Steering Committee Meeting 4/26
Community Meeting #2 - 5/3

La Alma Recreation Center
Steering Committee 4/26: tbd
Community Mtg. 5/3: 48 attendees plus DHA/design team (10+/-)

Agenda:
1. What key issues we are hearing? (4/19 SC and community open house)
2. Building form options
3. Residential unit examples
4. Break-out for discussion and option review

Goal:
To get feedback and direction from the Steering Committee on how building form creates trade-offs in the opportunities for outdoor spaces, parking, ground floor character, family units, architecture and building costs.

Steering Committee 4/26 discussion of the Options for phase II and the residential plans
1. “I’m afraid that being too modern without at least one cultural style will make the project too bland” - <a red flag for not being bold enough>
2. There was concern of noise with ground floor retail and apartments above
3. Storage concern was raised again- exterior and interior bike parking was mentioned
4. “Would like to see an architectural style that uses both local materials and has a Colorado influence”
   a. Want to see a symbolic connection with the Ninth St. Historic district of Auraria
   b. There was also talk about historic camps of the Arapahoe & Cherokee
5. “Are we going to have interior, community open spaces for the apartment residents? - <there will be common amenities, but we are not building recreation or community centers.>
6. “Has there been any thought given to other shapes (pyramids, cylinders, etc.) for other types of form which might be derived from architectural details from the neighborhood?” –Emanuel Martinez (also mention the use of triangle roofs) - <we are studying building form, which is just the building blocks. Architectural accents will be studied and incorporated as costs allow.>
7. “How are parking spaces assigned for apartment residents vs. retail visitors?” -<parking includes a parking space for each unit, no charge.>
8. “Are there going to be speed bumps on 10th & Navajo?” –worries about vehicle traffic and children activity <tbd>
9. “I would like to have good security for my building and individual door”. <Security doors will be used... ??on the ground floor>
10. “Where are the access points for underground parking?”
   a. Concern over alley congestion
   b. Thoughts about entry/exit points from Navajo
11. There was talk about visual obstruction to the plaza from the light rail station and if keeping a two-story step back from 10th to match the Buckhorn is a better form
Community Meeting 5/3 - Break-out discussions of Options for phase II and the residential plans

general summary of comments: (parenthesis is design team take away/guide)
Participants were given a sticky dot and asked to use it to identify the option they would prefer the team pursue. As votes were cast the design and DHA team engaged participants in 'why' they liked one option over another and if there were other comments/issues to raise. Option 2 received almost all of the votes.
1. Option 2 is a better direction
2. Eyes on the Public Space
3. Plaza influence & potential
4. Public Parking
5. Gateway idea
6. Many locations for public art
7. Can the back alley be designed to be usable space
8. Underground parking detracts from 'community'?
9. More storage the better
10. Support for Family Flat – proximity to kids, single-story unit is better for many, more storage
11. Families prefer ground floor
12. Townhome a choice to keep

What can you imagine?