Original Aurora Community Workshop #1
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Open House

**Ongoing Initiatives**

Planning Introduction

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Neighborhood Services
Workshop Guidelines

1. Listen to and respect each other.
2. Turn off or silence cell phones.
3. Please don’t interrupt others.
4. Limit side conversations while someone is speaking.
5. If you have questions, please write it on the form provided at your table and an appropriate staff member will personally respond to you after tonight’s meeting.
Business Licensing
&
Code Enforcement
Maps

The city of Aurora produces a large assortment of geographic data, maps, and applications in support of operations like public safety, utilities, and planning.

Contact Aurora GIS (Geographic Information System) at gis@auroragov.org

www.auroragov.org/city_hall/maps
Initiatives

• Licensing Compliance Checks
• Code Enforcement
• Liquor Licensing
  ▪ Westerly Creek Entertainment District
  ▪ Licensing Inspection, Review, Operations Plans, Violations
  ▪ Restaurant / Tavern / Nightclub – Integration with Zoning
Streetscapes & Urban Planning
DAYTON STREET
23rd - 25th
Existing
Conditions
DAYTON STREET
23rd - 25th
Conceptual Enhancements
Parking
Park Aurora Program

- Enforcement
- Permitting
- On-Street ADA Handicap Signs
- Parking Bureau

www.ParkAurora.com website
Enforcement - Outreach

Follow these 5 tips to avoid getting a parking ticket in Aurora.

1. License Plates
   - Ensure you have unexpired license plates on the front and back of your vehicle.

2. Distance from driveways, fire hydrants, stop signs
   - Don't park too close to driveways (5 feet), fire hydrants (15 feet) or crosswalks, stop signs and traffic signals (30 feet).

3. Street parking
   - Don't leave your vehicle parked too long in one space on the street; three days if the vehicle does not work or five expired license plates, five days if it is a motorhome or RV; seven days if it works properly, or longer if it's parked directly in front of your residence.

4. Any parking
   - If it's time to move your vehicle, make sure you move it at least 100 feet.

5. Pay/permit parking
   - Always look at signs to determine if permits are needed or payment is required.
Enforcement
Neighborhood Parking Permit Program

- Prioritize and protect resident access
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Enhanced customer service experience
- Consistent enforcement practices
On-Street ADA Handicap Signs

- On-Street parking space sign installation
- Request based system
- Installation subject to staff review of required documentation and location/situation
- Remains a public parking space for those with a valid ADA placard / ADA license plate
Parking Bureau

★ Administrative process to hear disputes

★ Dispute online, in-person, by mail

★ Hearing set with Parking Magistrate

★ Can go to Court if you do not agree with Magistrate
Outreach - Website

Park Aurora

City of Aurora / Residents / Park Aurora

Pay a Parking Citation
Make a Mobile Payment
Pay Monthly Permit
Apply for a Neighborhood Permit
Apply for a Monthly Permit
Outreach - Website

★ Apply for a Permit
★ Pay for a Permit
★ Dispute a Citation
★ Pay a Citation
★ Facility Information
★ Code & Policy Information
Questions?

Park Aurora
303.739.7338
parking@auroragov.org
www.ParkAurora.com
Aurora Water
Asian Pacific Development Center Community Garden
Aurora Water Lead Replacement Program

• Aurora Water tests for lead every three years
• 2013 and 2016 tests were well below EPA Action Levels
• Conducting a lead replacement pilot program in Original Aurora
  ▪ 117 homeowners are participating in testing
  ▪ Financial assistance available to replace service lines if needed
  ▪ Program will be rolled out to rest of city upon completion of pilot
Purpose

Oversee the use of federal funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Program for grants and loans to remove slum and blight, enhance stability, and improve the standard of living for low to moderate income families and neighborhoods.
Core Programs

- Single Family Housing Rehabilitation
- Emergency Repairs
- Radon Testing and Mitigation
- Handicapped Accessibility
- Commercial Rehabilitation
- Homeownership Assistance
- Homebuyer/Homeowner Counseling
- Multi-Family Development Support
- Public Facility Improvements and Public Service Support
Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area
Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Park, Trails, and Open Space

CONTEXT
Montview Park Renovation

- New age separated playground
- Regional trail connection to Westerly Creek Trail
- Community gardens
- Picnic shelter and grills
- Full and half-court basketball with practice wall
- Channel improvements
- Site furnishings
Moorhead Recreation Center

Park Location:
• Located in Northwest Aurora
• 25th and Havana
• Just South of Stapleton Redevelopment area
• East of Stanley Marketplace

Size:
• Park is 4.5 Acres
• Center was 4,500 SF

Project History:
• Park Acquired in 1970
• Community feedback has helped formulate proposed programs
• 39,000+SF
• Gymnasium
• Multi-Purpose Rooms
• Locker Rooms & Family Changing Rooms
• Teaching Kitchen
• Public Computer Access
• Swimming Pool Upgrades
• Fitness & Cardio Area
• Improved Entry & Control Area
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1. Background and Vision
2. Existing Conditions
3. Zoning Update Overview
4. Importance of Community Input in the Zoning Update Process
Background

1974 – Colfax Concourse Study
1979 – Northwest Aurora Neighborhood Report
1980 – Original Aurora Master Plan
1981 – Design Guidelines for Original Aurora
1982 – Historic Aurora Walking Tour
1986 – Market Potential Study
1990 – Northwest Neighborhood Profile
1993 – Aurora Community Arts Plan
1994 – Northwest Aurora Revitalization Study
1995 – Visual Preference Study
1996 – Colfax Main Street Master Plan
1997 – Original Aurora Economic Development Plan
1998 – Fletcher Plaza Urban Renewal Area Description
2001 – Fitzsimons Boundary Area District Created
2004 – MLK, Fletcher Square and Florence Gardens
2005 – Colfax Design Overlay District
2005 – Stapleton Aurora GDP
2005 – Anschutz Medical Campus Development
2009 – Original Aurora Strategic Area in Comp Plan
2010 – Brownfield’s Grant for Westerly Creek Village
2011 – Westerly Creek Village Visioning
2012 – Westerly Creek Strategic Area in Comp Plan
2012 – Westerly Creek Village Urban Renewal Area
2012 – Colfax Community Plan and Visioning
“enhanced parks, bicycle and pedestrian friendly streets, and open spaces”

“new mixed use developments with integrated small scale neighborhood commercial uses”

“a thriving, vibrant and safe community with a mix of shops, restaurants and businesses”

“introduce a wider variety of housing options for existing apartment residents and employees of nearby job centers”

“determine how zoning can be used to strengthen and improve the neighborhood fabric”

“review zoning patterns in the area and where patterns are not clear or logical, recommend changes”

“promote a mix of uses and encourage the establishment of a diversity of businesses that serve the needs of the community”

“implement a seamless interface between Aurora and Stapleton through street connections, streetscape elements, development density and design features”

“strengthened single family detached housing of different designs and sizes is encouraged”

Community Vision
"Original Aurora is a vibrant neighborhood and mixed-use district defined by its historic quality, diverse population and unique amenities. Located in close proximity to key employment centers and major transportation networks, Original Aurora is known for its cultural arts district, varied housing styles, family-oriented destinations and distinct local businesses. The neighborhood is a thriving, vibrant and safe community with a mix of shops, restaurants and businesses that serve not only the residents, but the adjacent areas of Lowry, Stapleton and Fitzsimons. The community continually embraces the area's sense of place and unique identity, making it an even better neighborhood in which to live, work and play. Enhanced parks, bicycle and pedestrian friendly streets and open spaces are available for everyone. The medical campus, religious institutions and schools provide opportunities for the community to grow and learn. Residents are proud to live in their neighborhood and embrace its history and changing identity."

*Derived from the Westerly Creek Village and Colfax community visioning efforts in 2011 and 2012*
EXISTING CONDITIONS IN ORIGINAL AURORA
WHAT IS ORIGINAL AURORA?
Opportunities

• “Opportunity Triangle”
• Key Location near Major Employers
• Traditional Grid Street System
• Proximity to Trails and Open Space
• Multi-Modal Transportation
• Westerly Creek Access
• Diverse Community
AGE DEMOGRAPHICS

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RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS

- White / Hispanic: 46%
- Black: 14%
- Other: 27%
- Pacific Islander: 1%
- Asian: 4%
- American Indian: 2%
- Two or More: 6%
INCOME

Per Capita Income: $13,555
Average Household Income: $41,813
Median Household Income: $32,791
HOMEOWNERSHIP

Renters 61.1%

Owners 28.5%
EXISTING LAND USES

- Automotive
- Bar
- Civic
- Duplex / Triplex
- Hotel / Motel
- Industrial
- Medical
- Mixed-Use
- Multi-Family Apartment
- Office
- Park
- Restaurant
- Retail
- School
- Self-Storage
- Single-Family Detached
- Three Story Walk-Up
- Vacant Building
- Vacant Lot
Issues with Existing Zoning

• There are a wide variety of zoning districts, making predictability and consistency difficult (see example to the right)

• Mixed-use development is not permitted in any zoning district (except in SIR)

• Despite the traditionally smaller lot sizes and alleys, residential districts have the same development standards as more suburban areas of the city

• Codified design standards do not exist for commercial, industrial or multi-family residential uses
Why Explore a Zoning Update?

• Implement the community’s vision that was captured from community input

• Encourage revitalization of vacant and underutilized properties

• Help guide investment that reflects the community’s vision

• Increased interest from the community to create high-quality development in the area
Goals of the Zoning Update

**PROMOTE**
Long-term neighborhood stability, safety and investment

**ESTABLISH**
New code that encourages infill development and adaptive reuse

**ENCOURAGE**
High quality design and new housing options

**INCREASE**
Neighborhood involvement in planning issues
IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY INPUT
Why Participate?

- All comments and activity results will be analyzed and taken into account
- Your feedback will directly impact future zoning and design standards
- Help create significant and long-term positive change in your neighborhood
Goals of Community Input

• Reach and involve diverse groups of people
• Broaden citizen engagement
• Create long-term neighborhood support
• Capture community preferences through strategic outreach
Community Workshop #1
Tonight

Community Workshop #2
Thursday, July 13th

Community Workshop #3
Thursday, August 24th
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Visual Preference Survey

• 45 slides total (two photos per slide)
• Each slide will appear on the screen for 20 seconds
• Check the box that corresponds to how you feel about each of the photos
• Helps measure your preferences for specific uses and design features
• Allows staff to perform an analysis to better understand what appeals to the community
HOW TO DO THE SURVEY

Check the box that corresponds to how much you like each photo.

- Like
- Neutral
- Dislike

Please write notes in the area provided.

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Map Mark-Up Activity

• What do you like about Original Aurora? What areas could use improvement? What ideas do you have to positively impact Original Aurora?

• Green Post-it = Asset

• Orange Post-it = Challenge

• Pink Post-it = Idea

• Discussion with others at your table is encouraged, but feel free to come up with your responses individually
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Adoption and Implementation

Preparation of Final Documents

Steering Committee Meetings and Community Workshops

June, July and August

September and October

Late Fall 2017

Adoption and Implementation
Thank you for coming!

Please attend our second community workshop on July 13th at 6:00 pm.

For more information, please visit www.auroragov.org/OAPlan, email OAPlan@auroragov.org or call (303) 739-7857.