



# City of Fountain Fountain Urban Renewal Authority

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## Olde Town and Interstate Gateway Design Guidelines

June 6, 2017

Location: City Utility Building, Community Conference Room

Steering Committee Meeting Number 1 and City Representatives Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

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Each meeting began with Kimberly welcoming everyone and thanking them for their time. She introduced the project and Kevin.

Kevin introduced THK, Sarah, The Abo Group and Ron. He discussed a brief history of the collaboration of THK and The Abo Group over several decades. Each Committee member was then asked to introduce them self.

Kimberly offered a comprehensive look at the history of the work that the Urban Renewal Authority has been doing in the City. She also walked through the course of milestone events for the City and the Authority which lead to this moment in time.

Kevin, Sarah and Ron presented an abbreviated version of the Power Point presentation they presented during their interview with the Urban Renewal Authority.

The presentation addressed the purpose of Design Guidelines. Examples of how Design Guidelines have been used in other communities were shared. Examples of theming and architectural style were presented. Finally, the process and timeline of the project was presented.

The Roles and Responsibilities of the City Representatives and Steering Committee members were discussed.

The THK Team's first interactive exercise was initiated: presentation and discussion of the first set of context maps:

1. District Map
2. Context Aerial of the Study Area
3. Circulation Diagram

#### **Group Discussion – Project Opportunities and What is Important to You**

- Significant labels for the Context Aerial
  - Add the Police Station

- Add the Walt Fortman Center
- Add the Chilcott Ditch
- The YMCA building also houses the Parks, Streets and City Water Departments
- The Salvation Army is no longer
- New Light Baptist Church is no longer
- Fountain Middle School will be rebuilding in the near future
- Add Christian Open Space
- Expand the green space area around Adams Open Space
- Circulation
  - Pedestrian route along the northern portion of Santa Fe shifts to the west side of the street only
  - Ohio is an important pedestrian connection
  - Add pedestrian route along Race Street
  - Change the symbol for the future traffic light. The current symbol was mistaken for a future round about
  - Add pedestrian route for the Front Range Trail
- General
  - There is a concern regarding pedestrian safety on both the Fountain Creek bridge and the bridge over I-25
  - Traffic issue where Ohio goes from four lanes to two lanes
  - Concern over the current condition of some of the structures around town
  - Xeroscape is important
  - Concern about the new design being a burden for the landscape maintenance department
  - There is an existing signage design document. The THK team was asked to include this document with any new concepts that are generated
  - Parking downtown during special events is a challenge
  - Intersection of Ohio and Santa Fe is a problem for pedestrians
  - There is a future plan to bury overhead power and cable (fiber optic) lines
  - There is a major point of truck circulation near the 7-Eleven
  - The Design Guidelines will take into account the existing City Development Standards
  - The Design Guidelines will honor and respect the history of the City
  - It would be nice to continue to develop Fountain Creek into an amenity. Better creek access.
  - How to we begin to talk about drawing tourism?
  - What can we do to draw in day trippers?
  - Stormwater management needs to continue to be a priority in all development
  - Fountain was established in 1859  
Formalized as a City in 1871  
Officially Incorporated in 1903
  - Natural Areas should have good pedestrian connections
  - Need better connectivity to specific destinations and landmarks

- Concerns relating to the CMU District
- Difference between guidelines and standards
- The City should consider establishing a Design Review Committee comprised of citizens, public servants and consultants.
- The Steering Committee will help to determine how prescriptive is too prescriptive or not enough regarding the specific information that is included in the Design Guidelines.
- Possibility of a Transit Oriented Design for the Gateway District?
- Affordable housing should be included in the City's long term plans
- How do we address the entry monument sign?
- What can we do in Fountain that other communities have successfully done?
  - Georgetown
  - Littleton
  - What others have you noticed?

### **Steering Committee Assignment**

- If you could choose one single photo to share with a friend or relative who lives out of state, that you think is the best representation of the City of Fountain: what would it be and why?

Please bring this photo with you to our next Steering Committee meeting.

**Next Steering Committee Meeting:** Thursday, July 13, 2017. The location will be confirmed prior to the meeting. It will either take place in the City Council Chambers or in the Community Conference Room.