

Stakeholder Committee Meeting #6

West Central Area Plan
February 4, 2015 – 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Present

Sue Ballou
Rick Callan
Colin Gerety
Per Hogestad
Ann Hunt
Greg McMaster
Jean Robbins
Steve Schroyer
Logan Sutherland

Absent

Susan Dominica
Becky Fedak
Carrie Ann Gillis
Kelly Ohlson
Tara Opsal
Jeannie Ortega
Andy Smith
Lloyd Walker
Nicholas Yearout

Staff & Consultants

Ted Shepard, Chief Planner
Amy Lewin, Transportation Planner
Rebecca Everette, City Planner

Notes

1. Welcome
2. *Continued discussion from previous meeting: Draft Plan Review*
 - a. Open Space Networks
 - i. Bennett Park was never implemented following the 1999 Plan, as the area “exceeded the standard amount” for open space at the time. Is this still a consideration? Will it limit the creation of new parks/open space in this area?
 - ii. Supportive of the Arthur Ditch crossing at Whitcomb and Wallenberg as long as it isn’t used for pedestrian traffic to the stadium.
 - iii. Young’s pasture was initially considered for open space, should be reconsidered.
 - iv. Factor the Spring Creek Trail into the 10-minute walk to open space analysis
 - v. The need to cross arterial roads is a major issue for accessing open space (e.g., crossing West Prospect Road to get to Red Fox Meadows). Reference pedestrian crossing improvements in the open space chapter.
 - vi. Add an action item regarding wayfinding to open space.
 - vii. Clarify “Levels of Service” for parks and open space. What does this mean for the area?
 - viii. What is “desired” open space? Desired by who? Revise wording.

- ix. Use “ditches” instead of “irrigation waterways” or “canals.”
- x. Add guidance related to xeriscaping and the use of drought-tolerant plant species.
- xi. We are going to lose a lot of canopy trees to the emerald ash borer. Need to proactively plant new trees.
- b. Prospect Corridor
 - i. What would be the impact of the new mid-block pedestrian crossing on traffic flow?
 - ii. The proposed pedestrian crossing interferes with access to the “Slab.” Consider moving farther east or west to align with other pedestrian connections.
 - iii. Emphasize that this is just a conceptual design.
 - iv. What is the timeline for improvements to Prospect and Lake?
- c. CSU Stadium
 - i. Use variable message signs ahead of events to warn people to avoid the area (like is done downtown for New West Fest and other events).
 - ii. Concerns about value engineering of the stadium, which could reduce the quality of lighting and sound systems and create additional impacts to neighborhoods.
 - iii. Noise will create impacts in all directions, not just to the south of the stadium.
- d. Transportation & Mobility
 - i. Need to make sidewalks wider throughout the West Central area – add to street retrofitting policies
 - ii. Create a template for widening sidewalks (action item)
 - iii. Sidewalks are not well-maintained along arterial roads. Need better enforcement to ensure property owner compliance.
- e. Land Use & Neighborhood Character
 - i. Improved lighting in neighborhoods – ensure that the types of new light fixtures comply with the Climate Action Plan and minimize light pollution
 - ii. Consider a range of safety concerns for adding lighting. Concerns that new lights attract more people to congregate under light fixtures.
- 3. Next Meeting – small group discussion on building design, compatibility, and other land use and neighborhood character topics (to be scheduled)