



National Western Center Citizens Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 26, 2017 – Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mara Garcia Berry and Liz Adams welcomed those in attendance. Betty Cram was in attendance after the unveiling of the street named after her. All members introduced themselves before commencing the meeting.

2. NWC Partner Updates

NWCO

Gretchen Hollrah reported that the office of the NWC has been focused on developing the baseline scope, schedule and budget for the program. These documents will track expenditures, schedule and scope items. The baseline report should be completed within the next couple weeks. A separate report, known as the variance report, will track changes in the scope, schedule, and budget. The NWC is working with the Denver Rock Island Rail Company to consolidate the lines running through the campus, and coordinate campus development that works for both parties. The city, along with partners, will initiate a conversation with the surface transportation board in case the NWC and Denver Rock Island Rail Company do not come to terms within the next couple months. The final executive oversight committee meeting will focused on the NWC authority. The NWC Authority will operate and maintain the campus going forward, replacing the executive oversight committee. Invitations will be sent to Liz and others for this meeting. As dictated by the framework agreement Gretchen will begin a national search of a president of the authority. The details concerning how NWC will proceed with the search process will be presented in following meetings.

Questions and Comments

- AE: Where will the NWC footprint meet the neighborhoods? Can you give an intersection of the timeline between the authority selecting an executive director and how the authority would be involved in that?
 - Gretchen: The NWC office is tasked with running an initial search and a national search. It will act as a facilitator for both- using a committee of 3, one from each partner, and there is no timeline for this process yet. There will be a City Council approval process for



any of the nominations put forwards, which will be scheduled in the future. The standing up of the authority is another task. That group should assemble for the first time by January 2018.

- CSU has appointed Tony Frank and Amy Parsons to represent them in the Authority, while Pat Grant and Paul Andrews will be representing National Western.

WSSA

Paul Andrews reported that the National Western Stock Show has to raise \$15 million by November of next year. Planning is going well for the Stock Show. KM Concessions will be partners in the Fall Feast event, which is approaching in November.

History Colorado

John Olson, of Historic Denver, reported that a few of the properties within the site, including 4701 Brighton Blvd., were given a \$15,000 grant to complete a historic structures assessment to investigate the possibility of moving them outside of the construction zone.

DMNS

Nancy Walsh expressed excitement about the opportunity to work with CSU on programming. Early childhood needs will be addressed based on community outreach feedback. The DMNS will be rolling out a plan to let adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities to gain free admittance to the museum.

3. NDCC Community Report

Tim Sandos has filed an application for Todos Activos, a program focused on training teens in the process of planning, designing and implementing projects within government, with the Colorado Health Department. The \$300,000 grant application was approved, resultingly 30 Colorado teens will be trained in the process of planning, designing and implementing projects within government.

Sandos then touched on the Central 70 Mitigation Improvements. Last month the NDCC got approval to partner with CDOT to complete the mitigations. Over half of the surrounding residents (160/268) responded to the possibility of assessments in the homes in the area. Twenty seven assessments are already completed. The windows are the most time consuming part of the process. If the assessments reveal problematic or dangerous elements in the home, the NDCC will address each issue individually.

The design work for the 47th and york biking and pedestrian bridge is done. The project is expected to pass in the next GO Bond. An application for the \$400,000 dollar grant is being created now in attempts to fund the Art Bridge. The design of said bridge is complete. The Community Investment Fund will proceed as planned, including the Roundup program. This investment fund will help support the community through funds raised in the roundup program.

Questions and Comments

- Unknown: How are we reaching out to people who are not in communication to make sure their houses are up to code?

- Sandos: We've sent out postcards inviting them to call us and schedule an assessment. We've gotten a great response from these. We follow that up with direct calls and door knocking.
- AE: Concerning the Community Investment Fund, the Roundup program is a good start but how will we put a criteria together for the Community Investment Fund? How will we expand ideas that go towards raising money for the CIF?
 - Sandos: The first thing that we need to do is have conversations with the community about what opportunities they would like to have.
- Deputy Director of IDCC: Energy Outreach Colorado has tools to address minor code violations that they can address at that time.
- Sandos: We provide low interest financing to families that have homes in violation of the code.

4. CAC Business Items

A list of criteria for an appointee for the NWC Authority Board will be presented to Mayor Hancock on October 27, 2017. The group decided to approve sending the current criteria document, with slight changes and clarifications, to the meeting with Mayor Hancock.

CAC members John Sopian, AE, Armando, Drew, Jim Garcia, Liliana, and Juan Veloz attended this meeting.

5. CSU Outreach Report

Jocelyn Hittle reported that the pet clinic at Focus Points was a success. Through a partnership between Focus Points, UC health and Clinica Tepeyac this clinic provided health screenings for over 100 families in the neighborhoods surrounding the NWC. CSU hopes to collaborate with Clinica Tepeyac and U.C. Health next year to host the 5th annual clinic through this partnership. CSU will continue to collaborate with Bruce Randolph and students, more details will be presented on the specifics of the partnership next month. CSU faculty has performed preliminary energy and water monologuing on the site. A few additional members will be necessary in order to determine other aspects of the site.

Questions and Comments

- AE: Can you put the "\$50 million allocated to HB" on the timeline?
 - Yes, we can add that to the timeline next month.

6. Program Update

Eric Shafron of the office of the NWC announced that the Arena Extension Study exposed that Denver has very few public markets compared with other metro areas. There is significant demand for a public market, but there has yet to be an available site that incorporates 40,000 square feet and necessary parking. The intention to bring a public market to the NWC is in the masterplan. The stadium arena in the hall of education may be an ideal place for a public market, if it is restored. In order to make this happen they must form an advisory working group, run a historic structure assessment and economic feasibility study, create a preferred development plan, and put together a business plan and partnership and governance model. The state historic fund from History Colorado will fund these studies.

The NWCO is collecting letters of support for the IFRA Grant. This grant would be used to look for rail funding with a local match. The letters were due on November 1st.

Chris Proud presented on transportation and parking. The three key aspects that the transportation and parking demand management are transportation demand, special vehicles, and parking. A study of these aspects should determine the level of transportation demand management for the site, including other ways of getting people in and out of the campus without cars or parking. The recommendation for space requirements for specialized vehicles should be finalized by early next year. This presentation posted on their website.

7. Place Making

Jay Renkens of MIG reported on progress made in the placemaking study. In order to address the adjacent neighborhoods in the placemaking study they will think about the physical connection across Brighton Blvd., the other edges of the campus, and across the campus. Programming will include a 365 day a year presence with consistent events, and will include celebrations of each community. The edging design will be neighborhood friendly. MIG is building the placemaking work on the neighborhood plans as well as the masterplan, that will include plans from Blueprint Denver.

The rail realignment study has exposed the challenges and benefits of moving the rail towards NWC drive. Student groups from CSU and other universities are getting involved in program refinement of the National Western Stock Show. MIG will put out an online survey, as well as thought leader workshops in order to add to the placemaking and design. The new site plan, including moving the railroad, gives the opportunity to have a more effective campus in operations and placemaking. In the next two meetings the changes on the site plan will be brought to the CAC. The improved cite plan must be done by the end of January.

8. Community Reports and Public Comment

CAC members were reminded the December meeting was moved to the 14th due to the holidays. The meeting will include important informational items on site planning.

9. Attendance

AE (Globeville)
Liliana Flores Amaro (Swansea)
Kayla Birdhouse (GrowHaus)
Larry Burgess (ESG Business Association)
Bettie Cram (Swansea)
Patricia Carmody (Colorado Watershed)
Drew Dutcher (Elyria-Swansea)
Jim Garcia (Clinica Tepeyac)
Anne Hayes (Westfield)
John Olson (Historic Denver)

Michael Long
Dave Oletski (Globeville)
Slavica Park
Nancy Walsh (DMNS)
John Zapien (Globeville)
Juan Veloz (Eleria-Swansea)