

The planning students make their presentation tomorrow to some of our committee members on ideas for 44th Ave. For those attending, please plan on summarizing for the rest of us at our next meeting.

The next meeting will be April 15 at 6:30 P.M. Any suggestions on a location? We've been moving around to other neighborhoods to see their activity, types of businesses, neighborhood character, etc. Pass along suggestions to me by April 10 and I'll inform the committee.

I had a long conversation with Michael Miera, Community Relations Consultant in the Housing and Neighborhood Development Services in the Planning office for Denver (michael.miera@ci.denver.co.us, 720-913-1534). Sunnyside is one of 16 neighborhoods identified by the City for special "focus"; the program uses federal community development dollars to make improvements in the neighborhoods. The committee had thought there might be funds available to help with some of our priority areas, like streetscaping or parks, and there is.

The process begins with a survey of all residents (not property owners) of the area. We are able to suggest questions for possible inclusion in the survey, but need to write them quickly and then submit to Michael. He may or may not pass them along to the consultant who will be writing the survey. If you have questions you would like considered, send them to me by email by April 5 and I will forward them all to Michael. You can send them to him directly if you'd like, but be sure to fully explain what neighborhood you're in because he's working on multiple neighborhoods at one time.

After the survey is written and distributed (some time in April), he will gather results and then present them at a series of town hall meetings (tentatively in May and June). He will ask us to prioritize the areas for improvement because he expects too many areas for the funds available.

I look forward to hearing from you. Call me if you have questions at 720-855-7413.