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On January 21, 2020 City Park West RNO hosted a session at Vine Street Pub for interested neighbors to learn about the East Central Plan. We showed them how to provide their individual comments on the plan. The conversation however, quickly changed from the difference in neighborhood outreach and public meeting formats between East Area Plan and East Central Area Plan. A neighbor who has attended the planning meetings around the City explained that a meeting for East Plan, held at Johnson and Wales, was very informative with small breakout sessions and workshops. Apparently, the entire East Area neighbors were sent postcards educating about the Plan, meeting options, and how to get more information.

We confirmed with the City that this type of outreach has not been done in East Central, and the majority of East Central residents do not know about the Plan. We realize the East Central Plan was the first to be rolled out, AND we also believe there should be another pause on the deadline for final comments to June 5th for these reasons:

- 1) There was not equity in the process of notification to neighbors and education of Plans between East and East Central Plan.
- 2) The East Central Area Plan, by virtue of the proximity to downtown, has huge impact in terms of density and up-zoning, and we don't feel the residents have been adequately notified. We have found many neighbors who do not utilize Facebook and Nextdoor do not know about the Plan. Therefore, we suggest a more traditional method of notification i.e. postcards as utilized for East Area Plan, and more (well-publicized, well-promoted) opportunities to hear about the Plan and have a chance to comment.
- 3) Each area of the City should have the same process offered so not to create inequity of information gathering from one area to another. If not, at least residents have the right to clearly understand what strategies and thinking was involved with the decision to spend more money and other resources informing, say, Park Hill and less on active outreach to, say, City Park West.
- 4) The City has the responsibility to residents to assure all means of communication have been taken to communicate to ALL residents: owners, renter, young, old, non-social media users, etc. and this should be included in the budget of this Citywide planning

Our proposal is for the City to pause, take in and be responsive to these comments, extend the same civic outreach and courtesies to all areas equally (not postcards and structured stakeholder charettes for

selected areas) and that the deadline be moved until these fair measures have been taken. The RNO would coordinate with the City on these efforts, but the RNO has a newly-reformed board and does not yet have resources.

Sincerely

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