Meeting Topic:
Vision

Number of Community Participants that signed in:
22 (several attendees preferred not to sign in)

City Council Members Present:
Charlie Able, Ward 1

Planning Commissioners Present:
Alan Heald, Ward 4

Staff Present:
Holly Boehm, Principal Planner
Christy Horber, Planner
Morgan Gardner, Associate Planner
Roger Wadnal, Manager, Comprehensive Planning & Research

Meeting Summary:
The meeting began with a power point presentation given by staff. The presentation outlined the planning schedule, the purpose of the planning process and the expected outcomes. The purpose of the plan is to develop formal design standards for the planning area, create a design review committee that will be responsible for reviewing development in the area, and the adoption of an overlay district that will codify design and site standards.

After a question and answer period, the meeting participants were asked to take the Vision Exercise survey to provide input on the future vision, form and function for the area. The project area was broken into three subareas in order to focus the discussion. There were stations set up for each subarea, and City staff was present at these three stations to answer questions and hear comments from the attendees.

General comments heard from those in attendance included:
- Traffic is a big concern.
- Lack of water in the area is a concern.
- Will this plan result in a tax increase?
- Please provide copies of other vision plans.
• See attached for additional comments and questions.

Next Steps:
A summary of the survey responses (from Meetings 1 and 2 as well as for those received online) for the vision exercise will be posted on www.Lakewood.org/UnionVision no later than May 24, 2019. As of May 9, 2019, 131 survey responses have been received. The next meeting is scheduled for June 6. The focus of that meeting will be building and site design and public amenities.
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Comments and Questions from the May 8, 2019, Meeting

General Comments

- Need shuttles every 3-5 minutes from light rail to destinations – to hotels, groceries
- Needs to be much more bike and pedestrian friendly
- Include public art in developments and along corridor
- Need pedestrian and cyclist connections within and outside of planning area
- Tunnels and pedestrian over pass to connect transit and businesses
- Need drainage and water management (impervious surfaces)
- Avoid the “sidewalk to nowhere”
- Plan for alternative modes of transportation (e-bikes, scooters, bikes, pedestrians)
- Increase night life in the area. Invite more activity than just going to work. It becomes a destination,
- Soften boundary and provide better pedestrian and bike access across 6th Ave., Alameda Parkway and Healing Way (all the way to Alameda)
- Amphitheatre at Federal Center property
- Need bike and pedestrian connections
- Need connections to the Federal Center
- Look at all options (above and below grade) to cross Union
- Need business and retail infusion

Questions

Q: **How do we plan to address water with new development?**

A: Green Mountain Water and Sanitation District determines the availability for water for this area. Questions regarding availability should be addressed to the district at 303-985-1581 or [www.greenmountainwater.org](http://www.greenmountainwater.org). The Green Mountain Water and Sanitation District Board meets at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at 13919 W. Utah and the meetings are open to the public.

Q: **Can you provide examples of other vision plans that have been completed in the city?**

A: Yes. Staff will provide copies of other plans at the June 6th meeting. You may also review these plans on the city’s website, [www.lakewood.org/CommunityPlans.org/](http://www.lakewood.org/CommunityPlans.org/)

Q: **What is the zoning for this area?**

A. For detailed information on the zoning, please visit [www.lakewood.org/zoning/](http://www.lakewood.org/zoning/) (click on interactive zoning map). A snapshot of the zoning map for the area is attached.
Q: Will this plan result in a tax increase?

A: No, it will not.