



Regional and Urban Design Knowledge Community (R+UDKC)
Wednesday, March 14, 4:30-6:00 pm

AIA Colorado, 303 E. 17th Ave., Ste. 110, Denver, CO 80203

Or, participate remotely:

Option 1: Join via PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android: <https://www.zoom.us/j/216568310>

Option 2: Join by phone: (415) 762-9988 or (646) 568-7788, Meeting ID: 216 568 310

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1. **4:30** Call to Order, Introductions and Housekeeping
 - a. In-person and phone participant etiquette
 - b. Meeting Agenda: accept agenda as presented or request additional topics.
 - c. Approval of Minutes: February 14, 2018
 - d. Antitrust statement and disclose conflicts of interest based on today's agenda.
 - e. Confirm who is recording today's minutes and collecting attendee roster.

2. **4:40** Resilience, Climate Change, and Natural Disasters
 - a. No specific discussion topics this month.

3. **4:45** Public Policy and Legislation
 - a. Urban Design and Blueprint/Comprehensive Plan ([link](#)) follow-up
 - b. Text amendment bundle. Please go to [this link](#) and submit comments.
 - i. **Please bring your comments to the meeting for discussion.**

4. **5:15** Visioning
 - a. 2018 group visioning exercise.

5. **5:45** Placemaking
 - a. Denver 16th Street Mall - What did we learn from the March 8th open house? ([link](#))
 - b. Denver 16th Street Mall public meetings on March 8th (noon-1pm, 5-6pm, at RTD Board Room, 1660 Blake St., Denver)

6. **5:55** Major Investment Projects
 - a. No specific discussion topics this month.

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Next Meeting April 11, 2018

Sources of Information

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| ✓ Webinars/lectures | ✓ In-person events |
| ✓ Workshops/charrettes | ✓ Top reviews |
| ✓ White papers | ✓ Guest speakers |
| ✓ eNews articles | ✓ Discussion boards |

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2/14/2018 4:30 TO 6:00 PM

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Attendees:

Eric Bottenhorn
Gary Petri
Curtis Scharfenaker
Jason Whitlock
Julianne Scherer
Joede Schoeberlein

Call to Order, Introductions and Housekeeping, 4:30-4:40

- For future meetings, remote participation will be made available to those wishing to participate, but not able to attend in person. Instructions will be provided with meeting agendas.
- Nikolaus Remus, AIA was introduced as the new Government Affairs Manager, replacing Michael Winn
- Meeting agenda was adopted as posted
- Minutes of the 01.10.2018 meeting were approved
- There were no conflicts of interest disclosed during this meeting
- Eric Bottenhorn recorded minutes and collected the attendee roster

Resilience, Climate Change, and Natural Disasters, 4:40-4:50

- Urban drilling – could oil/gas drilling come to Stapleton
 - o Article published in Front Porch, described the attempt of Ron Pritchett, a retired Lone Tree geologist, to put to auction, the oil and gas drilling rights below four parcels, whose mineral rights are controlled by the Colorado State Land Board. The parcels include north Stapleton neighborhoods and the Northfield shopping area. A Facebook post set off a firestorm of response, and citizens mobilized against the proposal, two days prior to the SLB vote. The proposal was denied by a 4-0 vote.
 - o Discussion included the risk of future drilling within Denver city limits, through the use of horizontal drilling, and the history of earthquakes in other parts of the US, thought to be caused by drilling operations.
 - o [link](#)

Public Policy and Legislation, 4:50-5:35

- Urban Design and Blueprint/Comprehensive Plan; presented by Jason Whitlock of Denver CPD
 - o Previous Blueprint Denver (2002) did the following—
 - Established Areas of Stability and Areas of Change
 - Emphasized multi-modal streets and mixed-use development
 - Represented the community's vision
 - o Blueprint Denver 2018 Update will plan for the future

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- There has been months of community outreach
- Areas of focus have included amenity connections, walkability, transit, and neighborhood & regional centers
- Presentation included examples of successful design review—Seattle, WA and Portland, OR
- Discussion included the following—
 - Zoning does not make for great placemaking
 - Design quality – what should design review entail?
 - How will design appreciate the context and what context is worth preserving
 - Regulation that is helpful and enforceable
- Next steps
 - Jason Whitlock will provide a summary slide of presentation (full presentation will not yet be made public)
 - Organized, unified voice is important
 - Additional public outreach over the next ~1.5 months, prior to -- Public meetings will take place in the various neighborhoods of Denver; show up and be thoughtful and concise
 - Encourage comments and suggestions from the architectural community
- [link](#)

Placemaking, 5:35-6:00

- 16th Street Mall recommendation
 - Proposal recommends shifting the bus lanes to the center of the mall, allowing wider pedestrian zones adjacent to the buildings
 - Discussion included the following—
 - Importance of façade quality and outdoor seating
 - Slow people down, and encourage congregation
 - What does it mean to linger – short pause and interaction, and longer gathering (dining, etc). People engaged in their environment and not moving.
 - Appropriate uses—how are desired users sought?
 - Downtown Denver Partnership activity
 - Additional residential is important to create the necessary 24/7 presence...live, work, play
 - Public meetings on March 8th, 12:00-1:00pm and 5:00-6:00pm, at RTD Board Room at 1600 Blake Street, Denver
 - [link](#)

Adjournment, 6:00

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