented Development (TOD) acquisition fund in the country with a variety of partners. ULC’s strategic TOD Fund acquisitions have preserved existing developments, created a pipeline for 575 new affordable apartments and well over 100,000 square feet of commercial space along 5 rail corridors in Denver.

ULC’s work includes the NDCC project area. Click here to learn more about their efforts.

In the News

Redevelopment of I-70, National Western to boon to Denver, Denver Post

Taking a stand on I-70 proposal, Denver Post

4. What are the top three recommendations in the document that you want to see happen first?

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

Brighton Blvd. Corridor Redevelopment

Mayor Michael B. Hancock has made the redevelopment of Brighton Boulevard one of his administrations key objectives, as part of the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC). The City is moving as quickly as possible to advance the boulevard’s design so we can be in a position to construct, either all or a portion of the corridor, when funding becomes available. While we anticipate additional meetings and continued conversations with the City and the community to collectively achieve the vision for Brighton Boulevard, we are also working to provide guidance to property owners along the corridor with currently projects.

In the coming weeks, Public Works, in partnership with the NDCC and other key city agencies, will be releasing the final Brighton Boulevard Schematic Redevelopment Project report. The report will outline previous studies, project context and history, existing conditions and the cross-sections based upon the 2013 public engagement process that concluded in December. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be released in May and detailed design work is slated to begin this summer on this important gateway into the City.

More information will follow.

National Western Center

Denver City Council approved the contract for a team led by Parsons Brinkerhoff (PB) as the consulting firm to develop a master plan for the National Western Complex and Denver Coliseum. This is an important step in advancing plans for the NWSS and Denver Coliseum to create the National Western Center. Partners such as Colorado State University, the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, History Colorado, the City and the National Western Center Advisory Committee will help develop the master plan, which is expected to be completed at the end
Case Studies in Placemaking: Stapleton, RiNo, and LoHi, Confluence Denver

Colorado tourism, incentive limits advance, despite concern of funding board, Denver Business Journal

Denver speaks out on Regional Tourism Act, Denver Post

Project to lower I-70 in northeast Denver moving ahead, Denver Business Journal

Common ground on future of Interstate 70 through metro Denver, Denver Post

A proper check on Colorado tourism funding, Denver Post

River North (RiNo)

The River North Plan was adopted in 2009 has been used as a planning guide since then. Click here to read the plan. Among many of its recommendations is the addition of open space near the South Platte River in conjunction with new development and drainage improvements. As part of the NDCC efforts, in collaboration with Denver Parks & Recreation, the idea of a river front park is being advanced with the help of a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado received in 2010. The grant is being used for the acquisition of the future River North Park. Creating a connection to the river that includes green space is a great amenity for the surrounding neighborhoods that will provide recreational opportunities and a festival street that can be used for community events. Our team will continue working on advancing this idea as development on Arkins Ct. continues.

I-70 Reconstruction

City Council Proclamation

In April, Councilwoman Judy Montero brought forth a proclamation in support of the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Partial Cover Lowered Alternative for the I-70 East project between Colorado Blvd. to Brighton Blvd. City Council passed the proclamation 10-3.

"This Proclamation continues the partnership and brings us closer to removing the viaduct and to bringing long-overdue improvements to this part of Denver," said Tony DeVito, Region 1 Transportation Director.

CDOT is preparing to release the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) this summer. Residents and other interested stakeholders will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft. Stay tuned for more information.

Click here to read the proclamation.

Other NDCC Projects

For additional information on other NDCC projects, click the links below.

RTD Station Development
Additional Updates

Congratulations to Councilwoman Judy Montero
The Girls Athletic Leadership School (GALS) recently honored the life and work of Councilwoman Judy Montero at the annual On the Move GALS luncheon in April. Congratulations Councilwoman Montero!

Swansea Festival 2014
Swansea Elementary School invites you to their 2014 Swansea Festival on Saturday, May 31st from 11 am to 4 pm at Swansea Elementary School (4650 Columbine St.). You will enjoy music, jumping castles, face painting, food and crafts for sale, free resources and much more! It's just $5 per person and includes unlimited games. All are welcomed!

See you there!

Denver Days: Celebrating the spirit of the Mile High City
There's no better time than the summer to get out and enjoy our world-class city! That's why Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock launched "Denver Days," a new citywide summer tradition aimed at creating stronger neighborhoods by fostering community through service projects and neighborhood gatherings annually during the month of August.

The second annual "Denver Days" will take place this summer from August 2-10. During this week, Denver residents are invited to work with their neighbors to work together to host a fun, festive neighborhood gathering or community service project. From community clean-ups to backyard potlucks and block parties, "Denver Days" will provide a unique opportunity to connect neighbors and neighborhoods.

Start organizing your "Denver Days" neighborhood event today. Visit DenverGov.org/denverdays or call 720-865-9082 for more information.
Denver’s Corridor of Opportunity

The Corridor of Opportunity represents a nearly 23-mile stretch between linking I-70 and East Commuter line from Denver Union Station to Denver International Airport.

The corridor is one of the most compelling commercial investment opportunities in the world, with thousands of developable acres. With nine commuter-rail stations along RTD’s East Line alone (slated to open in 2016), future plans for the area include transit-oriented development with housing, strategic locations for corporate headquarters and abundant options for additional open space.

The variety of opportunities, both existing and future, make this corridor a focal point for Denver’s future economy, with nearly 40,000 new jobs through new and expanded businesses and $2.6 billion in economic impact expected over the next three decades, including $13.4 million annually in additional city revenue.

About the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC)

The North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative was founded by Mayor Michael B. Hancock on January 25, 2013. Recognizing a convergence of upcoming projects in the Elyria-Swansea and Globeville neighborhoods, the Mayor identified an opportunity to energize a cornerstone of the Corridor of Opportunity and create an updated gateway to downtown by aligning individual efforts into one coordinated vision. Kelly Leid manages the general oversight, planning, strategic coordination, financing and implementation of the six primary projects.