



National Western Center Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 5, 2015 – Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions

Maria Garcia Berry, co-chair, welcomed those in attendance.

2. NWCAC Updates

The next NWCAC meeting date conflicts with the Denver Decides/Channel 8 candidate forum for Council District 9 and At-Large candidates, co-hosted by INC and The League of Women Voters. It was agreed to reschedule the meeting to Wednesday, March 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

3. Regional Tourism Act (RTA) Application Update

Kelly Leid provided a brief update on the RTA application that was submitted on February 17, 2015. The city's application lays out funding for the first two of three phases of the master plan including infrastructure improvements, environmental cleanup, river revitalization, new stockyards and the equestrian center and livestock centers.

4. NWC Master Plan Update

Steve Nalley provided a brief update. The City Council will hold a courtesy public hearing on the NWC Master Plan prior to final adoption on Monday, March 9, 2015. The National Western Stock Show will provide transportation from the National Western to the City & County Building. Please park in the main lot, right out in front of the Hall of Education. The bus will depart from the stock show at 5 p.m. and return immediately following council action on the Plan. We would appreciate having as many community members as possible attend and speak in favor the Master Plan.

5. NWC Zoning Code Update, Process and Timelines

Steve Nalley provided information on the city's plan to update zoning for the National Western Center. The city desires to keep the momentum going on the NWC. No existing zone district in the Denver Zoning Code will implement the vision of the plans above. Therefore a text and map amendment is necessary. The purpose of the text and map amendment are is to implement the Denver Comprehensive Plan of 2000 and Blueprint Denver goals and objectives, as well as to initiate the implementation of the National Western Center Master Plan (NWCMP) vision following anticipated City Council adoption on March 9.

Exiting Campus districts in the Denver Zoning Code includes Healthcare, Education/Institution and Entertainment. The city wants to add a Campus district only applicable to the NWC as identified in the primary study area of the Master Plan. Building form standards will be similar to those found in other Campus zone districts. Allowed uses will include agricultural activities, cultural, research and educational uses, entertainment, civic, public and institutional uses, residential and commercial uses. Design Standards and Guidelines will be created for the entire Campus in the future to further define the design of buildings and open spaces – not as part of this zoning.

The new CMP-NWC zone district will be mapped only to properties owned by the National Western Association or the City and County of Denver. Additional map amendments will be necessary in the future as additional property is acquired for the build-out of the National Western Center Master Plan.

The proposed schedule for the text and map amendment is as follows:

- Informational notice to Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) and City Council – late-March
- Planning Board information item and Q & A – March 18
- Neighborhoods And Planning Committee informational presentation and Q&A – April 1
- Public Review Draft posted to CPD website – late-March
- Planning Board Public Hearing – April 29th
- City Council Neighborhoods and Planning Committee meeting – May 13
- City Council First Reading – May 18

Questions/Comments

- Will future rezonings have to come back to the neighborhoods?
- Question about historic districts and how zoning applies?
- Concern about Northside Park/Heron Pond and future use? Want to make sure it is protected and the community has a voice.
- How is Northside Park zoned? Has it been designated?
- Can the park be used as a school? Will zoning allow? What about environmental concerns?
- Important that this be a neighborhood amenity not a regional attraction.
- Can't preclude the ability to include a school; wants to see something in the zoning that allows for programmed uses and schools.
- Wanted clarification on TOD/parking structure and timing.
- It was noted the NWC Campus map would not include the Park.
- We need clarification from Public Works and Parks & Recreation at the next meeting.
- It was noted that there is a lot of work on several projects – parks, Washington Street, etc. Shouldn't let those processes bog down our work on the NWC.
- What is status of Gloveville Landing? It is outside the campus, but adjacent and needs to be addressed in context to what we are doing here.
- Concern about the timeline – too fast and doesn't give us enough time to review.
- Requested having Planning Board hold a study session here in the community.
- Requested a map that shows clearly all properties that will be zoned.
- Would like to see work plans for the implementation of other neighborhood plans.

6. In Attendance

Maria Garcia Berry (Co-Facilitator)
Cathy Carpenter Dea (NWSS)
Ron Rohr (NWSS)
Steve Nalley (City of Denver)
Kelly Leid (NDCC)
Judy Montero (City Councilwoman)
Nola Miguel (Office of Judy Montero)
AE (Globeville)
John Zapien (Globeville)
Armando Payan (Globeville)
Drew Dutcher (Elyria)
Patricia Carmody (Riverside Cemetery)
Liliana Flores Amaro (Swansea)
Candi DeBaca (Swansea)
Bettie Cram (Elyria)

Juan Veloz (Elyria-Swansea)
Larry Burgess (E-S-G Business Association)
Katie McKenna (Habitat for Humanity)
Mickey Zeppelin (Taxi)
Marina Chotzinoff (Where Wood Meets Steel)
Anne Hayes (Westfield)
Vernon Hill (JJJ Properties)
Nancy Jones (JJJ Properties)
Chandler Romero (Blue Silo Studios)
Scott Vincent (CPI)
Per Hogestad (CSU)
Nohra Medina (Spanish language interpreter)
Maria Bravo (Spanish language interpreter)
Roger Sherman (CRL Associates)
Patricia Calhoun (Westword)