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Proposed NWCAC Neighborhood Tour of Elyria, Swansea and Globeville

NOTE: A Resident Member of the National Western Center Advisory Committee (NWCAC) has proposed a Neighborhood Tour of Elyria, Swansea, and Globeville. The following itinerary and hoped-for outcomes are based largely on the proposing member's thinking, and input from additional NWCAC members are invited and highly encouraged as we finalize this activity.

Hope

That the leadership of the National Western Center/NWSS, its MOU Partners, and involved developers, see the day to day reality of living in the neighborhoods surrounding the National Western Complex, and the connections between people and places that are inherent in living here.

Intent

The tour participants will have an opportunity to explore how current connections are made within the neighborhoods, and to also better understand the ramifications of future changes. This includes the impacts of the I-70 redevelopment on neighborhood connectivity combined with visualizing how National Western Center redevelopment may enhance or disrupt daily living for these residential neighborhoods.

Additionally, if timed with the Master Planning team coming on board, this tour can also help raise awareness with that team before they begin their work.

Tour Details

The details of this tour are still being put together, but will generally follow some basic criteria:

- Will include 5 – 6 stops, where participants can get out of the bus for ground-eye observation of neighborhood locations significant for issues such as access.
- Will be an experiential tour more so than a historic neighborhood tour; in this way, the tour's leaders can highlight the realities of daily living. However, access to existing historical amenities worthy of preservation within the neighborhoods will be integrated.
- Will likely occur in February or afterwards, in order to better utilize warmer weather.
- Will be documented with usual CRL note-taking to preserve discussion insights and loop ideas back into ongoing NWCAC meetings.

Frame-working the Conversations

As a part of this neighborhood tour proposal, an additional consideration is to reserve time at the next NWC Advisory Committee meeting for briefings on how contrasting development concepts would impact connectivity and access. Presenters proposed include CDOT, GES Neighborhood Planning Steering Committee members/city planners, Ron Straka, independent planning and architectural professionals such as Dean Forman- AIA-UDC, and others who could share their opinion on the on-going projects that they are working on, and how they feed into neighborhood issues and NWC redevelopment.

A leadership task force of 3-4 CAC members is forming to finalize this tour. Please let Jin Tsuchiya know if you'd like to help make this happen. He may be reached by e-mail at jtsuchiya@crlassociates.com, and by phone at (303) 592-5464.