

Introductions:

Name

Neighborhood

10 Words or Fewer – How could your neighborhood be transformed

Josh

Rogers Park

Lloyd

Rolland More Park

Stability, sustainability, affordability, communications, safety, ease of moving, ease of connecting

Jim Janty

Rolland More Park

Neighborhood issues – lots of rentals/students; agreed with Lloyd's comments

Sarah

Hillpond Neighborhood

Expand relationships – build more relationships/engage with community

Mitch

Sheely Addition

Mature in relationships – move from being know for what it is against to what it is for

Greg McMaster

Avery Park

Return to the past – restore diversity and balance between all groups – cohesive – extend throughout city

Clay

Campus West

Instill greater sense of community pride

Luke

Campus West

What Clay said – instill culture of respect

Susan

Loomis Addition

48 years there – recognized as a Historic District – more cohesiveness among people because they would have a common goal

Ori Connor

Carolyn Mantz

25 years there – tight village – very small – want input from other neighborhoods – safety, marijuana (students walking through), litter. More interaction with other neighborhoods on how they handle things

Phyllis

Westbury Estates

Committed neighborhood watch advocate – good communication network when organized appropriately

ML Johnson

Parkwood

Strategies for communication – also interested in a couple of other neighborhoods including Meadowlark

Devin Herning

Fossil Lake

Trail connections to his part of town – better communication – NEXTDoor has helped considerably

Annie

North of Avery Park near Prospect – not sure what name is

Actively share space

Colin

Campus North

Lots of turnover – rental property standards, parking, sidewalks, alleys, train horns

Talisa (Tee)

University Acres – right near hospital

Neighborhoods games – bring together, connect, communicate

Ruth

Brookwood Estates

Find out what other Neighborhoods are doing and issues; place making in other areas of Ft Collins other than Downtown

Alex

Across from Ft Collins High School – no idea name of neighborhood

Want to live in a real neighborhood

Michele Haefele

Mantz

Well recognized by City and known not because they are squished between 2 student areas

Lacy

No idea – just moved here – Clementine near Shields

How to meet neighbors – organizing block parties – utilize park for this

had active Neighborhood Association in Longmont

Martin Carcason

Huntington Hills

Chris Hutchinson

Old Fort Collins High School

Get more connected with each other

Karina

Bellvue

Look forward to building community in her new neighborhood

Presentation to group – Clay and Josh

Talked about the research done – various case studies – informal vs formal

Opportunities we are exploring.....

- Neighborhoods working together to explore common goals; strategize about common issues, etc.
- Technology gaps, i.e., NextDoor – not being able to reach out to other neighborhoods
- Explore how the City and Neighborhoods engage on various items – planning projects, utilities initiative, etc.
- Explore engagement from Neighborhoods up to the City – often a gap between when a plan gets approved and when action steps actually start happening. Feel that neighbors are engaged while the plan is happening but then this goes away
- Connections within neighborhoods – neighbor to neighbor

Fort Collins – How do we help FC be an amazing community by collaborating with one another, working together, etc. Have a community that lives up to or even surpasses its reputation! How do we create a community that people love?

Direct and indirect items – think about the direct items, but also outcomes that could result. Want to capture both! How do we want to shape our community + and –

Group work – share amongst tables ideas about what you heard – do + and – of each option, etc. Listen like you have no idea but speak like you know – with conviction and passion!

Debrief from table discussion:

Plus and Minus Categories:

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- Community impact statements related to development proposals – gives neighbors a true voice. N meetings are nice but don't feel like comments always make a difference with decision makers
- Neighborhood grants
- Neighborhood leadership training – good to cultivate leadership. People in this room have been identified as being involved in the community. Always a small group that gets involved. Others don't always have the time to do it. But if get small group together, then would have pulse of N who are willing to be active and good to develop their talents
- Able to have a grass roots meaningful impact that makes a difference in the City. Have all of these N plans, i.e., West Central N Plan. Need a group that understands the plan who can help get things implemented. Would be helpful. Have representatives from N Assoc, HOA, Council member as liaison (not to run things) but who get direct feedback from citizens, and city staff.
- Awards
- Like sense of identification
- Like working from ground up – not necessarily run from ground up or top down but have a point of contact in the middle where decisions can be made, etc. Have point of access who is entry way into Council and other staff as needed.
- Community impact statements great – public process can be intimidating for some so they don't participate
- Grants and training a good thing
- Given tools from City that you can go out and ask right questions, etc. Give opportunity to do nice things for the neighborhood – grants, infrastructure improvements, etc.
- Have brand/identity
- Feel we are a fairly moderate community; so don't see working together as an issue
- Have sister neighborhoods who are diverse and throw parties together, etc.
- Love award programs – ask City to address issue (small or large) and then have parties when successful
- Liked LA
- Liked N councils
- Liked training programs
- Liked awards
- Liked ability to speak into development proposals
- Liked dedicated planner to specific area

- Want to beef up communication – reach out to everyone
- More formalization

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- Not sure we could ever have something like LA plan
- Where can the money come from?
- More formalization could result in just another project where people don't get connected

Feedback:

- Important – idea of building relationships. Neighborhood leaders, staff, city council, etc. Important to open up channels of communications – not just a faceless citizen. Encouraged people to go to citizen feedback portion of council meetings.
- Impressed in the 18 months he has lived here. Developer talking about building 21 homes on less than three acres. Immediate neighbors and neighborhood group came together and was able to stop the project. Impressed by what we were able to do.
- Chance to work with the city a lot. Always appreciate the way city engages with citizens. Seems really transparent. Would like to see even more of this – make as fun as possible. Younger population here is fairly transient. Making something fun is how you engage that citizenry and help them have a sense of ownership. Group of us here that have a lot of renters coming through. Would be nice to feel like they were more engaged and that the landlords were more engaged and invested.
- You did a great presentation – appreciated the work that went into that.

Homework: Go out and talk with other people (10) about what you heard today. Ask them about how they would like to see their neighborhood transformed. Encourage others to attend....

Group would like:

- Summarized notes from the meeting for their dialog with others – just a paragraph or so would be helpful.
- Links for the other programs that we showed.
- List of names and neighborhoods.