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

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Dear Friends,

In May, the NDCC hosted our first quarterly Town Hall meeting for 2015, where residents were able to discuss progress with project teams for all NDCC efforts. NDCC Executive Director Kelly Leid presented the 2015 work plan giving attendees a snapshot of upcoming activities for the remainder of 2015. A special round table discussion, facilitated by Michael Sapp from the Mayor's Office, highlighted several non profits and their work in advancing GES neighborhood objectives. Residents learned about the organizations' efforts and had a chance to voice their ideas and concerns regarding needed services in the community.

A special thank you to Garden Place Elementary for hosting our public meeting and to the Connect Denver Foundation, Focus Points, Groundwork Denver, Clinica Tepeyac and Habitat for Humanity for their participation in the roundtable discussion.

Our next town hall meeting will be midsummer. More information to come.

Happy reading!
NDCC Team

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

National Western Center Campus

State of Colorado Supports CSU's Presence on the National Western Center

On May 20th, Governor John Hickenlooper signed into a law House Bill 1344 at the historic 1909 Stadium Arena, which is located on the National Western Complex. This bill will secure lease-purchase agreements for up to $250 million to finance the construction of new CSU facilities at
were invited to attend the performance that included a reception.

El Sistema Colorado is a visionary movement that transforms the lives of children through music; a new model for social change.

Click here to learn more.

In the News

East Rail Cars Now being Tested, Front Porch

Grab Your Map for the RiNo Safari, Colorado Public Radio

Denver's Trendy RiNo neighborhood has industrial roots, Channel 7

Friday Night Bazaar is hot spot for artist, musicians and families in River North Art District, Channel 7

Sen. Cory Gardner tours stock show with Denver Mayor Hancock, The Denver Post

Colorado will help pay to remake stock show complex, Denver Business Journal

Gov. Hickenlooper signs bill allowing $250 million for the National Western Center campus.

Majority Leader Crisanta Duran-Denver, and Rep. Jon Becker, R-Fort Morgan, Sens. Jerry Sonnenberg, R-Sterling, and Pat Steadman, D-Denver, were joined by CSU President Tony Frank, National Western Stock Show President Paul Andrews along with other community leaders and neighborhood residents were present to celebrate this critical milestone, setting the stage to help make Colorado the "silicon valley of agriculture".

"Collaboration, cooperation and partnerships will be the hallmark of the National Western Center," Mayor Hancock said. "The State's commitment to supporting CSU's presence at the National Western Center is a huge win for Colorado. A special thank you to the bipartisan legislative leaders who helped to advance this vision, which will benefit the region's economy and create an epicenter for agriculture-related business for decades to come."

Neighborhood Plans

Globeville

As part of the efforts to advance the Globeville Neighborhood Plan, the NDCC is beginning to explore the possibilities for improvements Washington Street. The NDCC has approached the Urban Land Institute to host a technical assistance panel (TAP) which brings ULI members to solve tough real estate problems. The ULI TAP will take place in late summer. More information to come.

GES Residents Voice Their Needs

In early May, residents from Globeville, Elyria and Swansea gathered to publicly elicit support from the NDCC to improve several bus stops within the GES neighborhoods. The group organized by LiveWell GES surveyed residents and gathered feedback to determine which stops were priorities for the residents. Residents expressed their concerns and requested that the NDCC help to create safe bus stops for families.

NDCC team members Kelly Leid, Erika Martinez, Barbara
Frommell, along with Emily Silverman from Public Works, were present to hear from residents. The team is currently working with the residents to explore improvements to four bus stops in the next year.

**Brighton Blvd. Redevelopment Corridor**

**Project Update for 29th - 44th**

The North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC) is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, June 18 to update the community on the preliminary design of the Brighton Boulevard Redevelopment Project from 29th to 44th. The meeting will give you a chance to review and provide input on design refinements as the team moves from preliminary to final design stages.

The meeting will be at The Summit Church (3300 Larimer St.) from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with a presentation at 6 p.m.

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**BID/GID Update**

In May, representatives for the RiNo Business Improvement District (BID) and General Improvement District (GID) Campaign delivered their application to the Clerk & Recorder's Office. These two new districts would allow property owners to contribute $3 million up front and $700,000 a year using a mixture of taxes in addition to the City's $26 million investment to Brighton Blvd. The BID would help pay for items such as installation of signs and other branding for the RiNo Arts District. The BID funds would help fund projects such as lighting, public space improvements and maintenance.

On June 1st, a City Council hearing will take place that will consider allowing November voters to create two new taxing districts.

Click here to learn more...
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.

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National Western Center Brighton Blvd. Segment - Improvements 44th Ave to Race Court

The NDCC has begun development of initial plans for the segment of Brighton Boulevard from 44th Street to Race Court. This project continues the design work currently underway for Brighton Boulevard redevelopment and will set the typical section for Brighton Boulevard as it passes under I-70 and continues north through the National Western complex. It is important to determine the redesign of the roadway, the configuration for bike and pedestrian facilities, and the recommended design for sustainable water quality treatments. The design effort focuses on four context zones that reflect the unique design features in this segment of Brighton Boulevard.

Although funding is not currently available to take this project to final design and construction, the preliminary design will provide input into the design for the I-70 reconstruction and the new RTD light rail station at the National Western Complex. It is important to develop the preliminary design to ensure future construction supports the Elyria Swansea neighborhood plan and the vision for the National Western Complex.

Preliminary design will be complete this summer. The project team will provide information about the project at an open house in June/July.

River North (RiNo)

RiNo Park

Design work is set to begin on the RiNO Park and 33rd and Festival Street respectively. Wenk Associates was selected as the design firm. Its core team also includes Tres Birds Workshop, Laura Curry along with several subcontractors (EES, LT Engineering LLC, SSG/CE Group, Rocksol, and Hydrosystems KDI).
I-70 Reconstruction

Community Workshop for the Highway Cover
Rescheduled
Due to inclement weather and loss of power at the Swansea Recreation Center, the May 12th community workshop for the highway cover was postponed. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 9th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Swansea Rec Center. At this community workshop, you will learn how your input was used in developing design options for use on the highway cover near Swansea Elementary. You will have the opportunity to further guide the design of the space together with your neighbors.

Community Workshop for the Highway Cover
Tuesday, June 9
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Swansea Rec Center (2650 E. 49th Ave)

Spanish interpretation, childcare and refreshments will be available.

RTD Station Development

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

North Metro Line
Click here to view the May Monthly Update for the North Metro Line.

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

NDCC Hosts Career Speed Mentoring Event for Bruce Randolph High School
This past school semester, the NDCC worked with a 9th grade class at Bruce Randolph to discuss the six NDCC projects in Globeville, Elyria and Swansea. Project teams presented their
work and engaged the students in conversations regarding the improvements in their neighborhood.

To end the year, the NDCC invited professionals to take part in a Career Speed Mentoring event. Students chose three careers they were interested in learning about and had 15 minute round table sessions with each professional asking questions and learning about that career. Approximately 30 professionals participated representing a mixture of professions in finance, engineering, operations, public relations, social work, and law among others. Approximately 100 students took part in the event ranging in grade level.

The event concluded with a "paleta" social (Mexican style Popsicle) where students were able to continue networking with the professionals.

A special thanks to National Western Stock Show for sponsoring the ice cream.

NDCC Welcomes New Team Members

The NDCC has some new faces! Please welcome three new team members to the NDCC. Tricia Ortega is the new Executive Assistant and come to the NDCC with 13 years of administrative and management experience. She will be handling all of Kelly Leid’s administrative needs. Katy Spritzer is the NDCC’s new Real Estate Project Contractor. She is working with NWC Project Manager Eric Shafran on the real estate needs for the National Western Center and is the main contact for all real estate transactions. Katy is no stranger to the City as she previously spent 2 years working for the City's real estate division. Barb Frommell has also joined the NDCC team as the Strategic Partnerships Manager and will be working on funding opportunities for the NDCC and collaborating with nonprofits for future opportunities. Barb was also a prior City employee working as an urban planner in the Westwood neighborhood and has nonprofit development experience.
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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