

Near Southeast Interviews with interested community members

8/2/21

Marty White

- Neighborhood watch – new crime issues, security gate
- Highline canal – crossing Florida is tricky, damage to curbs
- President of Villas at Skymark HOA

8/3/21

David Halterman, Sarah Christian, Laurie Brock, Mark Scharfenaker

- Traffic is a major concern, speeding on side streets and enforcement
- Design of new apartments (Deco) is not good
- Density in appropriate places contributes to other goals
- Ensuring additions and scrapes achieve design and other goals
- Affordability is a concern, both for new development and for existing houses
- Green space throughout is decent but could be better, balance with density
- Implementation is important, that the recommendations are acted upon

8/5/21

Elizabeth Bonney – Glendale Planning Commission

- North-south bike connections on Dahlia, connecting to Library, Ellis, Colorado station
- Loss of carshare locations
- Want to make sure there are seamless connections between cities
- Glendale 180 project may result in changes in street network, reducing parking
- Would like to reduce lanes on Cherry and Virginia
- Fair amount of transit ridership, could have better connection to Colorado Station
- Would like to see circulator service around Glendale
- Looking forward to CDOT redevelopment, reinstating street grid

Jake Hyman, Scott Kilgore

- Would like more green space
- More shared space for multiple modes
- Concern about traffic safety, using neighborhood streets to cut through
- Helping people get to transit corridors safely
- Balancing retaining character with growth
- Missing community center feel, neighborhood commercial areas, community gathering spaces

8/10/21

Dallas Blackwood

- Like the parks in the area, open up more green spaces
- Housing affordability is an issue
- Like the bike paths – Cherry Creek – but lack of connections to the path

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DPS - 5/10/21 - Sara Walsh

- If a school is closed, may look to plan on guidance for what community wants
- Southeast is stable area from enrollment perspective
- Slight declines because of lower birthrates, but not as much displacement
- Less likely to sell property - hold and maybe long term lease for reuse
- Have not traditionally sold off parts of properties, but that could change
- Converting schools to early education centers is an easier sell
- But areas with low enrollment also have low ECE enrollment
- Covid has made ECE enrollment even worse
- Covid has sped up trends, hit Kindergarten and 1st grade hardest
- Expecting further enrollment declines in 21/22
- Maybe more focus on shared use in NSE instead of reuse
- Encouraging family-friendly development is good, but won't make a big dent
- Nationwide declines in birth rates will be big driver
- DPS now just uses state school rating system, so harder to measure school quality
- But discussions about programming may be helpful - STEM, athletics, etc.
- But even DPS has little control over it - mostly determined by principals
- Coordination between steering committee and DPS processes
- Transportation is a touchy subject - driver shortage makes things difficult
- Walk zone is 2.5 miles for middle and high schools - some pay for RTD passes
- See if getting to schools is an issue before diving into where students are coming from
- Set up regular check-ins at each phase throughout the project

RTD - 5/19/21 - Clara Bechtel & Cooper Langdon & Doug Monroe

- 83, 3, 3L, popular routes, school trips on 11
- Ridership in the area is pretty consistent and good
- Leetsdale project would greatly benefit throughput and reliability
- 40 is a convenient route, but traffic always an issue on Colorado
- Need operators to increase service and reactivate routes - hopefully September
- Area is changing fast, lots of updating houses near Holly & Evans
- Fare structure review is just kicking off
- Working with city on transit signal priority - right now only on Colfax
- Big complaints are fares are too high, travel times too long
- Biggest holdup in bringing service back is headcount - limited training capacity

- Want to make sure they have the staff to operate what they promise
- If any street changes impact routes, or anything with mobility hubs
- Sharing services at stations like bike lockers or shelters
- Generally interested in better, more intense uses around stations, but limited by board
- Struggles with ADA requirements at stops, so sometimes limits changes
- Shelters either paid for by advertisers or cities, RTD hasn't added new ones
- Also equity concerns about where shelters are placed and maintained
- Not a lot of extra money, so no room for big expenses

Arapahoe County - 5/21/21

- Four Square Mile Neighborhood Association -
- Voluntary signups from HOAs that want information
- Holly Hills has an HOA - but no contact info
- Four Square Mile Plan - neighborhood driven - very passionate
- May want to update plan soon
- Transportation CIP and Open Spaces are updating master plan
- Open space is about ready for adoption
- Transportation plan is early in the process
- Skymark project straddles the line
- Triangle near Chennai Park was complicated, being developed - senior housing
- Townhomes at Colorado Ave & Quebec
- Iowa project out for bid
- Redevelopment at Potters Church - closer to Aurora on Florida
- Community feels like there is a lack of information or communication

Transportation Solutions - 2/9/21

- Speer/Leetsdale study
- Colorado Blvd
- Lack of affordable housing
- Yale station study - July
- Yale corridor study - wrapping up
- Mobility hubs - Boulevard One, Birch & Arkansas, stations
- Create connections, pedestrian and cycle conditions around stations
- Colorado & Virginia future traffic issues

Arapahoe County Open Space - 8/4/21

- New Open Space Master Plan
- Looking at ways to add new open space in developments
- Highline Canal improvements
- Galilee church - working together for improvements on Jacobs park
- Townhomes on Quebec will include pocket park, as will Florida and Clinton

Forum (Evans & Monaco) - 8/5/21

- Likely to have phase 2 permitted before adoption

- Evans Ave and traffic are big concerns
- Naturally affordable housing likely to stay - lacking apartments
- Single-family housing likely to appreciate faster than apartments
- Vacant retail - opportunities for reuse for local businesses
- Evans streetscape bad, power lines
- Market can't support good retail in new builds
- Couldn't make rezone pencil for more density
- Look at ways to encourage first developments, then increase requirements
- Probably want to increase density on the corridor
- Walkability is hard, needs to be more of a place
- Safety concerns, may be site specific, car thefts

Glendale - 10/18/21

- Lowered height limits to about 4 storys, with options for more
- Comp plan a little out of date, implementation through zoning
- No residential allowed along major corridors
- Center allows residential, limits retail size
- Most development occurs through PUD
- Areas right around Glendale are fairly stable
- Talk to CDOT about improving Colorado and Leetsdale
- Looking long term at Cherry Creek trail - high-speed/low-speed path