

FoCoFuture Forum Wrap Up – 6/10/15

1. What perspective do you have now that you didn't have before tonight?

- Seemingly a lot of people support density, small/tiny homes, and co-housing/collective living. But currently those things are, if not illegal, disadvantaged
- That you have to realize wherever you are is the community you live in. It doesn't matter which community, anywhere can be paradise.
- Econ ROI – thrives – people accept low wages and high housing costs
- The thought and planning that is working on issues such as transportation and adapting signage for aging population
- Businesses should not be promised water as an incentive to locate in FC. Water is a finite resource.
- More people think in “economic” terms than I was aware of.
- Haven't digested it enough to know yet.
- I learned more at the region, our place in it and the speakers brought great insight and trend lines.
- Affordable housing for students height/density restrictions in downtown areas
- What Fort Collins will look like in the future. Interesting statistics.
- I have more awareness around growth issues and the probability of inadequate growth projection/central planning.
- I think we only touched on the tip of the iceberg → this is huge process – so what's next? We discuss topics → where do we go from here?
- Tough to generate practical and new solutions concerning affordable housing
- I was surprised to hear someone who resented new infrastructure for bikes and had the perception that is not paid for by the users (bikers) but thought roads are paid for by drivers (registration/gas tax).
- Question about whether developers north of Lemay/Vine should contribute to grade separated crossing which will significantly increase value of properties on the other side.
- Can't really see the mountains from downtown anyway due to trees, so we are not losing our mountain view by allowing density.

2. What's the best idea you heard?

- Encouraging density, collective/co-housing, and smaller homes. As well as moving towards a Fort Collins community that causes/acts for the whole rather than selling to the highest bidder.
- That through a boarding house, you can have more than two unrelated people living in a home.
- Need more tiny houses
- Hobbit houses in immediate area of Hughes Stadium (bungalows) – generational diversity
- More folks per home
- No U+2
- Infill – speed up development (even if you must hire more planners)

- “Holistic approaches” – Clint Skutchan
- Using the Denver-FC bus and marketing it to CSU students in Denver area to leave cars in Denver
- Bruce Merrill’s talk expanded my thoughts about the power of music to create community
- Build an incubator for manufacturing! Check out the incubator setup in Grand Junction. Give incentives for home-based businesses!
- Our community is shifting from “not in my back yard” mentality to embracing diversity and supporting new ideas. We have a long way to go though.
- The fact that people will have to create their own job in the future
- Ideas about how to incentivize use of public transportation or electric vehicles.
- Enjoyed all 4 speakers. Interesting about part on diversity
- We need to consider water rights with new development
- Have a water drill like fire drill. Cut water service intermittently
- + Special events spread out all over town – different parks, changing the limitations