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Harris Park Community Vision Plan Progress Update

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Background

- City Strategic Plan action item
- City involvement in neighborhood for decades
- Vision planning establishes a foundation for the future



Workshop #1/Online Survey Response Wordcloud



Draft Plan Cover

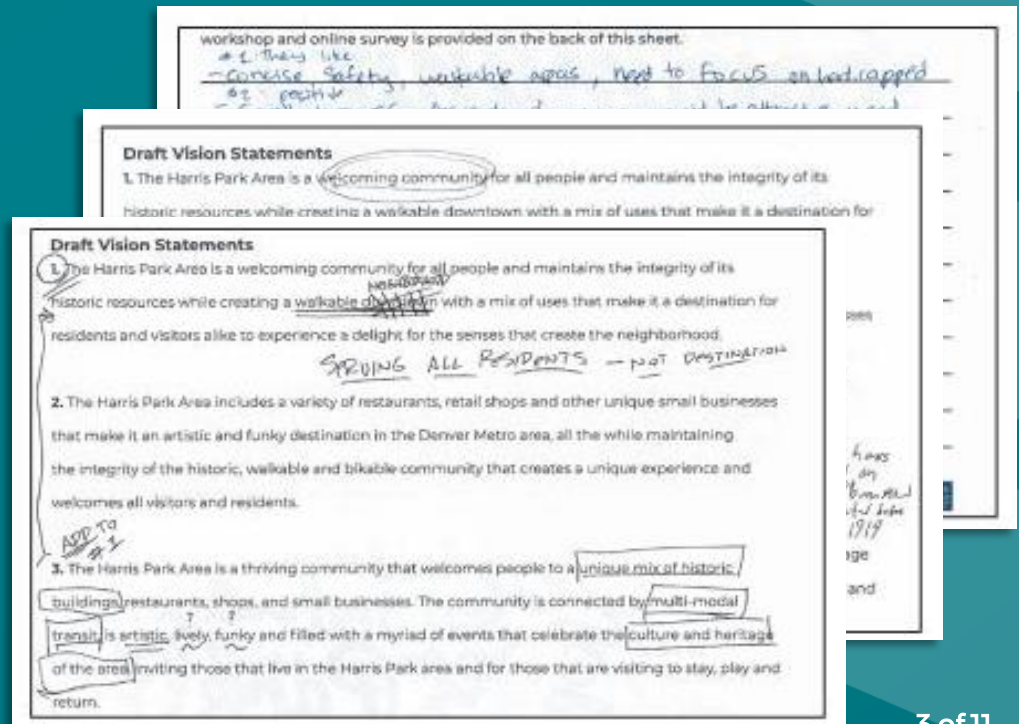
COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT:

“Harris Park is a thriving community that welcomes people with a unique mix of historic buildings, restaurants, shops and small businesses.

The community is connected by a variety of transportation methods, is artistic, lively, eclectic, and activated by a myriad of events that celebrate the culture and heritage of the area, inviting Harris Park residents and visitors to stay, play and return.”

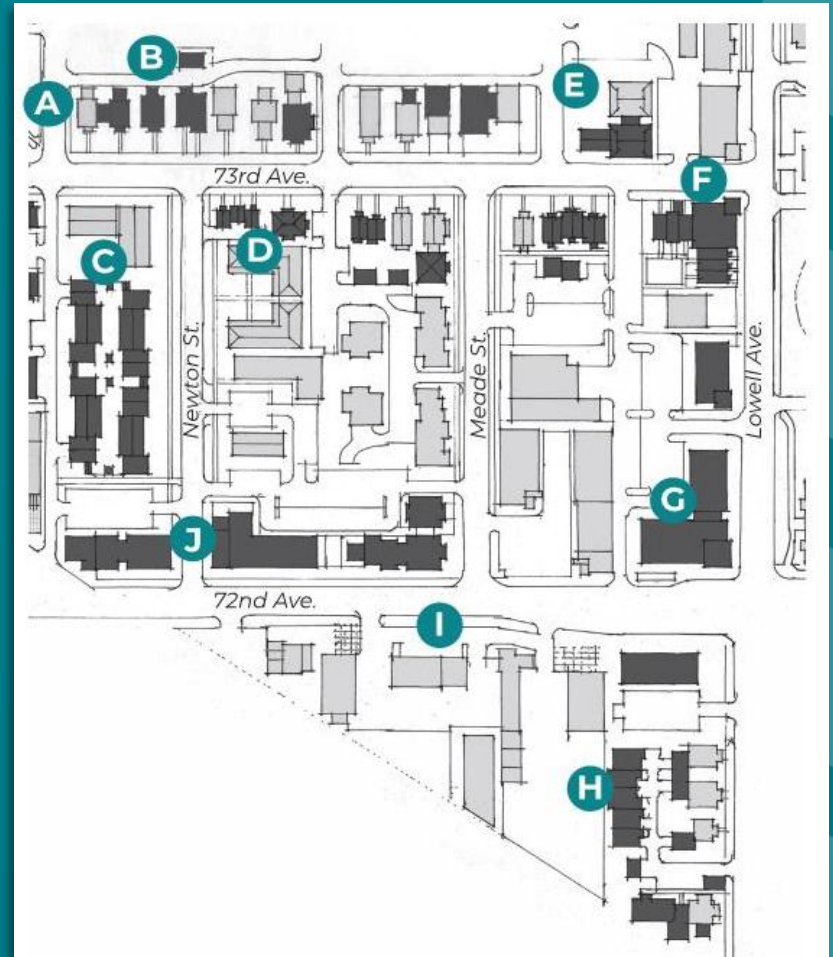
Vision Plan

- Community-based vision for *their* future
- Alignment on future improvements and redevelopment
- Trust between the City and community
- Future investments align with community vision



Vision Plan

- Established community with long history
- Inherently different from other areas of the City
- Charge to identify what is to be preserved & what is to be enhanced
- Informs future public and private sector investments



Illustrative Sketch #2

Outreach Efforts

Focus Group

- Property owners
- Business owners
- Residents
- Non-profit leaders

FOCUS GROUP MEMBERS:

Merrit Bachman
Bev Capra
Donnie Danesh
Stephen Gay
Karen Gay
Linda Graybeal
Brent Griebing
Kim Griebing
Itzel Hernandez
Debbie LeCavalier
Dan Orecchio
Stephanie Orecchio
Greg Pachello
Penny Quinn
Michael Roccaforte
Gary Shea
Becky Silver
Barb Struck
Andrew Toole
Robin Wolff

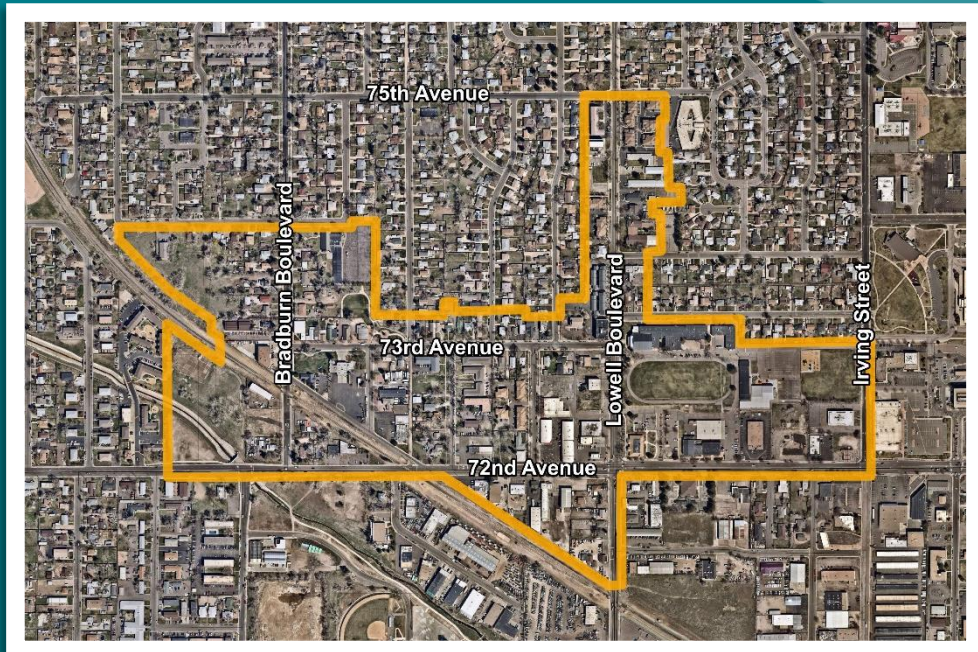
Outreach Efforts

Focus Group

- Set study area boundaries
- Identified gateways and redevelopment opportunities
- Refined character sub-areas
- Refined workshop program content and community feedback



Focus Group #1 Meeting



Harris Park Core Study Area Map

Outreach Efforts

Community Workshops

- Local residents, property owners, business owners
- City Management, City Councillors & Mayor
- City staff from cross-departments

ATTENDANCE:

Workshop #1
@ The Grange - 2.12.19

80+

Workshop #2
@ The MAC - 5.26.19

30+

Workshop #3
@ The MAC - 11.13.19

30+

Outreach Efforts

Community Workshops

- Determined appropriate density and character of new development
- Envisioned program opportunities for public spaces
- Confirmed implementation program and prioritization



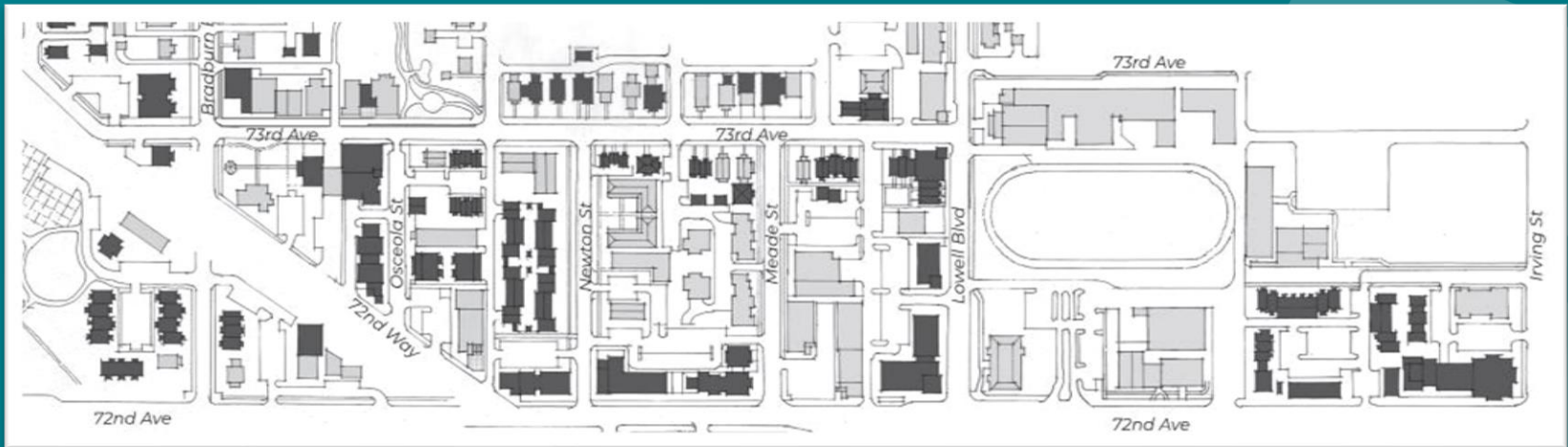
Workshop #1



Workshop #1 Mapping Activity

Plan Outcomes

- Implementation Goals, Objectives, and Actions
- “Road Map” that is community-supported, City-vetted
- A Vision Plan lays the foundation for the future



Draft Plan Illustrative Sketch (partial)

Implementation

- Project prioritization matrix
- Current development projects
- Budget requests
- Upcoming projects:
 - Pedestrian safety improvements
 - Streetscape enhancements
 - Parking analysis and recommendations
- Ongoing and future planning efforts:
 - Expansion of existing art network
 - Core area rezoning
 - Westminster Forward

Next Steps

- Community review of draft plan
- Plan revision/ additional graphics
- Planning Commission review
- Plan acceptance by City Council