North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative

NDCC

Mayor Michael B. Hancock’s Corridor of Opportunity Initiative

project news

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Dear Friends,

Last month, we hosted the NDCC Town Hall Meeting at The Growhaus. Residents received updates on different NDCC projects and also participated in a lively conversation on food systems in GES. Facilitated by Blake Angelo from the Office of Economic Development (OED), the discussion included brief overviews of existing food programs in GES followed by input and recommendations by residents regarding the community's needs for food access in the neighborhood.

Input gathered at this round table discussion will help guide the work of OED in its efforts to support organizations and businesses that directly address community challenges. OED has also committed to releasing the first of its kind GES healthy food challenge, a one-time request for proposals (RFP) intended to stimulate innovation and to directly address healthy food opportunities and challenges discussed at the NDCC round table.

We will share more information with you as we make progress to address this challenge in GES. Thank you to those who attended. We will be announcing a date soon for a December Town Hall Meeting to end the year.

Sincerely,
NDCC Team

NDCC PROJECT UPDATES

National Western Center Campus

The City Presented Regional Tourism Act Application to State

As a key part of the finance plan created for the National Western Center, the City has applied for Regional Tourism Act (RTA) funds. The application was submitted to the Office
**In the Community**

**Fiesta on the Plaza**
Clinica Tepeyac invites you to their annual Fiesta on the Plaza event. This is a fun, high-energy cultural celebration that raises money to provide health and wellness services to the medically underserved in Metro Denver. During Fiesta on the Plaza, awards are presented to those individuals and organizations who have selflessly contributed to the mission of Clinica Tepeyac. The evening also features entertainment, live and silent auction. The event is taking place on Thursday, October 8 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm at the National Western Arena Complex.

Click here for more information.

**First Property Being Purchased**
The City is acquiring its first parcel located within the boundaries of the future NWC campus. The 4-acre site and 72,000 SF warehouse was formerly occupied by International Paper, who choose to close the Denver operations.

**Neighborhood Plans**

**51st & Broadway Park - Adjacent to Stapleton Rec Center**
On Tuesday, September 29th, Parks & Rec engaged the community in a conversation regarding the outdoor recreation spaces at Stapleton Rec Center. The improvements include a fitness zone, basketball court and playground. Thanks to everyone who attended and provided their feedback.

The next public meeting is scheduled for later this month. Join Parks & Rec, The Trust for Public Lands and the NDCC for this follow up meeting to provide input on the new playground, fitness zone and basketball court.

**In the News**
A few stories regarding NDCC projects or related topics.

East Rail Line gets a big test from RTD Friday and Saturday, The Denver
Discover Denver citywide building survey comes to Globeville and Elyria-Swansea

Discover Denver, a project to identify historic and architecturally significant structures citywide, will continue its building survey work in the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea neighborhoods. The 2014 Globeville Neighborhood Plan and the 2015 Elyria & Swansea Neighborhoods Plan recommend identifying historic resources and promoting the adaptive use of significant buildings, in order to preserve the neighborhoods' identity and unique character.

Historic Denver, Inc. and the City and County of Denver are leading this collaborative project, funded mainly by a grant from History Colorado. The citywide survey of 160,000 buildings has thus far included neighborhoods like Harvey Park, Park Hill, Berkeley, Cole and Jefferson Park. A small portion of the Globeville neighborhood along the East 45th Avenue commercial district was also surveyed in 2014.

As in these neighborhoods, the citywide survey will gather information about buildings in Globeville, Elyria and Swansea using public records, neighborhood canvassing, academic research, and tips from the public. Findings from this first-ever citywide survey of Denver will eventually be accessible online so that everyone can learn about our city's past - building by building.

Most residents and business owners in the survey area will experience minimal - if any - impact from Discover Denver surveyors. Discover Denver will first review publicly-available data (such as assessor records) on all properties and buildings that are more than 30 years old will be surveyed in the field. You may see Discover Denver volunteers walking throughout the neighborhood, taking notes on paper or tablet, and snapping photos from the street or sidewalk. Volunteers will have project-specific identification and should identify themselves to you if asked. Volunteers will survey every building in the area; however, you are not obligated to participate in any way or to allow anyone access to your property. No one associated with Discover Denver will enter or access your property without your permission.

If you wish to participate in the survey, we encourage you to talk to Discover Denver volunteers and share information or photos, or point out architecturally significant elements of a building that you own. Many property owners enjoy exchanging information with survey workers - to learn more
Business Groups

Interested in learning more about the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative? Does your organization 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

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

about their own property/community, or to provide information that may be relevant to the survey.

Community input is key to the success of the project! Learn more and share your stories at www.DiscoverDenver.CO.

Clinica Tepeyac Expands

In September, Clinica Tepeyac hosted a community celebration to showcase their new expansion and renovation of the clinic. Through financial assistance from the Office of Economic Development and other donors, the organization was able to add new patient rooms allowing them the opportunity to serve more patients. The celebration included tours with staff, a reception and entertainment.

Brighton Blvd. Redevelopment Corridor

Brighton Blvd. Redevelopment (29th - 44th)

The Brighton Boulevard Redevelopment Project is working to finalize design by the end of the year with construction expected to begin in 2016. The City is continuing to coordinate closely with the RiNo BID and GID, as well as additional stakeholders to finalize planning. The next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17th from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Summit Church (3300 Larimer Street) in RiNo. The team will update the community on the design and gather additional feedback. Kiewit Construction, which was selected through a competitive RFP process to oversee the implementation of Brighton and other projects in the region, will be introduced at the public meeting.

The Source Hotel Breaks Ground

On September 16th, The Source Hotel officially broke ground with a community celebration. This $41 million project next to The Source will include 100 rooms, a market space similar to The Source and a parking garage. New Belgium will also have a brew house on the ground floor of the hotel. This is the first hotel in RiNo and is expected to open in 2017.
business or organization, please contact Erika Martinez.

River North (RiNo)

35th St. Visioning Project
The City is working closely with community stakeholders in this visioning effort that is intended to enhance multi modal movements and water quality as well as improve access between the 35th - 36th Pedestrian Bridge and the RiNo Pedestrian Bridge. The conceptual phase of the project is meant to focus on innovative design and will consider options beyond standard City requirements. You are invited to come and learn more about the planning effort and provide input on initial concepts on October 15th from 5:30 - 7:30PM at a joint RiNo Park Open House. The meeting will be held at Industry, 3001 Brighton Blvd.

River North Park
Join Denver Parks & Recreation and the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative to view preliminary concepts for River North Park and the South Platte Promenade. In addition, Denver Public Works will be present to discuss the 35th Street Visioning Project, which will look at innovative street design to enhance multimodal movements, enhance water quality treatment and improve access between the 35th-36th Pedestrian Bridge and the RiNo Pedestrian Bridge.

Thursday, October 15, 2015
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Industry
3001 Brighton Blvd.
Denver, CO80216

Learn more about this project at www.rinoparkdenver.com.
I-70 Reconstruction

**Platte to Park Hill: Stormwater System**

Drainage is a concern that has been previously identified by neighborhood planning processes and technical assessments as a significant challenge to the people who live, work and travel through North Denver. The Platte to Park Hill: Stormwater Systems project will provide much needed 100-year flood event protection, enhanced multimodal connectivity, water quality, innovative placemaking, and other improvements to the Cole, Globeville, Elyria, Swansea, River North, Clayton and Northeast Park Hill neighborhoods. Join us at the first public meeting!

**Platte to Park Hill: Stormwater System Public Meeting**

*Tuesday, November 10th*

5:30-7:30 PM

*Denver Human Services East Office (3815 Steele St.)*

More information will be made available as the project progresses and an official project website will be launching soon.

**Community Volunteers Needed-Come help CDOT design elements of the proposed I-70 East Project!**

The I-70 East Project will include a number of elements such as gateways, noise walls, and bridges. CDOT wants to ensure that these structures reflect the character of your neighborhood.

CDOT is seeking community members, including local residents, neighbors, and business owners, to serve on a Community Design Advisory Committee to help the CDOT team develop visual preferences for elements of the corridor. Only you can confirm what is visually important to you personally and to your community.

Committee members would be expected to attend
approximately five (5) periodic evening Committee meetings as well as three (3) community design workshops. All meetings will include food, Spanish translation and childcare. Meetings will begin in early November and extend through mid-2016. Because of the focus on selecting designs that reflect adjacent neighborhoods, we are asking that volunteers live, own property or work in the Swansea, Elyria, Globeville or RiNo neighborhoods. No design or art experience required!

Please contact Keli Powledge at 303.512.5903 or keli.powledge@state.co.us by October 22, 2015 if you are interested in being a member of this Committee or have any questions.

First Section of RFP Released
CDOT and the High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) announced the public release of the first section of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the I-70 East Project. This public release is another step in CDOT and HPTE's commitment to increase public participation activities, as well as process improvements to be more efficient and transparent over the past year.

The Request for Proposals (RFP), is one of the most important elements in a highly competitive selection process to select a developer for the I-70 East Project. CDOT is seeking a developer team to design and construct the project as well as to operate and maintain the corridor over an extended period.

The RFP lays out CDOT's expectations - technical scope, contractual requirements and performance standards for the project. Four developer teams, which were selected in July 2015, will be asked to respond with highly detailed information about how they propose to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the I-70 East Project. In addition, teams must provide detailed financial information and outline how they will ensure transparency and meet the goals of the state, the general public and impacted communities.

Click here to view the RFP.

CDOT I-70 East Project Small Business Events Planned for October 22
The **four teams** vying for the title of CDOT's developer partner on the much anticipated I-70 East project want to get to know you! Your chance to meet with representatives from the teams, as well as CDOT project staff, will happen this month. CDOT is planning two outreach events on October 22, 2015 for small businesses that are sure to generate a buzz.

**Professional Services Reverse Trade Fair**
The first event is a [Reverse Trade Fair](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1122489303262&format=html&printFrame=true) for DBE and ESB professional service firms to showcase their capabilities to team members one-on-one. Design is the first major component of the project and subconsultant opportunities are being considered now. The recently released [ITP](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1122489303262&format=html&printFrame=true) set out a proposed 11.6% DBE goal on design work and a 3% ESB goal. So, the time is ripe for DBE and ESB consultants to meet the teams.

This event is reserved for professional services firms only (e.g., highway and bridge design, engineering, environmental, landscape architecture, surveying, etc.). To participate, all interested firms must attend a [Pre-Reverse Trade Fair Meeting](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1122489303262&format=html&printFrame=true) on October 19 or make alternate arrangements (click on the link above for more information).

**Small Business Networking Event**
The second event is open to all small business consultants, contractors, vendors, and industry partners who are interested in meeting the teams. This open [Networking Session](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1122489303262&format=html&printFrame=true) will offer ample opportunity to learn more about each of the key players, talk one-on-one with those involved in the project, and gain an understanding of the RFP process and schedule. It's sure to be the meet and greet event of the year!

Attendees are encouraged to RSVP for each of the events on the [Connect2DOT website](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1122489303262&format=html&printFrame=true).

**RTD Station Development**

**East Rail Line - A Line**
The first station to open for the future A line between Union Station and the airport is the Central Park Station. It's along Smith Road just west of Central Park Boulevard.

This new Park-n-Ride opened for bus service on Sunday, September 13, 2015. It replaced the existing Stapleton Park-n-Ride which permanently closed on Saturday, September 12, 2015.

**Central Park Station facts**
- Address: 8200 Smith Road, Denver, CO 80238
- Cross streets: Smith Road and Uinta Street
- Parking spaces: 1,500
- Bike racks: 10
- Bike lockers: 12
- Bus routes: 28, 38, 40, 43, 65, 73, 88, 89, 105, AB/ABA, and AS
- Future rail line: "A" (between Union Station and DIA) scheduled to open in April 2016

Click here for more info.

Click here to view the September Monthly Update for the A Line.

**North Metro Line - N Line**
Libby Winter, from the North Metro Public Information team, gives us an inside view of what you will be riding in 2018. A commuter rail car will have a capacity of 232 persons (90 seated, 142 standing) and 2 wheelchair spaces per car. Unlike a light rail vehicle a commuter car will have overhead storage, luggage racks and bicycle racks. Passengers will be able to walk directly from the station platform onto the vehicles without climbing stairs, as each door offers level boarding. This means each vehicle entrance is accessible to wheelchairs, rolling luggage, bicycles, strollers and other large items.

Click here to view the September Monthly Update for the N Line.

**Gold Line - G Line**
Click here to view the September Monthly Update for the Gold Line.

Fit for Fire 5K walk, run, kids' Siren Scamper fun run
Support your Denver Firefighters with a 5K walk/run for all ages and a kids' Siren Scamper fun run, then try your hand at carrying ladders and stretching hose lines. Proceeds support victims of burn injuries, wellness programs for Denver firefighters, and the John P Whelan III Memorial Fund. Strollers and pets welcome. Sun, Oct. 11, 8 a.m. Wash Park, 1700 Louisiana Ave. Parking at South High School. $35 adults and $30 for ages 12 & under through Oct. 5. $40 all ages beginning Oct. 6. www.FitForFire5k.com.

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 Leidman manages the general oversight, planning, strategic coordination, financing and implementation of the six primary projects.

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