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JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545 6713 Password: jefferson Call-In: 312-626-6799 Tuesday, Nov 83, 6:30–8:00pm JPUN Holiday Party TBD All are welcome

LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 545 6713 Password: jefferson Call-In: 312-626-6799 Thursday, Nov 3, 6:30–8:00pm Thursday, Dec 1, 6:30–8:00pm All are welcome

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Friday, Sept 9, 11:00am–1:00pm Reserve a spot at: bit.ly/ CD10FFICEHOURS Friday, Sept 16, 11:00am–1:00pm – CD1 Office 1810 Platte St.

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55 ACRES OF BALL ARENA PARKING LOTS TO TRANSFORM INTO A NEW EXTENSION OF DOWNTOWN



You can usually measure the vibrancy of a downtown by the number of surface level parking lots there are. Fewer lots usually mean more buildings, businesses and people correlating to a more robust downtown.

Professional sports teams are now applying that metric to the land they own.

In July, KSE turned in an Infrastructure Master Plan to Denver Community Planning and Development, detailing one possible future for the 55 acres of parking lots. In late September, Kroenke Sports & Entertainment which owns Ball Arena conducted a virtual public presentation which is required by the City of Denver as part of their Large Development Review (LDR) Process.

This proposed development will compliment the River Mile development project that will be built on the land that currently houses Elitches. River Mile re-engineering the South Platte River, and transform those river banks into live shop and dine space for 15,000 new residents.

In other words, possibly within 10 years, the skyline of Denver south of Speer Boulevard will look unrecognizable from how it looks today.

The next step is for KSE to submit its formal application for the city to review and once that is completed, it can submit its formal rezoning application.

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Email any stories, comments or ideas to our Editor at: newsletter@jpun.org

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Gas Leak or Electrical Emergency—Xcel800-895-4999
select #1
City of Denver 3-1-1 Help Center3-1-1 or
720-913-1311
Police—City Non-Emergency Information720-913-2000
Police—District 1 Station Information only
Denver Public Library720-865-1111
Regional Transportation District
CUT THIS OUT AND POST IT SOMEWHERE FOR QUICK REFERENCE!

5th Annual JPUN Tailgate a Huge Success....even though Broncos haven't been

For the first time the JPUN Annual Tailgate party was held on a Bronco Night game. It produced a record turnout of residents who enjoyed an ample supply



of Sexy Pizza, Beer from Briar Common Brewery = Eatery and an assortment of snacks, sodas and home-made dishes and desert shared amongst neighbors. Once again, a special thanks goes out to Federal Boulevard Business Improvement District and the above-mentioned businesses for their continued support. Both the people and one of a kind local event showcase why this is such a great neighborhood to live in.

Announcement for annual JPUN Holiday Party Coming Soon!



DENVER'S LEAFDROP PROGRAM & PHOTO CONTEST

Denver's LeafDrop gives Denver residents an easy and free way to take care of their neighborhood and city by turning your leaves into something helpful and keep them out of landfills.

1. CLAIM YOUR BAGS. Before raking up your leaves, use this coupon to pick up a pack of free compostable paper bags specifically for leaf collection. Free 5-packs of paper leaf bags are available at participating Denver-area Ace Hardware stores.

2. #COMPOSTING COLORS. While you're raking up leaves, be sure to capture the beauty – and the bounty – of Denver in autumn by snapping a photo of your trees, leaves and LeafDrop bags. Learn how to participate in this year's fall photo contest and use the hashtag #compostingcolors to be entered to win great prizes.

3. DROP IT LIKE IT'S HOT. Keep your raked leaves out of the landfill and compost them for free through Denver's LeafDrop program. Weekday sites will open to Denver residents Oct. 10. Weekend drop-off sites will open Nov. 4. Remember, when dropping off your raked leaves, if you're not using these compostable bags, use paper bags – they can be composted along with the leaves!

Weekday Drop Sites: Oct. 10 – Dec. 2

The following LeafDrop locations will be

- open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:
- Cherry Creek Transfer Station 7301 E. Jewell Ave. (enter on E. Jewell Ave.)
 Havana Nursery
- 10450 Smith Rd. (enter on Smith Road)
- Central Platte Campus 1271 W. Bayaud Ave. (next to the Denver Animal Shelter)

Weekend Drop Sites: Nov. 4 - Nov. 20

The following LeafDrop locations will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

- Bruce Randolph High School E. 40th Ave. and Steele St.
- Cherry Creek Transfer Station 7301 E. Jewell Ave. (enter on E. Jewell Ave.)
- Kennedy High School Newland St. & Brown Pl.
- Sloan's Lake Park 17th Ave. and Sheridan Blvd. (enter on W. 17th Ave.)
- Veterans Park S. Vine St. and E. Iowa Ave.

The Cherry Creek Transfer Station is the only site accepting loose leaves. Leaves brought to all other Leaf-Drop sites must be in paper bags.



JEFFERSON PARK HALLOWEEN SIGHTINGS







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In the meantime the city requires KSE to hold more community information meetings along with meetings with various city departments and Council members.

A variety of topics will be discussed in those meetings including transportation, infrastructure and affordable housing. This new downtown could included a number of income-restricted units, a mix of rented and owned homes, a diversity of bedroom counts to accommodate different family sizes and situations.

The project will center around a new community park about half the size of Civic Center Park and large enough for 10,000-person events or festivals. The design is modeled after Millennium Park in Chicago.

The project also plans for a Wynkoop Promenade or "Sports Mile" that will stretch from Coors Field past Ball Arena and end at Empower Field.

All totaled the Ball Arena Development will include 6,729 units of housing, 309 hotel rooms along with offices, retail.

You can view Ball Arena Development plans that also include a planned pedestrian bridge over Speer and Wewatta and relocation of RTD stations at KSE-Ball Arena Redevelopment.

Implications for Neighborhoods

With any change there are intended and unintended consequences and Highlands, Jefferson Park, La Alma-Lincoln Park and Sun Valley are the neighborhoods outside of Downtown that are most impacted by the development.

Here are some concerns being expressed by these residents

Parking Implications

Ball Arena provides parking for 250 events each year as well as overflow parking for events at Empower Field at Mile High.

How much parking will be available to those attendees once redevelopment is completed?

Will nearby neighborhoods absorb event parking adding to an existing problem residents face.

Multimodal Access

Will the redevelopment provide much needed multimodal access for the Northwest Denver Neighborhoods to Downtown? None of the 5 Bridges proposed allow access to and from the project across I-25.

Development with Porosity

What mandates will ensure the Ball Arena project will not be a block mass of buildings that obscure the view plane of the mountains or city

Community Benefits Agreement (CBA)

A CBA is a legally binding contract between a community and a developer that includes commitment the developer will make to neighborhoods in exchange for their support of a rezoning.

Oftentimes CBAs will include affordable housing requirements, job training programs and opportunities, hiring standards to ensure the workforces is local, access to the space, and community services.

It should be noted KSE is recognizing many of these points in community meetings, but the planning document submitted in July prior to these meetings does not address these points.

Keep the Nuggets & Avalanche Downtown

The Denver Nuggets and Colorado Avalanche are contractually committed to remain in Denver through at least 2040 and play at Ball Arena through 2030.

Should those dates be extended as part of the rezoning process to ensure the teams commitment to stay in downtown Denver?

Public Feedback

Ball Arena Redevelopment team will be collecting public feedback through the rezoning process. Comments can be submitted through the Contact Us page on the **WEBSITE** or through this **LINK**.

ZOOM LINK to September meeting Ball Arena Campus Community Information Meeting – Sept. 22, 2022

Ball Arena Redevelopment Project will be hosting a public meeting mid November – unfortunately specific details are not available BUT we will post on JPUN.org and through an email blast once they are made public.

Additionally, we are looking to have a representative present at our JPUN Annual Holiday Party in December.

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION NETWORK - BIKEWAY CONSTRUCTION

The Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) is starting construction on the first phase of the Northwest Community Transportation Network (NW CTN) – a program aimed at rapidly expanding safe and comfortable transportation options within three areas of Denver.

Phase 1 corridors are going to construction!

NW CTN Phase 1 construction will deliver 7 new bikeway corridors across the Northwest network. Construction for this phase is starting this week and will and continue through the end of 2023.

Bikeways installed through the Community Transportation Networks play a critical role in meeting Denver's goal of 125 miles of new bikeways by 2023, and include numerous improvements for people walking, rolling, and bicycling, resulting in safer and more comfortable streets for everyone.

A map of the Phase 1 Northwest CTN bikeway corridors that DOTI has begun construction on or will be constructed sometime between now and the end of 2023. You can also click HERE to see a map of the projects in this network (zoom into the network labeled Northwest CTN – the yellow portion of the map). To learn more about the construction status for specific bikeway corridors, visit the NORTHWEST CTN WEBSITE and scroll down to the Construction Projects tab.

Program Background

DOTI kicked-off community outreach for the Northwest Community Transportation Network in early 2020 and since, community members have weighed in on the program and projects through numerous community open houses, online surveys, and office hours discussions. Through this outreach, the public helped to shape thirteen bikeway projects total in NW CTN and dozens of other transportation improvements. More information on all projects advanced through NW CTN can be viewed ON THE WEBPAGE.







La Alma -Lincoln Park Master Plan



Come join us at the first public meeting!

Come celebrate La Alma-Lincoln Park, share your stories, and voice your desires about the future of the park. The meeting will also provide information about the master plan process.

The La Alma-Lincoln Park Master Plan will be developed with community input and guide future park improvements.

Details

Thursday, November 3rd, 2022

5:00 - 7:00 PM

5:15 Opening Remarks

La Alma Recreation Center 1325 W 11th Avenue, Denver

Drop in any time! After opening remarks, the format will be an open house conversation.





Spanish language interpretation services will be provided. Se proporcionarán servicios de interpretación en español.

A sign language interpreter or CART will be provided upon request. Three business days' notice is requested. Contact SignLanguageServices@denvergov.org

For any other public accommodation requests/concerns, DisabilityAccess@denvergov.org

For more information visit www.denvergov.org/parkprojects

To sign up for updates, visit https://bit.ly/laalmalp



STAYING CYBER SAFE STARTS WITH YOU What is your Digital Footprint?

Digital Tips from Denver's District Attorney's Office

Ever wonder how crooks steal your personal identifiable information (PII)? Do you register for rewards programs, use social media, or search on Google? If you do, then you are populating the internet with your personal information.

Engaging in any online activity puts your personal information out to the world. While it isn't likely you will stay off the internet, it is in your best interest to learn some cybersecurity best practices to limit your exposure to scammers.

TIPS:

1. Set your social media accounts to private.

2. Stop oversharing. The more you put out there, the more a scammer will know about you. The more scammers know about you, the more convincing they will sound if they try to reach out to you.

3. Review the privacy settings for each and every service and app that you download. Privacy settings can help you increase control over your personal information online. The default privacy settings may not be the best option as information may still be collected and used in ways you might not want and can often leave you exposed. If you are not comfortable with what they will collect, don't sign up.

4. Limit location tracking on apps and services. Turn off 'share location' and use it only when really needed.

5. Coordinate your settings so they are all the same on all your devices.

6. Consider using the incognito mode when internet surfing. Doing so reduces tracking. Norton's website provides information about what cookies are and what happens when you accept or block cookies **HERE**.

Need to be convinced as to how easy it is for anyone to capture your personal information? Watch this **YouTube** video.

DIGITAL ASSISTANT DEVICES Speaking of oversharing, those home digital assistant devices such as Siri (Apple), Alexa (Amazon), Cortana (Microsoft) or Google Assistant are designed to respond to your commands and take action. In addition to telling you what the weather is, these 'assistants' are collecting vast amounts of personal information about your daily activities and sending the information back to the parent company. Those companies in turn, can sell that data to other companies to use in their sales and marketing efforts.

Working from home? If you are having confidential work calls or speaking of issues that should not be recorded, consider turning off the microphone or moving the device to another room. Above all, check the privacy settings on the device. This article from CNET will help you get started.

PASSWORDS Tired of constantly hearing security experts tell you to change your passwords? We all have online accounts and keeping up with which password goes to which account can be overwhelming. So overwhelming in fact that many use the same password and username for multiple online accounts. Compromised passwords are one of the easiest ways to be hacked.

Tip: Use a password manager like these click on the word to access the link. Last Pass, RememBear, 1Password.

DEVICE PROTECTION Remember to protect your online accounts (Facebook, TikTok, Amazon) as well as your physical devices phones, computers, and tablets.

TIPS

Use a PIN or biometric to lock your devices. If you lose your device and have not password-protected it, all your information is available to whoever finds your device.
Install Find My iPhone or a similar app for Android devices. If you lose or misplace your device, you can use the find my phone app to reset the phone completely, making it useless to the thief.

• Apply software updates ASAP. This includes updating your home router and mobile devices.

• Download apps from trusted sources. Malicious malware-laced apps such as the Joker malware allows scammers access to your contact list along with other data on your device. Look for apps that have very high install numbers and positive reviews.

PEER-TO-PEER PAYMENTS Peer-to-Peer payment services like PayPal, Venmo and Zelle are apps that allow you to send money to other people simply by using their phone number or email address. The convenience is wonderful. Generally safe, but these services operate just like cash so there is no way to dispute any payment. Once you pay, your money is gone and there is very little chance of getting it back.

TIP: Only pay people you know. If you receive a request for payment, verify you know the person through a different messaging system.



NEAR NORTHWEST WEST neighborhood PLANNING INITIATIVE NEAR NORTHWEST AREA PLAN SURVEY TIME!

Help guide policy decisions and weighing in online.

For the last few weeks, city planners have been talking with community members virtually and in person. They have been using these conversations to collect feedback and determine which alternatives work best for Near Northwest Area neighborhoods. Topics include development along corridors, adding housing and preserving affordability.

If you have missed these events or have more input to share, take the latest surveys below to weigh in.

Land Use and Economy Survey

How your feed back informed the survey: In the last round of engagement, we received additional input from the community that helped in developing these draft recommendations. Major themes from that input include:

• Offer multiple ways of preserving and celebrating culture and history

• Address the wide range of concerns related to loss of older homes in residential areas, and ensure more services and streetscape improvements are provided in mixed-use areas

• Support the construction of more affordable housing and prioritize keeping residents at risk of displacement in place

• Focus on supporting small businesses, as well as opportunities to train a new workforce and retain and attract jobs.

• This input was used to develop the draft recommendations that are in the survey to address the issues and opportunities you've identified. Your input from this survey will be used to refine and build on the draft recommendations for the upcoming draft plan document.

What the survey covers:

- Celebration and preservation of neighborhood history and culture
- Design for residential areas and new development that is compatible with existing neighborhoods
- Design for mixed-use development
- Affordable housing and displacement
- Supporting local businesses and business districts
- Local jobs

How long it will take: About 10 minutes TAKE THE SURVEY



About the Near Northwest Area Plan

The Near Northwest Planning Area is made up of the Northwest Denver neighborhoods east of Federal Boulevard: Chaffee Park, Sunnyside, Highland, and **Jefferson Park**. As part of the Neighborhood Planning Initiative, this project provides an opportunity to create a long-term vision for these neighborhoods that furthers citywide goals and priorities while addressing local neighborhood needs.

QUALITY OF LIFE AND MOBILITY SURVEY

How your feed back informed the survey: In the last round of engagement, we received additional input from the community that helped in developing these draft recommendations. Major themes from that input include:

• Focus on pedestrian and bike infrastructure improvements and safer crossings – all complemented by more trees and green infrastructure

• Focus on improving existing park and rec center amenities, as well as adding new ones.

• Consider a multiple action strategy to increase food access, and address the financial and cultural barriers residents face

• Increase awareness and access to health and social programs/services, including job training, education, and affordable childcare

What the survey covers:

- The area's transportation network
- New and existing bike lanes
- Stormwater treatment
- Parks and rec centers
- Access to healthy food and resources

How long it will take: About 15 minutes TAKE THE SURVEY

Focus Topic Survey

What it covers:

• How mixed-use commercial areas along Federal Boulevard, 38th Avenue and Speer Boulevard should grow

- Strategies to preserve affordability and add housing
- A town center for Chaffee Park
- Industrial areas in Sunnyside

How long it will take: About 10 minutes TAKE THE SURVEY





Idea 1: Current Land Use Guidance

- Community Center Shops, restaurants, and housing where industrial exists today
- Low-Medium Residential -Smaller townhomes and apartment buildings
- High-Medium Residential -Taller multi-unit buildings with some active commercial uses that transition in height towards the neighborhood



Where are we, exactly?

Residents who attended recent workshops got an update on where the city is in the planning process and why community input is so important at this stage. Get caught up by watching this video presentation.

Tell all your friends!

Forward this email to your neighbors to help us ensure we hear from as many people as possible. VISIT THE PLAN WEBPAGE

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THINGS YOU CAN WALK, BIKE, OR TAKE A HIKE TO

A Cheesman Park Ghost Tour Cheesman Park 1900 E 11th Ave Oct. 11, 2022 - Dec. 1, 2022 denverlikealocaltours.com



Tinseltown: Where Everyday Is Christmas (Denver) Zeppelin Station 3501 Wazee St. Nov 10, 2022 - Dec 30, 2022 explorehidden.com



Bobby Weir & Wolf Bros featuring The Wolfpack Fri, Nov 4 – Sun, Nov 6 The Mission Ballroom axs.com



Día de los Muertos Festival Denver otanic Gardens Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. **botanicgardens.org**

Dia De Los Muertos Colfax Art Crawl 40 West Arts District September 10th from November 5th do303.com

Live Music Sundays Sun, Nov 6, 3 – 6 PM Mythology Distillery 3622 Tejon St, Denver, CO mythologydistillery.com







Denver Film Festival November 2-13, 2022 Sie FilmCenter denverfilm.org

Denver Arts Week

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Georgetown Bighorn Sheep Festival Saturday, November 12 Georgetown **uncovercolorado.com**



Denver Botanic Gardens Blossoms of Light November 18, 2022 – January 7, 2023 Denver Botanic gardens botanicgardens.org



Adulti-Verse Wednesday, Nov 2nd Meow Wolf tickets.meowwolf.com



Highlands Comedy Show Wed, Nov 2 7:30 – 8:30 PM The Well Pizza & Bar 3210 Wyandot St allevents.in

