Near Northwest Area Plan

Steering Committee Meeting #8
February 22, 2022

Chaffee Park
Sunnyside
Highland
Jefferson Park
Agenda

Welcome and Introduction - 5 minutes
Focus Topics Overview - 5 minutes
Health and Environment – 15 minutes
  - What We Heard
  - Issues and Opportunities
Health and Environment Small Group – 45 mins.
  - Parks, Recreation, and Public Spaces
  - Accessing Resources to Improve Health
BREAK – 5 mins.
Future Steering Committee Meetings, Homework, Next Steps – 10 mins.
• Turn on video if possible
• Mute when you are not speaking
• Chat with Amanda if you have technical issues
• Meeting discussion will be with Steering Committee members
• Members of the public can send chat questions, and we will try to answer if we have time at the end
• Meeting is being recorded
Meeting Ground Rules

• Allow room for all
• Firsts before seconds
• When agreeing, avoid repeating what others have said
• When disagreeing, be respectful and focus on the idea, not the person
• Utilize the raise hand function and/or chat
• Turn on your video if possible
Timeline

2021 2022 2023

- Understanding the Area
- Define the Issues and Develop Initial Recommendations
- Refine Recommendations
- Community Review of Draft Plan
- Adoption

ANTICIPATED ADOPTION BY SPRING OR SUMMER 2023
Focus Topics
What are Focus Topics?

Criteria:

• Require **unique set of recommendations** might not otherwise be covered in plan
• Are **cross-disciplined** and require collaboration
• Are **urgent, pressing, and unique**
• NNW Focus Topics:
  • *Health & Environment - Today*
  • *Complete & Green Streets*
  • *Affordable Housing*
  • *Design Character & Preservation*
  • *Sunnyside Industrial*
What are Focus Topics?

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Focus Topic Meeting Goals

• Have **topic-based** conversations
• Talk in **small groups**
• Discuss issues and **develop ideas, strategies, and tools** to address them
Health and Environment

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT:
Parks, Recreation, & Public Spaces

KEY QUESTION: What improvements to our physical spaces (parks, recreation centers, streets, open space) can improve the health and well-being of our residents AND the environment?

ESSENTIAL SERVICES:
Accessing Resources to Improve Health

KEY QUESTION: What additional resources can we provide to residents that improve their overall physical and mental health?
What We Heard

LIKES
- Neighborhood parks
- Views of downtown
- Running/bike paths
- Open space along river
- Tree-lined streets
- North High School
- Woodbury Library
- Atzlan Rec Center

DISLIKES
- Parks outdated and lack amenities
- Dated Rec Centers
- People experiencing homelessness need facilities
- Lack of convenient and affordable groceries
- Highway pollution/noise
- Property crime
- Trash/drug use in parks
- Lack of trees on major streets/highways

IDEAS
- Dog park
- More green space/parks
- Increase tree canopy
- Upgrade parks
- Indoor/outdoor pool
- More lighting and trash cans on streets
- Mitigate impacts of I-70
- Community gathering space
- Sports courts/youth activity
Health and Environment

Parks, Recreation, & Public Spaces
PARKS, RECREATION, AND PUBLIC SPACE

ISSUE: INVESTMENT IN PARKS/REC CENTERS NEEDED

ISSUE: POCKETS OF NNW NOT WITHIN 10-MIN. WALK/ROLL OF PARK
PARKS, RECREATION, AND PUBLIC SPACE

GOAL: IMPROVE ACCESS TO REGIONAL PARKS & PROVIDE AMENITIES IN PARKS THAT IMPROVE HEALTH
PARKS, RECREATION, AND PUBLIC SPACE

ISSUE: POCKETS OF NNW LACK TREE CANOPY & HAVE INCREASED SURFACE TEMPERATURES

GOAL: TO INCREASE TREE CANOPY AND REDUCE SURFACE TEMPERATURES
Health and Environment
Accessing Resources to Improve Health
ACCESSING RESOURCES TO IMPROVE HEALTH

**ISSUE:** LACK OF ACCESS TO FOOD FOR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS

**GOAL:** TO IMPROVE FOOD ACCESS FOR ALL RESIDENTS
ACCESSING RESOURCES TO IMPROVE HEALTH

ISSUE: LACK OF ACCESS TO RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME AND SET-INCOME EARNERS, AND MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS

GOAL: TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO NEEDED RESOURCES
ACCESSING RESOURCES TO IMPROVE HEALTH

ISSUE: LACK OF ACCESS TO RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME AND SET-INCOME EARNERS, AND MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS

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Health and Environment

Break Out Group Discussion
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BREAK OUT GROUPS
5 MINUTE BREAK
Health and Environment
Report Out
Closing & Next Steps

DISCUSS MEETING FORMAT:

• What did you like?
• What would you change?

UPCOMING STEERING COMMITTEE TOPIC DATES:

* MARCH 22, 2022: Affordable Housing & Wealth Building
** APRIL 26, 2022: Complete & Green Streets
*** MAY 24, 2022: Industrial Future, Design Character & Preservation

* Topic Roundtables concurrent
** Focus Groups & Community Workshops concurrent
*** Community Workshops complete
Closing & Next Steps

Topic Roundtable Sign Ups are LIVE – did you get the e-blast (2/16/22)??

SPREAD THE WORD!

• March 8 – Health & Environment
• March 15 – Industrial Areas
• March 16 – Design and Preservation
• March 17 – Complete & Green Streets
• March 23 – Affordable Housing and Wealth Building

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Closing & Next Steps

NEXT WEEK!

• We can deliver yard signs and flyers!
• Help us spread the word!

NEAR NORTHWEST AREA PLAN

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Shape the future of your neighborhoods!

Join your neighbors to discuss key issues and develop recommendations that will help achieve the community’s shared vision! There are multiple ways to participate. Pick the option that works for you. denvergov.org/nearnorthwestplan
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WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Please register at denvergov.org/nearnorthwestplan

JOIN US VIRTUALLY | 5:30-7:00 P.M.

TOPIC ROUNDTABLES:
March 8 - Health & Environment
March 15 - Industrial Future
March 16 - Design Character & Preservation
March 17 - Complete & Green Streets
March 23 - Affordable Housing & Wealth Building

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLES:
April 21 - Chaffee Park
April 28 - Sunnyside
May 5 - Highland
May 12 - Jefferson Park

DROP IN FOR WORKSHOPS | 5:00-8:00 P.M.

April 20 - Chaffee Park @ TBD
April 27 - Sunnyside @ Smiley Elementary
May 4 - Highland @ North High School
May 11 - Jefferson Park @ CTC Early College

ENGAGE ON YOUR OWN TIME

Take surveys and submit questions or comments online.
Closing & Next Steps

- THIS FRIDAY, February 25, 11:30am – CD1 Ask A Planner (*NNW Plan*)
- March 22, 6-8pm – Next SC Meeting (*Affordable Housing & Wealth Building*)

HOMEWORK:

- SPREAD THE WORD!
- Read Issues and Opportunities Summary

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 22ND, 2022!
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