

Neighbourhood Planning Program Talking Points

Why are we doing this?

- Neighborhoods are the building blocks of vibrant cities and vibrant cities actively plan for successful neighborhoods
- PlanCOS recommends a renewed and comprehensive program to plan for our neighborhoods; especially for the areas of the city that originally developed some time ago, and which face new opportunities and challenges.
- While PlanCOS establishes a high-level vision for the physical development of our city, it takes more specific plans to apply this general vision to the unique land use conditions, needs and priorities of different areas of the city.
- Planning is essential to enhancing our quality of life, maintaining our competitiveness as a city, and ensuring that we remain wise stewards of tax dollars and public resources.

Why this approach?

- PlanCOS identifies about 77 different neighborhoods in the city (with more to come as Banning Lewis Ranch develops). By focusing our planning on 12 larger areas tied to Council districts, the city can begin to make real progress on getting plans in place for a substantial proportion of the city, beginning with areas co-identified by the city and our residents as having the highest priority for planning attention.
- In these 12 areas, we will be able to address the smaller units of geography within them by identifying subareas with more specific or targeted recommendations. For example, Rockrimmon and Peregrine would be in the same plan, but each of these individual neighborhoods would have some of their own recommendations.
- We propose to use a fairly consistent process and format for each of these plans. This approach will help keep us aligned with PlanCOS, stay focused on the core values and priorities of the entire city, and hopefully make the process more efficient.
- It should result in plans that are both easier to use and more impactful. At the same time there will be opportunities to work with residents and stakeholders to adapt content and recommendations to respond to the unique conditions and priorities of their area.