Community Partnerships to promote Health Equity

70th All-America City Awards & Conference
June 21, 2019
Healthy Places focused on supporting communities’ efforts to improve their Neighborhood and Built Environment in order to increase opportunities for safe, physical activity...
...we updated Healthy Places to also help support community efforts to address barriers to health that are related to Neighborhood and Built Environment.
Four points of technical assistance to assist communities from **Planning** through **Implementation**.
Healthy Places
Southeast Colorado Springs
Colorado Springs
Southeast Colorado Springs
## Recommendations

### Recommendations Matrix

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Projects</th>
<th>Priority</th>
<th>Responsibility/funding</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Social connectivity</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community hub(s)</td>
<td>Pop-up concepts for underused sites</td>
<td></td>
<td>City and NGO funding</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mobile hub</td>
<td></td>
<td>City and NGO funding</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Community hub concept development</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Community advocacy</strong></td>
<td>Community development corporation</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Leadership development and training</td>
<td></td>
<td>CDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Communication</strong></td>
<td>Coordinated communications integration</td>
<td></td>
<td>CDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Safety and accessibility</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transit improvements</td>
<td>Install ADA-compliant bus stops</td>
<td></td>
<td>City/transit agency</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Integrate transit hubs with land use</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Promulgate land use policy to promote mixed-use infill at transit hubs</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First- and last-mile trail connectivity</td>
<td>Improve sidewalk connectivity to transit stops</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Coordinate Lyft/Uber or other alternatives with city and agencies</td>
<td></td>
<td>City/transit agency</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Academy Boulevard streetscape improvements</td>
<td>Establish implementation priorities (safety at crossings)</td>
<td></td>
<td>City/CDOT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Define and implement temporary bicycle interventions</td>
<td></td>
<td>City/CDOT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Implement recommended streetscape design</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community intersection improvements</td>
<td>Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety at major intersections</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pedestrian/bicycle trail connections</td>
<td>Carry out ADA audit of the community</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Improve sidewalk connectivity</td>
<td></td>
<td>City/county/GOCO</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Recommendations Matrix

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Projects</th>
<th>Priority</th>
<th>Responsibility/funding</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Social connectivity</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community hub(s)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mobile hub</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community hub concept development</td>
<td></td>
<td>City and NGO funding</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community advocacy</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community development corporation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leadership development and training</td>
<td></td>
<td>CDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communication</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coordinated communications integration</td>
<td></td>
<td>CDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Safety and accessibility</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transit improvements</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Install ADA-compliant bus stops</td>
<td></td>
<td>City/transit agency</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Integrate transit hubs with land use</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Promulgate land use policy to promote mixed-use infill at transit hubs</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First- and last-mile trail connectivity</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Improve sidewalk connectivity to transit stops</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coordinate Lyft/Uber or other alternatives with city and agencies</td>
<td></td>
<td>City/transit agency</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Academy Boulevard streetscape improvements</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Establish implementation priorities (safety at crossings)</td>
<td></td>
<td>City/CDOT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Define and implement temporary bicycle interventions</td>
<td></td>
<td>City/CDOT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Implement recommended streetscape design</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community intersection improvements</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety at major intersections</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pedestrian/bicycle trail</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carry out ADA audit of the community</td>
<td></td>
<td>City</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
OUR MISSION

Build a diverse Southeast Colorado Springs economy that emphasizes the importance of affordable housing, small business development and healthy community environments.
Progress to date

• City of Colorado Springs Investment
  – Engaged
  – Hosting meetings in community
  – CDC board representation

• Property owner involvement

• Successful events – community turning out
Questions?

Ben Anderson
benanderson@solidrockcdc.com
719-393-7625

Aubrey Day
aubreyday@elpasoco.com
719-578-3275
Community Partnerships to Promote Health Equity

June 21, 2019
New Park & Recreation Facilities
Inclusive Play Structure

WHAT IS AN INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND?
An inclusive playground is a safe, physically, socially, and emotionally enriching place that provides the right level of challenge – a place that goes beyond banning inaccessibility to enshrine play experiences that meet a variety of needs and abilities. In inclusive playgrounds, children of all abilities can interact with each other and do what all kids want to do: play.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND CONCEPT PLAN

January 2019

OIM DESIGN

Commerce CITY
Community Partnerships promoting health equity

- Thriving Communities, Live Well Commerce City, HEAL
- GOCO – Generation Wild
- Healthy Places Initiative
  - Urban Land Institute (ULI)
  - Cultivando
  - Latino Engagement Taskforce
Community Partnerships promoting health equity
Urban Land Institute (ULI)

Commerce City, CO
February 11-16, 2018
Thank you to Everyone Else…!/Gracias a Todos!

Cultivando - Latino Engagement Taskforce
Community Partnerships promoting health equity
MONTBELLO
FRESHLO INITIATIVE
MONTBELLO FRESHLO INITIATIVE

**PHASE 1 PLANNING**

- Conducted Market Scan
- Dialogued with over 2500 people
- Launched a Communication Platform
- FreshMob Activations in 8 locations
- Piloted Pop-up Farmer’s Market
- Developed “My Dinner in Montbello” Concept
- Branded Montbello Alive!
MONTBELLO FRESHLO INITIATIVE

WHAT WE HEARD

- The neighborhood lacks healthy food options and infrastructure that would allow general walkability.

- Very little community meeting or gathering space to support an active and engaging sense of community.

- Limited availability of fresh food options contributes to high rates of diabetes and obesity.

- Larger chain grocery stores regard neighborhood demographics as a barrier to entry into the market.
The neighborhood lacks connectivity to schools, transit, food shopping, or even for simple exercise.

RTD has consolidated bus routes, resulting in less service within the neighborhood.
Goal 1. Build a cultural hub that will unify the diverse cultural perspectives of the community. Includes:

- Medium-sized fresh food market.
- Fresh Food Farmacy
- Cultural Hub - Performance and artist exhibition space.
- Small and large meeting/gathering places.
- Community kitchen as an incubator for micro-enterprise development.
- Affordable housing units.
MONTBELLO FRESHLO INITIATIVE

INITIATIVE ELEMENTS

Goal 2. Expand the existing Montbello Urban Farm as a means of increasing local production and distribution of fresh and healthy food.

- Expanded in-ground growing space to increase the yield of fresh produce during the growing season.
- Build a commercial greenhouse to expand food production year-round.
- Implement a comprehensive food access system to improve health among low-income residents.
MONTBELLO FRESHLO INITIATIVE

INITIATIVE ELEMENTS

Goal 3. Create a walkable “healthy living loop” that connects community gardens, school gardens, other natural outdoor spaces, and the Cultural Hub.

- Enhance activated school and community gardens and mini farms as points along the walkable loop.
- Work with Denver Public Works department to improve sidewalks and street crossings.
- Create signage and include art installations that reflect the culture of the community.
Goal 4.

- Publish a bimonthly, bilingual newspaper – the MUSE – and distribute door-to-door and online.
- Sponsor annual MONTBELLO ALIVE! Feastival and 5K Run
- Provide interpretation at every community meeting hosted by MOC.
- Canvas the neighborhood bi-annually to ascertain community concerns.
Montbello

FreshLo Walkable Loop

- FreshLo Partner Projects
- FreshLo Cultural Hub
- Walkable Loop
- Greenway

Partners:
1. Academy 360
2. Colorado Changemakers Collective (CCC)
3. beWell
4. DCIS Montbello
5. District 11 - Office of Councilwoman Stacy Gilmore*
6. Environmental Learning for Kids
7. Families Against Violent Acts
8. John H. Amesse Elementary
9. Marie L. Greenwood Elementary
10. Each One Teach One
11. Maxwell Elementary
12. McLane Elementary
13. Monarch Montessori
14. Montbello 2020
15. Montbello Recreation Center*
16. Montbello Urban Farm
17. Mujer, Fuerza y Sentimiento
18. Oakland Elementary
19. Denver Department of Public Health and Environment*
MONTBELLO FRESHLO INITIATIVE

What Will Be Better?

Healthier residents at all ages - decreased obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, etc.

All residents have access to fresh, locally-grown food.

Better neighborhood connectivity to schools, transit, food shopping, or even for simple exercise.

Artists at all ages will have venues for their art right in the community.

New jobs right in the community.