



Meeting Details

Meeting Name:	Near Southeast Area Plan Steering Committee
Date/Time:	Wednesday, May 11th, 2022 6-8 PM
Location:	Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Steering Committee Members

Jared Mackey, Lisa Foreman, Judy Anne Kriss, Erika McCallin, Harvey Cohen, Scott Kilgore, Jenny Neuhalphen, Spenser Stevens, Christopher Viscardi, Guadalupe Cantu, Dustin Browne

Denver Elected Officials

Elyse Bupp (Councilman Kashmann), Councilwoman Black, Councilman Kashmann

Denver Staff

Scott Robinson (CPD), Jason Morrison (CPD), Libbie Adams (CPD), Josh Palmeri (CPD)

Meeting Summary

- **Welcome** – Scott Robinson welcomed the steering committee members to the meeting
- **ADUs in Denver** – Josh Palmeri presented information on the *ADUs in Denver* project. The presentation covered the following:
 - What is an ADU?
 - Scope of the Project
 - Purpose of the Project
 - What do Citywide Plans say about ADUs?
 - The ADU Rezoning Process
 - ADUs in the Suburban Context
- **ADUs in Denver Discussion** – The steering committee was given time to discuss the presentation and share their thoughts on ADUs in general, and within the Near Southeast planning area. Conversational topics included:
 - Rental vs. ownership opportunities
 - Height and mass discussion
 - Barriers to building ADUs (lot size, cost, zoning, ownership)
 - Access to ADUS
 - Development of a 1-story ADU district in the suburban context



- **Engagement Update** – Scott Robinson informed the steering committee on the status of engagement with the community. The planning team is currently wrapping up Phase II engagement and discussed what should be expected in Phase III engagement. In this phase the planning team will work to develop draft recommendations, alternative concepts, draft maps, focus areas, transformative projects and other items based on the great community feedback received to date.

Phase III goals include refining the draft recommendations, choosing preferred alternatives, vetting projects with the steering committee and city staff, potential updates to citywide maps, and conveying how Phase II feedback has been used to influence Phase III recommendations.

The planning team will also create several engagement activities which will be advertised throughout the Near Southeast planning area including community workshops, office hours, focus groups, and intentional engagements/navigators. The planning team has ongoing work with African Community Center, First Universalist Church, and other organizations but would like to hear from the community on which other groups should be contacted with the goal of engaging a diverse population, actively targeting marginalized for underrepresented communities, and reaching out to those who have not participated so far.

- **Landscaping** – Scott Robinson went over landscape preference questions from the February steering committee meeting which were not discussed but are now informed by community feedback. Some steering committee members interpreted the results as a desire to be water conscious and drought resistant and had questions as to who will maintain the type of landscaping that is lush. The steering committee is supportive of (well kept) medians but with more natural plants (Coloradospace) and little maintenance. The steering committee also agreed that these types of landscaping improvements should be prioritized along major streets and within parks and spaces where people gather.
- **Meeting Options** – Scott Robinson went over the poll results of whether to have in-person meetings or continue virtually (or hybrid). Steering committee members noted that it might be easier to keep virtual meetings to keep attendance up but liked the idea of occasionally holding in-person or separate meetings within the community such as tours along the Cherry Creek Trail or along the RTD transit lines/Rail Stations.

The meeting concluded at 7:49pm.