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# **Proposed Urban Redevelopment Area**



Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure Council Committee July 23, 2013

## **Background**



- Proposed Urban Redevelopment Area is approximately 32 acres bounded by West Colfax Ave, Stuart St., Perry St., and West 17th Ave
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- Area occupied by the St. Anthony Central Hospital campus for over 100 years
- In the early 2000's hospital leaders determined need for a newer and larger facility that could better accommodate future growth deciding to relocate to the Denver Federal Center site in Lakewood
- The campus was completely vacated by mid 2011
- The City, local neighborhood organizations and general community have all worked to create a new vision for the site
- The West Colfax Plan, adopted by City Council in 2006, describes redevelopment of the site as a "catalyst redevelopment opportunity" for the entire West Colfax area and built upon recommendations from the St. Anthony Central Redevelopment Task Force completed in 2005
- Current site conditions and development vision suggest need for public investment to facilitate vertical redevelopment



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- A formal Conditions (blight) study has been completed and the results identified sufficient evidence of more than four blight factors.
  - Slum Deteriorating or deteriorated structures
    - Note: The hospital campus was vacant at the time of the field survey, and a portion of it was
      undergoing demolition. For the purposes of the Study, only structures that will not be demolished
      were presented in the results.
  - Predominance of defective or inadequate street layout
  - Deterioration of site or other improvements
  - Unusual topography or inadequate public improvements or utilities
  - Environmental Contamination of Buildings or Property
  - The existence of health, safety, or welfare factors requiring high levels of municipal services or substantial physical underutilization or vacancy of sites, buildings, or other improvements.

# **Blight Findings**

# **Conditions Study Findings**

- Blight factors identified:
  - Slum/Deteriorated Structures
  - Defective and inadequate street layout
  - Deterioration of site or other improvements











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# **Conditions Study Findings**

- Blight factors identified:
  - Inadequate Public Improvements
  - Environmental Contamination of Buildings or Property
  - Substantial Physical Underutilization or Vacancy of Sites, Buildings or other Improvements







## **Conformance with City Plans / Community Vision**

## The main objectives of the Urban Redevelopment Plan are to:

- Eliminate blight
- Renew and improve the character of the Area
- Encourage residential, retail and commercial development
- Encourage and protect existing development
- More effectively use underdeveloped land
- Encourage land use patterns that result in a more environmentally sustainable city
- Encourage land use patterns where pedestrians are safe and welcome
- Encourage participation of existing property owners in the redevelopment of their property
- Encourage high and moderate density development where appropriate
- Encourage reuse of existing buildings, including historic preservation and adaptive reuse
- Promote a diverse mix of dense housing options
- Promote a diverse, sustainable neighborhood economy, including mixed use and commercial development opportunities
- Improve access to healthy transportation options and existing parks





The goals and objectives of the proposed Plan are consistent with a number of objectives from City Plans

# • Denver Comprehensive Plan 2000

- Promote quality infill development
- Promote development of sustainable communities and centers of activity
- Encourage mixed-use, transit oriented development
- Encourage development of housing that meets diverse needs of Denver's present and future residents
- Encourage infill development that is consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood; offers opportunities for increased density; broadens variety of compatible uses
- Use Public-private partnerships to facilitate development; focus incentives on private development fronting major new, existing and historic roadway corridors
- Continue to strengthen and revitalize Denver's commercial corridors, such as West Colfax





## Blueprint Denver

- Identified as "Area of Change"
- Supports the goal of increasing activity along major road and transit corridors
- Redevelopment will increase availability of infill housing and create new commercial uses

#### West Colfax Plan

- Supplement to Blueprint Denver
- Identified as "catalyst redevelopment opportunity"
- Identifies area as a "Town Center District"
- Establish a unique identity for the site and ensure new development anchors the community and functions as the social and cultural heart of the neighborhood
- Planning Board voted unanimously to find the Urban Redevelopment Plan to be in conformance with Plan 200

## **Potential Projects**



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- Total Urban Redevelopment Area is approximately 32 acres
- Redevelopment will occur in phases primarily supported by Metropolitan District
- Currently anticipate two sites/projects that may need additional assistance
- Block 3 Kuhlman Parcel
  - Historic Preservation/Adaptive Reuse
    - Boutique Hotel and Residential Development
- Block 7 Colfax Parcel
  - Anchor Retail and Office



# **Initial Property Tax Increment Area**



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### **Initial Tax Increment Commitment**

### **Authorization of:**

- •Sales Tax Increment
- •Property Tax Increment
- •All sources of Tax Increment derived from project site only

## **Approval of:**

- •Property Tax Increment Area only for former hospital assemblage
- •If Project uses TIF:
  - •terminates at earlier of project reimbursement or 25 years
- •If no Projects need TIF:
  - •Terminates in 10 years from date of original approval
- •DURA may seek approval of future property and/or sales tax increment areas

# **Additional Cooperation:**

- •City agrees to separately report and remit all property tax increment
  - •DURA portion
  - •Metropolitan District Portion
- •DURA agrees to remit Metropolitan District Portion to South Sloan's Lake District





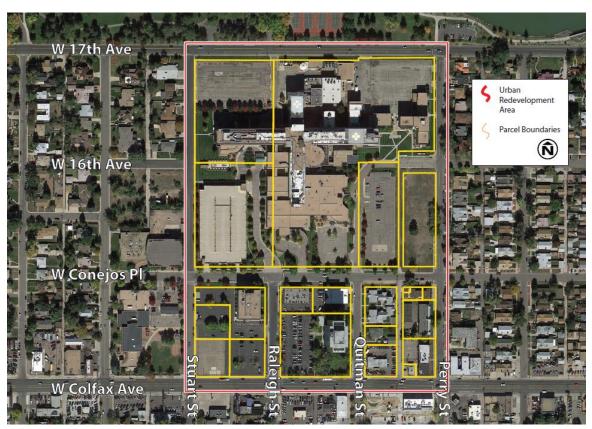
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- Resolution Setting Public Hearing June 24, 2013
- Planning Board July 17, 2013
- DURA Board July 18, 2013
- LUTI Council Committee July 23, 2013
- Public Hearing City Council August 5, 2013



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# **Questions?**



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