Near Northwest Area Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #5
October 26, 2021
Agenda

• Welcome and Introductions - 10 minutes
• Visioning (Small and large group discussion) - 45 minutes
• BREAK – 5 minutes
• Vision Elements and Engagement Update - 15 minutes
• Visioning “Gaps” (Small group discussion) - 40 minutes
• Closing & Next Steps - 5 minutes
• Turn on video if possible
• Mute when you are not speaking
• Chat with Edson 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
Timeline

Summer - Fall 2021
- Understanding the Area

Fall - Winter 2021/2022
- Define the Issues and Develop Initial Recommendations

Spring 2022
- Refine Recommendations

Summer - Fall 2022
- Community Review of Draft Plan

Winter 2022/2023
- Adoption

We are Here
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
Vision Exercise #1

• Review clusters (5 Minutes)
• Name clusters in small groups (25 minutes)
• Review names in large group (15 minutes)
Guidance on Naming

Names...

- are **not categories** (e.g. economic issues)
- capture the insights of **all the ideas** in each cluster
- **begin with a verb**
- complete this statement: **In 2040, an ideal version of the Near Northwest will_____**.

Example name using language from Comprehensive Plan 2040

- “**Embrace innovations in transportation policy and technologies to improve movement throughout the city**”
Vision Elements
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040 VISION ELEMENTS

Equitable, Affordable, and Inclusive
- Ensure Access to Basic Needs
- Continuum of Housing
- Develop/Preserve Affordable Housing
- Reduce Displacement
- Integrate Equity in Policy
- Access to Education

Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods
- Complete
- Unique
- Diverse
- High Quality Design
- Authentic
- Economically Strong
- Parks/Public Space
- Involved Citizens
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- Safe

Connected, Safe and Accessible Places
- Trips W/out Car
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- Funding for Infrastructure
- Multi-Modal Connx.
- Mixed Use Centers
- Growth Near Transit
- Parking Policy
- Innovation and Technology

Economically Diverse and Vibrant
- Economic Mobility
- Access to Opportunity/ Education
- Strong, Diverse Economy
- Local Biz
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- Competitive
- Arts, Culture, Creativity
- Food Economy/Biz

Environmentally Resilient
- Reduce Emissions
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- Conserve H2O
- Green Infrastructure
- Protect South Platte
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- Food Systems
- Resiliency

Healthy and Active
- Environments that Support Activity and Healthy Living
- High Quality Parks and Recreation
- Affordable, Nutritious, Culturally Diverse Foods
- Access to Healthcare
- Health Analysis in Planning

KEY DESCRIPTORS
Plan Vision

- Sets the overall goal for the plan that all the recommendations support
- Must be consistent with Comprehensive Plan 2040 and Blueprint Denver
- Based on community input
- Ideally, one concise vision statement per element.
Community Input Themes
Promote a healthy community with equitable access to healthy living for all residents
Maintain connections to the outdoors, respond to climate change and protect our environment and natural resources
Promote design that fits in with evolving neighborhoods, historic structures, and local culture
Foster great urban design that thoughtfully integrates streets, public spaces and private property
Ensure buildings are designed to enhance the overall character of the neighborhoods
Direct growth to walkable areas with a mix of housing, jobs, and businesses, and more access to transit
Support local businesses and employment centers to promote work and educational opportunities for all residents
Develop safe, high quality options for getting around that promote walking, rolling, biking and transit and connect people of all ages and abilities to their daily needs
Ensure all residents have safe, convenient and affordable access to basic services and a variety of amenities
Serve all residents with a wide range of affordable housing options and good jobs
Topics Most Interested In

What topics interest you most? Choose up to 3.

1. Trees, parks, green space, and recreation
2. Getting around by walking/rolling, bike or car
3. Healthy grocery stores and fresh food nearby, community gardens

Building design, what future development should look like, building heights, etc.
Affordable Housing
Anti-Displacement (residents, people, and local businesses)
Local businesses, jobs or education
Sustainability, green building
Safety

TOTAL COMMENTS 588
Likes/Strengths

Question: What do you like about NNW?

- Local Businesses
- Quaint Neighborhood “Nodes”
- Restaurants
- Mix of uses
- Great Parks (one needs a name though!)
- Old Trees
- Views of Downtown
- River Access
- Close to Rocky Mountain Lake Park
- Walkability (to Parks/Businesses)
- Access to Transit
- Access to Downtown/Interstates
- I-25 Pedestrian Bridge
- Bike Lanes (35th Ave. mentioned a lot)
Dislikes/Concerns

Phase 1 Engagement – Online Survey and Meetings
Out of 717 Total Comments

Q: What do you dislike about NNW?

- Mobility (52%)
  - Federal Blvd., 38th Ave., Speer difficult to cross; lack safe sidewalks
  - Railroads + Highways are barrier
  - Lack of sidewalks in Chaffee Park
  - Bike safety on Tejon
  - Zuni Street speeding/dangerous
  - Parking lots
  - Lack safe, protected bike lanes

- Landuse and Zoning (19%)
  - Apartments, townhomes too big/traffic
  - Scrapping of homes
  - SU zoning preventing density
  - Highway barriers/walls
  - Unkempt properties
  - Lack of streetscape/design on major streets
  - Displacement

- Health and Safety (12%)
  - Property crime/theft/porch pirates
  - Noise and Air Pollution from highways
  - Lack of lighting underpasses
  - Drug activity and trash in parks/alleys
  - Graffiti

- Economic Development (11%)
- Open Spaces and Environment (10%)
- Housing (9%)
- Community and Amenities (8%)
- General and Other (6%)

TOTAL COMMENTS 717
Ideas

Q: What is your idea for this area?

- **Mobility** (45%)
- **Landuse and Zoning** (25%)
- **Open Spaces and...** (19%)
- **Community and...** (18%)
- **Economic...** (14%)
- **Housing** (8%)
- **Health and Safety** (6%)
- **General and Other** (1%)

**Phase 1 Engagement – Online Survey and Meetings**

Out of 478 Total Comments

- **Bus Only Lanes/Rail – Federal/38th**
- **I-70/I-25/railroads – ped bridges**
- **Speer/29th/Federal and Viking Park**
- **Protected bike lanes – connect parks**
- **Wider sidewalks on Federal/38th/Speer**
- **Electric bus/trolley (former streetcar)**
- **Car-free 25th Ave. (and other streets)/Barcelona Super Blocks**
- **Greenway from Platte River to 41st/Fox Station**
- **Renovate Parks**
- **Dog Park**
- **More Trees – add Medians**
- **I-70/I-25 capped parks**
- **Community gardens**
- **Rec Centers**
- **Public restrooms**
- **I-25/Speer Cloverleaf**
- **More ADUs**
- **Bodegas**
- **High density near transit**
- **High design quality**
- **More retail near transit**
- **Maintain character**
- **Help people stay/fix homes**
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Vision Element Exercise #2

• Share vision ideas not discussed during last meeting – Focus on Economically Diverse and Vibrant, Environmentally Resilient, and Healthy and Active (some ideas include):

1. Community Safety
2. Access to Education/Resources
3. Planning for Youth
4. Arts & Culture
5. Food Economy & Opportunities
6. Climate Change/Resiliency
7. Access to Healthcare/Healthy Living

• Reflect on engagement data and personal knowledge of the community to provide input on vision elements
Closing & Next Steps

• Doodle poll – Next Meeting November 10th 6-8pm
  ✓ Issues and Opportunities Summary
  ✓ Draft Vision Statements

• DECEMBER – No Steering Committee Meeting – invite us to an event; host your own

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