

Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Update

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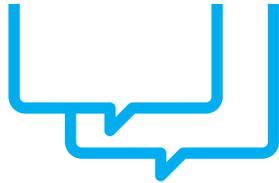
The Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy (NRS for short), is a project that will shape the future of our community! The City has embarked on a process of data analysis and public engagement to thoughtfully address the future of Wheat Ridge neighborhoods. The project began during the late summer of 2018 and is expected to conclude in May 2019.

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What's Happened?



The City hired consulting firm czbLLC and impaneled a citizen steering committee of 26 people to guide the project. The steering committee met in **July, September, and October** to begin understanding the **strengths and weaknesses of Wheat Ridge's neighborhoods** and to design public engagement activities.



In **September**, the steering committee began small-scale outreach through discussion groups and some pop-up events at local gathering places. Committee members were seeking answers to the simple question: "**What should change in Wheat Ridge and what should stay the same?**"

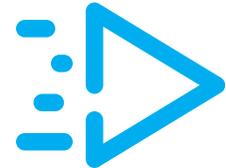


In **October and November**, outreach expanded to include small group discussions focused on hypothetical scenarios designed by the City's consultants. Through these **scenario conversations**, committee members are trying to determine **community values** and what matters most to Wheat Ridge residents in community decision making.



On **November 5**, the City's consultant, czbLLC, presented a draft interim report containing **early data findings and observations about the Wheat Ridge market** to a joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission. The study session can be viewed at the City's website (www.ci.wheatridge.co.us) and the draft interim report is available on the project page (www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/nrs).

What's Next?



During the **month of November**, the steering committee will complete its current round of scenario-based small group discussions. The scenarios are designed to help draw out **Wheat Ridge values** and how those values should inform community decision making.



On **December 12, from 5:30-8:00 PM**, a **public open house** will take place at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center (4005 Kipling Street). Attendees can drop in any time during the open house to browse a series of stations with large presentation boards outlining the research and findings to date. Steering committee members and representatives from the consulting team will be available for questions at each station to ensure an **opportunity for everyone to provide input**.



In **early 2019**, additional engagement opportunities, both small and targeted as well as large and broadly open to the public, will take place. The consulting team will also continue its analysis of Wheat Ridge data and policy issues. Draft strategy concepts will begin to take shape over the winter and a **draft strategy document is expected in the spring**.

To keep up with the latest information and events, please visit:
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