Appendix F—Public Outreach Meeting Summary

Overview

This appendix provides an overview of the public process to prepare the C3 Vision Plan. The city worked with the public, a Citizen Advisory Committee, a Technical Advisory Group, Staff Working Group, the Planning Commission, City Council, mayor, and many other groups. The planning team provided draft materials at each step of the way and worked with the public and committees to prepare the Plan's maps and policies incrementally. This appendix provides a detailed summary of all the events and outreach that occurred during the process, the topics, and the locations.

The C3Vision website provided information throughout the planning effort.

Website

The project website (www.cccvision.com) has been the on-going source of up-to-date information about the project, place to send comments, and polling.

Summary of Events

Public Meetings

Throughout the process, Commerce City held public meetings in multiple locations (north and south) to allow for participation in diverse geographic locations. The planning team also provided materials in Spanish, had translators at the first few meetings, and translated written comments received. Press releases, newspaper articles, and email notifications preceded each meeting. The meeting dates and topics are listed in Table F-1.

Neighborhood outreach at Pioneer Park in August 2009. Over 200 surveys were completed at this event.

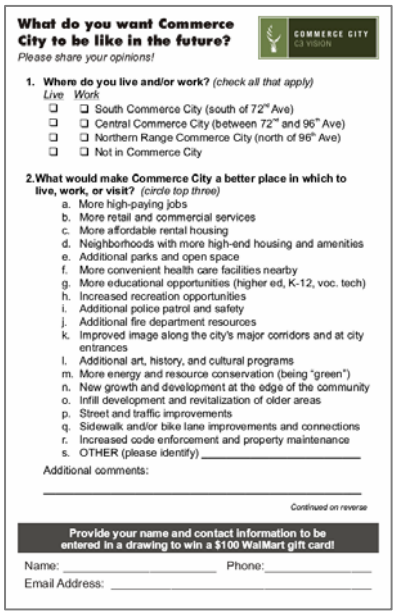
February workshop at Second Creek Elementary School.

Table F-1: Public Meeting Event Schedule

#	Date	Location	Topic
1	November 13, 2008	Turnberry Elementary	Kick-Off / Issues
2	November 20, 2008	Hanson Elementary	Kick Off / Issues
3	January 29, 2009	Kearny Middle School	Guiding Principles / Workbook
4	February 4, 2009	Second Creek Elementary	Guiding Principles / Workbook
5	April 15, 2009	Central Elementary	Key Choices
6	April 23, 2009	Thimmig Elementary	Key Choices
7	August 18, 2009	Reunion Rec. Center	Future Land Use Plan
8	August 27, 2009	Derby Resource Center	Future Land Use Plan
9	January 6, 2010	Civic Center	Draft Plan Open House

Table F-2: Other Public Events and Notification

Date	Type/Location	Topic
August 2008	Banner, bookmark, and posters at neighborhood outreach at Civic Center	Awareness of the project; Survey of Issues (on-line and hard copy)
November 2008	Posters at Civic Center	Awareness of the project and website
January 2009	*City Lights* article and press releases	Description of planning effort; notification of January and February workshops
March 2009	Flyer	Preliminary directions and key choices
April 2009	Town Hall handouts and press release	Notification of April workshops and "key choices"
May 2009	Web survey	Questions about key choices on-line
June 11, 2009	Neighborhood Outreach at River Run Park	Poster and survey of Key Choices (240 surveys received)
August 2009	Poster at Civic Center, ads	Notification for August meetings (Future Land Use and plan directions)
August 14 2009	Neighborhood Outreach at Pioneer Park	Poster and survey of Key Choices (206 surveys received)
Fall 2009	Poster	Awareness of Draft Plan
October 2009	*City Lights* article	Awareness of Draft Plan



What do you want Commerce City to be like in the future?

COMMERCE CITY C3 VISION

Please share your opinions!

1. **Where do you live and/or work?** *(check all that apply)*
   Live Work
   - ❑ ❑ South Commerce City (south of 72nd Ave)
   - ❑ ❑ Central Commerce City (between 72nd and 96th Ave)
   - ❑ ❑ Northern Range Commerce City (north of 96th Ave)
   - ❑ ❑ Not in Commerce City

2. **What would make Commerce City a better place in which to live, work, or visit?** *(circle top three)*
   - a. More high-paying jobs
   - b. More retail and commercial services
   - c. More affordable rental housing
   - d. Neighborhoods with more high-end housing and amenities
   - e. Additional parks and open space
   - f. More convenient health care facilities nearby
   - g. More educational opportunities (higher ed, K-12, voc. tech)
   - h. Increased recreation opportunities
   - i. Additional police patrol and safety
   - j. Additional fire department resources
   - k. Improved image along the city's major corridors and at city entrances
   - l. Additional art, history, and cultural programs
   - m. More energy and resource conservation (being "green")
   - n. New growth and development at the edge of the community
   - o. Infill development and revitalization of older areas
   - p. Street and traffic improvements
   - q. Sidewalk and/or bike lane improvements and connections
   - r. Increased code enforcement and property maintenance
   - s. OTHER (please identify) _____

Additional comments:

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Provide your name and contact information to be entered in a drawing to win a $100 WalMart gift card!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) had a role in providing guidance for the Plan, and represented a wide variety of interests and backgrounds. The CAC met approximately every six to eight weeks, beginning in October 2008, through the time of adoption of this Plan. Meetings were open to the public. The meetings and topics are listed in Table F-3.

Table F-3: Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

#	Date	Location	Topic
1	October 28, 2008	Civic Center	Kick-Off/Issues
2	January 14, 2009	Civic Center	Photo Vision/Profile
3	February 12, 2009	City Recreation Center	Guiding Principles/Growth Concepts
4	April 1, 2009	Civic Center	Key Choices and Analysis
5	June 18, 2009	Civic Center	Preliminary Future Land Use (with E-470 Analysis) and Policy Framework
6	June 24, 2009	Civic Center	(Joint with Planning Commission and Council) Guiding Principles/Policy Framework
7	July 14, 2009	Civic Center	Special meeting to review Goals and Policies
8	August 6, 2009	Civic Center	Future Land Use Plan and Transportation
9	September 16, 2009	Civic Center	Special meeting to review Future Land Use Maps and categories
10	November 18, 2009	Civic Center	C3 Draft Vision Plan and Implementation Strategies
11	December 15, 2009	Civic Center	C3 Draft Vision Plan
12	January 20, 2010	Civic Center	Public Hearing Process

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) assisted the planning team with gathering data and reviewing technical aspects of the Plan. This group represented city departments and also agencies that had a role in reviewing projects in the city, overseeing land use and development, managing adjacent land holdings, or providing services. Agencies involved included but were not limited to:

- ✓ Colorado Department of Transportation,
- ✓ Regional Transportation District,
- ✓ Tri-County Health District,
- ✓ Denver International Airport,

- ✓ Denver Regional Council of Governments,
- ✓ Adjacent cities (i.e., Thornton, Brighton, Denver),
- ✓ School Districts (Adams County #14 and Brighton 27J),
- ✓ Adams County (planning and economic development),
- ✓ Fire Districts (South Adams County, Sable/Altura, Brighton Fire, etc.),
- ✓ South Adams County Water and Sanitation District,
- ✓ U.S. Fish & Wildlife (Rocky Mountain Arsenal/National Wildlife Refuge).

Meetings and topics are listed in Table F-4.

Table F-4: Technical Advisory Group Meetings

#	Date	Location	Topic
1	November 6, 2008	Civic Center	Kick-Off/ Issues/ Community Profile
2	January 14, 2009	Civic Center	Community Profile
3	March 9, 2009	Civic Center	Growth Concepts/Key Choices
4	June 2, 2009	Civic Center	Preliminary Land Use/Policy Framework
5	August 6, 2009	Civic Center	Transportation and Future Land Use Plan
6	November 18, 2009	Civic Center	Draft Plan

Staff Working Group (SWG)

The Staff Working Group (SWG), comprised of interdepartmental Commerce City staff and city management, assisted the planning team with providing ideas and reviewing the plan. Meetings, held at the Civic Center, are listed in Table F-5.

Table F-5: Staff Working Group Meetings

#	Date	Topic
1	September 17, 2008	Public Involvement, Issues, and Vision
2	November 6, 2008	Community Profile and Public Meetings
3	January 6, 2009	Update (Public Involvement, Community Profile, Vision)
4	March 3, 2009	Vision and Guiding Principles, Focus Areas
5	June 11, 1009	Preliminary Future Land Use Plan and Draft Policy Framework
6	Summer 2009	Multiple meetings to review individual proposed plan chapters.
7	December 1	C3 Vision Draft Plan review and Implementation Strategies.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met periodically, occasionally with the City Council, to hear updates, discuss public outreach, and discuss plan direction. Table F-6 identifies dates and topics.

Table F-6: Planning Commission Update Meetings

#	Date	Topic
1	October 4, 2008	Kick Off/Issues
2	January 6, 2008	Profile and Growth Concepts
3	March 3, 2009	Plan Directions and Key Questions
4	May 5, 2009	Areas with Key Choices
5	June 24, 2009	(Joint with CAC and Council) Guiding Principles/Policy Framework
6	September 1, 2009	Preliminary Future Land Use Plan
7	December 1, 2009	Draft C3 Vision Plan and Implementation Strategies

City Council

The City Council also met with the planning team and with the Planning Commission periodically, to hear updates and discuss the planning effort and plan directions. Table F-7 summarizes meetings and topics.

Table F-7: City Council Update Meetings

#	Date	Topic
1	October 13, 2009	Kick Off/Issues
2	January 12, 2009	Profile and Growth Concepts
3	March 9, 2009	Preliminary Plan Directions
4	June 24, 2009	(Joint with CAC and Planning Commission) Guiding Principles/Policy Framework
5	September 14, 2009	Preliminary Future Land Use Plan
6	December 14, 2009	Draft C3 Vision Plan and Implementation Strategies

Focused Events

Finally, the planning team met with special groups in the community to ensure widespread and diverse input. The events are listed in Table F-8.

Table F-8: Other Events and Meetings

Date	Group	Location	Topic
August 2008	Individual interview	Civic Center or by Phone	Issues, Project Start-Up
January 7 2009	Live Well Event	Werth Manor	Walkability in Derby Area
March 2009	Neighbors to Neighbors/ Northern Range HOAs	Civic Center	Update and Key Choices
March 2009	CC Business and Professionals Association	Werth Manor	Update and Key Choices
March 2009	Northern Industrial Business Advisory Committee	Off-site business	Update and Key Choices
April 1, 2009	Rotary Club	Werth Manor	Update and Key Choices
June 2009	Housing Authority	Civic Center	Update and Key Choices
June 2009	Special Senior Meeting	Recreation Center	
June 3, 2009	Senior Lunch	Recreation Center	Key Choices, including senior housing and health facilities
July 8, 2009	Developers and Builders	Civic Center	Update on Effort, Guiding Principles and Preliminary Future Land Use
October 5, 2009	Developers and Builders	Civic Center	Update on C3 Draft Plan

Meeting Summary Notes

Meeting notes for the Citizen Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Group, and public meetings are on the following pages.