



# City of Fountain Fountain Urban Renewal Authority

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## Olde Town and Interstate Gateway Design Guidelines

August 23, 2017

Location: City Utility Building, Community Conference Room

Steering Committee Meeting Number 3

### Meeting Minutes

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Kimberly began the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their time. Her introduction also offered a brief preview of the presentation for the evening. She discussed that some of the imagery presented are very big ideas and will require a lot of coordination, planning and time.

Sarah began the presentation with sharing the categorized character images from the July Steering Committee meeting. Next she presented the results of the survey with photos from the previous session discussed as being one of the main foundations of the design team's ideas.

#### Visual Design - Intro to Design

Ron and Sarah took turns discussing the idea of Architectural Districts through the corridor and ideas for how to take design cues from the historic architecture. There was also a diagrammatic explanation of the key terms as they related to street oriented design so everyone would be comfortable with the greater discussion.

The design items outlined below were presented for feedback and support/decline motions by the project's Steering Committee participants.

#### I-25 and Santa Fe Interchange

The ideas presented for this segment are as follows:

- Potential trees lining the exit ramps to provide a visual buffer and a sense of arrival from the Interstate. \*
- Potential retaining walls for visual language along exit ramps. \*
- Potential masonry wall along the west side of the southbound exit ramp to echo the sound wall along the east side of the interstate and provide a visual buffer along the industrial uses to the west. \*
- Potential to locate an entry/identity monument at the top of the southbound exit ramp. Possible public art opportunity.
- Potential to add columns and a decorative rail along the overpass bridge to provide an architectural language to the entry experience. \*

- Commercial signage should be organized into one monument sign at the top of the exit ramps indicating the businesses at the interchange in order to eliminate individual “lollipop” signage.
- Architecture should be simple “Prairie Style” architecture with sloped roofs to eliminate unsightly flat roofs that are visible from above.
- \* These items will necessitate coordination and partnership efforts with CDOT.

### **Fountain Gateway Experience**

The ideas presented for this segment are as follows:

- Potential to add a median in the middle of Santa Fe that can house trees and other landscaping along with presenting opportunities for signage and potential public art. \*
  - Examples of this idea were shared. Specific locations from the Denver area are:
    - Evans through the University of Denver campus.
    - Federal Boulevard (a state highway) through the Highlands district of Denver.
- Potential to carry the language to the ornamental railing along the overpass east to the first intersection. \*
- Enhance the entry monument to have more visual weight architecturally and landscape and include the cowboy and barrel racing signage.
- Opportunities with future development to begin a street oriented design experience along Santa Fe with establishing a zero-lot line/build-to line, wider sidewalks and street trees. Parking shall be on the sides of the buildings and in the rear.
  - The City of Fountain’s new police department is a great example of this idea of site organization and street frontage.
- The architecture should reflect the Prairie Style.
- \* These items will necessitate coordination and partnership efforts with CDOT.

### **Fountain Creek and Commercial District**

The ideas presented for this segment are as follows:

- Potential to add a median in the middle of Santa Fe that can house trees and other landscaping along with presenting opportunities for signage and potential public art. \*
- Opportunities with future development to continue a street oriented design experience along Santa Fe with establishing a zero-lot line/build-to line, wider sidewalks and street trees.
- Establishing a prairie-style architectural language.
- Potential to include a new pedestrian bridge to cross Fountain Creek. \*
  - Qualifies for GOCO and other State funding mechanisms.
- Potential for designed creek access.
  - Safety, Accessibility, activating the Creek as an amenity to the community.
- Potential new and/or improved pedestrian trail access.

- \* These items will necessitate coordination and partnership efforts with CDOT.

### **Street Oriented Design along Santa Fe**

The ideas presented for this segment are as follows:

- Potential to add a median in the middle of Santa Fe that can house trees and other landscaping along with presenting opportunities for signage and potential public art.
- Opportunities with future development to continue a street oriented design experience along Santa Fe with establishing a zero-lot line/build-to line, wider sidewalks and street trees.
- Continuing a prairie-style architectural language.

### **Santa Fe and Ohio Intersection**

The ideas presented for this segment are as follows:

- The idea of a potential alternative traffic design at this intersection. \*
  - This idea would require the following:
    - Traffic Engineering
    - Coordination and a partnership with CDOT
    - Ensuring improved circulation regarding the train
    - Ensuring appropriate design for semis with trailers, school buses and all emergency vehicles.
- \* These items will necessitate coordination and partnership efforts with CDOT.

### **Street Oriented Design along Ohio**

The ideas presented for this segment are as follows:

- Opportunities with privately funded future development to continue a street oriented design experience along Ohio and Main Street with establishing a zero-lot line/build-to line, wider sidewalks and street trees.
- Continuing a prairie-style combined with Fountain historic architectural language.
  - One and two story facades that are scaled to pedestrian experience and walkability, i.e. coffee shop, ice cream shop, boutique, pub, bookstore, souvenir shop, café. Promoting community gathering space.
  - Maximize alley easements through an opportunity to activate auto free internal alley designs and plazas.

### **Public Use Assets**

The ideas presented for this segment are as follows:

- Opportunities with future development to continue a street oriented design experience along Ohio and Main Street with establishing a zero-lot line/build-to line, wider sidewalks and street trees.
- Continuing a prairie-style combined with Fountain historic architectural language.

- One and two story shops that are geared to pedestrian experience and walkability, i.e. coffee shop, ice cream shop, boutique, pub, bookstore, souvenir shop, café. Promoting community gathering space.
- Maximize alley easements through an opportunity to activate auto free internal alley designs and plazas.
- Potential to create community green space between civic uses within the Main Street corridor.

Note: change of uses or private development would be the triggers to applying the new design standard suggestions of the project.

### **Next Steps**

Public Interaction and presentation of Big Ideas

### **Next Steering Committee Meetings:**

Thursday, September 28, 2017  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Fountain Library (located behind City Hall)

### **Public Interaction Meetings:**

Inaugural Fountain Business Social  
Thursday, September 14, 2017  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
City Hall

Community Night in the Park  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017  
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Metcalf Park