Dear Friends,

The NDCC is preparing for next week's Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, May 6th at Garden Place Elementary School from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Representatives from all six projects will be at this open house to provide information and updates on the progress. A team from the Urban Waterways Restoration Study will also be present offering project details about the South Platte River. During the town hall meeting, NDCC Executive Director Kelly Leid will make a brief presentation on the 2015 NDCC Work Plan, as well as an introduction to a new neighborhood implementation committee structure to help advance the adopted Globeville and Elyria-Swansea neighborhood plans.

The last hour of the town hall meeting will be dedicated to a roundtable discussion with a panel of nonprofit community organizations currently working in the Globeville, Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods. Organizations include Focus Points Resource Center, The Growhaus, Habitat for Humanity, Groundwork Denver and Connect Denver Foundation. They will be sharing their efforts for 2015 and how to continue progressing the neighborhoods.

NDCC Town Hall
Wednesday, May 6
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Garden Place Elementary School (4425 Lincoln St.)

Interpretation services and a Kid Zone will be available.

Join us and bring a neighbor!

Happy reading!

NDCC Team

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

National Western Center Campus

Legislation Will Help Advance CSU’s Partnership and Programming

This past month, Majority Leader Crisanta Duran-Denver, and Rep. Jon Becker, R-Fort Morgan, along with Senators Jerry Sonnenberg, R-Sterling and Pat Steadman, D-Denver with 31 cosponsors introduced House Bill 15-1344. The bill would secure lease-purchase agreements for up to $250
Connect Denver Foundation is an individual fund governed by a group of local executives, community leaders and business owners known as ExecConnect, which is currently in its third year as a 501c3. Connect Denver Foundation will focus its efforts for a decade primarily in the Globeville, Elyria, Swansea communities harnessing civic engagement through a series of new networks with a belief in actionable outcomes.

Click here or more information or email Executive Director Emily Holleran.

Watch video here!

In the News

Lawmakers pass key funding proposal for National Western Center, SOURCE

Denver industrial site to be affordable housing on FasTracks Line, Denver Post

Nonprofit purchases 6 acres near National Western Complex for development, Denver Business Journal

RTA Update

million to finance the construction of new CSU facilities at the National Western Center.

On Tuesday, April 29th, the bill passed on 3rd reading in the Senate with 19 votes. The bill will advance CSU’s mission to serve agriculture science and agribusiness, which generates $42 billion in economic activity annually in Colorado and employ 173,000 people in the state.

The state's investment will accelerate the completion of the CSU facilities at the Center and help establish one of the nation’s most unique Agricultural hubs. Construction of the NWC is expected to generate nearly 4,000 construction jobs over the anticipated decade-long transformation and produce 6,000 direct and 10,000 indirect jobs in Ag-business and science in and around the campus.

"The State's support for CSU's presence on the National Western Center is critical and a symbol of the collaborative spirit this regional project embodies," said Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock. "Partnerships are fundamental to advancing the vision of this unique hub focused on agriculture, entertainment and commerce. This support also ensures that the National Western Stock Show continues to thrive here. Thank you to sponsors and supporters of this innovative funding support."

A special thank you to Majority Leaders Duran and Rep. Becker along with Senators Sonnenberg and Steadman for their efforts to help move the National Western Center forward.

Click here for more information.

Initial Campus Zoning Advances

On Wednesday, April 29th, the City’s Planning Board approved a new zone district to help implement the bold vision of the NWC Master Plan. The next step is for City Council to adopt the new zoning which is scheduled for June 22nd.

Click here to review the zoning information.
In February, the City & County of Denver submitted an application to the State of Colorado requesting funds from the Regional Tourism Act (RTA). Earlier this month, the Office of Economic Development & International Trade determined that the City meets the four core criteria that are required per the legislation. Our application process progresses and we will keep you informed as the process unfolds.

**Neighborhood Plans**

**Globeville in Action**

The Critical Home Repair program, an initiative of Habitat for Humanity, seeks to help low-income homeowners with much needed home restoration so they can continue to live in a safe and affordable home. This year, Habitat for Humanity will help restore 30 homes in Globeville, Elyria and Swansea through this program. The NDCC captured a team of volunteers painting this home in Globeville this week. The family has lived in this home for 35 years and is taking advantage of the program.

If you live in Globeville, Elyria or Swansea and would like to apply to have your home repaired, call or email Scott Bates at 720-382-1723 or sbates@habitatmetrodenver.org.

Click here to learn about Habitat's efforts in GES and for volunteer opportunities.

**Crossroads Commerce Park Project Update Meeting (former ASARCO Globe Site)**

The project team will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at Laradon, located at 5100 Lincoln Street. As the 3rd community meeting related to the Adams County approvals for the redevelopment of the former ASARCO Globe site, the team will be providing updates and new information since the last meetings in June and August 2014. The meeting will be an open house format, so please feel free to come at any time between 4:30 and 6:30 to talk to project representatives, ask questions, and learn more about the project.
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?

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

ndcc@denvergov.org

Spanish translation will be available for anyone who requires it.

If you cannot attend the meeting but have questions about the process, please free to leave a message at 303-893-3987.

Grant Helps Beautify GES

Through inspired partnership and grant support from Denver Arts & Venues' P.S. You Are Here initiative, Birdseed Collective collaborated with RTD, Focus Points Resource Center, GES Livewell, Denver Public Works and community residents to identify six bus stops near the Bruce Randolph School, Swansea Elementary and Garden Place Elementary, and to beautify these bus benches. This past week, the team celebrated the completion of the GES Bruce Randolph School Backstop and Bus Bench Art Project. A ribbon cutting ceremony was performed and included Councilwoman Judy Montero and community partners.

For more information please visit: ArtsandVenues.com

Elyria Swansea - ULC Purchases Land in Elyria Swansea

The Urban Land Conservancy (ULC) has recently purchased six acres on 48th Ave and Race St in the Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods. With financial assistance from the Office of Economic Development, the ULC paid $5.5 million for the site that will be dedicated to mixed-use, transit oriented development including affordable rental housing. The site's location is next to RTD's North Metro Line and the National Western Center.

Brighton Blvd. Redevelopment Corridor

Project Update

As design efforts continue on 3 of the 4 segments that stretch from 29th to the county line, the City is preparing
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.

scopes of work for the formal selection of a firm to construct improvements for Brighton from 29th - 44th Streets.

For the segment from 44th to Race Court (the "National Western Center" segment), preliminary design work continues and is slated to be completed over the month.

River North ( RiNo )

35th/36th Ped Bridge
The 35th - 36th Pedestrian Bridge project is currently under construction advertisement. It is anticipated that a contractor will be selected in summer 2015 with construction beginning in late summer 2015. The contractor chosen will be responsible for constructing the ped bridge between 35th and 36th and Blake including an elevator, plaza, sidewalk and sewer utilities.

38th & Blake
The City has selected SEMA Construction as the firm to advance this road project also known as the "hump" on 38th and Blake. Construction will commence this summer. Stay tuned for more updates.

I-70 Reconstruction

Community Workshop for the Highway Cover
Join us for a community workshop to learn how your input was used in developing options for use on the highway cover near Swansea Elementary. You will have the opportunity to guide the design of the space together with your neighbors.

Community Workshop for the Highway Cover
Tuesday, May 12
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Swansea Rec Center (2650 E. 49th Ave)

Spanish interpretation, childcare and refreshments will be available.
Click here to download flyer to share with your neighbors.

**Businesses meet with CDOT regarding future construction impacts**

On April 30th, CDOT and the Office of Economic Development met with area businesses to discuss future construction impacts of the I-70 East project. Organized by Councilwoman Judy Montero, this is the first of many meetings to discuss construction phasing details, access needs and business support.

Attendees also received information on CDOT's DBE program and other resources available to the business community.

**RTD Station Development**

**East Rail Line**

**Powered testing of rail begins at Airport Station**

Two of RTD's new commuter rail cars pulled into the station at Denver International Airport for the first time Friday, April 17.

The "married pair" of electric trains operated for the first time under their own power using the overhead electrical system to come into the new Denver Airport Station platform.

This is part of powered testing of RTD's East Rail Line, scheduled to open for passenger service next year.

The commuter trains use 25,000-volt AC power from overhead lines to operate, different than RTD's 750-volt DC system that powers its light rail trains.
North Metro Line
Click here to view the April Monthly Update for the North Metro Line.

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

COMMUNITY RELATED UPDATES

And the winner is....
Congratulations to Groundwork Denver for receiving the Good Neighbor Award from Denver Environmental Health this month! Click here for more information on the award and other winners.

Building a Healthier Denver Together
Since early 2014, Denver Parks & Rec, the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Denver, LiveWell Colorado and Earth Force have joined together to improve our local recreation centers and combat youth obesity in Globeville, Elyria, Swansea and northeast Denver.

The collaborative project was funded by a $500,000 grant from the global healthcare company GSK.

Over 90 youth have been engaged in healthy eating, active living, and youth leadership development projects and programs in three rec centers: Stapleton, Swansea and St. Charles Rec Centers.

The community is invited to learn about this effort at an upcoming event that will include special performances and presentations by the youth.

Celebrate Youth Creating Healthier Communities
Thursday, May 14th
Stapleton Rec Center (2650 E. 49th Ave.)
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Click here to RSVP by May 6th.

Denver Recycle's Annual Mulch Giveaway & Compost Sale
ONE DAY - TWO TIMES THE VALUE! Kick-off the spring landscaping season by getting your compost for less and mulch for free! Denver Recycles is hosting its annual Free Mulch Giveaway & Compost Sale on Saturday, May 2nd, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. At the main Havana Nursery location, Denver residents can load up on free mulch and purchase compost at a significantly discounted price, while supplies last.

Click here for details.

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.

![Diagram of Denver's Corridor of Opportunity]

**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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