North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative

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Mayor Michael B. Hancock's Corridor of Opportunity Initiative

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Upcoming Public Meetings

Tues., Oct. 7
Globeville Neighborhood Plan Public Meeting
Place: Laradon Hall (5100 Lincoln St)
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 8
Official HIA Release
Place: Argo Park (47th & Pennsylvania)
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Wed., Oct. 22
NDCC Town Hall Meeting
Place: The Growhaus (4751 York St.)
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

In the Community

Dear Friends,

There's a lot going on in North Denver these days. In case you missed it, Mayor Michael B. Hancock submitted his 2015 budget proposal to City Council, a plan that creates opportunities in neighborhoods all across Denver through intentional investments in parks, playgrounds, libraries, streets, bike lanes and parking. In his proposal, Mayor Hancock dedicated $47 million for redevelopment projects in North Denver. This includes $25 million for the first major overhaul of Brighton Boulevard from 29th to 44th in decades. This is exciting news and a testament to his commitment to uplift Globeville, Elyria and Swansea.

Last week, Mayor Hancock met with a group of approximately 30 business and land owners from Brighton Blvd. to present his budget proposal. Hosted at Acorn, Councilwoman Judy Montero, Mayor Hancock and Kelly Leid provided updates on how this money will help advance Brighton Blvd. and what this means for the entire city of Denver. The proposed budget will not only allow the NDCC to move from planning to implementation on Brighton Boulevard but also advance our other 5 projects under the NDCC with the support from the neighborhoods and community at large.

Click here to read Mayor Hancock's budget submittal letter and full proposal.

Sincerely,
NDCC Team

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

National Western Center

Public Meetings
Continue

Master Plan efforts for the National Western Center (NWC) are moving forward rapidly. On September 30th, the NWC Master Plan team, in conjunction with NDCC and Councilwoman Judy Montero, hosted the third public meeting at the National Western Complex. The project team provided a brief overview of the planning process to date and asked attendees to discuss a variety of topics at work stations around the room, including

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is Groundwork Denver’s motto. Since 2002, they’ve planted trees, cleaned up rivers, fixed-up bikes, insulated houses, and coordinated thousands of volunteers to help improve the environment. In Globeville Groundwork Denver has been working to create a new natural area called Platte Farm Open Space. In Globeville, Elyria and Swansea they’ve also provided free home insulation to hundreds of families, they host a weekly walking group, and they employ several youth in their Green Team program. Groundwork Denver has also been working to improve the air quality and industrial odor problems in the neighborhoods and to improve the physical connections between Globeville and the South Platte River trail.

Click here to learn more about the great work of Groundwork Denver.

Neighborhood Plans

Globeville Neighborhood Plan

A draft of the Globeville Neighborhood Plan is now available for public review. You can download a PDF of the draft at www.denvergov.org/globeville. Hard copies of the plan are also available for review at the front counter of the Valdez-Perry Library (4690 Vine Street). A public meeting to review the draft plan recommendations will be held on October 7th. The meeting format will feature a presentation to provide an overview of the draft plan’s content, as well as breakout stations that you can visit to learn more and provide comments.

Globeville Neighborhood Plan Public Meeting
Tuesday, October 7th, 2014
5:30-7:30pm
Laradon Hall
5100 Lincoln Street
Denver, CO 80216

Elyria - Swansea Neighborhood Plan

The Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood Plan process has been focusing on the 40th and Colorado Blvd. rail station for RTD’s East Line. The workshop built on the input received in previous meetings and helped further refine a vision for the 40th and Colorado station area in Denver. This supplemental meeting was co-sponsored by the Urban Land Conservancy and the City of Denver. The Urban Land Conservancy has been engaging community residents and stakeholders over the past year to explore development opportunities on 9.4 acres on the east side of Colorado Boulevard along Smith Road. The workshop looked at how sub-areas within the station area might better relate to each other, to the rail station platform, and to the
Applications, Denver Post

Exaggerated concerns on plan to update I-70 in Denver, Denver Post

CDOT seeks public input on plans for I-70 viaduct, 9News

Local business leaders launch foundation to support North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative Neighborhoods, Your Hub

Elyria-Swansea residents weighing in on plan for Denver neighborhood, Your Hub Denver

Wisely investing in Denver’s growth, Denver Post

Hancock’s $1.2B budget seeks $47M for north Denver redevelopment, Denver Business Journal

Hancock’s 2015 Budget includes $47 Million transformation to North Denver, CBS 4

Denver 2015 budge proposal adds sheriff’s deputies, big projects, Denver Post

FasTracks East Rail Line to DIA on Track for Early Debut in 2016, CBS 4

New foundation offers surrounding neighborhoods. Click here to view the presentation.

Overall, the Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood Plan is progressing and a draft is expected in mid November.

Health Impact Assessment Now Available

In September, the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) for Globeville, Elyria and Swansea was released. Produced by the Department of Environmental Health, the HIA provides a framework to better understand how environmental, physical, economic, and social conditions determine health in order to inform public policy and decision making. Through resident participation in the neighborhood planning and HIA process, the following health factors were identified as top concerns and are analyzed in the HIA:

- Environmental quality
- Connectivity and mobility
- Access to goods and services
- Community Safety
- Mental Health being

The official release of the HIA will take place at a community event on Wednesday, October 8th from 10:30 to 11:30 am at Argo Park (47th & Pennsylvania). Mayor Michael B. Hancock and Councilwoman Judy Montero will be present to recognize the HIA as a milestone for the community. Special activities at the event include a groundbreaking for a new walking loop around Argo Park and a celebration for the new bike lane on 47th Ave in Globeville. All are welcome to join and encouraged to ride their bike to the event.

Visit www.behealthydenver.org for the full HIA report. Copies will be available at the community event on October 8th.

River North (RiNo)

Great Divide Brewery Breaks Ground

On Tuesday, September 23rd, Great Divide Brewery broke ground on their new 5 acre brewing facility to be located between 33rd and 35th Streets on Brighton Blvd. Saunders Construction is overseeing the construction of this new facility that is slated to open in 2015, one of several new projects that will begin to emerge along Brighton over the next 12-15 months.
help to struggling
Denver neighborhoods, Denver Post

CDOT office opens to field I-70 questions, Denver Post

Quick Links
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NDCC Presentations to 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? Feedback?

In other RiNo news, a partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between the NDCC Project’s Office, Zeppelin Development, the Greenway Foundation and Bridges to Prosperity, to collaborate on a new pedestrian bridge that will link the Taxi development to the future River North Park and be part of a larger multi-model connection between RiNo and RTD’s 38th & Blake commuter rail station.

I-70 Reconstruction

CDOT Releases SDEIS
On August 29th, CDOT released the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Study (SDEIS). This SDEIS identifies environmental impacts not previously identified and includes a detailed analysis of the social, environmental, and economic effects of the project alternatives as required by the federal government according to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). It also explains which alternatives have been eliminated from consideration and why. The community is being encouraged to provide comments regarding the project’s preliminarily identified preferred alternative (the Partial Cover Lowered Alternative) by October 31st (NEW DATE!). You can download the SDEIS by clicking here or by visiting a variety of locations in the community. CDOT hosted 3 public hearings in the last several weeks to gather comments from the community. Comments can also be made by going online. You can use the comment form to submit your comments or use the printable form and mail it in. CDOT also has a new project office located at 3501 East 46th Avenue, which is staffed Monday thru Saturday.

CDOT also is continuing work on a parallel process to evaluate funding and procurement options for the construction of the I-70 East project. A telephone townhall and townhall meeting on this topic are being planned for this fall. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

RTD Station Development

East Rail Line
On September 13th, RTD and Denver Transit Partners hosted an open house to give residents an update on the construction progress on the East Rail Line. Residents enjoyed breakfast as they had the chance to see heavy construction equipment, view final train station designs and learn about the new train cars. To learn more about the project updates, download the Construction Update.
The NDCC team believes in an open door policy. Do you have a question or comment? Share them with our team.

[ndcc@denvergov.org]

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 available at your business or organization, please contact [Erika Martinez].

North Metro Rail Line

There are eight stations planned on the North Metro Rail Line. Six of them including the National Western Stock Show will be built under the existing contract. RTD is currently seeking comments for station elements and the comment period is open until October 17th. Click here to view 60% design of the station site plan for the National Western Stock Show. You can comment on the canopy colors, design and walls. Click here to voice your opinion!

Gold Line

The Gold Line’s Moffat Flyover bridge is an "S" curved structure that will take the Gold Line trains up and over from the north side of Union Pacific Railroad’s Moffat Line - the tracks that lead up to the Continental Divide and the Moffat Tunnel - and down to the north side of the BNSF Railway’s Golden Line, which goes through Olde Town Arvada and on to the Ward Station in Wheat Ridge.

This is the point where UP and BNSF, which run in the same corridor east of here, diverge. To learn more about the project updates, download the [Construction Update].

Brighton Blvd. Corridor Redevelopment

Click here for project information.

NDCC Is Expanding its Team!

The NDCC welcomes its newest member, Celia VanDerLoop. Some of you might remember Celia when she worked on the Asarco Globe Cleanup in the 1990s. Celia will be focusing on community environmental concerns including but not limited to noise, soil contamination, air quality and storm water issues. She is also working on the I-70 project and Montclair Basin project. Please help us welcome Celia to the team!

ExecConnect Kicks Off their Efforts

This past weekend, ExecConnect, a membership group of business professionals and leaders, hosted a community kickoff event "Burritos on Brighton" to celebrate the launch of their efforts in Globeville, Elyria and Swansea. ExecConnect has created Connect Denver
Foundation, an organization that will focus on fundraising to support the residents and community organizations of Globeville, Elyria and Swansea over the next 10 years. Families enjoyed great music, delicious food, face painting and a variety of games. Mayor Michael B. Hancock and Councilwoman Judy Montero stopped by to greet the residents and thank ExecConnect for their commitment to North Denver. Kids also enjoyed discovering a Camero police car and a fire truck. A special thank you goes to the Denver Police Department, Denver Fire Department, El Sistema Colorado, Cesco Linguistic Services and parents from Swansea for helping with the event.

**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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