

Woody Garnsey: Given the location of the Park Hill Golf Course land in one of the most polluted neighborhoods in Denver and adjacent to the dramatically expanded I-70, please explain why one of the City's highest priorities is not to preserve the 155-acres of open space that is protected by its perpetual open space conservation easement created pursuant to the Colorado conservation easement statute?

D -Lou Raders : Would it benefit the goal by incorporating support for / connection to the CoPACE program? That is the Colorado Property Assessed Clean Energy program that finances energy updates to older buildings.

Frank Locantore : Can you briefly explain the "code adoption process" for 2021, 2024, 2027? is there an existing process, multiple processes, or new processes?

D -Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Those "recharging places" are disappearing and not being replaced. Meanwhile, we are adding many more residents and densifying without open, green, park space with trees.

Woody Garnsey : For David Gaspers: Please explain how the City plans to deal with the strict conservation easement termination provisions of the Colorado conservation easement statute in connection with the development plans of Westside Investment Partners, Inc. to develop the Park Hill Golf Course land in a manner that is prohibited by the conservation easement that protects the land from development? Citizens and taxpayers have been asking this question since November 2019 with no responses from Mayor Hancock, City Attorney Kristin Bronson, or CPD Executive Director Laura Aldrete.

Robert Schmid : To the Building Code process item, and not to speak for CPD, the International Building Code (IBC) is a national code that is applicable in Denver. It is update every three years. Denver has its own amendments to the IBC. Enactment of the Denver Amendments usually lag a year behind the enactment of the IBC. So if the current IBC is 2021, then the Denver Amendments may lag until 2022.

D -Drew Dutcher - ESNA : What are the City's plans to expand "opportunities to recreate", access to nature, green spaces? We are well below the national average of park acreage per resident.

D -Christine O'Connor (Lowry United Neighborhoods) : Re green space, and Park Hill Golf Course question makes me ask this, Happy Haynes cites how temperature drops significantly as she approaches City Park and the tremendous impact of trees. Has the Committee evaluated the loss of green space (large parks and greatly reduced setbacks etc.) with the small pocket parks in polluted land?

Sandra Ruiz : I feel like the city is killing more green spaces with so much Developer as buildings and entertainment spaces but what about more greenery? We need a better air quality I come from Globeville Elyria and Swansea so you know what I'm talking about wanting a better air quality

D -Drew Dutcher - ESNA : The cooling effect of green spaces and nature needs to be considered. Elyria and Swansea is 13 degrees warmer than Congress Park or South Park Hill on hot days in July. We are surrounded by asphalt and concrete highways, junk yards, industry.

Parry Burnap : Looking at Denver's Blueprint Plan through this filter of climate responsibility highlights the importance of the Vision it articulates! Take a look!

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5bd24b655be0456f87c4aa77e398e7e5>

D -Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Elyria, Swansea, and Globeville are in the most polluted zip code in Denver. The air, water, and soil are very polluted and toxic. What is the City doing to improve that, besides expanding I-70, and supporting runaway development down Brighton Blvd?

tess dougherty (she/hers) : How are neighborhoods organizing to support those most vulnerable and living on the streets? We need more SOS sites, the funding is there, Cole Chandler has repeatedly said that the biggest issue is available space willing to host the sites

Sandra Ruiz : What Cole says is right but like I had said many times in his meetings, spaces are not the solution is really helping them get out of the streets and intergrate in society again, and that's a whole plan that the city has no f idea.

tess dougherty (she/hers) : Who are the streets for? For almost a decade, we have seen the city traumatically displace people experiencing homelessness. We have done the research. "Sweeps" are not helping ANYONE. We still don't have equitable access to bathrooms, sanitation service, use of public space. There are human rights violations occurring every week by the city. And we now know the costs - its in the millions. Why isn't that \$\$ being spent on HOUSING people?

D-Eleni Sarris : Good point Christian on Safe Streets. Here is a good read from Dr. Thomas:  
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-06-08/-safe-streets-are-not-safe-for-black-lives>

tess dougherty (she/hers) : We can't keep pushing shelters as the only solution. On Dec 29, 2020, at one shelter, the COVID positivity rate was 32%, compared to the general positivity rate of 6.27% on the same day. We need to collectively organize with alternative solutions! <3

D Robert Lorenz : Knowing the purpose of sidewalks is obvious: walking. Changing the purpose of streets puts pedestrians, bike riders, scooters all at risk unless well marked and separated as European and Asian cities do so well.

D-Eleni Sarris : What work is being done to address issues regarding complete streets, safe streets, and open streets? We should consider redefining how public space is used. We criminalize camping by unhoused but allow restaurants to use the right of way for outside seating. <https://thetyee.ca/Analysis/2020/06/18/Whose-Streets-Black-Streets/>

jacqui lansing : boulevards by definition are typically lined with trees. Colorado Boulevard is not. Is Denver prioritizing adding and maintaining trees along streets to mitigate heat from asphalt

myles tangalin - Congress Park Neighbors : What strategies will the city implement to engage all residents to gather feedback from all residents? There is a need for more outreach to educate and gather input to create a more balanced bottom up vs. top down approach

To Myles point, how inclusive is your outreach process?

tess dougherty (she/hers) : @Eleni Sarris ++++ exactly - and did you know that the city paid for the tents for restaurants? In district 9 alone, the city around \$330K on restaurant tents

tess dougherty (she/hers) : The cherry cricket alone received \$32,000

D-Eleni Sarris : Yes they offered grants. Again this gets back to city priorities.

Sandra Ruiz : I would like to know how the city prioritize in neighborhoods? or on which neighborhoods? I have gone to the 6 and Downing and all those areas and they're always working on making them better streets, sidewalks etc. but I don't see that same equity here in GES. So is interested to see how a lack of equity and discrimination we have in the city. And the biggest problem is when it comes to taxes, we all pay taxes but we don't have the same rights when the city should work for us as well because they getting pay from our taxes.

tess dougherty (she/hers) : Why can the city find \$ for restaurant tents, which are encumbrances, can find money for traumatic displacements, and \$ for a number of other things - but they can't house people in a city that has 5 vacant luxury apartments for every 1 person living on the streets. Where are our priorities?

D-Eleni Sarris : Good point @Sandra. Surveys are geared and disseminated to those who have access, computers, internet, are on certain mailing lists, monolingual English, or utilize social media.

D Robert Lorenz : 49th Avenue from Sheridan to Harlan is being surveyed today for installing Denver Bike Lane #2 but no sidewalk exists along that street's north side which is the primary pedestrian destination to Inspiration Point Park.

D Jane Potts- Rosedale : I cannot ride a bike to the store but would use public transit if it was available often and convenient which it is no now.

Keith Meyer : I don't know if I've heard much discussion about addressing the reality that Denver's exponential growth over the last 10 years has largely been fueled by people that are wanting to use their vehicles to go to the mountains. It seems like addressing this fundamental issue needs to be discussed and worked through when talking about limiting vehicle use in and around the city of Denver.

Caroline Schomp : I think there;'s a tendency to anthropomorphize cars and remove the fact that there are people in the cars. Saying the streets should be "for the people" negates the fact that there are people using the cars. Not to say there shouldn't be more equity, but I think this "for the people" has become a meme when it comes to bicycling and walking.

jacqui lansing : is the complete street program considering eliminating concrete and asphalt and using permeable pavers?

Sandra Ruiz : having bikes is not the solution, we need to plant more trees, we need to close refineries, and really have a better plan for recycle. In Mexico City because of pollution, they had to take measures to decrease pollution. So once a week not everyone is allowed to use their cars, so is like one week some use their car and the rest have to walk, ride bikes or etc and vice versa. I really feel there's no real solutions for nothing, I just keep seeing the city growing with so much developments but no solutions for a more healthy life

D - myles tangalin - Congress Park Neighbors : Recent policy planning from CPD seems finished and completed when presented to the public for input, and input is tailored to defend their planning proposals. It would benefit CPD to present publicly measurable outreach goals and measurements of outcomes. To be much more inclusive in neighborhood engagement and education on these topics.

D -Christine O'Connor (Lowry United Neighborhoods) : Great points on transit but \$5M cannot touch this. And you forget many of us cannot ride a bike, but do WALK and would take the bus more often

than we do if it was frequent, fast, reliable, went lots of places, and affordable. This critical piece has been missing from Blueprint implementation and Sustainability for last twenty years. Will you and DOTI tackle this in a big way soon? (I note the 20/50 plan does not talk about transit.)

D -Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Request of INC: If presenters cannot get to all chat questions, can the panelists, especially City officials, provide answers to all of the very good questions in chat? Thank you.

D -Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Question for Cincere Eades: If you see parks as "critical infrastructure", why is the City planning to develop existing park space, such as Park Hill Golf Course? Instead of developing it, why not purchase it for a regional park?

Dona Dodson : The problem I see with adding more park land is that the yearly staff dedicated to maintaining the existing parks ( general fund budget fails to adjust) does not keep up with the sq footage of parks.

D. Judy Baxter Montclair : What ever happened to the attempt to stop the sale of Park Hill Golf Course, I have realized I am a bit behind. As I recall INC took a position on this after Wellington Webb and others presented to us. No one seems to be addressing this.

Woody Garnsey : PRAB recommended that purchase to DPR. The fair market value for the land as encumbered by the conservation easement is likely somewhere between \$4 and \$5 million. That's what the City paid for 2 acres of new park land on SE Denver last year.

-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Then we need to find ways to maintain our parks. It is essential to the quality of life in the city. There's no excuse for not maintaining our parks.

D Robert Lorenz : Department Transportation and Infrastructure published data on pedestrian deaths for 48th and Harlan Intersection in their zoom meeting focused on busiest intersection in our neighborhood next to Interstate 70.

D. Judy Baxter Montclair : I have to acknowledge the effort that DPR is doing to maintain/improve Montclair Park--really important resource for several communities and right across the street from Montclair Elementary.

Jay April : What is the CASR doing to involve the private sector in contributing to climate change actions?

Sandra Ruiz : I have to go. But thank you for continuing with this meetings. Good to see Christine, Jasmin, Drew, Ean, Aracely. And just for a final note. The city has to really wake up from its fantasy dream and really see that creating all this new developments instead of fixing all the neighborhoods that are lacking so many things, we are going to continue with environmental issues more and more. Not everything is about money, we really need to breathe and if there's not a solution for more greenery and fixing the issues. We are going to see a worst Denver with more homeless, more sick people, more poor people and a very small percentage of wealthy neighborhoods. Bye everyone, see you at the next INC meeting.

Heather Jackson | YSB : Reminder to sign up for newsletters with Youth Sustainability Board (<https://www.youthsustainabilityboard.org/>) to receive updates on the climate resolution students will be asking Denver School Board Members to sign, hopefully in May. School district a separate political entity from the city, and we hope they will commit to the same climate goals as city.

We humbly ask neighborhood organizations and Denver INC to endorse (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lw3lcAFGZymQH6LbFe3vgC0gXBEcolTz5RHn4cXMyJI/edit?usp=sharing>). Thank you!

Jay April : How is CASR going to track performance of their activities ?

jacqui lansing : Do you check Denver's compost for pesticides before it is sold?

Jasmin Barco (she/her), Groundwork Denver : Denver's Redlined map: <https://gwmke.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=3661f4dbe77e45c9951b4879c7401986>

Jeff Neuman-Lee : Could you provide an income number below which we could replace gravity feed gas home heating with air sourced heat pumps? And advertise it as a neighborhood?

Amaha, Climate Task Force and Denver Streets Partnership : <https://denverite.com/2021/04/05/life-expectancy-in-denver-varies-by-as-much-as-13-years-depending-on-what-part-of-the-city-you-live-in/#:~:text=The%20citywide%20average%20is%2079.7,life%20expectancy%20of%2080.5%20years.>

Grace Rink : Learn more about the Climate Action Task Force and read its report here: <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Climate-Action-Sustainability-Resiliency/Initiatives/Climate-Action/Climate-Action-Stakeholder-Process>

Woody Garnsey : Regarding the Park Hill Golf Course land issues: check out [sosdenver.net](http://sosdenver.net) and [yesopenspace.org](http://yesopenspace.org)

Robert Lorenz : Living between Interstate 70 and Interstate 76 in Northwest Denver exposes residents of Inspiration Point Neighborhood to air pollution, noise pollution, and visual pollution. Colorado Department of Transportation has not installed complete sound barriers along these highways.

tess dougherty (she/hers) : Environmental racism is a major issue in denver but often unnamed and unaddressed. Reducing food deserts, providing safe outdoor spaces, ending the 'sweeps,' putting checks on the developers playground that denver has become. Those would be some measure of success that

D-Adrian Brown (Baker) : Denver needs a water sustainability goal, like we have a carbon goal. There is lots of things we can each do to save, recycle, reuse, store and optimize water. We have a lot of directly applicable expertise available in the INC family, so let us know how we can help.

D - myles tangalin - Congress Park Neighbors : It would benefit the city departments to have a clear measurable engagement process, publicly released setting goals and measuring success based on stated goals.

tess dougherty (she/hers) : This is a great place to start and support!  
<https://www.facebook.com/PeoplesClimateCampaign>

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jacqui lansing : Unless Xcel goes renewable we won't get to net zero. what are you doing to get the company to do its part?

- A. Denver has a Memorandum of Understanding with Xcel Energy, the "Energy Future Collaboration" that provides a framework for how we work together on a shared vision and goals. <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Climate-Action-Sustainability-Resiliency/Goals-Policy/Energy-Future-Collaboration>

Cincere' Eades - DPR : The City has partnered with several regional stakeholders and is developing a One Water Plan. <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Department-of-Transportation-and-Infrastructure/Programs-Services/One-Water>

tess dougherty (she/hers) : MEMPHIS:

1. PETITION: (anyone who cares about EJ and wishes to stand in solidarity with the parallel struggles occurring in cities across the US can sign! :) <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/no-oil-in-our-soil>

2. <https://www.memphiscap.org/>

3. <https://mlk50.com/2021/02/18/former-vice-president-al-gore-national-poor-peoples-campaign-join-memphis-pipeline-fight/?fbclid=IwAR25KVR8QU00mKn4ObOQhoxZ1ctFCId1nYo1qOpGkQQcVSdzW33lbHj9L1U>

Cincere' Eades - DPR : Here is more information on environmental resilience efforts in parks: <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-parks-and-recreation/trees-natural-resources/water-conservation.html>

tess dougherty (she/hers) : #CarbonFreeColorado - <https://www.peoplesclimatecampaign.org/>

D - Trupti Suthar (Sunnyside United Neighbors) to Taylor Moellers | Denver | she/her | (Direct Message) : Does Denver have any programs that would help or incentivize removing grass for food, pollinators or native plants vs lawn?

A: For individuals, Denver Water has some resources:

<https://www.denverwater.org/residential/rebates-and-conservation-tips/remodel-your-yard/xeriscape-plans>

We have done some one-off projects through Sustainable Neighborhoods, but I'm not sure of any current direct incentive programs.

Emmett Hobley : Have you considered using community greenhouses?

D-Eleni Sarris : Agreed. We don't do enough to elevate grassroots to policy and implementation.

Heather Jackson | YSB : Feel free to reach out to me, a YSB mentor, Heather ([heather.b.jackson@gmail.com](mailto:heather.b.jackson@gmail.com)), and the YSB leader, Felicia ([felicia@youthsustainabilityboard.org](mailto:felicia@youthsustainabilityboard.org)).

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Jeff Neuman-Lee : It seems to me that we need groups in every neighborhood, i.e. climate justice groups. There needs to be more from INC about that. Nurturing groups and linking them.

Keith Meyer : There seems to be a large number of questions today around dealing with the rapid pace of development outpacing opportunities to increase the crowded, overused, and underdeveloped recreation spaces in all neighborhoods across Denver. Hope this can get addressed with some specifics at some point.

D - myles tangalin - Congress Park Neighbors : I will also be how we produce goods, and require manufacturing be part of the full lifecycle of all products for recycling and reusing.

Rich Wagner : A big “elephant” in the neighborhood is the danger that making neighborhoods more livable and resilient, do we speed up gentrification.

Keith Meyer : You can sign up for the INC Sustainability Mailing List here to keep up to date on future event and discussion - <https://denverinc.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=1fa1d5bcd6a29277bf23a82f1&id=313af22910>