

Neighborhood Identification & Registration Program

City Council Meeting
April 15, 2013



Why identify neighborhoods?

- Commerce City is a diverse community with unique neighborhood characteristics
- Identification supports neighborhood revitalization and growth
- Aligned with city vision
- Official, recognized form of communication to collectively voice concerns to government and become part of planning/growth process

Neighborhood Organizations vs. Homeowner Associations

HOAs

- Membership not optional if purchase certain property
- Establish homeowner rules/regulations
- Levy fines/assessments

Organizations

- Voluntary membership
- Cannot establish rules/regulations
- Cannot levy fines

What Neighborhood Identification Doesn't Do:

- Change your taxes
- Change your zoning
- Change your platted subdivision/legal description of property
- Change the rules that govern your land (i.e. municipal code or covenants)
- Require participation

Methodology

- **Community Enterprise:**
 - Chose name for each core city neighborhood that was the most popular among surveyed residents.
 - Occasionally moved boundaries to align with naturally occurring boundaries.
 - Surveyed close to 900 households, nearly 10% of population in core city area.
 - Held two public open houses for community input on draft map.
- **City Planning Staff**
 - Planning Staff identified names for the rest of the city, including established northern range neighborhoods, commercial and industrial areas.
 - Most names based on Subdivision or PUD names
 - Parks, trails and open space names
 - Industrial Park names

Next Steps

- Tonight: resolution approving identification boundary map and authorize program
- May: Develop online registration program and begin promotion through outreaches, existing communication tools
- Summer: partner to host block parties/neighborhood activities