

Notes, 1/24/2023 Neighborhood Network Board Meeting #4

Location: Ivywild School, 6-8pm

Attendees: NNB, city staff and MIG staff

Big Ideas

Welcome New Neighbors

- is not descriptive enough, not development looking enough -title needs help
- Adapting to new development and change
- Maybe context sensitive, responsive
- Historic preservation, need to see no restrictions for energy efficient windows etc., more incentive based options for recommendations
- Gentrification, projects like Kum and go need to be more sensitive to neighbors, increase dialog between neighbors with compromises.
- Affordable housing Prop 123, language to support program in this area
- Context sensitive design, need more help with this and a definition, disparity with developers and neighbors, sense of mistrust
- Existing zoning and height limits, progress maybe vertical development, but needs more discussion
- Affordable definition, investor vs residential, loosen restrictions to make more affordable, choices, extremely low to middle. Home buyers, inclusionary zoning?, programs to become owners, quality of development needs defining, less emphasis on contemporary cookie cutter design or similar design guidelines. Architectural guidelines not recommended
- Distrust with Mayor and City for affordable housing

Better and Safer transportation

- Too much auto emphasis, bring speed bumps back on Skyway blvd. (or any traffic calming here) balancing existing vehicular and create other spaces to make it possible to bike and walk. If just a focus on balance from community, then get too much vehicular on big arterials. and neighborhood streets -more walkable, leading community to other options, walking - not feeling safe not because of cars but because of transients. Safety is a big concern, older streets to make a oneway.. cars getting larger contribute to traffic calming, solution with notification
- Bike path confusion of how traffic calming works, have more protecting protected bike lanes,
- Ryan's comment on Hwy 24, City ConnectCOS, safe crossing at 21st, 26th, 31st, pedestrian crossing
- Trolley, GWCP needs own mass transit system

Cultivating Community Pride

- Dumpster day, special streetlights, neighborhood, special events, CONO, neighborhood completions, theme related, neighborhood organizations, with volunteers, public art, public art in the roundabout, not over taxing volunteers, promote 1% for art

Build a Community Based Economy

- Local and diverse commercial spaces, wages, reduce displacement, dissuade large manufacturing, commercial affordability. Context sensitive manufacturing is clean and small scale and no big trucks if right type, define small scale, maybe less industrial and heavy manufacturing, creating networks working with businesses, multiplier effect- keep money internal and local to local exchange. While supporting tourism economy, Greater westside is gateway to natural and mountains a focus on recreation services and sales, recreation-oriented businesses.
- Stratton Meadows needs more parks, and need traffic calming, and age in place information, slow down on Corona. Connected with the development center, small business.
- **Protect and Connect the Great Outdoors**
- Connection and tourism, emphasis on pocket parks and care, development landscaping, incentives local businesses that support community, more creative funding for maintenance and operations, redevelopment. And water stewardship piece, fountain creek, bear creek, pollution, accessibility, midland trail, maintenance, and safety
- Address parks with aging playgrounds, sidewalk and lighting is lacking at playgrounds. Incorporate education around parks, a lifestyle, clean up days.
- All os and parks has a maintenance plan and take public investment, we can identify gaps
- What is working - Denver greenway program, south platte education program, COSCreeks plan, Catamount does environmental education (in Mesa and Mesa Springs neighborhoods), OPPI (follow this program for progress) stormwater enterprise does education,
- Development standards, stormwater LID techniques, landscape, conservation needed

Connect Across Barriers

- Connection, Stratton Meadows pedestrian bridge to Harrison, lights, safety and improvements, maintain trails with ice in the winter, barriers of safety on trails – under pass I25 (we need to check on the status of this project).
- Uintah crossing needs analysis, and ADA barriers, adaptability and incentivize scooters, mobility share. adapt to future trends, drone deliveries, pedestrian railroad overpass and discussion on passenger rail needed. good connection in Mesa Springs connects to other neighborhoods, wildlife and natural corridors, physical and aesthetic connections, Santa Fe trail to Mesa Greenway Trail – need to leverage this, underutilized trails
- Missing sidewalks, walking audit, no sidewalk question. Brookside st no sidewalk issue and erosion issues, need to create contiguous sidewalks, recovering America’s wildlife act- died in congress bring it back
- Use and promote GOCOS app for Potholes, trash clean up, and for sidewalks etc.
- Google crowd sourcing missing sidewalks idea

Support Healthy People and Places

- Health Assessment, social indicators, predetermines, economically and environmentally sustainable concepts. homelessness is not always permanent, set the goal to resolve homelessness, resources to get into housing, services for addiction. Address fire mitigation, prescribed burn, safety, accessibility, homeless and perceived safety, pollution, health of

resources, waterways, parks, bathrooms, trails, do not go to westside parks for fear perception (not everyone feels this way, the westside parks are well used in the community)

- Water supply issues, not just rely on City but focus on this in the GWCP,
- Big focus on affordable housing is part of health, education, drug addition, restrooms are not safe (perception), corporate sponsorship, with trails etc. tax incentives,
- water supply, reduce turf grasses,
- Disabled community, sight, special needs, wheelchairs, hearing, corners still not wide enough for wheelchairs, gaps in sidewalk, ramps not wide enough, limit sprawl and support affordable housing
- Climate change - need to respond to the facts, define further!
- Baseball, youth sports, marginalized communities and how they are impacted, wildfire issues, evacuation routes,
- Aging Infrastructure is a big deal in this area

Next Steps

Public meeting in March/April