Near Southeast Steering Committee

Meeting Summary

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Attendees

Steering Committee Members
Nancy Barlow, Dustin Browne, Scott Caldwell, Guadalupe Cantu, Harvey Cohen, Kendra Daniels, Evan Derby, Lisa Foreman, Adrian Kinney, Judy Anne Kriss, Jared Mackey, Erika McCallin, Miranda Meadow, Joe Miklosi, Jennifer Neuhalfen, Maria Jose Torres, Spencer Stephens, Sara E. Stewart, Jim Stone, Chris Viscardi

Denver Elected Officials
Councilwoman Black; Councilman Kashmann; Kathy Gile, District 4 Staff; Jenn Gross; District 5 Staff

Denver Staff
Jason Morrison, Scott Robinson, Libbie Adams

Consultant Staff
Steven Chester

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- **Welcome and Introductions** – Councilmembers Black and Kashmann welcomed the steering committee members, followed by introductions by the CPD staff team. Committee members also introduced themselves, the neighborhood in which they live, and offered thoughts on what topics interested them the most. These topics included:
  - Affordable housing and involuntary displacement
  - Mobility
  - Sustainability
  - Urban design
  - Local businesses and jobs
  - Green space (parks, trees, trails, etc.)
  - Traffic, speeding and congestion
  - Healthy food access and active living
  - Safety
• **Roles and Responsibilities of the Steering Committee** – Scott Robinson provided an overview of the project and the role of the steering committee.

• **Planning 101** – Scott Robinson presented the content of our city-wide plans (Comprehensive Plan 2040 and Blueprint Denver) and what plans can be used for when it comes to regulatory matters. Scott also introduced the Equity concept and discussed its importance moving forward and how it helps to achieve the elements of a complete neighborhood. Libbie Adams discussed the roll of neighborhood and small area plans and introduced how these plans are organized and relate to the larger city-wide plans.

• **Process and Engagement Overview** – Jason Morrison introduced the larger project team, the overall schedule, and some preliminary existing conditions analysis for the neighborhood (including demographics, race/ethnicity, age, income levels). Jason then presented the draft engagement strategy as well as certain engagement tools that will be used throughout the process.

• **Understanding the Area** – Jason Morrison introduced the SWOT activity (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) for the evening and the steering committee was split into three different breakout rooms to record their feedback.
  - **Strengths** – characteristics or features that contribute to quality of life – what is working well?
  - **Weaknesses** – characteristics or features that detract from quality of life – what is not working well?
  - **Opportunities** – characteristics or features that could become strengths if they are enhanced.
  - **Threats** – characteristics or features that could become weaknesses if they are not addressed.

• **Next Steps and Wrap Up** – City staff will send out a Doodle Poll to see availability for the July meeting. City staff will also send out a draft of the overall engagement strategy.

The meeting concluded at 8:10pm