

North Nevada Avenue Plan

September 13, 2016 Community Workshop

Verbatim Small Group Responses

*The following verbatim responses were submitted by workshop participants working in small groups.
A total of 16 group response forms were submitted, representing responses from approximately 100 participants.*

GROUP	VISION PRIORITIES FOR FIRST ACTION AND RATIONALE
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our vibrant community is strengthened by housing that serves the needs of existing and new residents and offers options for all ages and levels of income. <i>Rationale:</i> Employees of cybersecurity businesses will want apartments and condos nearby on west side of North Cascade where the present low-density MHPs (<i>assume this refers to mobile home parks</i>) are located. - Our corridor is clean and it is safe. <i>Rationale:</i> Would like to know how the concern for safety will be addressed (criminal safety). How will this project help with the problems we have now as far as crime? - Historic and existing businesses are valued and news businesses and employment generators are welcomed. <i>Rationale:</i> Need for urban renewal, provide improvement capital. - Our corridor’s streets, sidewalks, drainage, streetscape, and other infrastructure function well. <i>Rationale:</i> Install sidewalks and curbs. - Services and facilities support the needs of UCCS and its students. <i>Rationale:</i> Develop K-Mart lot – add new stores and retail, including grocery store.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connections within the area and to the community are strengthened by improved roadways and expanded transit service. <i>Rationale:</i> Connections within the area and to the community are strengthened by <u>improved roadways</u> and expanded <u>transit service</u>. - Our vibrant community is strengthened by housing that serves the needs of existing and new residents and offers options for all ages and levels of income. <i>Rationale:</i> <u>Housing</u> that serves the needs of existing and new residents and offers options for all ages and levels of income. - Our corridor’s streets, sidewalks, drainage, streetscape, and other infrastructure function well. <i>Rationale:</i> <u>Housing</u> that serves the needs of existing and new residents and offers options for all ages and levels of income. - A creative mix of business types and uses supports and employs our residents and serves as a regional economic magnet. <i>Rationale:</i> A creative mix of business types and uses. - Our corridor is clean and it is safe. <i>Rationale:</i> Corridor is clean and safe.

3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our corridor is clean and it is safe. <i>Rationale: We don't like to be Chicago #2!</i> - Connections within the area and to the community are strengthened by improved roadways and expanded transit service. <i>Rationale: Streetcars would be good.</i> - The history of our area is celebrated and incorporated into the fabric of our community. <i>Rationale: It would attract people.</i> - Historic and existing businesses are valued and new businesses and employment generators are welcomed. <i>Rationale: We need to maintain our history.</i> - We can conveniently access restaurants, shops, stores, and entertainment activities which also draw people from all over the community. <i>Rationale: Transportation can replace parking!</i>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A creative mix of business types and uses supports and employs our residents and serves as a regional economic magnet. <i>Rationale: Tired of strip malls, something unique, iconic, historic, small businesses, draws tourists to increase employment.</i> - Access within the corridor is easy and serves resident, business and visitor needs. <i>Rationale: Allows for everyone to move easily, economic drivers to businesses, east/west access rather than Nevada, question is alleviating congestion.</i> - Parks, public spaces and community gathering places increase our sense of community and pride in our corridor. <i>Rationale: Assess our asset before creating new places.</i> - Our vibrant community is strengthened by housing that serves the needs of existing and new residents and offers options for all ages and levels of income. <i>Rationale: Make sure for affordable housing.</i> - Connections within the area and to the community are strengthened by improved roadways and expanded transit service. <i>Rationale: Need better access to area.</i> - Our corridor is a destination because its appealing character is unlike any other in Colorado Springs. <i>Rationale: Want to be unique, no strip malls.</i>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our corridor's streets, sidewalks, drainage, streetscape, and other infrastructure function well. <i>Rationale: None submitted.</i> - Our corridor is a destination because its appealing character is unlike any other in Colorado Springs. <i>Rationale: None submitted.</i> - Connections within the area and to the community are strengthened by improved roadways and expanded transit service. <i>Rationale: None submitted.</i> - A creative mix of business types and uses supports and employs our residents and serves as a regional economic magnet. <i>Rationale: None submitted.</i> - Our vibrant community is strengthened by housing that serves the needs of existing and new residents and offers options for all ages and levels of income. <i>Rationale: None submitted.</i>

6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The history of our area is celebrated and incorporated into the fabric of our community. <i>Rationale:</i> Make this a sensible part of Colorado Springs by building concurrence and continuity with historic neighborhoods to south, i.e. raised medians and historic context. - Connections within the area and to the community are strengthened by improved roadways and expanded transit service. <i>Rationale:</i> How to improve transportation infrastructure without deteriorating surrounding neighborhoods? - Pedestrians and cyclists are encouraged and are safe from vehicular traffic. <i>Rationale:</i> “Complete Streets” – accessible and tree-lined. - Our vibrant community is strengthened by housing that serves the needs of existing and new residents and offers options for all ages and levels of income. <i>Rationale:</i> Would prefer “New Urbanism” configuration with mixed-use residences and businesses. - Trail connections link us to local and regional trails as well as to the waterways near us. <i>Rationale:</i> Better connections to creek, improved water quality and amenities.
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connections within the area and to the community are strengthened by improved roadways and expanded transit service. <i>Rationale:</i> Drive – park in big garage, and then walk. - Pedestrians and cyclists are encouraged and are safe from vehicular traffic. <i>Rationale:</i> Drive – park in big garage, and then walk. - We can conveniently access restaurants, shops, stores, and entertainment activities which also draw people from all over the community. <i>Rationale:</i> We would love funky, classy shops, restaurants like Pearl Street. Artsy and interesting. - A creative mix of business types and uses supports and employs our residents and serves as a regional economic magnet. <i>Rationale:</i> Phase out the older strip malls in exchange for hipness. - Historic and existing businesses are valued and new businesses and employment generators are welcomed. <i>Rationale:</i> An eclectic mix of history, manufacturing and funky shops would be cool. - Our corridor is a destination because its appealing character is unlike any other in Colorado Springs. <i>Rationale:</i> Appealing character can incorporate the history and effective use of greenscape.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parks, public spaces and community gathering places increase our sense of community and pride in our corridor. <i>Rationale:</i> Having <u>nice</u> public places and parks, etc. will provide the area with a clean and safe image which will attract people and businesses. - Connections within the area and to the community are strengthened by improved roadways and expanded transit service. <i>Rationale:</i> Will provide a catalyst to implement almost all the other vision elements. - Our corridor’s streets, sidewalks, drainage, streetscape, and other infrastructure function well. <i>Rationale:</i> The basic infrastructure needs to be in place for facilitate everything else. - A creative mix of business types and uses supports and employs our residents and serves as a regional economic magnet. <i>Rationale:</i> Creative mix of businesses important to everybody. - Services and facilities support the needs of UCCS and its students. <i>Rationale:</i> UCCS is a cornerstone to the future of the area. All plans should consider the opportunities that UCCS provides and how it serves them.

9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our corridor is clean and it is safe. <i>Rationale:</i> This is the purpose of the project. Safety for the community as continued growth of students and increased traffic – police station. - The history of our area is celebrated and incorporated into the fabric of our community. <i>Rationale:</i> This is an historic area. We need to keep it unique and that way. <u>No</u> mass transit corridor for Nevada. - Historic and existing businesses are valued and new businesses and employment generators are welcomed. <i>Rationale:</i> It is what it is. Charming, not box stores. - Our corridor’s streets, sidewalks, drainage, streetscape, and other infrastructure function well. <i>Rationale:</i> This is missing. - Our residents enjoy green spaces, amenities, trees, and landscaped areas. <i>Rationale:</i> Continued beauty! Cragmoor and ONEN are great anchors. Preserve and protect neighborhoods, don’t overrun them with development.
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Services and facilities support the needs of UCCS and its students. <i>Rationale:</i> To embrace UCCS, make this area a college town, provide jobs to graduates. - Pedestrians and cyclists are encouraged and are safe from vehicular traffic. <i>Rationale:</i> Accommodate pedestrians and cyclists and link trails. - Trail connections link us to local and regional trails as well as to the waterways near us. <i>Rationale:</i> Accommodate pedestrians and cyclists and link trails. - A creative mix of business types and uses supports and employs our residents and serves as a regional economic magnet. <i>Rationale:</i> To become a destination in our city. - Our vibrant community is strengthened by housing that serves the needs of existing and new residents and offers options for all ages and levels of income. <i>Rationale:</i> Affordable housing is a need in community, accommodates students. Provides diversification in population and provides housing for employees working in the area.
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A creative mix of business types and uses supports and employs our residents and serves as a regional economic magnet. <i>Rationale:</i> Current businesses have invested in this location. This is by far the most important to us. - Access within the corridor is easy and serves resident, business and visitor needs. <i>Rationale:</i> Access to I-25 is very important to current business. Part of why we placed our business here. - Our corridor’s streets, sidewalks, drainage, streetscape, and other infrastructure function well. <i>Rationale:</i> Will help create clean and safe. - Our corridor is clean and it is safe. <i>Rationale:</i> None submitted. - Pedestrians and cyclists are encouraged and are safe from vehicular traffic. <i>Rationale:</i> Way down list of importance.

12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedestrians and cyclists are encouraged and are safe from vehicular traffic. <i>Rationale: See below.</i> - We can conveniently access restaurants, shops, stores, and entertainment activities which also draw people from all over the community. <i>Rationale: See below.</i> - Parks, public spaces and community gathering places increase our sense of community and pride in our corridor. <i>Rationale: See below.</i> - A creative mix of business types and uses supports and employs our residents and serves as a regional economic magnet. <i>Rationale: See below.</i> - Our corridor is a destination because its appealing character is unlike any other in Colorado Springs. <i>Rationale: Everything follows the same logic: we feel that N. Nevada should have more density of shops and homes so that you can easily walk around and enjoy the neighborhood's features instead of it being "mall-like" where you come, get what you came for, then drive away. See: downtown and Old Colorado City. We also want to make sure walking, biking, and driving are all safe and easy equally.</i>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access within the corridor is easy and serves resident, business and visitor needs. <i>Rationale: None submitted.</i> - Our vibrant community is strengthened by housing that serves the needs of existing and new residents and offers options for all ages and levels of income. <i>Rationale: None submitted.</i> - Historic and existing businesses are valued and new businesses and employment generators are welcomed. <i>Rationale: None submitted.</i> - We can conveniently access restaurants, shops, stores, and entertainment activities which also draw people from all over the community. <i>Rationale: None submitted.</i> - Our corridor's streets, sidewalks, drainage, streetscape, and other infrastructure function well. <i>Rationale: None submitted.</i>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our corridor is clean and it is safe. <i>Rationale: It's inviting to others and enjoyed by all.</i> - Historic and existing businesses are valued and new businesses and employment generators are welcomed. <i>Rationale: Project should support growth.</i> - Our vibrant community is strengthened by housing that serves the needs of existing and new residents and offers options for all ages and levels of income. <i>Rationale: We want a community that is inviting to all.</i> - A creative mix of business types and uses supports and employs our residents and serves as a regional economic magnet. <i>Rationale: A mix of opportunity is always welcome.</i> - Connections within the area and to the community are strengthened by improved roadways and expanded transit service. <i>Rationale: Nevada traffic has increased a lot since University Village has opened.</i>

15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connections within the area and to the community are strengthened by improved roadways and expanded transit service. <i>Rationale:</i> Bad now, how plan for future and growth. Future will increase population, traffic. - Our corridor is clean and it is safe. <i>Rationale:</i> Safety, ComCor, PEOPLE walking – how perceived. College – problems, frat house, crime, drinking. - Our corridor’s streets, sidewalks, drainage, streetscape, and other infrastructure function well. <i>Rationale:</i> Need curb, gutters, sewers to control. Expand current floodway? - A creative mix of business types and uses supports and employs our residents and serves as a regional economic magnet. <i>Rationale:</i> Need to have businesses that support current residents’ needs and future student population. - Pedestrians and cyclists are encouraged and are safe from vehicular traffic. <i>Rationale:</i> Need access for bikes and pedestrians. No real north/south safe access through area.
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access within the corridor is easy and serves resident, business and visitor needs. <i>Rationale:</i> We must respect the historic Old North End neighborhood and maintain its historic integrity. Use other roads besides Nevada. - Our vibrant community is strengthened by housing that serves the needs of existing and new residents and offers options for all ages and levels of income. <i>Rationale:</i> The existing residents in the mobile homes are on fixed incomes and will not be able to afford to move and need affordable housing. - Our corridor’s streets, sidewalks, drainage, streetscape, and other infrastructure function well. <i>Rationale:</i> Traffic must not be increased on Nevada through ONEN. - A creative mix of business types and uses supports and employs our residents and serves as a regional economic magnet. <i>Rationale:</i> It is important to our economy and our economy diversity. - Services and facilities support the needs of UCCS and its students. <i>Rationale:</i> UCCS students need a 3rd place to go where they feel welcome.

Additional comment submitted by an individual participant

- Need affordable housing for mobile home park residents – owners of courts will sell. Most of these mobile home courts are blue collar workers, have worked hard all their life, obeyed the laws, and now as senior citizens on small incomes are going to be kicked out of their homes, with no place to go.