North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative

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Mayor Michael B. Hancock’s Corridor of Opportunity Initiative

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Upcoming Public Meetings

Wed., January 14
NWC Master Plan Public Meeting
Place: Swansea Elementary School (4650 Columbine St.)
Time: 5:300 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In the Community

The National Western Stock Show is here! The Kick Off Parade takes place on Thursday, January 8th beginning at noon at Union Station and marches 15 blocks down 17th Street showcasing Denver's western tradition with marching bands, horses, cattle, tractors and stagecoaches.

Dear Friends,

It has been a busy and productive year for the NDCC! This past year represented the NDCC's first full year of operation as a key initiative of Mayor Michael B. Hancock. As we begin 2015, we’d like to reflect on the progress made across all six NDCC projects. We began the 2014 with an aggressive timeline and ended the year with a bang. Here's a glimpse of some of our successes from 2014:

- The NDCC team did nearly 60 public presentations to various groups over the course of the year.
- RTD broke ground on the new North Metro line in early 2014.
- A Health Impact Assessment was created that provides a framework to better understand how environmental, physical, economic, and social conditions determine health in the neighborhoods.
- Mayor Michael B. Hancock dedicated $47 million in his 2015 budget to jumpstart NDCC projects.
- A memorandum of understanding was created between the City & County of Denver, The Greenway Foundation, Bridges to Prosperity and Zeppelin Development to build a new Pedestrian Bridge, linking Taxi to the future River North Park.
- Design work began for the new RiNo Park.
- A group of civic and business leaders came together with the City to discuss how best to implement Brighton Blvd improvements.
- CDOT received more than 900 comments for the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement which closed on October 31st.
- The Globeville Neighborhood Plan was adopted by Denver City Council in December.
- The Elyria - Swansea Neighborhood Plan draft was released in November and is currently in the process of being approved by City Council.
- The National Western Center Master Plan draft was released in collaboration with our partners National Western Association, Colorado State University, Denver Museum of Nature & Science and History Colorado.

Other important successes will be outlined in the 2014 NDCC Annual Report coming soon. In the meantime, the NDCC wishes you a happy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to your continued involvement as we maintain the same momentum to advance Globeville, Elyria and Swansea!

Sincerely,
Colorado native Chauncey Billups will be the Parade Grand Marshall.

The National Western Stock Show runs from January 10 - 25. Click here to view the schedule and order tickets for the 109th National Western Stock Show.

In the News

A sampling of recent stories on NDCC Projects

RTD's new rail cars for FasTracks system unveiled to public, Denver Post

Denver City Council adopts Globeville neighborhood plan, Denver Business Journal

Update: Globeville's Neighborhood Plan is Approved, 5280

Townhomes coming to RiNo, Inside Real Estate News

RTD Holds open house, public tours new commuter rail cars, Fox 31

Shirley Valentine's Family has lived in Swansea more than a century -- and she plans to stay, Westword

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

National Western Center

Draft Master Plan Completed in December

On December 18th, Mayor Michael B. Hancock along with key partners National Western Association, Colorado State University, Denver Museum of Nature & Science and History Colorado released a draft of the master plan for the National Western Center. This master planning effort began in 2013 and included key partners and a Citizens Advisory Committee consisting of residents, business and land owners and other interested stakeholders.

The vision retains and strengthens Denver as a top rated destination for conventions and tourism along with a campus that is neighborhood friendly. This vision brings together life-long learning, the arts, entertainment, competition and commerce under one unique campus. This campus vision will position Denver as a global player in 21st century agriculture helping advance knowledge around food production, safety and the expansion of healthy foods at an international scale.

The master plan draft can be viewed by clicking here.

Please also join us for a public meeting on Wednesday, January 14th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Swansea Elementary School. At this meeting, the project team will present the master plan elements and you will have an opportunity to provide your feedback. Interpretation services and child care will be available.

New Street Named After Long Time Swansea Resident

On December 18th, the National Western Center Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was receiving an overview of the NWC Master Plan draft when Councilwoman Judy Montero pointed out a new Denver street on the plan called Bettie Cram Drive. Surprised by the news, long time Swansea resident Bettie Cram was then informed that Denver would be naming a new street in her honor. She was presented with a street sign with the new street name that connects
Show would get extreme makeover under redevelopment plan,
Denver Business Journal

National Western Stock Show’s new master plan to be rolled out, 9News

New National Western Complex plan fleshes out site, but not costs,
Denver Post

Denver mayor: Lodging tax hike may help pay for National Western Plan, Denver Post

City unveils new plans for national western complex; costs uncertain, Fox 31

Plans for National Western Complex and Denver Coliseum unveiled, 7News

Denver Aims To Transform National Western Complex Into Year-Round Facility, CBS4

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Globeville to Elyria and Swansea through the National Western Center.

Bettie Johnson Cram was born September 18, 1922 on a farm near Niwot, Colorado. After high school she moved to Denver and worked several jobs. In 1941, she found work at the Livestock Exchange Group. She remained there for several years, working in different buildings and departments. She met her husband, Eddie Cram while working there and after their marriage, they settled in the Swansea neighborhood raising two daughters.

After Eddie passed away, Bettie remained active in the Pilgrim Congregational Church and a variety of community associations, especially the redesign of Interstate 70. She remains active and participates in the Elyria Swansea Neighborhood Plan and the National Western Center Citizen Advisory Committee among other community projects.

Congratulations Bettie and thank you for your dedication to Globeville, Elyria and Swansea!

In 2014, Artspace began working with Denver Arts & Venues, the Denver Foundation and the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC) with goals to identify the space needs
Community & Business Groups

Interested in learning more about the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative? Does your organizations want to host a Coffee with Kelly to hear about the NDCC?

If so, please contact Erika R. Martinez today!

Questions? Febeback?

The NDCC team believes in an open door policy. Do you have a question or comment? Share them with our team.

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Newsletter Distribution

Please help us build our distribution list! If you know someone who isn't getting the NDCC News Update, please share it with them.

In addition, printed bilingual newsletters are available for distribution throughout the community. If you would like to make these

of the creative sector in Denver and around the River North Art District (RiNo) and North Denver area. The study helps support Denver arts by informing a potential mixed-use project that includes long-term affordable living and working space for artists and creative businesses.

Click here to take the survey.

Neighborhood Plans

Elyria - Swansea Neighborhood Plan

If you haven't had a chance to review the draft of the Elyria - Swansea Neighborhood Plan, it can be viewed online. On January 7th, the Denver Planning Board will have a public hearing on the Elyria-Swansea neighborhood plan. After that, the plan will be reviewed by the Neighborhoods & Planning Council Committee on January 21st. Finally, it will go before City Council for approval on February 9th..

Printed copies of the plan are also available for review at two locations:
1. Valdez-Perry Library, 4690 Vine Street
2. Focus Points Resource Center, 2501 East 48th Avenue

Globeville Neighborhood Plan

The Globeville Neighborhood Plan was adopted by Denver City Council on December 1st. The NDCC would like to thank the Globeville Steering Committee for their dedication to their neighborhood. Since 2013, residents have been working with Denver’s Community Planning and Development team to create a plan that supports the desires and needs of Globeville residents. This plan is an important step to ensuring Globeville continues to thrive. This plan also helps guide future work at the National Western Center and surrounding development.

Click here to view the Globeville Neighborhood plan.

I-70 Reconstruction

Get the Facts!

From CDOT, to the City and other external groups, a lot of information has been shared with the community about the I-70 East project. We understand that sometimes this can lead to confusion that turns into assumptions and myths about the project. CDOT has put together a list of myths their team has been hearing and provides you with the facts. Click here to get the facts!
available at your business or organization, please contact Erika Martinez.

RTD Station Development

East Rail Line
Click here to view the December Monthly Update for the East Rail Line.

Gold Line/NW Rail
Click here to view the December Monthly Update for the Gold Line.

In Memoriam
The NDCC extends our condolences to the Forney Museum for the recent loss of Mr. Jack Donovan Forney. Mr. Forney was a life-long Fort Collins resident and former President of Forney Industries & the Forney Museum of Transportation. He passed away at his home in Ft. Collins December 3rd, 2014 at the age of 86. Read more on Mr. Forney by clicking here.

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.

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