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Working To Turn the Vision Into Reality At the Holly

The Holly Area Redevelopment Project (HARP) steering committee met on October 14 at the Park Hill Community Center. HARP is a group of Park Hill residents and community groups that is working with the Urban Land Conservancy, owner of the former Holly Square Shopping Center at 33rd Ave. and Holly St., to guide redevelopment of the former shopping center and the surrounding blocks.

A comprehensive Vision Plan describing the results of HARP's year and a half long planning process was accepted by the ULC board in August, and will be used to interview potential development partners in the coming six months. The Vision Plan lays out a series of "Good Neighbor" principles that the Northeast Park Hill community expects to be incorporated into any future use of the site. The full plan and a four-page executive summary are available at the HARP website, <https://sites.google.com/site/thehollysite/home>, or by calling or e-mailing The Denver Foundation's Strengthening Neighborhoods Program at 303-996-7350, or lsullivan@denverfoundation.org.

Letters of Interest

At the steering committee meeting, participants received copies of the Vision Plan executive summary and were briefed on the next steps in the development process. A request for letters of interest will be prepared by the Urban Land Conservancy by November 14. This will be circulated among potential site developers, who will be asked to indicate their interest in developing the property according to the principles outlined in the Vision Plan.

A subcommittee is being assembled to participate in the interview process. Anyone interested in volunteering for this group should contact The Denver Foundation's Strengthening Neighborhoods Program at the phone number or email address listed above. Volunteers will be expected to attend at least one training session, participate in local site visits to see examples of potential partnerships, and take an active role in interviewing interested developers.

The steering committee also received an update on the interim use of the site. Due to a great collaboration between the Urban Land Conservancy, Prodigal Son, Inc., the Denver Nuggets, Denver Parks and Recreation, and The Denver Foundation's Strengthening Neighborhoods Program, two full-size basketball courts have been installed on the former shopping center pad.

The courts will be opened for public play at a kick-off ceremony on Saturday, October 23, starting at 1:00 pm. Rocky, the Nuggets' mascot, Nuggets' team officials and current and former players, and the folks from the community who made it all happen will host a free event with food, activities, and basketball. Please make plans to attend.

Shooting hoops on the new court.

CU volunteers hard at work at the Holly.

