May 28, 2019 Meeting Notes

Attendance:
- 13 taskforce members in attendance, 4 staff members, and 4 city council representatives
- 12 citizens

Taskforce Questions and Discussion:
- DSD Administrator Cat Hernandez opened the meeting with introductions of the new neighborhood representatives replacing previous neighborhood representatives.
- DSD Administrator Cat Hernandez summarized the last two meetings for the new members present and asked the Taskforce if they wanted to review the proposed changes as a result of the last meeting. Taskforce member Jim Smith asked that the discussion be tabled to discuss the information he forwarded over the weekend regarding Denver’s Slot Home Amendments.
- Discussion began with Denver – slot homes. Taskforce Member Jorge Delagarza reviewed Denver Document pages 1-2 and presented the areas of concern. Other taskforce members offered feedback in reference to the following:
  - Concerns with how story height is currently defined
  - Concerns with street orientation of the homes
  - Concerns with drainage and percent of lot coverage
  - Missing Middle Housing
  - Floor/Area Ratio
  - Setbacks/Height
- DSD Administrator Cat Hernandez proposed to the Taskforce that the members could divide into subcommittees as was done with the IDZ Taskforce, and suggested 2 subcommittees. Taskforce members agreed and volunteered as shown below:
  - Percentage Lot/Drainage Subcommittee
    - Will Knoll
    - Mary Johnson
    - Jim Smith
    - John Cooley
    - Sakeena Price
    - Ashley Farrimond
  - Design Subcommittee
    - Jim Smith
    - Theresa Ybanez
    - John Friesenhan
    - Jorge Delagarza
    - Russell Yeager
    - Mary Johnson
    - James Griffin
    - Gloria Castillo
    - Jason Archiega

Public Comment:
- Tami Kegley-incompatible zoning, identify areas, Denver handout for solutions is right track. Important to look at all aspects of newly constructed buildings – what may look okay from street...
may not be so good. Appreciates the height limitations. Require a developer to speak to neighborhood.

- Chrissy McCain-large area rezonings, D1 is taking this on. Many neighborhoods where RM is appropriate.
- Raul Olveda-consider that you are working for your neighborhood but not all districts are represented. In D4 these units become rentals in this district. Long narrow properties.
- Theresa Myer-more staff for large area rezoning was approved. When will the next large area rezonings occur? In D5, Port SA there are properties with MF. D5 diverse – delicate with design what makes sense in one area not true for another. Very small lots.
- Colleen Waguespack D8 and D9 – verbiage in code that is broad, concerns with neighborhood plans taken away
- Denise Homer D2 – alleys used as streets, no drainage – committee should consider this. Can neighborhood withstand development: traffic, sidewalks, curbs, streets, etc...Some of the units developed in the alley remain vacant. Taxes are an issue – it affects their housing. Respectable development.

Next Steps:

- Subcommittees to meet and report back to the Taskforce either current status or proposed amendments for full discussion.