



# City of Littleton

Littleton Center  
2255 West Berry Avenue  
Littleton, CO 80120

## Meeting Agenda

### City Council

---

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

6:30 PM

Council Chamber

---

#### Regular Meeting

#### **1. Roll Call**

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

#### **4. Public Comment**

Public Comment on Consent Agenda and General Business items

#### **5. Consent Agenda Items**

- a) [Ordinance 02-2016](#) Ordinance on first reading amending Ordinance No. 95 Series of 2015 known as the Annual Appropriation Bill for all municipal purposes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

**Attachments:** [Ordinance 02-2016 Budget Amendment](#)

- b) [Ordinance 03-2016](#) Ordinance abolishing the Littleton Invests for Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-25-115(2) and repealing the city's urban renewal plans

**Attachments:** [Ordinance 03-2016 LIFT Abolishment](#)

- c) [ID# 16-64](#) Certification of the March 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes

**Attachments:** [03-15-2016 Journal](#)

#### **6. Public Hearing**

- a) [Resolution 17-2016](#) Resolution approving an updated boundaries map and updated maps, goals and policies for seven of the city's neighborhoods as an amendment to the comprehensive plan

**Attachments:** [Resolution 17-2016 Neighborhood Plans](#)  
[Status of Small Area Plans](#)  
[Map](#)  
[Invitation to Review](#)  
[Comments](#)  
[Planning Board Resolution](#)  
[Updated Map and Plans](#)

## **7. General Business**

## **8. Public Comment**

## **9. Comments / Reports**

- a) City Manager
- b) Council Members
- c) Mayor

## **10. Adjournment**

The public is invited to attend all regular meetings or study sessions of the City Council or any City Board or Commission. Please call 303-795-3780 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting if you believe you will need special assistance or any reasonable accommodation in order to be in attendance at or participate in any such meeting. For any additional information concerning City meetings, please call the above referenced number.



## Staff Communication

---

**File #:** Ordinance 02-2016, **Version:** 1

---

Agenda Date: 04/05/2016

**Subject:**

Ordinance on first reading amending Ordinance No. 95 Series of 2015 known as the Annual Appropriation Bill for all municipal purposes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

Presented By: Doug Farnen, Finance Director
---

**POLICY QUESTION:**

Does city council support an amendment to the 2016 budget and annual appropriation?

**BACKGROUND:**

The firm of Charlier Associates, Inc. has been selected for the Downtown and Littleton Boulevard Streetscape project that includes long-rang visioning, functionality, and technical aspects of the rights of way in downtown and along the Littleton Boulevard corridor with the goal of providing future capital project improvements, policy recommendations, and parking management options.

The project will be completed through many workshops, field walks, and community dialogues. Final recommendations with graphics showing conceptual designs for each downtown and Littleton Boulevard block will outline multimodal (vehicles, transit, bikes, pedestrians) functionality, parking strategies, roadway safety improvements, and land use analysis.

A resolution approving a contract with Charlier Associates for the Downtown and Littleton Boulevard Streetscape Project will be on council's April 19 agenda, along with the second reading of this budget amendment.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

The city's long-term practice has been to present budget amendments to council near the end of the year as an administrative task. This procedure is approved by the city's outside auditor and is an accepted practice by a majority of Colorado municipalities.

However, staff prepared this ordinance due to concerns regarding budget amendments raised by a council member during previous discussions on this agenda item.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

The 2016 budget appropriation will increase by \$200,000 in the Capital Projects Fund.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance on first reading amending the 2016 budget.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move to approve on first reading the ordinance amending Ordinance No. 95 Series of 2015 known as the Annual Appropriation Bill for all municipal purposes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 and to schedule a public hearing for April 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chamber.

1 **CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO**

2  
3 **ORDINANCE NO.**  
4 **Series, 2016**

5  
6 **INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS**

7  
8 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON,**  
9 **COLORADO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 95 SERIES**  
10 **OF 2015 KNOWN AS THE “ANNUAL APPROPRIATION**  
11 **BILL” FOR ALL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CITY**  
12 **OF LITTLETON, COUNTIES OF ARAPAHOE,**  
13 **JEFFERSON AND DOUGLAS, STATE OF COLORADO,**  
14 **FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016**  
15 **AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.**

16  
17  
18 **WHEREAS,** Ordinance No. 95, Series of 2015, established the annual  
19 appropriation for municipal purposes for the City of Littleton, Colorado;

20  
21 **WHEREAS,** Ordinance No. 106, Series of 2015, amended the annual  
22 appropriation for municipal purposes for the City of Littleton, Colorado;

23  
24 **WHEREAS,** appropriations have theretofore been made for the expenditures of  
25 monies pursuant to the budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016, and ending  
26 December 31, 2016; and

27  
28 **WHEREAS,** the necessity of receiving and expending additional monies from the  
29 various funds could not have been reasonably anticipated during the time of adoption of the  
30 budget and appropriation of funds in accordance therewith;

31  
32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF**  
33 **THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:**

34  
35 **Section 1:** The budget of the City of Littleton for the fiscal year beginning  
36 January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016, is hereby amended by additions to the  
37 following fund:

38  
39 

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 200,000

40  
41  
42  
43 **Section 2:** The provisions of the annual appropriations Ordinance No. 95,  
44 Series of 2015, are hereby amended with the total of all fund expenditures amended to  
45 \$90,381,530.

46  
47 **INTRODUCED, AS A BILL** at the regularly scheduled meeting of the city council of

1 the of the City of Littleton, Colorado, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, passed on first reading by a vote of  
2 \_\_\_\_ FOR and \_\_\_\_ AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at the Littleton Center, Bemis  
3 Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

4 PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April,  
5 2016, in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado,  
6 at the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

7 PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of \_\_\_\_  
8 FOR and \_\_\_\_ AGAINST on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 and ordered published by posting at  
9 Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

10 ATTEST:

11 \_\_\_\_\_  
12 Wendy Heffner  
13 CITY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce O. Beckman  
MAYOR

14  
15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

16  
17 \_\_\_\_\_  
18 Kristin Schledorn  
19 CITY ATTORNEY  
20



Staff Communication

---

**File #:** Ordinance 03-2016, **Version:** 1

---

Agenda Date: 04/05/2016

**Subject:**

Ordinance abolishing the Littleton Invests for Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-25-115(2) and repealing the city's urban renewal plans

Presented By: Michael Penny, City Manager
---

**POLICY QUESTION:**

Does city council support abolishing the Littleton Invests for Tomorrow (LIFT) Urban Renewal Authority and repealing the city's urban renewal plans?

**BACKGROUND:**

At its March 15, 2016 meeting, city council voted to "direct the city manager to provide to council at the next scheduled regular council meeting on April 5, 2016 an ordinance or ordinances and resolutions for council's consideration and vote to dismantle Littleton's urban renewal and the LIFT Board including the handling of the outstanding loan to LIFT, and addressing any tax collection concerns, if any, and consider the status of any pending litigation concerning urban renewal."

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

The Colorado Urban Renewal Law provides the following process for abolishing an urban renewal authority:

The governing body of a municipality may by ordinance provide for the abolishment of an urban renewal authority, provided adequate arrangements have been made for payment of any outstanding indebtedness and other obligations of the authority. Any such abolishment shall be effective upon a date set forth in the ordinance, which date shall not be less than six months from the effective date of the ordinance. C.R.S. § 31-25-115(2).

LIFT's only "outstanding indebtedness and other obligations" is the existing loan agreement with the city. The principal amount of the loan is \$150,000 and as of 12/31/15 the outstanding balance is \$150,623. The proposed ordinance provides for the outstanding loan to be forgiven by the city. Options for repayment under the loan agreement include use of city property tax increment or city sales tax increment. Staff does not recommend either of those options and recommends council forgive the loan. An intergovernmental agreement will be prepared to provide for the return of all monies in the special fund to the taxing entities. This would be effective at the same time as abolishment of the authority and repeal of the plans.

The city has four urban renewal plans, two of which were adopted in November 2014 (Columbine Square and Santa Fe) and two that were adopted in December 2014 (North Broadway and Littleton Boulevard). The proposed ordinance provides for the repeal of all plans effective at the same time LIFT is abolished. Repeal of the plans does not trigger a requirement for ratification by the voters under section 64.5 of the city charter.

Urban renewal is a financing tool available to municipal governments to encourage development and redevelopment in areas where the council believes assistance is necessary. Council entered this process in good faith and worked with the city's taxing partners. Agreements were approved with Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, and Littleton Public Schools to return all increment until such time that a development or activity commenced. Council also approved a resolution requiring support of all taxing partners, including Arapahoe County, before any development or activity would move forward. Even with this inclusive approach, the tool was not well received within the community. Therefore, staff is supportive of council abolishing LIFT and repealing the urban renewal plans.

The only outstanding urban renewal litigation, *Littleton v. Sakdol*, concerns the Santa Fe Urban Renewal Plan. The trial in that case was held on January 22, 2016, and the parties (the city and the Arapahoe County Assessor) are waiting for the court's decision.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

In addition to forgiving the loan, there may be additional minimal legal fees.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff supports abolishing the LIFT Board, repealing the city's urban renewal plans, and forgiving the outstanding loan to LIFT, and recommends approval of the ordinance on first reading.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move to approve the ordinance on first reading abolishing the Littleton Invests for Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-25-115(2) and repealing the city's urban renewal plans and to schedule a public hearing on April 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chamber.



**CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 3**  
**Series 2016**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON,  
COLORADO, ABOLISHING THE LITTLETON INVESTS  
FOR TOMORROW URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY  
PURSUANT TO C.R.S. § 31-25-115(2) AND REPEALING  
THE CITY'S URBAN RENEWAL PLANS**

**WHEREAS**, the Littleton Invests For Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority is a body corporate and was duly organized, established and authorized by the City of Littleton to transact business and exercise its powers as an urban renewal authority, under and pursuant to the Colorado Urban Renewal Law, Part 1 of Article 25 of Title 31, C.R.S. (the "Urban Renewal Law");

**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2014, upon the recommendation of the Littleton Invests For Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority, and following review of the City of Littleton Planning Board for conformance with the general plan for the development of the City of Littleton, and after public hearings, the City Council for the City of Littleton determined that blight, as defined by C.R.S. § 31-25-103(2), exists in the Columbine Square Urban Renewal Plan Area and the Santa Fe Urban Renewal Plan Area and that such areas are appropriate for an urban renewal project pursuant to the Urban Renewal Law;

**WHEREAS**, on December 2, 2014, upon the recommendations of the Littleton Invests For Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority, and following review of the City of Littleton Planning Board for conformance with the general plan for the development of the City of Littleton, and after public hearings, the City Council for the City of Littleton determined that blight, as defined by C.R.S. § 31-25-103(2), exists in the North Broadway Urban Renewal Plan Area and the Littleton Boulevard Urban Renewal Plan Area and that such areas are appropriate for an urban renewal project pursuant to the Urban Renewal Law;

**WHEREAS**, the Littleton Invests For Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority has been in the process of identifying the specific undertakings and activities that it desires to implement as part of the project to accomplish the purposes of the Urban Renewal Law in each of the urban renewal areas, but has not yet undertaken to implement specific development proposals in the urban renewal areas;

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the determinations made by the City Council that the urban renewal areas are appropriate for urban renewal projects, the establishment of such areas as blighted under the Urban Renewal Law and the implementation of the activities and undertakings as contemplated under the Urban Renewal Law, including the tax increment financing authorized to facilitate and accomplish such activities and undertakings, such determinations have become increasingly divisive and political for the City and its citizens;

1  
2       **WHEREAS**, C.R.S. § 31-25-115(2) of the Urban Renewal Law provides that the  
3 governing body of a municipality may by ordinance provide for the abolishment of an urban  
4 renewal authority, provided adequate arrangements have been made for payment of any  
5 outstanding indebtedness and other obligations of the authority;

6  
7       **WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Ordinance, the only financial obligation of the Littleton  
8 Invests For Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority is the principal amount of \$150,000, together  
9 with any interest, owed to the City pursuant to a Cooperation and Loan Agreement dated December  
10 16, 2014 (the "Loan Agreement"); and

11  
12       **WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Littleton desires to abolish the Littleton  
13 Invests For Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority and repeal the urban renewal plans for each of  
14 the urban renewal areas approved by the City Council, pursuant to and in conformance with the  
15 requirements of the Urban Renewal Law.

16  
17       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
18 **CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:**

19  
20       **Section 1:**     The Littleton Invests For Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority is hereby  
21 abolished in its entirety, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-25-115(2) of the Urban Renewal Law, effective  
22 as of the date set forth in Section 7 below.

23  
24       **Section 2:**     The City Council of the City of Littleton hereby finds and determines that  
25 adequate arrangements have been made for payment of any outstanding indebtedness and other  
26 obligations of the Littleton Invests For Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority as follows:

27  
28               (a)     The City of Littleton does hereby waive, cancel and forgive payment of any  
29 and all amounts due under the Loan Agreement;

30  
31               (b)     The Littleton Invests For Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority has no other  
32 outstanding indebtedness or other obligations.

33  
34       **Section 3:**     As of the abolishment of the Littleton Invests For Tomorrow Urban  
35 Renewal Authority, the urban renewal plan known as the "Columbine Square Urban Renewal  
36 Plan" approved by City Council Resolution No. 136, Series 2014, as amended, is hereby and shall  
37 be repealed in its entirety and shall no longer be of force or effect.

38  
39       **Section 4:**     As of the abolishment of the Littleton Invests For Tomorrow Urban  
40 Renewal Authority, the urban renewal plan known as the "Santa Fe Urban Renewal Plan" approved  
41 by City Council Resolution No. 137, Series 2014, as amended, is hereby and shall be repealed in  
42 its entirety and shall no longer be of force or effect.

43  
44       **Section 5:**     As of the abolishment of the Littleton Invests For Tomorrow Urban  
45 Renewal Authority, the urban renewal plan known as the "North Broadway Urban Renewal Plan"

approved by City Council Resolution No. 142, Series 2014, is hereby and shall be repealed in its entirety and shall no longer be of force or effect.

**Section 6:** As of the abolishment of the Littleton Invests For Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority, the urban renewal plan known as the "Littleton Boulevard Urban Renewal Plan" approved by City Council Resolution No. 143, Series 2014, is hereby and shall be repealed in its entirety and shall no longer be of force or effect.

**Section 7:** The abolishment of the Littleton Invests For Tomorrow Urban Renewal Authority, and the repeal of the urban renewal plans hereunder, shall be effective as of the date that is six (6) months after the effective date of this ordinance.

**Section 8:** Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid.

**Section 9:** Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Littleton on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, passed on first reading by a vote of \_\_\_\_ FOR and \_\_\_\_ AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, in the Council Chambers, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of \_\_\_\_ FOR and \_\_\_\_ AGAINST on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

1

2 ATTEST:

3

4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy Heffner  
5 CITY CLERK

6

7 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

8

9 \_\_\_\_\_  
Kristin Schledorn  
10 CITY ATTORNEY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Beckman  
MAYOR



**Staff Communication**

---

**File #:** ID# 16-64, **Version:** 1

---

Agenda Date: 04/05/2016

Subject:  
Certification of the March 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes

Presented By: Wendy Heffner, City Clerk
---

**RECORDING SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the video recording for the March 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Littleton City Council and that the video recording is a full, complete, and accurate record of the proceedings and there were no malfunctions in the video or audio functions of the recording

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move to approve, based on the recording secretary's certification, the March 15<sup>th</sup> video as the minutes for the March 15, 2016 regular meeting of the City Council.



# City of Littleton

Littleton Center  
2255 West Berry Avenue  
Littleton, CO 80120

## Meeting Journal

### City Council

---

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

6:30 PM

Council Chamber

---

#### Regular Meeting

#### 1. Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Pro-Tem Brinkman, Council Member Cernanec, Mayor Beckman, Council Member Clark, Council Member Cole, Council Member Hopping and Council Member Valdes

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

#### 4. Gift presentation to Bega Littleton Sister City Delegation

#### 5. Public Comment on Consent Agenda and General Business items

*Pam Chadbourne  
Stew Meagher  
Pat Cronenberger*

#### 6. Consent Agenda Items

- e) [Resolution 22-2016](#) Resolution authorizing the mayor, on behalf of the city as the property owner, to sign a site development plan for Reynold's Landing Park  
**Approved**
- g) [ID# 16-44](#) Motion to approve the 2016/2017 Council Liaisons to Boards and Commissions and additional outside appointments  
**Approved**

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Council Member Cernanec, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brinkman, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman, Council Member Cernanec, Mayor Beckman, Council Member Clark, Council Member Cole, Council Member Hopping and Council Member Valdes

- a) [Resolution 21-2016](#) Resolution approving a contract with Charlier Associates for the Downtown and Littleton Boulevard Streetscape Project

*Removed from the consent agenda by Council Member Hopping*

**Council Member Hopping moved and Council Member Cernanec seconded to approve the resolution approving the contract with Charlier Associates for the Downtown and Littleton Boulevard Streetscape Project. The motion failed 3-4 with Council Member Cole, Council Member Clark, Mayor Beckman, and Council Member Valdes voting no. The motion fails.**

**Council Member Hopping moved and Council Member Cernanec seconded to amend the main motion to move the northern boundary of the plan from Berry Avenue to the "football" at the corner of Prince and Santa Fe. The vote is 6-1 with Mayor Beckman voting no. The motion to amend carries.**

**Aye:** 3 - Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman, Council Member Cernanec and Council Member Hopping

**Nay:** 4 - Mayor Beckman, Council Member Clark, Council Member Cole and Council Member Valdes

- b) [Resolution 20-2016](#) Resolution approving a License Agreement between the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) and the City of Littleton for the acquisition, preparation, use, and distribution of digital aerial photography

*Removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Clark*

**Council Member Clark moved and Council Member Cernanec seconded to approve the resolution approving a license agreement between the Denver Regional Council of Governments and the City of Littleton for the acquisition, preparation, use, and distribution of digital aerial photography. With a vote of 7-0 the motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman, Council Member Cernanec, Mayor Beckman, Council Member Clark, Council Member Cole, Council Member Hopping and Council Member Valdes

- c) [ID# 16-40](#) Motion to approve Council's 2016-2017 Goals and Objectives

*Removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Valdes*

**Council Member Cernanec moved and Council Member Cole seconded to approve 2016/2017 Goals and Objectives, removing the City Manager's Action Items. The vote was 7-0, the motion carries unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman, Council Member Cernanec, Mayor Beckman, Council Member Clark, Council Member Cole, Council Member Hopping and Council Member Valdes

- d) [ID# 16-37](#) Motion approving signage related to the prohibition of open carry of firearms in or upon public facilities.
- Removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Valdes*
- Council Member Clark moved and Council Member Cole seconded to approve signage related to the prohibition of open carry of firearms in or upon public facilities. The vote is 7-0. The motion carries unanimously.**
- Mayor Beckman moved and Council Member Clark seconded to amend the motion to read that signage be approved for posting in public buildings only. With a vote of 7-0, the amended motion carries unanimously.**
- Aye:** 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman, Council Member Cernanec, Mayor Beckman, Council Member Clark, Council Member Cole, Council Member Hopping and Council Member Valdes

- f) [ID# 16-28](#) Certification of the February 16, 2016 regular meeting minutes
- This Journal and Minutes was approved**

- [ID# 16-43](#) Certification of March 3, 2016 study session minutes
- Removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Clark*
- Council Member Cernanec moved and Council Member Hopping seconded to approve the Clerk's certification of the February 16, 2016, video as the minutes for the February 16, 2016 regular session and the March 3, 2016, video as the minutes for the March 3, 2016 Study Session. The motion carries.**
- Aye:** 6 - Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman, Council Member Cernanec, Mayor Beckman, Council Member Cole, Council Member Hopping and Council Member Valdes
- Nay:** 1 - Council Member Clark

## **7. Ordinances for Second Reading and Public Hearing**

## **8. General Business**

- a) [ID# 16-39](#) Motion to approve authority, board, and commission appointments
- Council Member Cernanec and Council Member Brinkman moved to approve Board and Commission appointments. The vote on the main motion was 6-1 with Council Member Clark voting no. The motion carries.**
- Mayor Beckman moved and Council Member Clark seconded to remove former council member Susan Thornton from the Election Commission appointments and former council member Bruce Stahlman from the Planning Board appointment as second alternate. The vote on the amendment was 2-5 with Council Member Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman, Council Member Valdes, Council Member Cernanec, and Council Member Hopping voting no. The amended motion fails.**
- Aye:** 6 - Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman, Council Member Cernanec, Mayor Beckman, Council Member Cole, Council Member Hopping and Council Member Valdes



**Nay:** 1 - Council Member Clark

b) Discussion on Council direction to staff on Urban Renewal

**Council Member Valdes moved and Council Member Cole seconded to direct the city manager to provide to Council at the next scheduled regular council meeting on April 5, 2016 an ordinance or ordinances and resolutions for council's consideration and vote to dismantle Littleton's Urban Renewal and the LIFT Board including the handling of the outstanding loan to LIFT, and addressing any tax collection concerns, if any, and consider the status of any pending litigation concerning Urban Renewal. The vote is 5-2 with Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman and Council Member Hopping voting no. The motion carries.**

**Aye:** 5 - Council Member Cernanec, Mayor Beckman, Council Member Clark, Council Member Cole and Council Member Valdes

**Nay:** 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman and Council Member Hopping

## **9. Public Comment**

*Stan Zislis - Recreational / Retail Marijuana*

*Kyle Speidell - Recreational / Retail Marijuana*

*Garrett Graff - Recreational / Retail Marijuana*

*Don Bruns - Open Space*

*Frank Atwood - Approval Voting*

*Norm Brown - The Grove*

*Joseph Trujillo - Urban Renewal*

*Jerry Hill - Recreational / Retail Marijuana*

*Eric Speidell - Recreational / Retail Marijuana*

*Martin Bolt - Recreational / Retail Marijuana*

*Marina Bajszar - Recreational / Retail Marijuana*

*Harrison Filas - Recreational / Retail Marijuana*

*Pam Chadbourne - Recreational / Retail Marijuana, Approval Voting, The Grove*

*Pat Cronenberger - Council Member Clark's e-mail address*

## **10. Comments / Reports**

a) City Manager

b) Council Members

**Council Member Clark moved and Council Member Valdes seconded to have a study session to discuss recreational marijuana to expand from the existing outlets for medical marijuana. The vote is 4-3 with Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman, Council Member Cernanec and Council Member Hopping voting no. The motion carries.**

**Aye:** 4 - Mayor Beckman, Council Member Clark, Council Member Cole and Council Member Valdes

**Nay:** 3 - Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman, Council Member Cernanec and Council Member Hopping

c) Mayor

## **11. Adjournment**

The public is invited to attend all regular meetings or study sessions of the City Council or any City Board or Commission. Please call 303-795-3780 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting if you believe you will need special assistance or any reasonable accommodation in order to be in attendance at or participate in any such meeting. For any additional information concerning City meetings, please call the above referenced number.



Staff Communication

---

**File #:** Resolution 17-2016, **Version:** 2

---

Agenda Date: 04/05/2016

**Subject:**

Resolution approving an updated boundaries map and updated maps, goals and policies for seven of the city's neighborhoods as an amendment to the comprehensive plan

Presented By: Dennis Swain, Senior Planner
--

**POLICY QUESTION:**

Does city council support approving an update of the neighborhood plans for the Centennial, Goddard, Heritage, Ketrington Park, Progress Park, South, and Sterne Park neighborhoods, as an amendment to the city's comprehensive plan?

**BACKGROUND:**

With the adoption of the citywide and downtown plans, the initiation of station area master plans for the Mineral and Downtown Littleton light rail stations, and this minor update of seven of Littleton's neighborhood plans, the city continues to adhere to the direction from the comprehensive plan.

The Citywide Plan identifies and establishes priorities for updating or creating small area plans for the city's neighborhoods, corridors, and activity areas. (See Attachment A, the Status of Small Area Plans, and Attachment B, a map of Neighborhoods, Corridors, and Activity Areas).

Planning board reviewed the existing neighborhood plans (adopted in the early 1980's and revised again in 2000) and these proposed revisions were posted on the city's [openlittleton.org](http://openlittleton.org) interactive website for public comment early last summer (from April to July). The proposed updates to the plans were posted with the following statement:

*The City of Littleton Planning Board requests our citizens read the two documents provided (Invite and the draft Plan update) for their neighborhood and provide comments to be shared with the planning board. What do you think of the proposed changes? (See Attachment C, Invitation to Review the Updated Plan for Your Neighborhood).*

The plans were viewed by 150 people, who provided eleven statements and comments. At its August 24, 2015 meeting, the planning board reviewed the public comments and made further revisions to the draft update. (See Attachment D, Statement and Comments from Open Littleton).

The planning board held a public hearing September 28, 2015, to consider a resolution recommending approval of an update to the neighborhood plans, including boundaries maps, goals, and policies, for seven of the city's neighborhoods, as an amendment to the comprehensive plan. Following the public hearing, the planning board voted unanimously (7-0) to support the resolution (See Attachment E, Planning Board

Resolution 12-2015)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

Although the Citywide Plan assigned low priority to updating the Centennial, Goddard, Heritage, Ketrington Park, Progress Park, South, and Sterne Park neighborhood plans, the planning board agreed that each of these plans needed a simple, technical update in order to provide clear direction and eliminate confusion. The proposed amendments to the neighborhood plans (See Attachment F, Draft Updated Neighborhood Plans) update the original neighborhood boundaries to reflect subsequent annexations and delete references to projects completed, and delete goals and policies that are no longer relevant. The planning board did not add new language or change any other goals or policies. To date, public comment has been supportive of this approach and the proposed changes.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff supports the approval of this resolution amending the city's comprehensive plan to update the neighborhood plans for the Centennial, Goddard, Heritage, Ketrington Park, Progress Park, South, and Sterne Park neighborhoods as approved by the planning board at its September 28, 2015, public hearing.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move to approve the resolution approving an updated neighborhood boundaries map and updated maps, goals, and policies for seven of the city's neighborhoods as an amendment to the comprehensive plan.

1                                   **CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO**

2  
3                                   **Resolution No. 17**

4  
5                                   **Series, 2016**

6  
7                   **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**  
8                   **LITTLETON, COLORADO, APPROVING AN UPDATED**  
9                   **NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES MAP AND UPDATED MAPS,**  
10                  **GOALS, AND POLICIES FOR SEVEN OF THE CITY'S**  
11                  **NEIGHBORHOODS AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE**  
12                  **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

13  
14                  **WHEREAS**, the planning board held a public hearing on September 28, 2015,  
15 to consider recommending to city council a proposed amendment to the comprehensive  
16 plan;

17  
18                  **WHEREAS**, following the public hearing on September 28, 2015, the planning  
19 board voted to recommend approval of an updated neighborhood boundary map and  
20 updated maps, goals, and policies for the Centennial, Goddard, Heritage, Ketrington Park,  
21 Progress Park, South, and Sterne Park neighborhoods, as an amendment to the  
22 comprehensive plan, and to forward the proposed amendment to city council for approval;  
23 and

24  
25                  **WHEREAS**, city council held a public hearing on April 5, 2016, to consider the  
26 proposed amendment to the comprehensive plan, as recommended by the planning board;

27  
28                  **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF**  
29 **THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:**

30  
31                  The city council does hereby approve the updated neighborhood boundary map  
32 and the updated maps, goals, and policies for the Centennial, Goddard, Heritage, Ketrington  
33 Park, Progress Park, South, and Sterne Park neighborhoods as an amendment to the  
34 comprehensive plan.

35  
36                  **INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED** at a regularly scheduled meeting of the  
37 City Council of the City of Littleton, Colorado, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the  
38 Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado.

41 ATTEST:

42

43

44 Wendy Heffner

45 CITY CLERK

46

47 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

48

49

50

51 Kristin Schledorn

52 City Attorney

Bruce O. Beckman

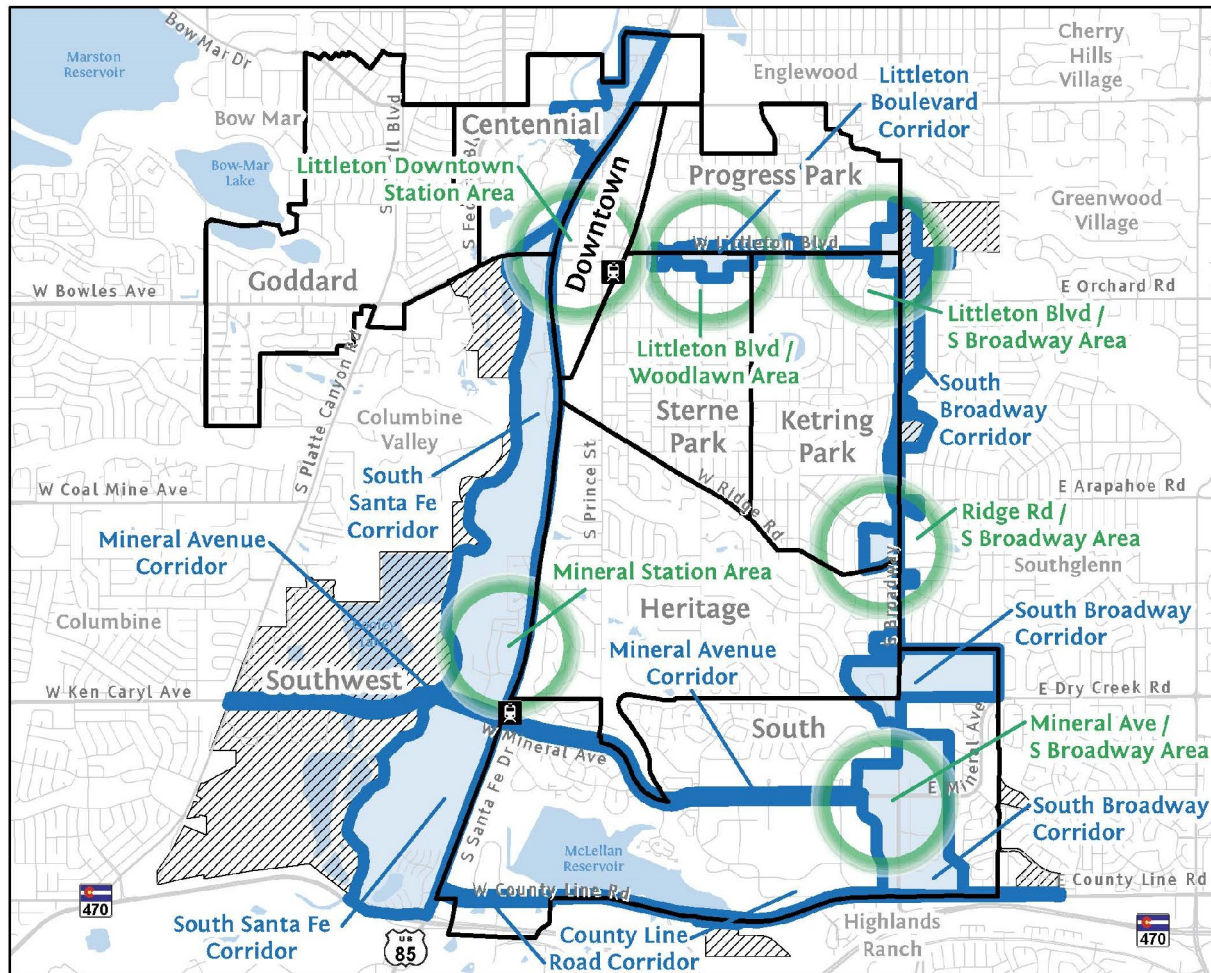
MAYOR

## ATTACHMENT A – STATUS OF SMALL AREA PLANS

STATUS OF SMALL AREA PLANS			
	YEAR COMPLETED OR YEAR UPDATED	UPDATE OR CREATE	PRIORITY FOR UPDATE OR CREATION
<b>NEIGHBORHOODS</b>			
Centennial	2000	Update	Low
Downtown	2012	-----	Low
Goddard	2000	Update	Low
Heritage	2000	Update	Low
Ketring Park	2000	Update	Low
Progress Park	2000	Update	HIGH
South	2000	Update	Low
Southwest	-----	Create	Low
Sterne Park	2000	Update	Low
Trailmark	2000	Update	Medium
<b>CORRIDORS</b>			
Broadway	1989	Update	HIGH
County Line	-----	Create	Low
Littleton Boulevard	2002	Update	HIGH
Mineral	-----	Create	Low
South Santa Fe Drive	2000	Update	HIGH
<b>ACTIVITY AREAS</b>			
Dry Creek / South Broadway	-----	Create	Medium
Littleton Blvd / South Broadway	-----	Create	High
Littleton Blvd / Woodlawn	-----	Create	High
Littleton Downtown Light Rail Station Area, extending east along Littleton Blvd	-----	Create	High
Mineral Light Rail Station Area, extending north along the South Santa Fe Corridor	-----	Create	High
Mineral Ave / South Broadway	-----	Create	Medium
Ridge Road / South Broadway	-----	Create	Medium

Attachment A provides a list of all existing and proposed neighborhood, corridor, and activity area plans along with the status and a recommended program of action for each. It identifies three categories of recommended actions: 1) dashes for plans that are considered current and need no major attention, 2) "Update" for plans that are out of date and should be revised, and 3) "Create" for areas for which a plan is recommended, but not yet been developed.

## ATTACHMENT B – MAP OF NEIGHBORHOODS, CORRIDORS, AND ACTIVITY AREAS



### Legend

- Neighborhood Plan Area
- Corridors
- Activity Areas
- Areas to be included in future small plan areas

## Neighborhoods, Corridors, and Activity Areas





# ATTACHMENT C: AN INVITATION TO REVIEW THE UPDATED PLAN FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

As of 03/09//2015

## NOTES TO THE READER

---

### JOIN THE ONGOING PROCESS

With the recent adoption of new Citywide and Downtown Plans and this update of Littleton's neighborhood plans, the city is moving forward with its commitment to update our comprehensive plan. This is just the beginning of a larger planning process that will provide more detailed direction for how the city's evolution will proceed.

### REVIEW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

If you live in one of the eight neighborhoods addressed by the 1981 / 2000 neighborhood plans, the planning board encourages you to review the updated plan for your neighborhood.

### REMEMBER THAT THIS IS THE FIRST STEP

As you are reviewing the plan for your neighborhood, please remember that this is the first step in a much more extensive process for updating the eight neighborhood plans, updating the plan for the South Santa Fe Drive corridor, creating new plans for areas not addressed by the existing neighborhood plans, and developing plans for additional corridors and the areas around the light rail stations. For this minor update, planning board has deleted only the goals and policies that it believes are clearly no longer valid. The process for fully updating the existing neighborhood plans and creating new ones will include extensive neighborhood outreach and the identification of current conditions, issues, goals, and policies, but for now the board asks you to focus on these minor updates to your neighborhood plan.

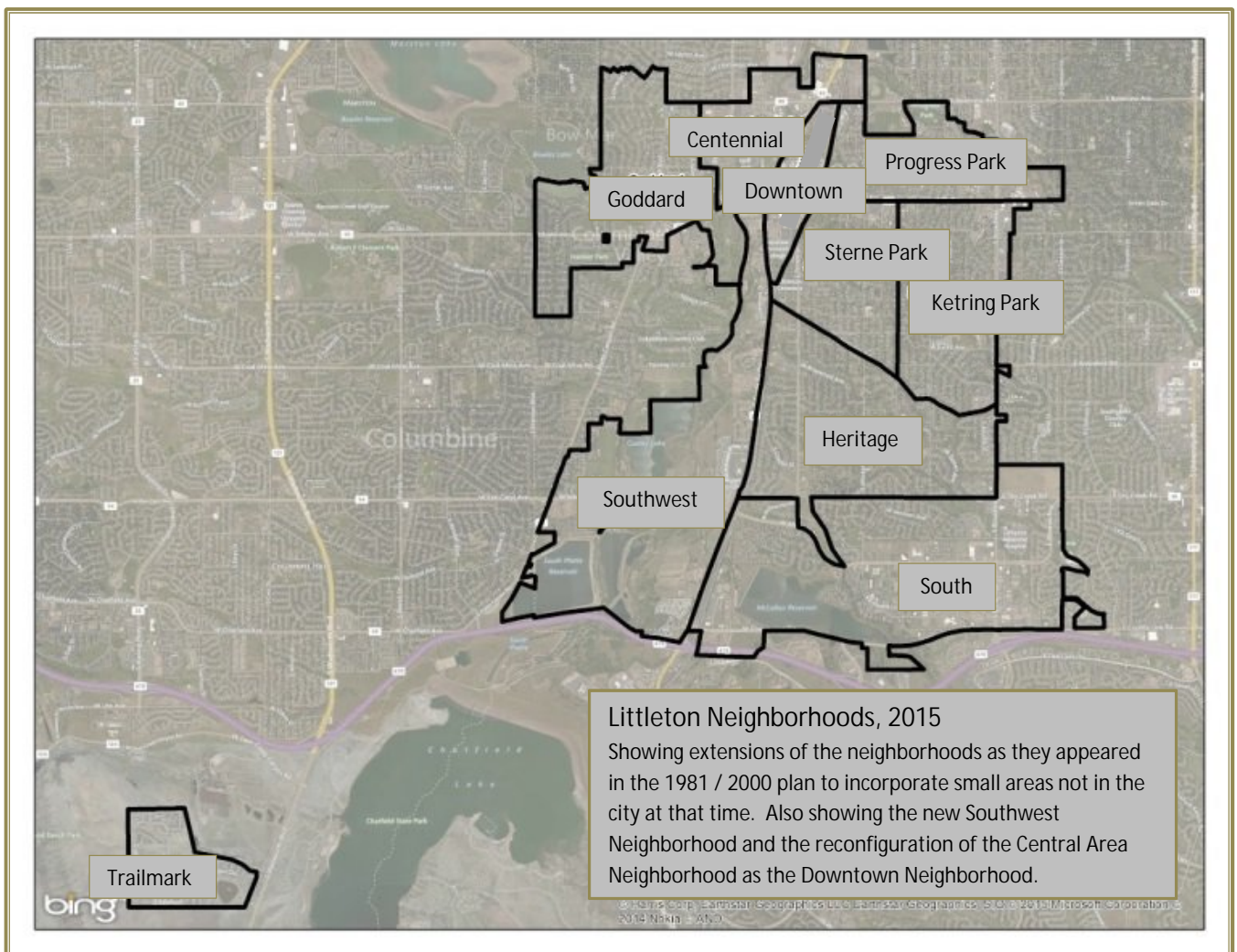
### LET THE BOARD HEAR FROM YOU

Please provide your comments on the updated plan for your neighborhood to Dennis Swain, Senior Planner, Littleton Community Development Department, 2255 West Berry Street, Littleton, CO 80202. Dennis' email address is [dswain@littletongov.org](mailto:dswain@littletongov.org). Dennis will compile comments and forward them to the planning board. The board will review all public comments, consider revisions to the draft update, hold a public hearing on the updates, and forward their recommendation to city council for their consideration. If adopted by city council, the update plans will serve as elements of the city's comprehensive plan until a more comprehensive update can be completed.

**LITTLETON'S 1981 / 2000 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** includes plans for nine neighborhoods and one corridor. These include the 1) Centennial Neighborhood; 2) Central Area Neighborhood; 3) Goddard Neighborhood; 4) Heritage Neighborhood; 5) Ketring Park Neighborhood; 6) Progress Park Neighborhood; 7) South Neighborhood; 8) Sterne Park Neighborhood; 9) Trailmark Neighborhood; and 10) the South Santa Fe Corridor.

The comprehensive plan does not include neighborhood plans for areas that had not been annexed into the city by the time the plan was written. Many of these were small areas that can easily be incorporated as extensions of existing neighborhoods. The primary exception is the Southwest Neighborhood, which is too large and too distinct to be incorporated into another neighborhood. Similarly, although a development plan for what is now the Trailmark Neighborhood was included in the 2005 reprint of the 1981 / 2000 plan, that development plan was completed before there were any residents in Trailmark. As a development plan rather than a neighborhood plan, it provides standards for how the neighborhood was to be initially developed but does not include resident-generated issues, goals, or policies. Accordingly, both the Southwest and Trailmark neighborhoods need completely new plans.

The 1981 / 2000 comprehensive plan also includes one corridor plan, the South Santa Fe Corridor Plan. That plan evolved from a 1984 corridor study, which was revised in 1988 and again in 2000. Because of the dramatic shifts in the market along the corridor since 2000 and the significance of the development that is occurring and anticipated there, and the resulting need for current direction, its update is considered a high priority.



# TIMELINE OF PLAN ADOPTION (1981) AND SUBSEQUENT CHANGES TO THE COMPRHENSIVE PLAN

1980's										1990's										2000's										2010's										+	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	+	
	C			1				2		3									4	5					6								7		8	9	10				+

NOTE: The letter and numbers in the table reference the milestones in the life of the comprehensive plan, as noted below.

## ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- C** In 1981, the comprehensive plan was adopted as the blueprint for the city's evolution

## PRIOR UPDATES TO THE COMPRHENSIVE PLAN

- 1** In 1984, the Santa Fe Corridor Study was added.
- 2** In 1988, Santa Fe Corridor Study policies were amended
- 3** In 1990, the South Industrial Neighborhood was revised and retitled the South Neighborhood.
- 4** In 1999, the regional plan, MetroVision 2020, and the accompanying growth boundaries were added
- 5** In 2000, the planning board and city council updated the eight original neighborhood plans by deleting the goals and policies that had been accomplished or were no longer feasible.
- 6** In 2005, the plan was reformatted and reprinted. The Trailmark Neighborhood
- 7** In 2012, city council adopted a totally new Downtown Plan that replaced the goals and policies that applied exclusively to sub-neighborhoods 2 and 3 in the Central Area Plan and included a boundary change and new configuration for Downtown, which are reflected in the current map.
- 8** In 2014, council adopted a totally new Citywide Plan that replaced the community-wide goals and policies in the 1981 / 2000 plan. Included in the Citywide Plan is the status and priority for updating or creating each of the neighborhood, corridor, and activity area plans that will comprise the fully updated comprehensive plan.

## CURRENT AND FUTURE UPDATES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- 9** Consistent with this set of priorities, the focus for the next two years will be on developing station area plans for the Mineral and Littleton Downtown light rail stations.

In 2015, while the groundwork is being laid for the Mineral and Littleton Downtown station area plans, the planning board has initiated a relatively simple and quick update of the original eight neighborhood plans. Consistent with the update completed in 2000, the board has deleted the goals and policies that it believes are clearly no longer valid because:

- a. The projects that they reference have been completed,
- b. They have been replaced by goals and policies in newer plans that have been adopted for their area (e.g. downtown), or
- c. They are no longer feasible because of changed conditions; e.g. streets constructed, houses built, parks

improved; or other changes that have occurred since 2000.

The updated plans include new maps that reflect the addition of small areas that were not included in the 1981 plan, in most cases because those areas had not yet been annexed into the city. Neighborhood boundaries have been adjusted to include these small areas and to be consistent with the boundaries of the Downtown Neighborhood.

10

Other high priority plans include those for the Progress Park neighborhood; the Broadway, Littleton Boulevard, and South Santa Fe Drive corridors; and the Littleton Boulevard / South Broadway, and Littleton Boulevard / Woodlawn Activity Areas. Each of these high priority plans will be time and energy consuming for city staff and the board. As a result, the schedule of updating and creating plans will follow the priorities assigned in the Citywide Plan and will reflect the relative complexity of each plan.

With the exception of the Trailmark and Prospect Park neighborhoods, the neighborhood plans are all assigned low priority relative to other plans in areas with more development pressures and questions. Despite their generally low priority status, the board and staff are committed to updating the neighborhood plans as time and resources are available.

## REMEMBER:

## LET THE BOARD HEAR FROM YOU

Please provide your comments on the updated plan for your neighborhood to Dennis Swain, Senior Planner, Littleton Community Development Department, 2255 West Berry Street, Littleton, CO 80202. Dennis' email address is [dswain@littletongov.org](mailto:dswain@littletongov.org). Dennis will compile comments and forward them to the planning board.

## ATTACHMENT D: STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS

As of July 21, 2015, at 1:03 PM, this forum had:

Attendees: 150

On Forum Statements: 8

All Statements: 11

Minutes of Public Comment: 33

This topic started on April 10, 2015 3:27 PM.

This topic ended on July 21, 2015 1:03 PM.

---

Name not shown Inside District 3 May 8, 2015, 5:33 AM

"CODE ENFORCEMENT

Policy1: That the environmental code of the City which requires land owners to maintain the landscaping of rental property, including renter-occupied single-family residences, be strongly enforced to preserve the well- maintained character of the neighborhood and to protect owners from adverse impacts of poor maintenance."...

...In the Ketring Park area, it seems that this policy is not strongly enforced. In passing by a property, one can easily surmise whether it is a rental or not, simply by viewing the quality of landscape maintenance. Similarly, enforcement of the code regarding the timely shoveling of sidewalks has been lax. We've many pedestrians/students that walk throughout the neighborhood daily.

5 Supporters

---

Name not shown Inside District 2 April 17, 2015, 2:52 PM

Reference Neighborhood Goal 2 & Transportation Policy 1.

Last summer, we polled the neighborhood, door-to-door, along the length of W. Lake Avenue from Windemere to Prince, to determine our neighbors' opinions about the existing 30 mph speed limit in this residential and park area. With very few exceptions, residents were irate about issues of speeding, the higher speed limit here vs. other areas (Caley Ave., etc.), stop-sign runners at Bemis and W. Lake, and traffic volume and

noise. Some have previously tried to get the City's attention on issues, without results.

As a result, we presented a petition from 21 of the neighbors to the Director of Public Works to change the speed limit to 25 mph. Charlie Bloston agreed to the lower limit, and also provided a temporary speed-check trailer at Sterne Park to facilitate the change.

While this was appreciated, and a good first step, speeding, pedestrian safety, traffic volume, and noise issues persist. W. Lake Avenue is a popular pedestrian and bicycle route for adults, teens, small children, parents with strollers, the visually impaired and otherwise handicapped people, who walk to and from the Museum, Pioneer Farm, Ketring Park, Library, Sterne Park, and ACC. This is a public school bus route, picking up and dropping off children.

Addressing the City's planning process, additional traffic controls should be seriously considered along W. Lake Avenue and eastward to eliminate dangers from traffic, and to improve the quality of use of the area. Please consider in your planning process the following improvements:

1. Enforcement of the 25 mph limit – including flashing 25 mph signage at various places along W. Lake Avenue (such as on Caley Avenue);
2. At Sterne Parkway and W. Lake Avenue, consider effective speed reduction devices such as a speed hump, raised crosswalk, median, traffic circle, or neckdown;
3. Pedestrian crosswalk, with pedestrian right-of-way signage at Sterne Parkway and W. Lake Avenue, across Windemere at W. Lake, and across Gallup at the Library Lane exit across from the Museum. (Crossing Windemere at W. Lake can be particularly harrowing).
4. Extension of a sidewalk on the north side of W. Lake Avenue, east of Spotswood, where people have to walk in the street.
5. Noise-reduction signage. The traffic noise can be deafening from the garbage trucks, Fed Ex and UPS trucks, school buses, motorcycles, and diesel pickups in particular. Traffic volume significantly adds to the noise problem.

We hope and assume that the planning process is not simply a routine administrative process, and that there will be actionable remedies forthcoming on input such as from the Sterne Park neighborhood. As we are fortunate to be retired and live near Sterne Park, we can see all of the traffic, motor and pedestrian, during the day, and we feel that conditions are such that an accident is waiting to happen. Thanks to the City for giving us an opportunity for input.

2 Supporters

---

Name not shown inside

District 2

May 11, 2015, 11:40 AM

This seems like an exercise in futility. While everyone would agree that single-family neighborhoods are not going to be rezoned, change is occurring elsewhere and affects many neighborhoods positively and negatively. For example, deteriorating commercial areas along Littleton Boulevard and Broadway have negative impacts while the presence of light rail has potential positive impacts. The aging of the population presents challenges. Also, are there more single-family rentals (usually in poor shape) in the older neighborhoods and what is their effect on the neighborhoods? These are just a few subjects that this update process should provide opportunities for discussion. Lord knows that after the debacle of the urban renewal election these matters need lots of discussing!

1 Supporter

---

Name not shown inside

District 4

May 18, 2015, 12:40 PM

Can you please share any plans you may have for the neighborhood of TrailMark?

---

Sharleen Williams

Inside District 2

May 12, 2015, 10:19 PM

In the 1981 plan Progress Park was subdivided, the northeast is between Broadway, Huron St, east to west, Littleton Blvd to the south, Belleview to the north. The northside neighborhood, commonly known as Starksdale is Huron to Windemere, east to west, Littleton Blvd to the south, Belleview to the north. In northside it is stated very clearly that the northside neighborhood will never allow an apartment building. I hope the Board takes the time to look at northside and decides to stick with the 1981 plan and treat the northside as a separate and distinct area separate from the northeast as we are a single family area with a small area of duplex/triplex as well as 1 town home development with 36 HOMEOWNER OCCUPIED homes on 5 and 1/2 acres which is less dense than the rest of our area. They each have double car garages with additional visitor parking in a well landscaped, park like atmosphere. We are not in any way akin to the rest of the Progress Park area namely the northeast community. We are very concerned the Board will not understand the division or honor the split as the 1981 plan clearly did.

---

Name not shown inside

District 4

May 12, 2015, 1:49 PM

Would like to have the terms "commercial" and "industrial" defined in the document. Could someone build and operate a heavy manufacturing facility? A commercial/industrial facility open 24/7? A theme park? A drilling/fracking operation? A race track? (Etc.)

South Neighborhood, Goal #2 (p. 50) - do the owners of McClellan Reservoir agree that they also have a responsibility to prevent degradation of the water quality?

South Neighborhood, Land Use Policy #1: in addition to visual and auditory impacts, there should be mention of physical impacts, such as vibration, land shifting, and the introduction of physical, chemical and other contaminants into the residential and non-residential areas.

South Neighborhood Land Use: Commercial/Industrial development should also preserve and enhance the existing residential areas.

---

Name not shown	Inside District 3	April 16, 2015, 3:33 PM
----------------	-------------------	-------------------------

South Neighborhood plan.

Transportation - Policy 2 (old policy 2). I am glad to see this is to be removed. I would strongly object to any attempt to re-introduce it or a variation of it.

Land Use - Policy 3. I would like to object to the potential placement of "Industrial" development north of Mineral Avenue. I can put up with commercial as there is already some of that, but I think industrial use would be too close to the Southbridge II neighborhood's southern boundary. Commercial and industrial are not the same thing.

Land Use Policy 4. This sounds to me like an attempt to increase housing density development. I would remove the phrase "provides a mix of housing types" and simply replace it with the word "proceeds".

---

Name not shown	Inside District 3	April 15, 2015, 2:55 PM
----------------	-------------------	-------------------------

Question related to the Sterne Park neighborhood. It says prohibiting commercial zoning beyond what is already zoned commercial. I'm not necessarily for sweeping through and making the neighborhood more commercial, but I'd be curious what some areas slightly off Littleton blvd are zoned. It seems having some flexibility in this statement might be a better idea depending on what the current zoning looks like.

---



**CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12**

**Series of 2015**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN UPDATED NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES MAP AND UPDATED MAPS, GOALS, AND POLICIES FOR SEVEN OF THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOODS AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, §2-9-1 of the city code defines the powers and duties of the planning board and states that the planning board shall recommend to the city council comprehensive plans to guide the future growth and development within the city, and states that such comprehensive plans shall be approved by city council; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning board held a public hearing on September 28, 2015, to consider recommending to city council a proposed amendment to the comprehensive plan, consisting of updates to the neighborhood boundaries map and to the maps, goals, and policies for the Centennial, Goddard, Heritage, Ketrington Park, Progress Park, South, and Sterne Park neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, following the public hearing on September 28, 2015, the planning board, after considering such evidence and testimony, voted to recommend approval of updated maps, goals, and policies for the Centennial, Goddard, Heritage, Ketrington Park, Progress Park, South, and Sterne Park neighborhoods, as an amendment to the comprehensive plan, and to forward the proposed amendment to City Council for approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:**

The Planning Board does hereby recommend approval to the City Council of the updated maps, goals, and policies for the Centennial, Goddard, Heritage, Ketrington Park, Progress Park, South, and Sterne Park neighborhoods as an amendment to the comprehensive plan.

**INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED** at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Board of the City of Littleton, Colorado, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado by the following vote:

**AYES:** Chairwoman Elrod, Chair Pro Tem Rudnicki, Board Member Moore, Board Member Samuelson and Board Member Krueger

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Board Member Bolt, Board Member Graham, Board Member Myles and Board Member Corbett

DocuSigned by:  
Denise Ciernia

D03BC259132D426...

Denise Ciernia, Recording Secretary

DocuSigned by:

Karina Elrod

C8DBF2F28A91481...

Karina Elrod, Chair

DocuSigned by:  
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

4A3FB34EA4384FE...

Kristin Schledorn  
City Attorney

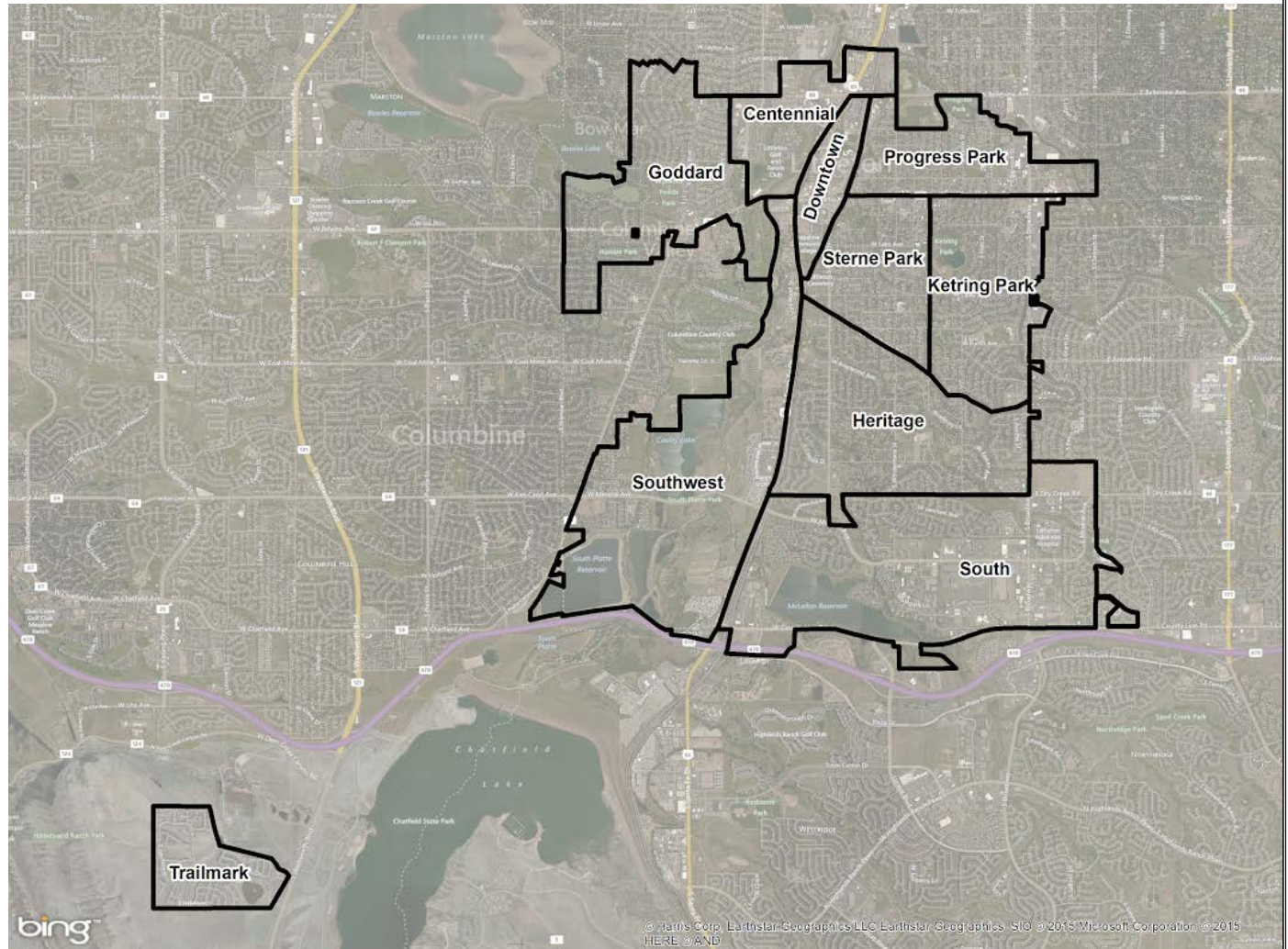
## DRAFT UPDATED COPY

Updates the planning board approved Scheduled for public review  
08/28/01/12/15

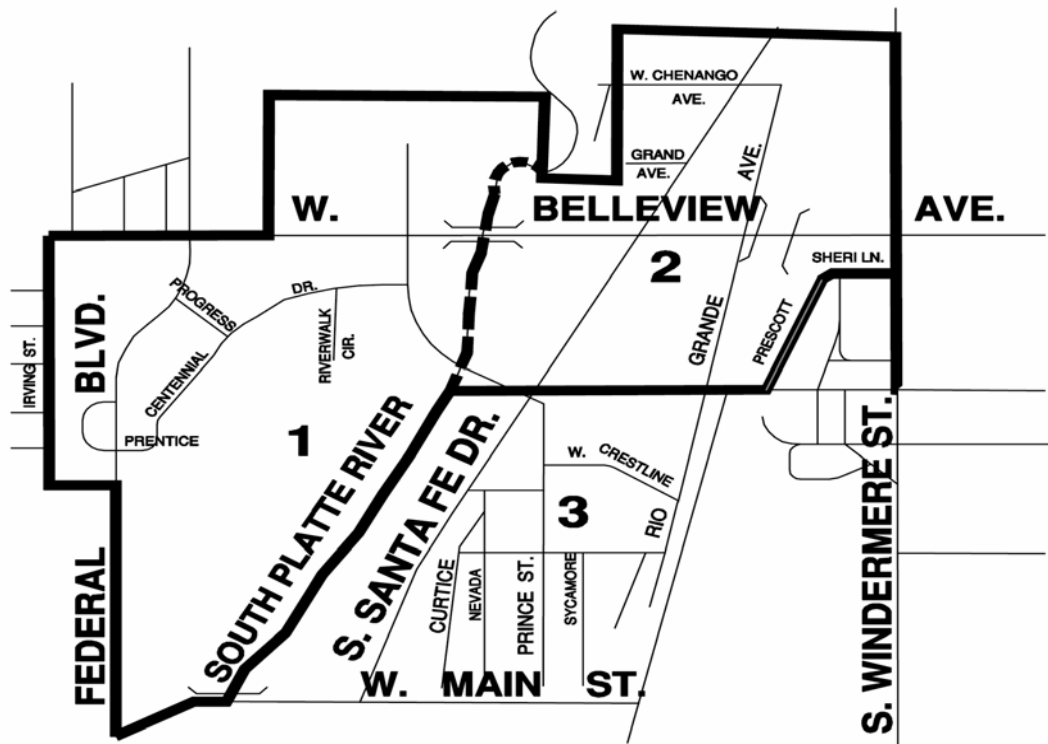
# NEIGHBORHOOD AREAS *Goals and Policies*

NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES MAP.....	20
CENTENNIAL NEIGHBORHOOD .....	21
CENTRAL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD .....	25
GODDARD NEIGHBORHOOD.....	31
HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD.....	35
KETRING PARK NEIGHBORHOOD.....	39
PROGRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD.....	43
SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD .....	49
STERNE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD.....	53

## NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES



# CENTENNIAL NEIGHBORHOOD



**NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY**

**SUB-NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY**





# ***CENTENNIAL NEIGHBORHOOD***

## **NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS**

- Goal 1:** Preserve the existing character of the neighborhood as exemplified by retail and commercial uses.
- Goal 2:** Encourage an improved street system that will increase ease of access to the area and promote the viability of the area as a commercial and retail center.
- Goal 3:** Encourage joint action of landowners and merchants and the City in solving or minimizing neighborhood problems.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD POLICIES**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- Policy 1:** Pedestrian crossings on Santa Fe drive to the Platte River greenbelt should be encouraged where feasible.

### **LAND USE**

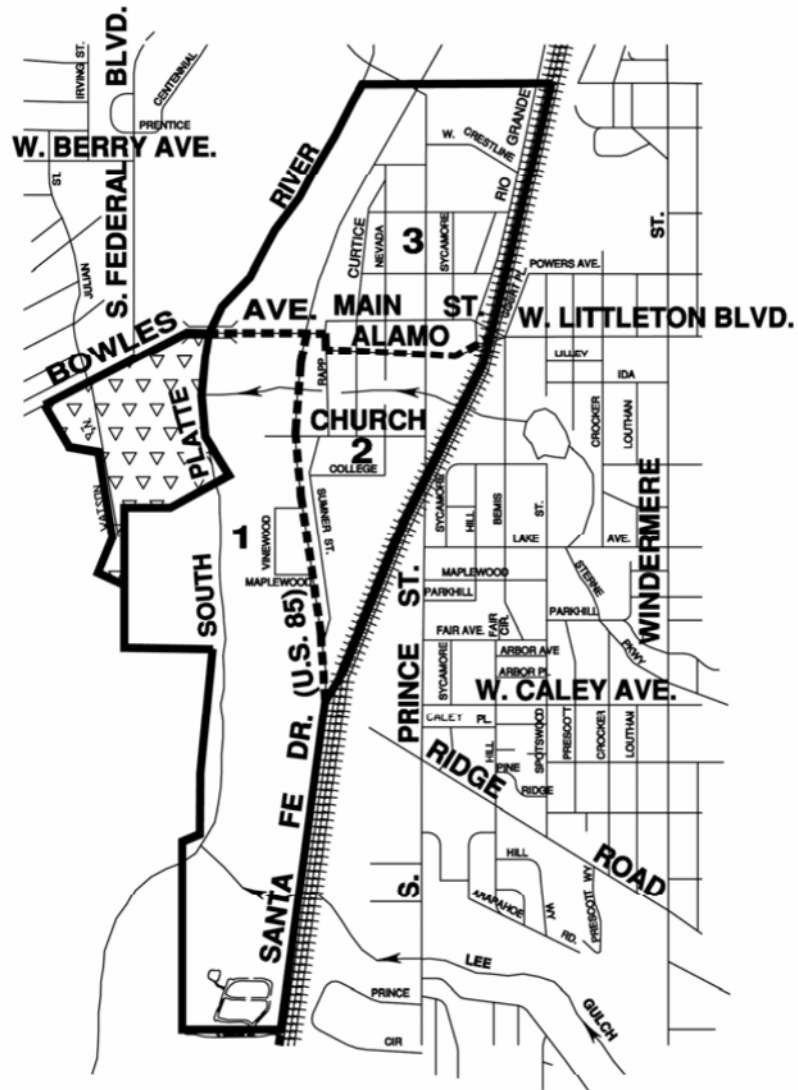
- Policy 1:** Land made available for redevelopment as a result of the South Platte channelization project should be zoned and developed in keeping with the character of the surrounding neighborhood and the Riverfront plans.
- Policy 2:** Remnant parcels of land should be considered for such public uses as open space, parks and parking lots and RTD park and ride locations and should be jointly developed by the Highway Department and the City or other public agencies.
- Policy 3:** ~~The Old Littleton Sewage Treatment Plant should be retained in City ownership until anticipated highway improvements are completed, to assure proper disposition.~~ **THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED**



**Policy 4:** That any development proposals be carefully scrutinized to assure adequate buffering and compatibility between residential and commercial neighborhoods.

DRAFT UPDATE



## CENTRAL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD



 NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY  
 SUB-NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY  
 not in complan area

This aerial map of the Harlow Park area in Lincoln, Nebraska, is divided into three numbered regions (1, 2, 3) by a solid black outline and a dashed line. Region 1 is the northernmost area, Region 2 is the central area, and Region 3 is the eastern area. The map includes labels for Bowles Lake, Upper Tule Lake, Lower Tule Lake, Wyneceta Ponds Park, and Harlow Park. Major roads like W. Bowles Ave, W. 160th St, and W. 168th St are visible. The map is credited to Bing and USGS.

DRAFT

# CENTRAL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD

**COMMENT:** The following neighborhood goals have been developed as a result of the Central Area Task Force reports and neighborhood citizen meetings.

## NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS

- Goal 1:** Encourage and promote the Central Area as the major activity center of Littleton and prepare a detailed "activity center" plan with specific recommendations and schedules to implement innovative economic and development techniques to achieve the activity center concept. Further, the implementation of this program should be led by strong cooperative actions taken by the City of Littleton.
- Goal 2:** Improve traffic circulation throughout the Central Area.
- Goal 3:** Plan and implement a program to provide additional off-street parking and special pedestrian access to Main Street and the light rail facility.
- Goal 4:** ~~Encourage the retention of the historic and "small town" character of Main Street.~~ **THE 2012 DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN REPLACES THIS GOAL**
- Goal 5:** ~~Acquire and develop additional open space land for the Central Area to provide exclusive pedestrian ways connecting Arapahoe Community College and Main Street.~~ **THE 2012 DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN REPLACES THIS GOAL**
- Goal 6:** Encourage and accommodate the private rehabilitation of older residential and commercial structures.
- Goal 7:** ~~Main Street should be developed and redeveloped as a pedestrian oriented, walk-in retail shopping area with special efforts given to the establishment of a wider range of retail goods and services to attract as great a consumer market as possible.~~ **THE 2012 DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN REPLACES THIS GOAL**
- Goal 8:** Continue public and private efforts to beautify the neighborhood.
- Goal 9:** ~~Portions of the Central Area, known as the Littleton Main Street Historic District, and~~ Individual structures (e.g., Richard Little home) **and collections of structures** have been

designated locally significant historic areas/structures and districts, respectively. Preservation of these areas and structures and districts is essential to maintain Littleton's unique character. **THIS GOAL HAS BEEN REVISED TO REFLECT CHANGED CONDITIONS**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD POLICIES**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**Policy 1:** That all alternatives be examined to reduce traffic congestion in the Central Area.

**Policy 2:** ~~That South Rio Grande Street from Belleview to Main Street be improved to a four-lane parkway to carry the additional traffic loads caused by the Arapahoe County Office Complex, the Littleton City Hall, and light rail facility.~~ **THIS POLICY HAS BEEN DELETED BECAUSE OF CHANGED CONDITIONS**

**Policy 3:** ~~That South Santa Fe Drive be improved to a six-lane, controlled access facility.~~ **THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED**

**Policy 4:** ~~That additional parking be located adjacent to the Main Street business core with special pedestrian access to Main Street and the light rail facility.~~ **THE 2012 DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN REPLACES THIS POLICY**

### **LAND USE**

#### **Sub-neighborhood Number 1:**

**Policy 1:** That the detailed activity center plan make specific recommendations on the future zoning and development of land now affected by the floodplain. Further, that all areas within the sub-neighborhood be re-examined, and specific zoning recommendations be made, so that future development will protect and enhance the river environment, and the rest of the neighborhood.

**Policy 2:** That the existing mobile home use in a B-3 Zone District at the southernmost end of the neighborhood be rezoned to the MH Mobile Home District as soon as possible.

#### **Sub-neighborhood Number 2:**

**THE 2012 DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN REPLACES ALL POLICIES FOR THIS SUB-NEIGHBORHOOD**

**Policy 1:** ~~That as the existing industrial uses eventually relocate, new uses be encouraged to locate in this area, through techniques detailed in the~~

activity center plan. The City should take the initiative in promotional and marketing areas to assure the successful implementation of the plan.

**Policy 2:** That efforts be made to negotiate with owners of non-conforming uses to establish specific mutually acceptable termination periods for these non-conformances.

**Policy 3:** The Richard Little home has been designated by the City as a historic structure and should be preserved as a local historic monument.

**Policy 4:** That an exclusive pedestrian and bicycle way be provided in the neighborhood from Arapahoe Community College to Main Street, from Arapahoe Community College north to Berry Avenue along the railroad tracks.

**Sub-neighborhood Number 3:**

**THE 2012 DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN REPLACES ALL POLICIES FOR THIS SUB-NEIGHBORHOOD**

**Policy 1:** That the Central Area be promoted as the major activity center of Littleton, through techniques detailed in the activity center plan and implemented through City initiative.

**Policy 2:** That the scale of Main Street be preserved through a building height limitation of 40 feet on all parcels with frontage on Main Street from Rapp to Rio Grande Streets. This will require amendments to the CA Zone District to assure maintenance of the architectural integrity of Main Street.

**Policy 3:** That continued use and adaptive re-use of the existing structures along Main Street be encouraged.

**Policy 4:** That all codes of the City pertaining to structural rehabilitation be examined with the purpose of removing or modifying unnecessary impediments to rehabilitation of older structures.

**Policy 5:** That continued beautification efforts along major thoroughfares be encouraged as a joint effort of the property owners and the City government.

**Policy 6:** That the boundaries of the area zoned R-5 be amended to exclude the one-half blocks facing on both sides of Nevada, between Powers and Berry, and the balance of the R-5 zoned area be preserved for permitted residential uses.

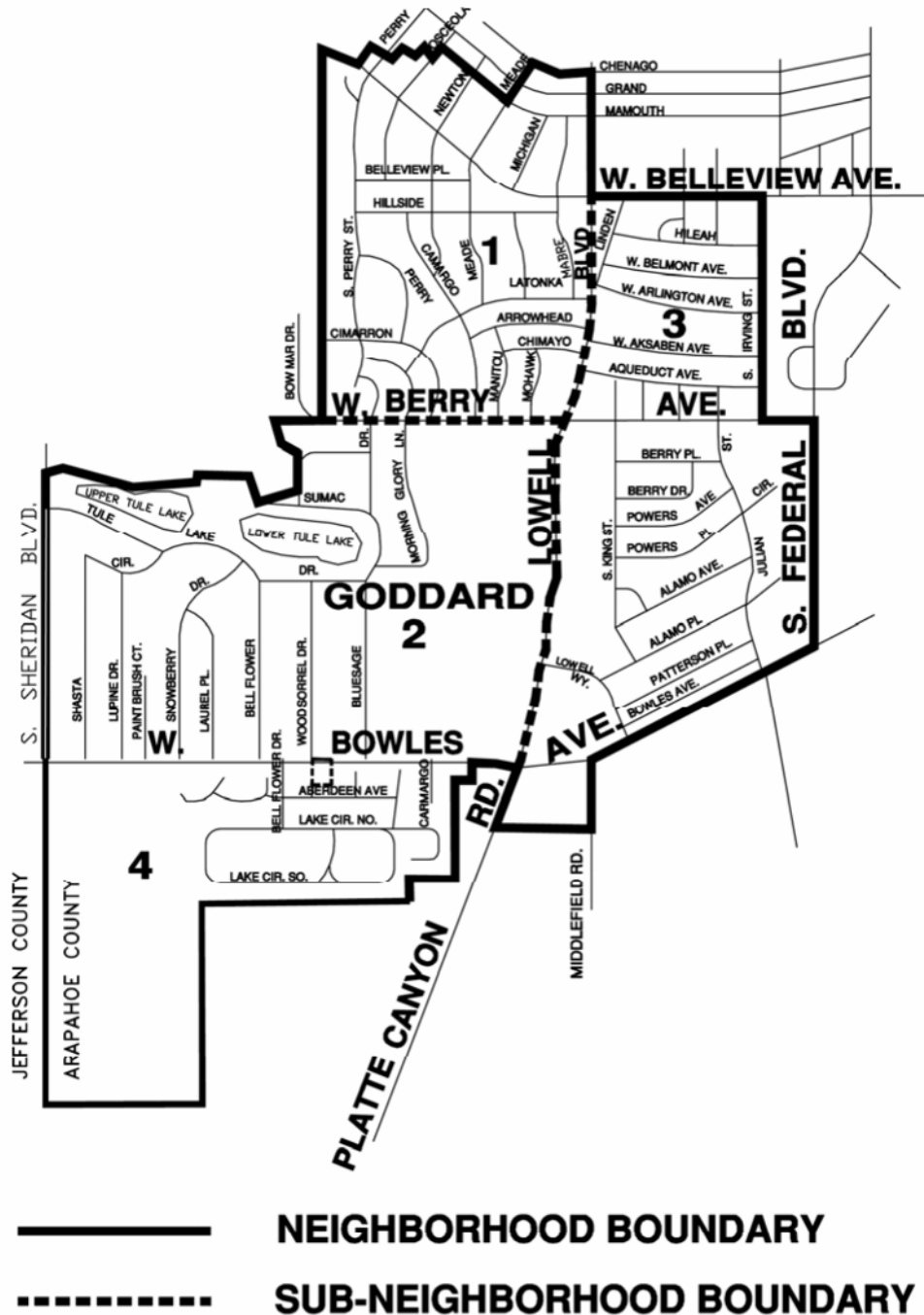
**Policy 7:** That the one-half blocks facing on both sides of Nevada, between Powers and Berry, be rezoned to be included in the CA Zone District.

**Policy 8:** That new commercial and multiple-family residential development be especially encouraged within the following area:

- a. ~~From Alamo Avenue north to the alley between Main Street and Alamo Avenue, between Santa Fe and the railroad tracks.~~
- b. ~~All the area from the rear of the structures on the north side of Main Street to Berry Avenue, except that area to be retained in the R-5 district.~~
- c. ~~The western frontage of Prince Street from the intersection with South Santa Fe Drive south to Crestline Avenue.~~

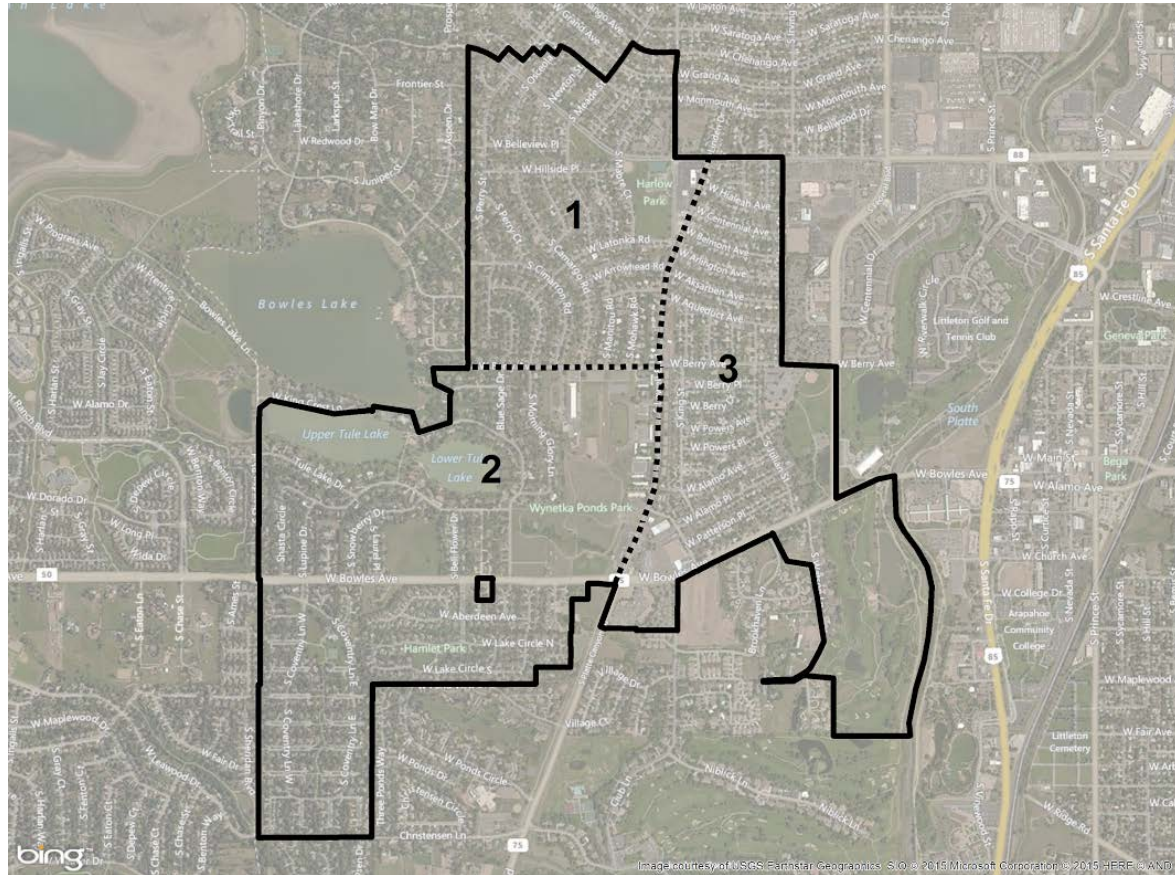
DRAFT UPDATE

# GODDARD NEIGHBORHOOD





# GODDARD NEIGHBORHOOD



DRAFT



# ***GODDARD NEIGHBORHOOD***

## **NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS**

- GOAL 1:** Preserve the existing character of the neighborhood as exemplified by single-family residential uses, open space and suburban atmosphere.
- GOAL 2:** Encourage new commercial uses to concentrate in established presently zoned business districts to arrest development of "strip commercial", which encroach into residential areas and create traffic congestion.
- GOAL 3:** Institute intergovernmental review procedures with neighboring jurisdictions so that impacts of development in those areas can be identified and planned for.
- GOAL 4:** Encourage improved public transportation service, thus heavier utilization, as a means of decreasing auto traffic, conserving energy and improving air quality.
- GOAL 5:** Provide a balanced mix of recreational opportunities, including organized, active sports facilities and natural passive areas.
- GOAL 6:** Enhance neighborhood quality of life by supporting code enforcement programs, to minimize nuisance and protect property owners from adverse impacts of poor maintenance.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD POLICIES**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- Policy 1:** That an intensified program of traffic code enforcement, in conjunction with increased fines and penalties be undertaken to control speed violations, particularly on Lowell Boulevard/Berry Avenue, Morning Glory/Blue Sage Drive, and other areas of heavy violations.
- Policy 2:** That a program of sidewalk and/or bike path improvements be devised to provide safe pedestrian access along major arterials.
- Policy 3:** That RTD be urged to revise routes and schedules in the Southwest Metro area to encourage more ridership.

## **LAND USE**

- Policy 1:** That new commercial uses be encouraged to locate in concentrated, established commercial districts, primarily downtown.
- Policy 2:** That development of any land zoned for business within the neighborhood, if it occurs, be encouraged to develop as less intensive, neighborhood-oriented uses.
- Policy 3:** That any further residential development be compatible with the existing single-family residential character of the neighborhood.
- Policy 4:** That the City closely monitors development proposals in adjacent jurisdictions which will affect the neighborhood, and aggressively seek input to resolve or minimize adverse impacts of such development.
- Policy 5:** That the environmental integrity of the neighborhood, particularly as affected by floodplains, storm runoff, and soil types, be protected by strict enforcement of applicable regulations to assure that development will not cause environmental damage.

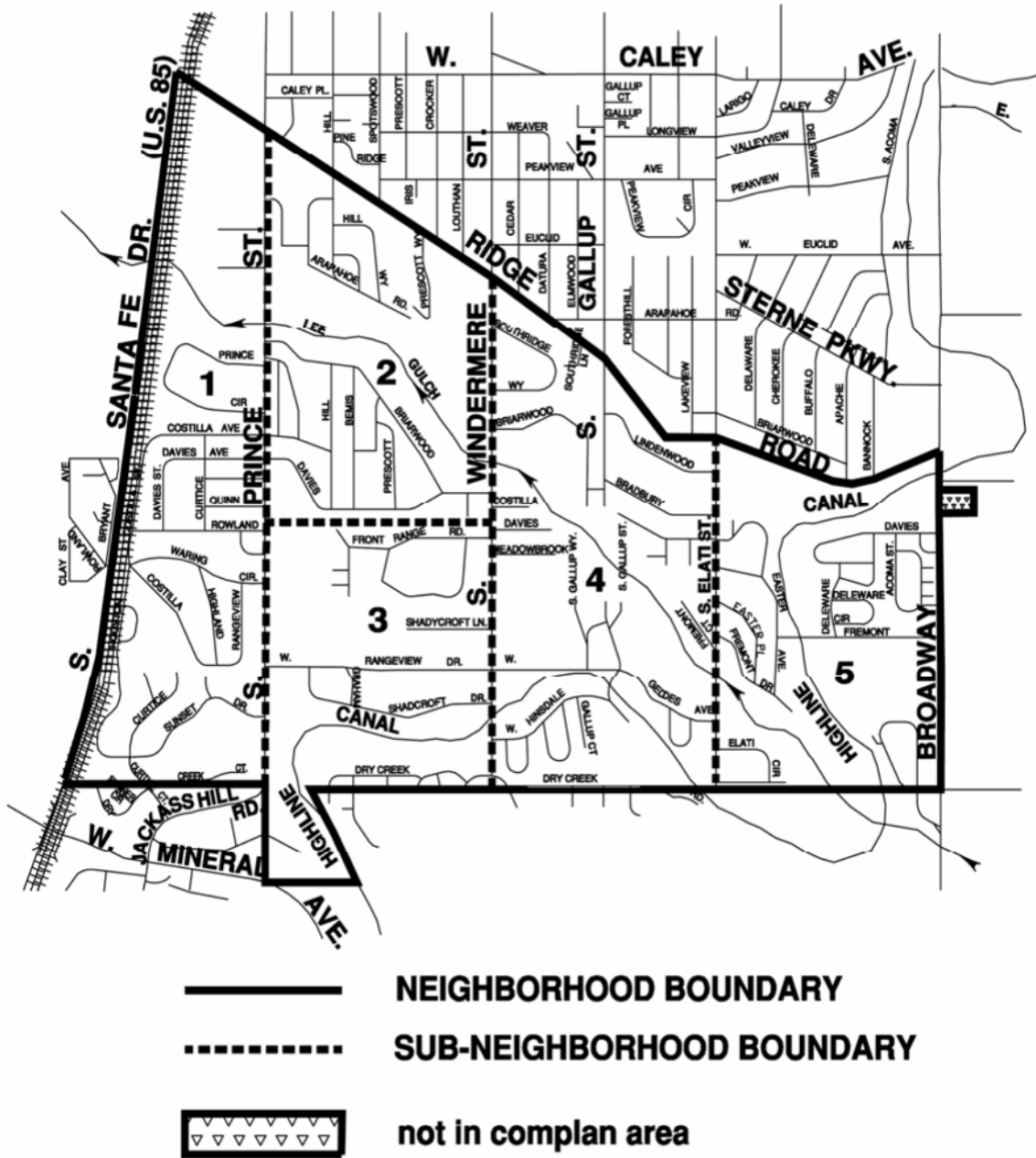
## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

- Policy 1:** That an east-west bicycle/pedestrian trail linking Columbine Trail with other parks in the neighborhood, be given higher priority, and that it be viewed as a multi-purpose facility rather than purely as a recreational resource.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

- Policy 1:** That the City's environmental codes covering landscape maintenance; trash, weeds and abandoned vehicles, be strictly enforced to preserve the well maintained character of the neighborhood and to protect adjacent property owners from adverse impacts of poor maintenance.
- Policy 2:** That enforcement of the City's animal control ordinance be upgraded to curb the magnitude of animal-related nuisances in the neighborhood.
- Policy 3:** That the enforcement of the City's noise control ordinance be upgraded to assure peaceful enjoyment in the neighborhood residential areas.

## HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD



[illegible]

DRAFT

# ***HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD***

## **NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS**

- Goal 1:** Preserve existing character of the neighborhood, open space, semi-rural atmosphere, and general “quality of life” aspects, especially the predominantly low-density single-family residential areas.
- Goal 2:** Prohibit new high-density residential and commercial uses from encroaching into existing low-density residential areas.
- Goal 3:** Limit multi-family residential and light commercial uses to areas along major arterials such as Santa Fe and Broadway.
- Goal 4:** Preserve and enhance existing parks and open space, and acquire additional land for parks and open space to provide more recreational opportunities for the residents.
- Goal 5:** Improve transportation facilities and traffic control only to the extent necessary to provide safety and good traffic patterns, but not to an extent which would encourage through traffic.
- Goal 6:** Provide a safe and interconnected system of bike paths that will facilitate bicycle traffic as an alternative to automobile traffic for local trips.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD POLICIES**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**Policy 1:** ~~Access to Heritage High School should be improved by providing an alternate route to the school via Gallup Street; and the City should undertake feasibility studies to determine how to accomplish this.~~

**THIS PROJECT IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF CHANGED CONDITIONS**

**Policy 2:** Safety around elementary schools should be improved. ~~by installation of flashing signals to be operated only during school hours when the 20 mph speed limit is in effect.~~ **THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED**

**Policy 3:** The police patrols on those residential streets which have been repeatedly identified as problem areas should continue to be intensified for some period of time to discourage speeders.

**Policy 4:** Ridge Road should be kept essentially in its present character as a residential collector street with improvements limited to safety and maintenance rather than increased traffic load.

**Policy 5:** ~~North-south streets should be kept as local residential carriers. Any connection between existing north-south streets and new residential development to the south will be limited to serving that development and will be completely separate from the nonresidential traffic system.~~ **THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED**

**Policy 6:** The use of alternatives to the private automobile should be encouraged by safe and convenient mass transit facilities and bike paths.

**Policy 7:** That direct access onto South Broadway between Fremont and County Line Road be in accordance with the South Broadway Access Control Plan, so as to provide maximum efficiency of traffic movement and accessibility to Broadway frontage property.

## **LAND USE**

**Policy 1:** Further development in the neighborhood should be consistent with existing development, primarily low density, single-family residential uses.

**Policy 2:** Any new development in the neighborhood should be designed and sited so as to protect views and maximize open space.

**Policy 3:** Low intensity commercial and office uses and residential uses other than single-family shall be limited to the peripheral areas of the neighborhood with direct vehicular access only to major arterial streets. Common access points, clustering of buildings and similar techniques should be employed to preserve the open, low intensity character of the neighborhood and avoid the appearance of strip development along the arterial streets.

**Policy 4:** Development proposals for commercial and multi-family residential developments should be carefully scrutinized to assure compatibility with existing adjacent residential development. A transitional area not less than 50 feet in width, landscaped and maintained by the owner of the non-residential/multi-family development shall be considered a minimum acceptable separation.



**Policy 5:** In addition to the requirements of the zoning ordinance, in order to preserve the character of the neighborhood, any parcels proposed to be rezoned shall not exceed densities in adjacent developments.

**Policy 6:** ~~Moderate amounts of single-family residential development should be accomplished in an orderly, staged pattern consistent with adequate public service capacities, analysis of impact on schools, and traffic impact and treatment.~~ **THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED**

**Policy 7** Environmentally sensitive areas such as floodplains, steep slopes, etc., should be discouraged from developing or severely limited to development that will not adversely affect such sensitive areas.

**Policy 8:** That floodplain development restrictions be imposed on applicable portions of Lee Gulch in compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) national flood insurance program requirements, and that all property owners in the floodplain be encouraged to participate in the federal flood insurance program.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

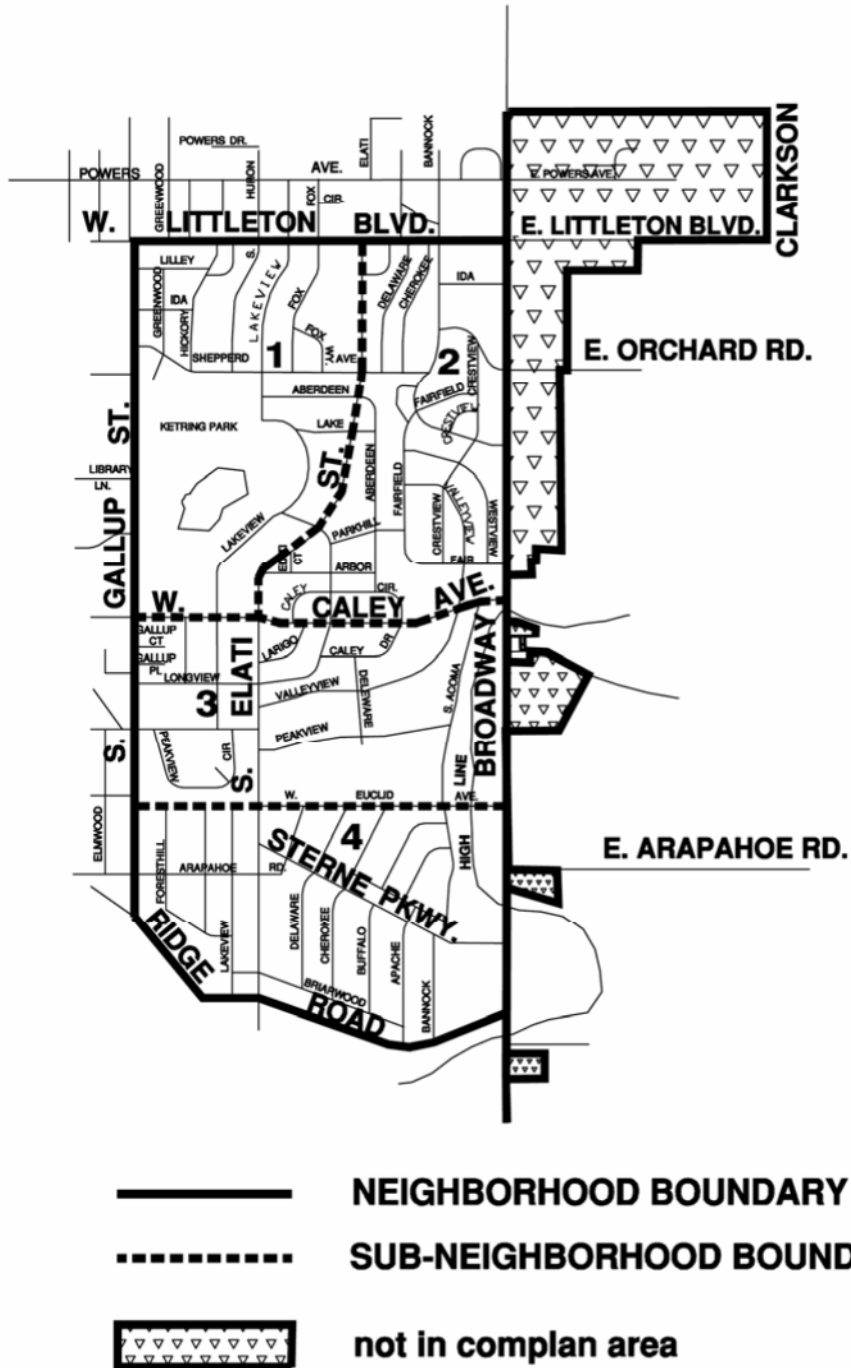
**Policy 1:** The Highline Canal represents one of the most cherished neighborhood features and as such its preservation and enhancement should be supported.

**Policy 2:** That further development of subdivisions in the neighborhood be required to dedicate adequate public open space to meet the needs of the area residents.

**Policy 3:** The development of park pockets along the Lee Gulch greenbelt should be encouraged.

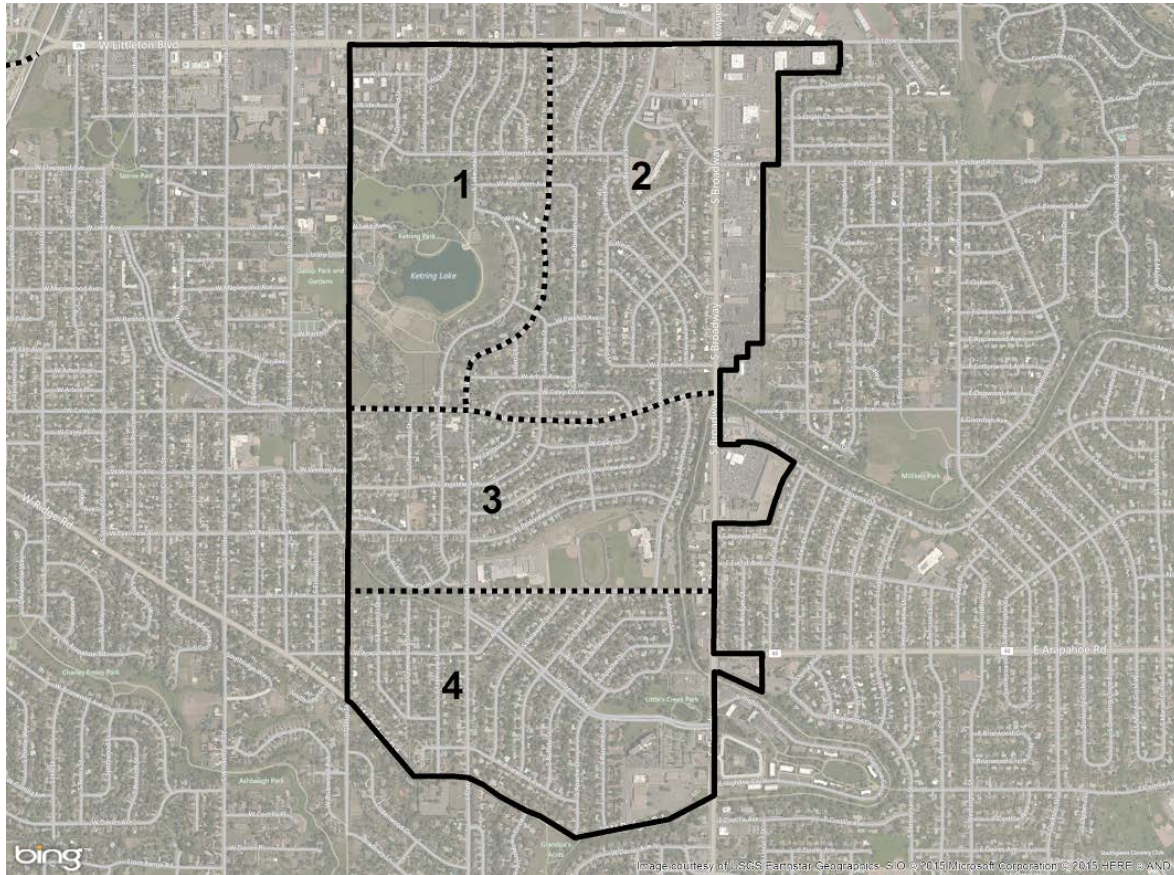
**Policy 4:** Private development of any nature should be encouraged to utilize design and siting principles to maximize open space.

# KETRING PARK NEIGHBORHOOD





# KETRING NEIGHBORHOOD



DRAFT

# **KETRING PARK NEIGHBORHOOD**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS**

- Goal 1:** Preserve the existing character of the neighborhood, open space and general “quality of life” aspects, especially the “well-maintained, attractive” single-family residential areas.
- Goal 2:** Improve transportation facilities and traffic controls only to the extent necessary to improve safety and to provide good traffic circulation within the neighborhood, and to discourage vehicular traffic in the neighborhood.
- Goal 3:** Prohibit further development of new commercial and continued conversion of residential structures to commercial uses, in existing single-family residential areas.
- Goal 4:** Preserve existing parks and open space and limit further development of existing park and open space to passive recreational facilities.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD POLICIES**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**COMMENTS:** A substantial portion of the items on the residents’ questionnaire and discussion at the neighborhood meetings related to transportation issues. Some of the specific questions included the extension of Gallup Street, south of Ridge Road, to Heritage High School, the function of neighborhood collector streets, and pedestrian safety in school zones and miscellaneous traffic related issues. The neighborhood also supported both the extension of Gallup Street south to provide an alternate access to Heritage High School and completion of Sterne Parkway from Broadway to Lake Street, terminating at Sterne Park. Both of these projects have been abandoned due to subsequent policy decisions by the City. The questions with respect to internal traffic produced a general response that these streets were carrying too much through traffic and that this role should be discouraged and downplayed as much as possible. The following plan policies addressing

*transportation and traffic issues were formulated as a result of neighborhood input.*

- Policy 1:** That traffic controls be maintained or improved on internal residential collector streets, for example Caley and Elati, to prevent further increases in speed and traffic volumes.
- Policy 2:** That the function of Caley Avenue and Elati Street as carriers of through traffic be de-emphasized.
- Policy 3:** That an intensified program of traffic code enforcement, in conjunction with increased fines and penalties, be undertaken to improve pedestrian safety in school zones.
- Policy 4:** That Gallup Street be improved to provide an alternate route to Heritage High School. **THIS PROJECT IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF CHANGED CONDITIONS**
- Policy 5:** That Ridge Road be maintained in its present character with improvements to improve safety and facilitate traffic flow.

## **LAND USE**

- Policy 1:** That further development of commercial uses south of Littleton Boulevard along north-south streets (e.g., Gallup and Datura) be prohibited.
- Policy 2:** That further conversion of existing single-family residences to commercial uses, especially along South Broadway, be prohibited.
- Policy 3:** That emphasis be placed in the decision-making process on the preservation of existing single-family areas as sound, desirable areas in which to live.
- Policy 4:** That storm water runoff be controlled through a combined program of increasing the capacity of storm sewers, prohibiting further development, or redevelopment within floodplains to minimize potential flood damage.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

- Policy 1:** That the Ketrang/Gallup Park complex be maintained essentially as it currently exists, with future improvements, if any, limited to passive recreational uses such as fishing piers, and picnic areas.
- Policy 2:** That a “linear park” be developed on uncompleted portions of Sterne Parkway with emphasis placed on pedestrian and bicycle use.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

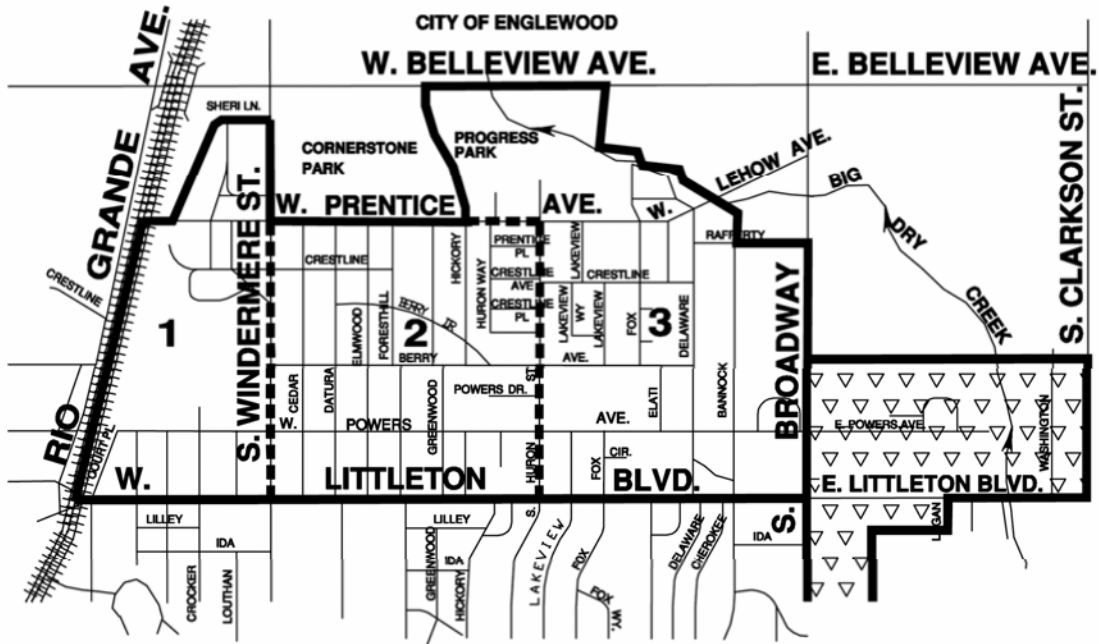
- Policy 1:** That the environmental code of the City which requires land owners to maintain the landscaping of rental property, including renter-occupied single-


family residences, be strongly enforced to preserve the well- maintained character of the neighborhood and to protect owners from adverse impacts of poor maintenance.

**Policy 2:** That a concerted, intensified effort should be undertaken to control vandalism.

DRAFT UPDATE

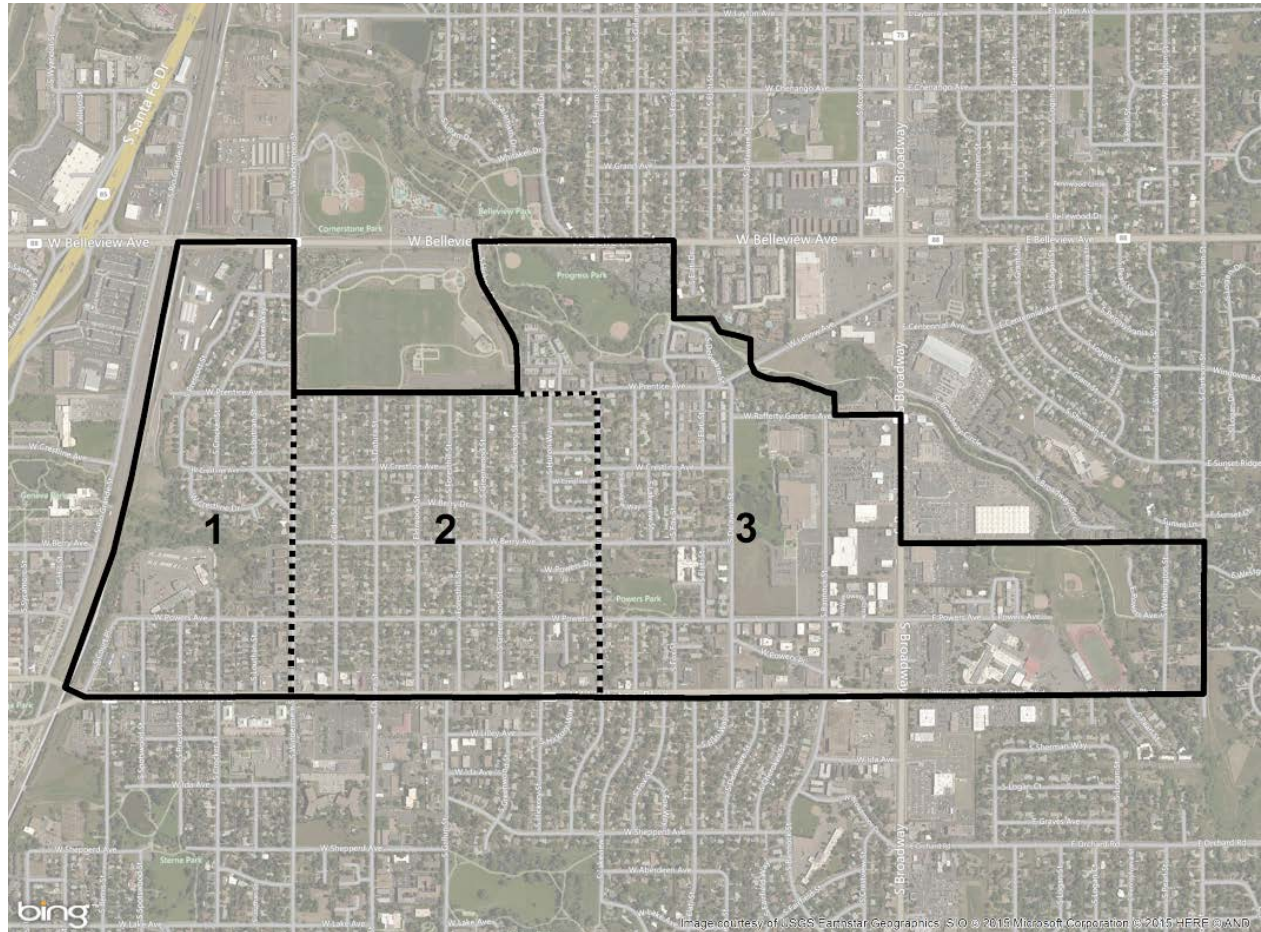
## PROGRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



 NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY  
 SUB-NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY  
 not in complan area



# PROGRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



DRAFT

# ***PROGRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD***

## **NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS**

- Goal 1:** Preserve the existing character of the neighborhood as much as possible, preserving especially the single-family home areas.
- Goal 2:** Limit new high-density residential development as well as the encroachment of commercial and industrial development into existing residential areas.
- Goal 3:** Develop existing parks fully and acquire additional parkland, open space, to provide increased recreational opportunities for the residents.
- Goal 4:** Improve transportation facilities and traffic controls to provide more safety for children walking to school as well as the elderly and other pedestrians.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD POLICIES**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**COMMENTS:** The transportation system of a neighborhood should be designed to perform the dual role of providing access for its residents and visitors as well as protecting the neighborhood from the negative impacts of unnecessary traffic congestion. Presently, four streets perform the role of collector streets, i.e., they collect and distribute traffic between major arterial streets; these are:

1. Prentice Avenue between Windermere and Delaware Street;
2. Delaware Street between Littleton Boulevard and Prentice Avenue;
3. Lehow Avenue from Delaware to Broadway; and
4. Short segment of Powers Avenue between Delaware and Broadway.

Bellevue, Littleton Boulevard and Broadway all perform the function of arterials, i.e., they permit rapid and relatively unimpeded movement of

carrying sufficient volumes to be classified as an arterial. It is the traffic through the City; in addition, Windermere Street is presently recommendation of the plan that these be officially designated as arterial

or collector as noted above, and that measures should be designated as residential in character.

The recommendations of the neighborhood are as follows:

- Policy 1:** Upgrading South Windermere to arterial status by providing four-lane striping and turn lanes.
- Policy 2:** Officially designate the above-mentioned segments of Prentice Avenue, Delaware Street, Lehow Avenue and Powers Avenue as collector streets; and Broadway, Littleton Boulevard, Belleview Avenue, and Windermere Street as arterials.
- Policy 3:** Provide traffic signal at West Powers Avenue and Bannock Street.
- Policy 4:** Mitigate high volume school bus traffic on residential streets.

### **LAND USE**

- Policy 1:** The Progress Park residents desire to preserve the low-density residential character of their neighborhood.

**COMMENTS:** *The existing zoning appears to be compatible with this goal. Infilling of individual homes in the single-family residential areas and multi-family in existing high-density areas can occur only on a relatively small scale. There is a sufficient supply of vacant land within the neighborhood to allow for moderate industrial growth.*

- Policy 2:** In accordance with the expressed goals of the residents, the neighborhood land use policy for Progress Park proposes that the existing zoning boundaries not be changed except as might reduce the potential intensity of development in the neighborhood.

**COMMENTS:** *Present zones both conform with the existing character of the neighborhood and allow for limited new development and growth.*

### **STORM DRAINAGE**

**COMMENTS:** *The floodplain of Slaughterhouse Gulch is predominately within the Progress Park neighborhood. In order to eliminate potential risk to the health and safety of residents, minimize property damage from*



*flooding, and to meet requirements of FEMA, the following recommendations are made:*

- Policy 1:** Floodplain overlay restrictions be imposed for applicable portions of both Slaughterhouse Gulch and Big Dry Creek which requires the following:
- a. Residential structures, including basements, must be at or above the 100-year flood level;
  - b. Non-residential structures must be adequately flood proofed;
  - c. Encroachment into the floodplain is permitted only to the extent that it does not increase the downstream flood surface area;
  - d. Encroachment into the floodplain is permitted only to the extent that it does not significantly decrease the amount of valley flood storage.
- Policy 2:** Encourage all property owners both within and at the fringe of the floodplain to participate in the flood insurance program.

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES**

**COMMENTS:** *Littleton Public Schools maintains North Elementary School and the adjacent bus maintenance and parking facility. It is recommended that North Elementary School be retained as an important resource to the community, and that an attempt be made to better utilize it facilities as a community center for off-hours use of athletic and meeting **CHECK** facilities and as a location for continuing education programs.*

*The school bus maintenance facility, however, has proved to be a nuisance to the neighborhood and is poorly located. Complaints have been made by the nearby residents of bus drivers parking on public streets; noise and air pollution; use of residential streets for ingress and egress of buses; and danger to school children.*

**Policy 1:** It is the recommendation of the neighborhood plan, therefore, that the bus facility be eventually phased out and be relocated to a more suitable site that is more centrally located in the School District.

**Policy 2:** Until the bus facility fan is eliminated, measures should be taken to reduce its impact.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

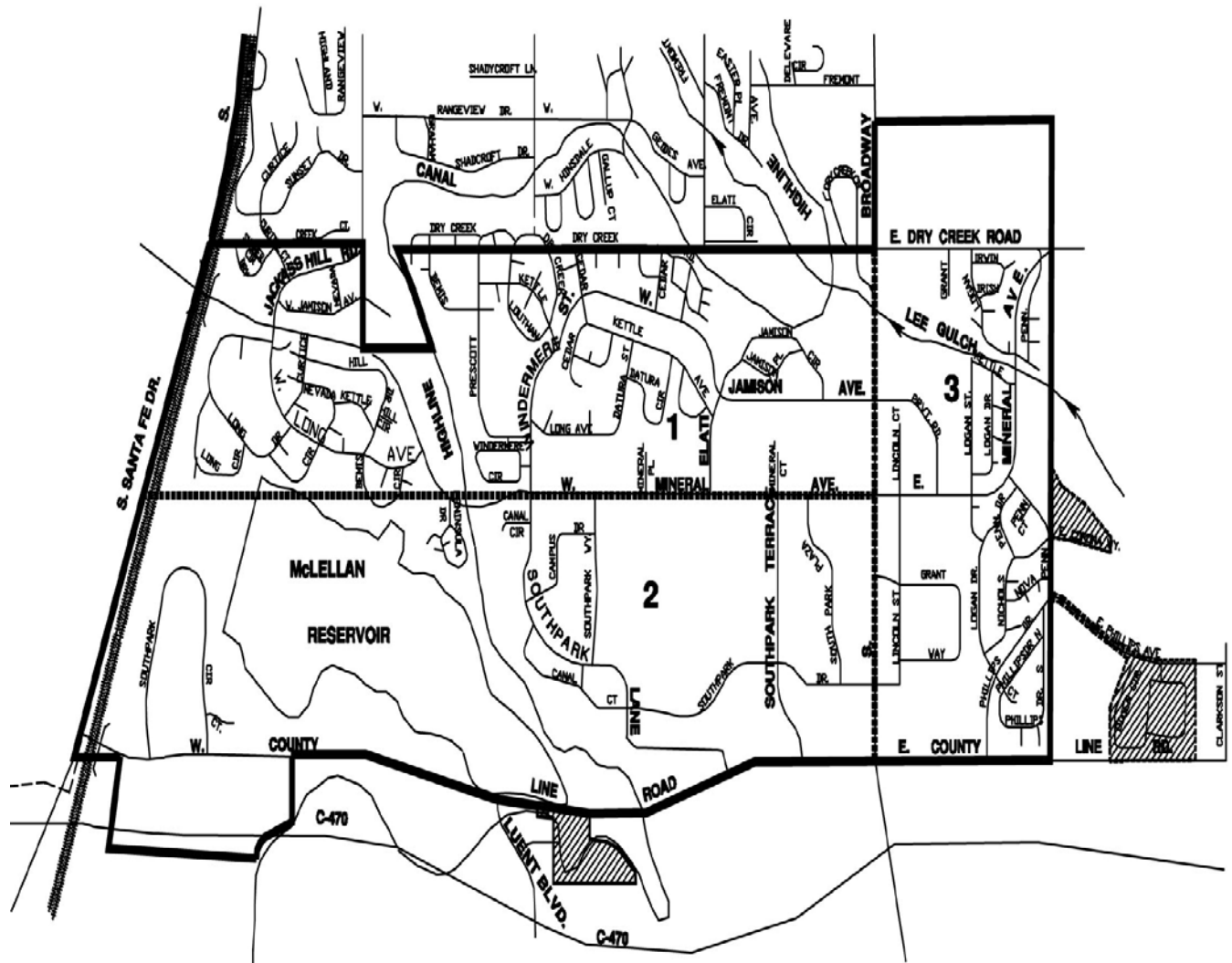
**COMMENTS:** *Of the two existing parks in the neighborhood, Powers Park is completely developed. Progress Park has been incorporated in the overall master plan for the Cornerstone Park complex.*

**Policy 1:** The neighborhood plan recommends the acquisition of additional park or open space land throughout the Progress Park Neighborhood. Possibilities for land acquisition would be:

- a. A trail along Slaughterhouse Gulch connecting to the **South** Platte River greenbelt;
- b. Use of presently vacant properties for tot lots or small neighborhood parks; and
- c. A greenbelt and trail along Big Dry Creek.

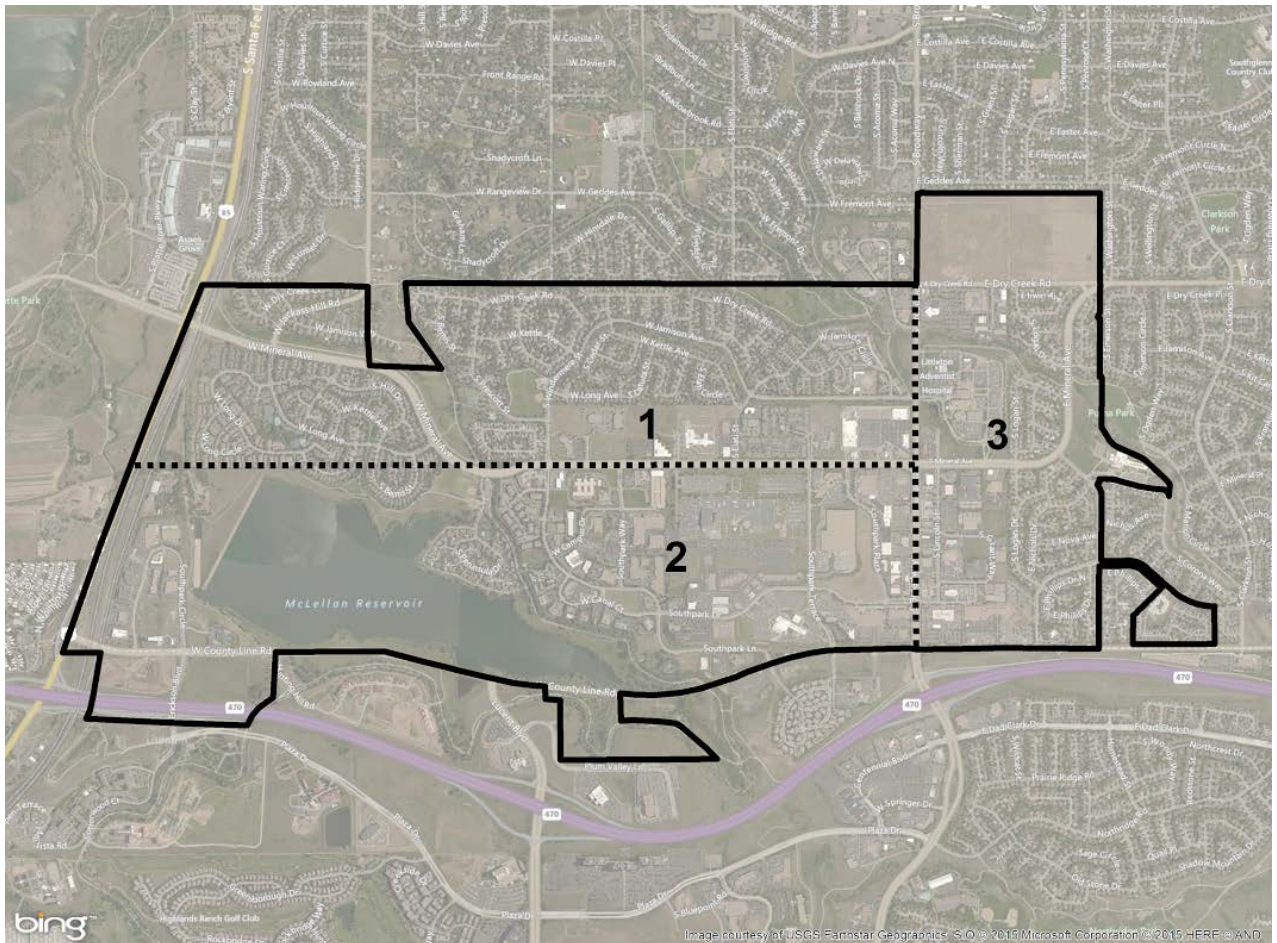
DRAFT UPDATE

# SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD



- NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY**
- SUB-NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY**
- not in complan area**

## SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD



DRAFT

# ***SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD***

## **NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS**

- Goal 1:** To develop a Regional Employment Center in the South Neighborhood while assuring adequate buffering of adjacent residential and recreational uses from adverse effects of commercial and industrial uses.
- Goal 2:** To prevent degradation of the water quality of McLellan Reservoir, the Highline Canal or any surface or subsurface water body within the South Neighborhood.
- Goal 3:** To provide adequate vehicular access to and from industrial areas in the neighborhood without introducing commercial or industrial traffic onto residential streets.
- Goal 4:** To protect residential and recreational areas from negative visual and audible intrusions of commercial and industrial development.
- Goal 5:** To provide adequate mass transit facilities in close proximity to commercial, residential and employment areas.
- Goal 6:** To provide and maintain infrastructure and facilities including: schools; parks and open space; streets; and water, sewer and drainage systems required to support development.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD POLICIES**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- Policy 1:** That commercial and industrial traffic be discouraged from using "local" residential streets through design and regulatory controls.

**Policy 2:** ~~That a street or streets be extended to provide access between residential developments in the Heritage and South Neighborhoods, if warranted, after technical studies, have been conducted, and a report presented to the Council for review.~~ **THIS PROJECT IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF CHANGED CONDITIONS**

**Policy 2:** That separate pedestrian linkages be provided connecting the residential, recreational, industrial, and commercial areas.

~~**Policy 4:** That County Line Road be designed and constructed as a facility to support C-470.~~ **THIS PROJECT IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF CHANGED CONDITIONS**

~~**Policy 3:** That Mineral Avenue be designated and completed as a major east-west arterial route connecting East Dry Creek Road with Santa Fe Drive.~~ **THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED**

**Policy 4:** That the Regional Transportation District be encouraged to acquire land in the neighborhood in anticipation of providing additional mass transit service to the area.

## **LAND USE**

**Policy 1:** That residential areas be protected from commercial and industrial development by utilizing a combination of setback “buffers”, screening, and other measures to reduce the visual and audible impacts created by the development.

**Policy 2:** That the portion of the neighborhood east of the Highline Canal, excluding the residential areas of South Park, Southbridge and Oakbrook, be designated as a regional employment center.

**Policy 3:** That residential and industrial development be staged to provide a balance of types of development in accordance with a detailed plan for each development area. Any development of an industrial or commercial nature shall not be located north of Jamison Avenue and west of Broadway.

**Policy 4:** That residential development in the area provides a mix of housing types, in a manner that preserves or enhances the character of character of existing residential areas.

**Policy 5:** That the Broadway frontage in South Neighborhood should be developed as low-intensity commercial and multi-family uses consistent with development patterns in the area.

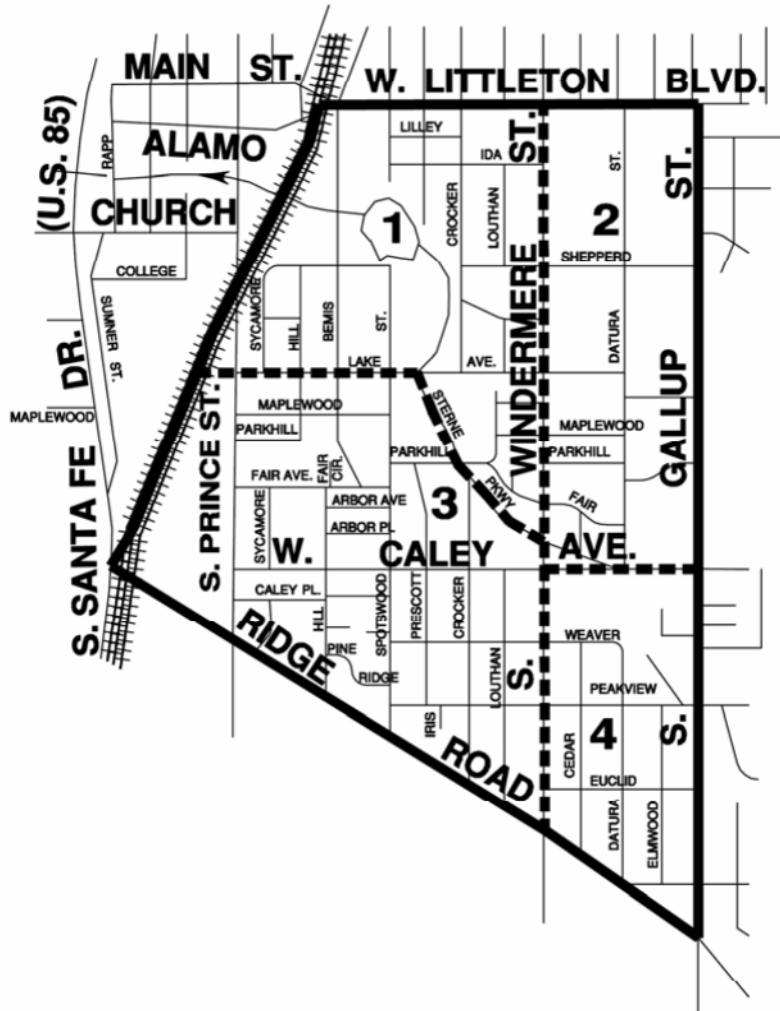
**Policy 6:** That general development plans for each development area be submitted for approval prior to detailed planning which shall include sufficient data to determine the adequacy of City service systems, the impact and treatment of traffic with respect to adjacent neighborhoods, and the impact of residential development on schools.



## **PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

- Policy 1:** That adequate land be made available by the appropriate private or public body for schools, fire protection, and public recreation.
- Policy 2:** That open space be established and maintained around the perimeter of McLellan Reservoir as a buffer from adjacent development.
- Policy 3:** That parks with formalized recreational facilities such as swimming, golf, ball fields, etc., be developed to serve the South Neighborhood and surrounding areas.
- Policy 4:** That the Highline Canal be surrounded by Open Space throughout the neighborhood to protect and enhance its recreational opportunities, in conjunction with preservation of the area around the "Horseshoe Park" segment of the canal as a natural, passive recreation area.
- Policy 5:** That development be required to provide adequate measures to prevent water quality degradation of McLellan Reservoir, the Highline Canal or any surface or subsurface water body within the neighborhood that is attributable to the development.
- Policy 6:** That all drainage ways be designed and maintained as open space to accommodate recreational facilities, including trails, and where practical, to preserve natural vegetation and habitats.
- Policy 7:** That the City enforce all agreements and commitments by the property owners and other governmental entities made at the time of annexation relative to public infrastructure, facilities and services, including schools, parks and open space, streets, water, sewer, and drainage systems, and other improvements.
- Policy 8:** That land for open space be provided by development to protect and enhance the natural state of McLellan Reservoir and the recreational use of the Highline Canal.

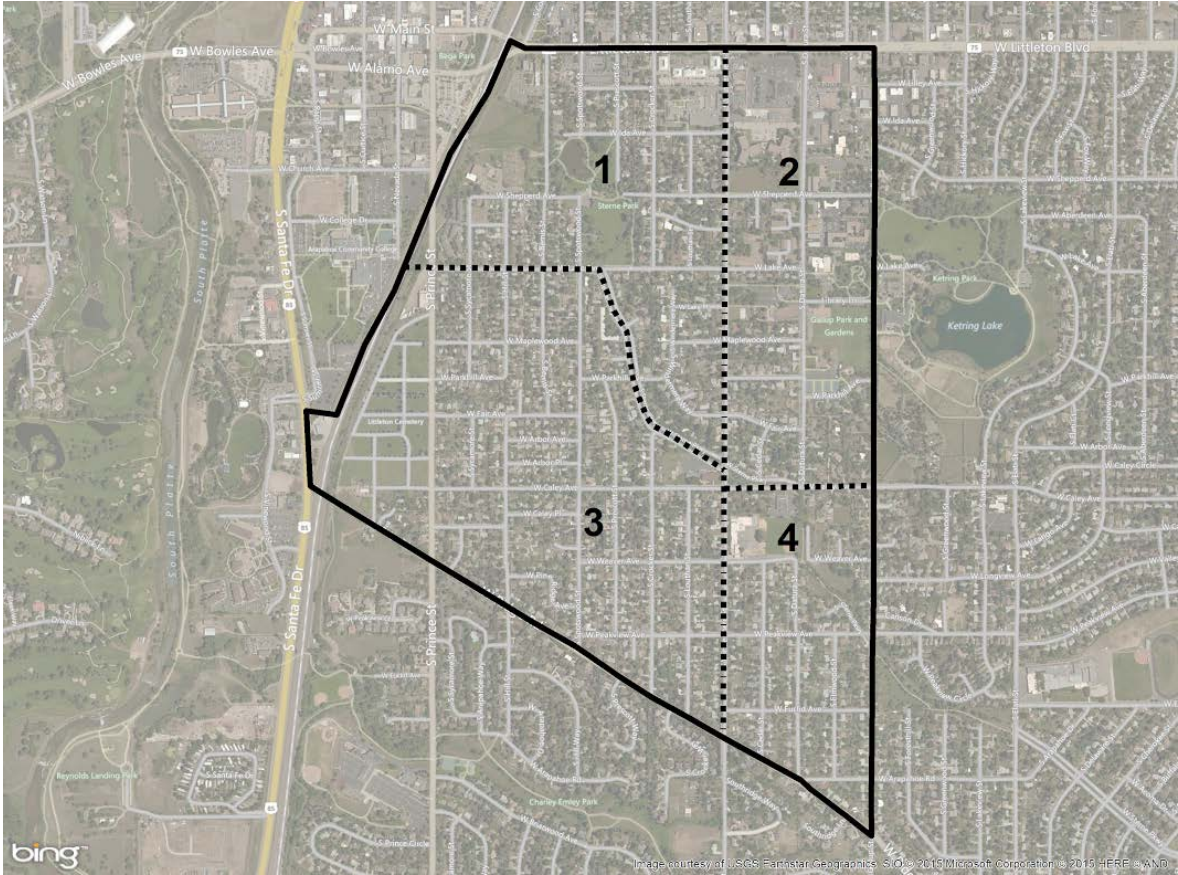
# STERNE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



- NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY
- - - - -** SUB-NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY



# STERNE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



DRAFT

# ***STERNE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD***

## **NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS**

- Goal 1:** Preserve the unique character of the neighborhood and general “quality of life” aspects, especially the mix of architectural styles, mature trees, and quiet atmosphere of the residential areas.
- Goal 2:** Improve transportation facilities and traffic controls only to the extent necessary to improve safety and to provide good traffic circulation within the neighborhood.
- Goal 3:** Prohibit encroachment of commercial uses into established residential areas by limiting such uses to existing commercial districts such as Littleton Boulevard.
- Goal 4:** Preserve existing parks and open space and encourage new or expanded recreational areas to be developed to provide natural, passive recreation opportunities.
- Goal 5:** Improve enforcement of the City’s environmental codes to assure neighborhood preservation through good maintenance, adherence to noise ordinance, and crime prevention.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD POLICIES**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- Policy 1:** That traffic controls in internal residential and collector streets be maintained or improved to improve safety and to prevent further increases in speed and volume of traffic.

**Policy 2:** ~~That Gallup Street be improved to provide an alternate route to Heritage High School.~~ **THIS PROJECT IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF CHANGED CONDITIONS**

**Policy 2:** That Ridge Road be maintained in its present character to the extent possible, with improvements limited to those necessary to improve safety and accommodate the existing traffic load.

**Policy 3:** That pedestrian safety in school zones be improved through an intensified program of traffic code enforcement, in conjunction with higher fines and penalties; and the City's active support and participation in safety education programs in the schools.

### **LAND USE**

**Policy 1:** That development of commercial uses south of Littleton Boulevard, beyond that which is presently zoned commercial, in residential areas of the neighborhood, be prohibited.

**Policy 2:** That emphasis in the decision-making process be placed on the preservation of the neighborhood as a sound, desirable residential area.

**Policy 3:** That storm water runoff be controlled through a combined program of increasing the capacity of storm sewers and prohibiting further development or redevelopment within floodplains. -

### **PARKS AND RECREATION, OPEN SPACE**

**Policy 1:** That a "lineal park" be developed on uncompleted portions of Sterne Parkway with emphasis on bicycle and pedestrian use.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**Policy 1:** That the environmental code adopted by the City, which requires land owners to maintain the landscaping on rental property, including renter-occupied, single-family dwellings, be strongly enforced to preserve the well-maintained character of the neighborhood and to protect adjacent property owners from adverse impacts of poor maintenance.

**Policy 2:** That a concerted, intensified effort should be undertaken to control vandalism.