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## Minutes

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**Agenda item:** Roll Call

**City of Littleton Members Present:** (4) Debbie Brinkman, Kyle Schlater, Reid Betzing, Ryan Thompson

**NGAC Members Present:** (9/11) Jackson Krause, Carter Perun, Malcom Pena, Jr., Carrie Zwanzig, Abbie Steiner, Katie Crass, Deziree Biggins, Iftin Abshir, Kalee Policio

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**Agenda item:** Approval of Agenda / 8.1.19 Minutes

**Overview:**

Motion to amend agenda, with Mayor Brinkman to speak between items 3 and 4

Motion approved

8.1.19 Meeting Minutes approved

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**Agenda item:** Public Comment – Mayor Brinkman

**Overview:**

- Committee suggestions
  - Pledge of allegiance with opening
  - Considering a roll call official and verbal
  - Protocols, legislatures, procedures, etc. – time to review and implement processes
- Regarding the NGAC advisory on the proposed metro district
  - Consider some suggestions and committee roles, as it is a, for example, a big bite to go after metro districts
  - Developer – rezone – inadequate code, as we are close to approval – cart before the horse
  - Ambitious for NGAC
  - Council committed to this group for 2 years – how can we be set up for success, touch points and realign
  - Effort for the advisory was substantial
  - Decision had to be related to code service plan – we had to reference to the plan
  - Diving deeper before making assumptions – ex. property taxes, developer owns commercial, so this would not apply
  - Strong language to caution – support with facts, these are public information and legalities and redevelopment – ex. In relation to aspen grove without vetting section 8 11 3
  - Not a condemnation, advising, help us to be better at succeeding at becoming an influential source of advice – opportunities to support in the future
- How NGAC works with City Council
  - Board opportunity to speak to the council at meetings
  - Understand the role of how we work with the council
  - Boards and commissions – part of the protocols – when giving a written or oral – all look AT DOC – from the policy
  - Comments making personal views or opinions – needing more depth and understanding
  - Thank you – please review documents under council boards and commissions documents

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**Agenda item:** Denver regional transportation plan - Lisa Houde, Denver Regional Council of Governments

**Overview:**

Need youth engagement on upcoming Denver regional transportation planning, bringing together a youth advisory panel, as more input is needed from this age group.

**Discussion:**

- Lisa is a public engagement specialist, and also a Littleton resident that values historic preservation
- Denver regional transportation plan discussion
- RT plan – extends to 2050
- Need input from younger people – hit over 30+, but we trying to reach out to the people we don't hear from a lot
- Bring together youth commissions – most are high school – youth advisory panel – joining another meeting – but you can encourage you to participate in survey or get involved in process – but expand toward the Denver region – Longmont to Larkspur – very big region, similar to Littleton master plan
- Lisa posing questions for the NGAC
  - Bus, bike, trail, walk, train, - what options do you take
  - Bring cities and counties together that cross boundaries
  - The idea for the youth panel – 4-6 meetings over 2+ years, other commissioners are in the younger side
  - Another option could be a webinar – since cross regional
  - Why participate – if you are passionate about transportation and think about the whole region, thinking from a regional perspective – interested in going into engineering, architecture, etc.
  - Take the survey – only 300 responses, with limited responses from users under 30 – need younger voice included!
  - Transportation planning is very long range, give input and make difference
- If interested – how to apply – if you are interested, we will have you – no limit / 2 from each region
- Starting in November – now we are finding out priorities, then scenario planning, what would happen if you made transit free, etc. then plan development, then reviewing the plan, etc.

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**Agenda item:** Envision Littleton Plan and Discussion

**Overview:**

NGAC feedback, discussion and plan for response regarding the Envision Littleton plan.

**Discussion:**

- Opening discussion for master plan and future land use map
  - What has changed since our last discussion
  - Public comment is open – latest updated plan is available
  - Talking more about land use as a whole
    - Intersection of Santa Fe and Mineral, can there be a more concrete plan
  - Talk about different areas of concern or discussion – how do we want to move forward
    - Small groups
- Deciding not to do small group breakouts, but discussion as a large group
  - What kind of feedback do we need to give? Need to come to a group consensus.
  - Look at this plan – what things are missing, what were we thinking it would include – ex. Lighting, air pollution, noise pollution, where are the holes
  - Generic terms – what makes sense – or where does some feedback need to happen
  - Providing feedback from group to the city
    - What are we missing
    - Where are we right on
    - Red flags – are there any / needs refinement
  - As planning commissions –
  - How do we communicate this back to council effective and well received – and done in manner that mayor has outlined
  - Samma – submitting through the online portal where comments from boards and commissions are sent through – the web portal should be used and as an opportunity
  - Needs to be researched and made as protocol for the group

- This can facilitate and encourage individual feedback
- Reid Betzing – City Attorney introduction – how format of recommendations applies certain facts to criteria, comp plan is encouraged to get input, everything is helpful, criteria is not needed – encouraged to all types of feedback

#### Envision Introduction

- Pop growth projection – growth models – potential growth – range on page 9
  - Trends – what have we left out – overlooked the overall trend of declining, 0 or negative population growth – do the models look at this as an area of concern, or something to be considered
  - National trends – population pyramid, trends in the Colorado area
- Growth from outside of CO or etc.
- Going against – this seems logical – steady growth rate – no extremes – accounting with the midpoint

#### Envision Values and Vision

- Direct feedback – traffic and classroom sizes, building leaders, schools

#### Envision Land use and Community Character

- South Platte – corridor mixed use – what does that mean – commercial, residential, mixed use, what is definition
  - We need preservation – will take from the ambiance of having the wild areas
  - No need to develop
  - South Platte park designation as a park
  - South Platte –
    - Sandwiched can we define what parts are commercial – what is the commercial definition
  - What was said in intro – pg 4 – valued but unseen is Platte park – specific policies in place to not concrete this are of the city, how can we highlight access
  - Avoid the Englewood – very industrial – Riverpoint – do not want Costco
  - Mixed use Corridor definition as a whole – too broad or too vague –
  - Corridor mixed use on Santa Fe / Broadway corridor / Belleview square / Littleton blvd
  - Designation with this general designation – too generic – ambiguity – desired land use – having a more specific designation- where this land should go in the future – very large strips of land
  - Concerns about the different uses
    - Acc – designated as institutional, but seminary is not –
    - All the “institutions” – put into being missing for a reason
    - Decision about corridor missed use – choice to mixed use / already developed, what could redevelopment look like
    - Special corridor planning area – Littleton blvd
      - New addition – was part of TBD
      - Consideration / preservation of mid-century architecture
      - Distinct from auto orientated use / need to define the mixed use
      - Intentional choice that there may need to be a distinction
      - Designation of different corridors – special districts – maybe we need to represent this in the land use map
  - Specific neighborhoods
    - Columbine Square
    - Downtown Littleton
      - Current designation – what do we want the character to be in the future
      - Three different uses in downtown
        - Main street is now reflected – specific – before was just urban downtown
        - Gives the same usage / definitions for both of these – definitions
        - How do you like calling downtown urban – designation – do not feel that there should be much change for this region – main street
        - According to a guiding principles – anchored (quote from Envision document) – for example urban main / mixed use – too broad (quote from Envision document) opposite of what “anchored” is or what is was – city that was a standalone city – def for main street, but extending it a few extra blocks is dangerous, with the preservation/older not being included
          - As the hub of downtown – going to have to change – so much traffic, they will have to do something with historical properties – important

part of small-town culture, not as a big suburb – having buildings be more usable

## Envision Recreation, Tourism

- Interest in maintaining, but what about enhancing or building upon
- Lodging tax – would that help – but has not gone beyond discussion, short answer is it could have been
- Support for this list of priorities
  - Funding comes from the friends of programs, but not from city
  - What could the city be doing
- Libraries – are not obsolete, but maybe evolve, protect the free services, but how do they evolve
  - Going against – coming back to paper, difference between paper book and e readers – etc. access and resources are valuable, keeping space viable
- Multiple branches – can we support or satellites, new options, outreach – can we expand here
- Museum – unique, free, preserve,
- Heritage – tourist destination – new Littleton tourist magazine – bringing in revenue
  - After 9 city is vacant – not much going on for the younger crowd – increased nightlife
  - What would bring younger crew – top golf, recreation experiential, social hangout
  - In addition – downtown Littleton closes except the restaurants, a good addition could be like a mystery room – escape room, small spaces, small spaces that have a hangout spaces, will pull young people in – this is the environment they are looking for
  - Late night coffee shop
  - Outside of downtown Littleton
  - How does transportation
    - Use light rail to go downtown
    - What is the convenience
      - Easier downtown
      - Cost of parking
    - Lonetree trolley or shuttle – street mall historical version
    - Trolley – what would you pay?
      - Free
      - Yearly bus card
      - Single use - \$4 / round trip
      - Could help support the nightlife
        - Fight congestion
    - Advice – precise and to the point – need any passionate feedback
    - Nightlife and downtown transportation – where are we most passionate or red flags
      - A lot of information was given – how can we be better for the next recommendation
      - A lot of ideas or thoughts – but what about can we explore in feedback or recommendations, expertise
      - How would you sell this to council – what are the three key things we want discuss?
      - Do we need to look at statistics, other communities, etc. we need to focus – transportation

## Envision Transportation

- Decongestion – actions #2 – committee for reducing the traffic in peak hours – undesirable to take public transport – you want to make people feel good, give incentives to take public transport – if presented in benefits, why should I take public transportation – discounts, stress free, etc. x amount of rides –
  - Bus Rapid Transit around Broadway – incentive – decrease travel time from Littleton to Denver
  - Could someone expand on BRT – info and research if it could be an answer – concrete
  - General question from Reid – traffic only going to get worse, based on region, competing notion that people will use uber/lyft, or other solutions – what will this group do?
  - Feel that car culture is engrained – we will still be looking at people driving their own vehicles – not driverless cars, consensus is that we will have cars

- NYC – all public transport – not for Littleton, lack of available, transport, stops, etc. weather – not underground
- Bus stops on blvd. – etc. , air conditioned bus stops
- Just a big inconvenience – revamp in transport need motivation – accessibility is needed
- Missing – income variation – BRT – Highlands Ranch to downtown, but losing other stops , what will the options be
- City should advocate – if it was free
- If light rail was free – would we take it
  - Engrained into life, paid for, are there opportunities to clarify options that are available – people with different income levels
  - Collaboration with RTD – or what are options
  - BRT – options – does it add a lot a value to be in same traffic, if there is a non-dedicated lane – BRT without a designated lane is not an option
  - Incentivize / surge pricing – cost of transit is not in city hands
- Ride Share Options
  - Shuttle as an option – sit and wait, improve night life
  - Active transport – how do we encourage residents to think differently, what does it look like to get more active
- Scooters – how does Littleton plan to manage and proactively allow, or place policy into planning?

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**Agenda item:** Big Ideas from Envision Discussion

**Discussion:**

- Mixed Use Definition
  - We need to research and explore the biggest land definition on future land use map
  - Size and definition
- Transportation Planning
  - Trolley/**ride share** options – area in increase in ride share
  - Scooters – current landscape and litigation
  - Bike share –
  - How do we accommodate
  - Do we need policy – shut down of share programs, how do we plan for this policy?
  - Incentives to have eco pass programs for businesses/developers
    - Businesses can validate eco passes
- Historic, Heritage
  - Library / history – not remaining stagnant, but how do we advocate for future change and development
  - Enhancing not maintaining
- Make your own individual public comments
- How do we speak as a group – going through web portal
  - What comments do we want to make the appropriate way, resources to come across clear concise and effective
  - Sept 16 for comments – individual
  - How does council want to see this presented?
    - Make it pertinent to the discussion – must be feasible to the council
    - Consensus of the group – what drove the most conversation and agreement
    - Working document – submit as a written report through the web portal to be an official document,
    - Work with Ryan and Samma to get consensus recommendation in to council
  - Working document
    - Comment on three sections
    - Need deadlines to finalize and polish – draft for committee approval
    - Submit through the portal

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**Agenda item:** City Council Report – Kyle Schlater

**Discussion:**

- This Saturday – budget discussion – city shifting to priority based funding, more programming budget – Human Resources, public works, are there certain programs that are more important to the community, where are resources going – my advice is to look at headings only!
- Tuesday – joint session with planning commission – with impact analysis, can we afford to include these ideas
- Budget and planning
- If we do discuss Ensor planning, it would need to be on the exact criteria – as a document – would need to be having public comment is not representing the committee – its important what is spoken for is a consensus and not individual passions
- Minority report – the committee would need to agree upon this and voted upon
- Council wants feedback on the comp plan – this is why this committee was established
- Pillars – housing master plan? Provide feedback - sustainability – there is no plan or policy – bigger picture, non judicial – individual vs. group comment
- Sept 12 – envision series speaker – not livable but lovable
- Two year window for committee – make sure we don't have awkward public perception
- Ryan – committee – effective showing we have invested in the committee – need springboard and opportunity for next report – need to assure that we are the right group for this – good resources
- Idea for the group – get involved
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**Agenda item:** Motion to Adjourn - 8:39 pm

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