



# **National Western Center Advisory Committee**

**Thursday, May 29, 2014 – Meeting Summary**

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## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Total of 33 people were in attendance (see below).

## **2. MOU Partner Reports**

- CSU (Jocelyn Hittle) will be hosting a spay & neuter clinic in the neighborhood soon to help address the stray dog population.
- DMNS (Ed Scholz) will soon be opening their new building addition.
- The City (Jenn Hillhouse) announced that the Brighton Blvd. design RFQ has gone out for bid; the design is for Brighton Blvd. south of I-70, and the design process will last about 9 months.
- NW (Paul Andrews) has been invited to participate in the Mayor's NDCC Finance Advisory Group to explore financing options across all NDCC project areas. Paul also noted that the NW Complex will soon be outfitted for solar and wind power, and that NW will also host a BBQ contest that feeds into the prestigious Kansas City BBQ competition.

## **3. Neighborhood Tour Thoughts & Next Steps**

AE announced that over 30 people were able to attend the Neighborhood Tour on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and everyone is now on the same level as to “what this organism is”. There was incredible collaboration, and most attendees now have a good physical sense of what the Globeville, Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods are like. The fundamental purpose of the Tour was to understand how everything relates in North Denver.

### Questions/Comments:

- Maria Garcia Berry remarked that the Tour now has a template that can be repeated for other audiences.
- Tangier Barnes noted that it was a great bonding experience – especially for NWCAC members from different walks of life.
- John Zapien – who was not initially enthused about the Tour – left the Tour with a real sense of urgency regarding the planning process. He was glad to go on the Tour, and feels the plans need to be as inclusive as possible.
- Congratulations to City Staff (Steve Nalley, Courtland Hyser) and NW (Ron Rohr and Michael, the bus driver) were mentioned.

## **4. Roundup Retreat Follow-Up**

Jocelyn has provided NWCAC members with the DRAFT Roundup Retreat Debrief summary which includes outcomes from the Retreat, alongside themes, a vision statement and details about short-term projects. Jocelyn is requesting that any comments about this draft make their way to her or Jin Tsuchiya within the next couple weeks.

Maria noted that there is an upcoming Roundup Retreat-related follow-up meeting concerning design work in the Master Plan. As the chosen representatives from the NWCAC, David Oletski, Drew Dutcher and Mickey Zeppelin have been asked to attend the Design meeting.

## 5. NWCAC Membership

Maria called everyone's attention to a hand out that lists the status of all NWCAC members as active, inactive, or having previously resigned. Maria and Terrance have received interest from potential new members, but as co-facilitators, they should not make the ultimate decision. During the June NWCAC meeting, we should have a conversation about how the process for inclusion should be handled, and NWCAC members are being asked to think about who might be a good addition from their neighbors or other local representatives.

### Question/Comments:

- AE fully endorses this discussion, and is curious about The GrowHaus's representation without Coby Gould. AE also feels like the general discussion about the NWCAC process is unfinished, and would like to continue that conversation next month as well.
  - Lilita Flores Amaro – as a Board Member of The GrowHaus – could wear two hats on the NWC Advisory Committee.
- Maria also suggested having a conversation about the process that happens in-between NWCAC meetings relative to the NWC project and the Master Plan. This will be discussed in June.

## 6. NWC Master Plan Neighborhood Programming

*Please see the attached notes from the Master Plan team.*

## 7. Upcoming NWCAC Meetings

The Denver Central Library's history exhibit on Globeville, Elyria and Swansea concludes at the end of June, and the proposal for the June NWCAC meeting is to meet during our regularly-scheduled day (Thursday, June 26), but earlier in order to accommodate the Library's 6pm close time – or – meet on the evening of Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, in order to stick with an evening meeting time, as has been the usual case. NWCAC members are being asked to send their preference to Jin Tsuchiya in order to plan for the June meeting date and time.

Maria also noted that both History Colorado and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science will have exhibits this summer that they can make open to the NWCAC before/after a meeting held at their Museums/Centers.

### Questions/Comments:

- AE stated that NWCAC meetings will still need ample time for discussion.
- We need to coordinate our meetings with the City's neighborhood planning meetings.
- A joint Globeville and Elyria-Swansea steering committee meeting will take place in conjunction with the G/E/S exhibit at the Central Library on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 8. Member and Public Comments

John Zapien inquired about receiving more information about the Mayor's Finance Group?

- Kelly Leid will be able to elaborate on the Group at the June meeting.

AE remarked (following discussions about schools & education in the Neighborhood Programming session) that Denver Public Schools is clearly missing as a stakeholder in this process.

- Maria agreed that DPS should be at the table. She could reach out to Happy Haynes, who is the current School Board President.
- Arturo Jimenez and/or local school principals should also be invited to the table.

Lilita Flores Amaro notified everyone about a local community newsletter, which can be distributed through the NWCAC's Friday Roundup.

## **9. In Attendance**

Maria Garcia Berry (Co-Facilitator)

Terrance Carroll (Co-Facilitator)

Ron Williams (NW)

Paul Andrews (NW)

Ron Rohr (NW)

Steve Nalley (City of Denver)

Jennifer Hillhouse (City of Denver)

Erika Martinez (City of Denver; NDCC)

Jocelyn Hittle (Colorado State University)

Ed Scholz (DMNS)

Jin A Tsuchiya (CRL Associates)

Judy Montero (Denver City Council)

Benjamin Roldan-Rojas (Office of Judy Montero)

Susan Aldretti (Office of Debbie Ortega)

David Oletski (Globeville)

AE (Globeville)

John Zapien (Globeville)

Drew Dutcher (Elyria)

Liliana Flores Amaro (Swansea)

Bettie Cram (Swansea)

Juan Veloz (Elyria-Swansea)

Patricia Carmody (Riverside Cemetery)

Tangier Barnes (Groundwork Denver)

Mickey Zeppelin (Taxi)

Tracy Weil (RiNo Arts District)

Larry Burgess (E-S-G Business Association)

Heather Lafferty (Habitat for Humanity)

Eric Anderson (Parsons Brinckerhoff)

Jason Newsome (Civitas)

Tom Anthony (guest)

Corrine Lindsey (guest)

Jackson (guest from LiveWell G/E/S)

Manuel (Spanish language interpreter)