







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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Davina Lau, Public Engagement Specialist ^{DS} 

THRU: Kelly DiMartino, City Manager ^{DS} 
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Anissa Hollingshead, City Clerk 

RE: February 6 Super Issues Meeting

Purpose:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Mayor and City Councilmembers with a brief overview of the February 6th Super Issues Meeting which took place at The Lincoln Center (Columbine Room) at 5:30pm.

Boards and Commissions that had at least one member present:

- Art in Public Places Board
- Air Quality Advisory Board
- Economic Advisory Board
- Energy Board
- Land Use Review Commission
- Natural Resources Advisory Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Transportation Board
- Water Commission

Total Members Present:

16

Staff Members Present:

Megan Keith (Senior Planner), Rebecca Everette (Senior Manager), and Sylvia Tatman-Burruss (Senior Project Manager), Davina Lau (Public Engagement Specialist).

Summary:

Staff presented on the East Mulberry Plan. They provided examples of thresholds for annexation and outlined character areas. They also informed attendees of impending outreach plans in order to obtain more public input. Staff then divided the room into breakout groups and had them answer the following questions:

1. From the perspective of your board/area of expertise, what other thresholds would you identify, and which ones do you think need to be advanced first?
2. What issues or community priorities within the East Mulberry Enclave do you think deserve the most focus?

3. Many portions of the East Mulberry area do not meet current City standards for services and infrastructure. What types of improvements should be the highest priority as this area is annexed into the city?

During a question-and-answer period, attendees asked questions and shared thoughts on some of the following key topic areas:

- Ensuring that the updated East Mulberry Plan is aligned with and coordinated with other subarea plans in place in northeastern Fort Collins. Particularly as it relates to achieving connectivity and continuity of key roadway and trail connections.
- Thorough outreach to residents and businesses about what to expect if and when they are to be annexed is critical.
- Maintaining affordability and the viability of small businesses is essential and should be part of the strategies within this plan.
- Conduct ongoing outreach to boards and commissions throughout the plan update process.

Staff appreciated the participation of the Super Issues Meeting attendees and have identified these key takeaways from the breakout groups to guide their work moving forward:

- Aesthetic improvements along Mulberry should be prioritized, particularly as it relates to creating a gateway into Fort Collins. Landscaping, screening, and establishing tree canopy were also mentioned.
- Create safe streets for all road users, not just vehicles. Increase and prioritize connectivity for all active modes.
- Existing areas of business and industrial uses should be preserved through appropriate zoning designations to ensure their longevity into the future.