

#### Neighborhood Engagement Advisory Committee meeting

Neighborhood Services 10/13/2015

- 1. On a scale of 0 to 10, how much do the ideas talked about today excite you? Why?
- I am sorry I was late missed the presentations. I enjoyed the group conversation though very early in process so quite scattered.
- 2 Creation of neighborhood email (it would need to be small groups of neighbors) to be able to share day-to-day concerns.
- 5 Seeing generally how a few cities have looked at engagement was great, and gave a nice range of options. It would be nice to see a larger set of approaches and more details.
- 5 I've heard and experienced most of this before
- 1 and 7 Both excite and worry me. The community input statement, used for what exactly city projects.
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- 6 Good start, still very abstract.
- 7 I always really appreciate how active Fort Collins keeps our citizens involved. Nothing mind-blowing to me, but lots of great ideas for citizens to consider.
- 7 Talking to other people in different neighborhoods brought new and different ideas that I haven't heard.
- 7 Some seem easy and others seem too complicated for a small group, however, with guidance form a City staff member many could flow easier.
- 7 I'm happy to meet others with similar interests
- 7.5 Ideas of neighborhood parties but bring different hoods together (ie: games of a sister/brother neighborhood party)
- 8 Great to see follow-up to April 25 meeting.
- 8 I think the more recognition a neighborhood can get, the more likely we are to have influence over our hood's future.
- 9 Investing in neighborhood leaders and creating neighborhood councils

## 2. What is one thing that you are taking away from this session?

- Community impact statement could be very good for neighborhoods.
- I like the City's desire to engage us in this process.
- That there are a variety of solutions which are suitable for all types of citizens.
- Different options tired for improving engagement.
- City FTC wants to do something and create a better sense of community by involving us in the advisory group
- Some ideas of what concerns those in other neighborhoods have
- Many exciting ideas to implement for our neighborhood
- Be more involved
- It seemed unanimous that people wanted the community impact statements.
- Neighborhoods used to be organized for data gathering (names, addresses, emails), block by block



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- At least one other city has strong mechanisms for neighborhoods to influence the outcome of development proposals and policies (love the LA neighborhood impact statement!)
- Getting to know Delynn; community impact statement for development proposal
- A little confusion and some hope that this effort could get more people engaged.
- Nice to meet others interested in improving FC through the neighborhood networks.

# 3. What's a great idea for engagement in Fort Collins?

- Having a neighborhood council or dedicated city planner could help people become more engaged
- Make it as fun as possible
- A central calendar for community events raise awareness and avoid duplication/clashes
- Leadership training to encourage more people to be involved
- The Neighborhood Games make it fun for citizens to participate need to market your "brand" – something to be "remembered" – define each neighborhood "brand"
- Creation of neighborhood email (it would need to be small groups of neighbors) to be able to share day-to-day concerns.
- Building on stakeholder groups for each neighborhood sub-plan (e.g.: West Central Neighborhood area).
- One thing I would like would be a way to recognize historic character without the constraints that come with historic landmark designation. An award maybe that say "This neighborhood has done a great job of maintaining its roots" (but moving forward by also adding more efficient windows, solar panels, xeriscaping, etc...)
- A resource network lining HOA Presidents to each other, ideas, the city
- City neighborhood campaign lists of amenities/parks like a "come to Old Town" only a come to "Campus West blah, blah, blah"
- Any issues, any problems bring people out of the houses and engage them. You need above-reference data.
- What would be helpful is to showcase how engagement brings results with specific connections.
- Sister neighborhoods
- Use the area plans as a structure for neighborhood engagement

## 4. Any other comments?

- I wish I had seen a greater diversity of neighborhoods and citizens
- It is uncertain whether this is top down or bottom up planning
- Please send out summary email and names of attendees, nice presentation, nice to hear about other neighborhood activities, great city staff members worked to put together a fast-paced but knowledgeable presentation
- What is the primary question we are asking of our neighbors?



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- This is a good mix of people.
- Time I want more time to process or debrief the ideas this is brief time "tip of the iceberg"
- With only being here in FC for 18 months, I'm listening to FC Neighborhood History(s) + listening to how long-time residents discuss "where do we as FC neighbors want to go?"
- It's all about relationships building and raising your profile in the city
- Keep going!
- Good start.
- Organizers must be connected with City Council member