

Worksession Agenda Summary

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Title:

Review of the 16th Street “Canal Shops” Redevelopment Project

Background

Since 2005, the City has been engaged in revising the 16th Street corridor between 7th and 23rd Avenue in a combination of ways;

- Improved the pedestrian corridor by Heath Middle School, creating an attractive landscaped parkway and safer bus stop by Heath Jr. High and along Greeley Central High School, using a portion of its Quality-of-Life Entryway funds. This was done concurrent with major expansion and similar landscape improvements by Banner Health located between the two schools. This created a more cohesive and pleasant travel corridor between 23rd and 14th Avenues.
- Conceived of 16th Streetscape upgrades from 14th to 8th Avenues.
- In conjunction with the University District work, installed wayfinding signage around the perimeter of the District and along 16th Street to highlight this unique and important “town/gown” intersection.
- Included 16th Street corridor improvement plans as an extension of the 8th Avenue Corridor enhancement project.
- Promoted 16th Street in a “Paint What Matters” competition and paint “make-over”.
- Developed a redevelopment concept for 16th Street and the No. 3 Ditch corridor between 16th Street and 8th Avenue, dubbed the “Canal Shops” project.

In 2018, the University District partnership – comprised of the City of Greeley, Downtown Development Authority, Banner Health and the University of Northern Colorado jointly funded a study to create and update and refine the 16th Street Corridor Plan.

The Plan was initiated, stakeholders engaged, and a final set of recommendations presented to City Council. Several action steps were initiated, and a grant secured by Public Works to evolve the corridor design to meet travel and pedestrian experience objectives and construct the approved plan improvements. That final set of corridor improvements will be presented to Council at a subsequent worksession. This agenda item will offer a background to the 16th Street corridor concept and area improvements envisioned and review, in particular, the redevelopment options and opportunities for the “canal shops” area adjacent to 16th Street.

Strategic Work Program Item or Applicable Council Priority and Goal:

Infrastructure & Growth: Establish the capital and human infrastructure to support and maintain a safe, competitive, appealing and successful community.

Decision Options:

Information and background information only.

Attachments:

Powerpoint presentation