

Fax Partnership 2018 Annual Report

2018 was a major year for the Fax Partnership. In the summer, the Fax obtained funding from the City and County of Denver to support our organization and increase our impact on the East Colfax corridor. The City's financial commitment of \$150,000 over 18-months has enabled me to increase my hours to near full-time, obtain office space on East Colfax and hire a part-time business outreach manager. This financial commitment also was leveraged to obtain additional financial support from the Gates Family Foundation for years 2019 and 2020. Financial stability for 2019 will allow the organization to focus on mission and get results.

And results have been significant. In 2018, the Fax initiated its vision to become a community development corporation and begin to realize the organization's goal to earn income and thus, long-term organizational sustainability. The Fax continued to expand its work into Aurora and set the stage for an increased presence in Denver's neighboring city in 2019.

Community remained the guiding principle for the year as well. The Fax partnered with other nonprofits, including GroundWork Denver and the East Colfax Neighborhood Association, to knock on over 1,700 doors to drive environmental sustainability. The importance of community also extended to our active public policy work representing the East Colfax corridor in City of Denver and Aurora multiple stakeholder groups. Lastly, our board community increased as well, with the addition for four new members to the Fax Partnership board.

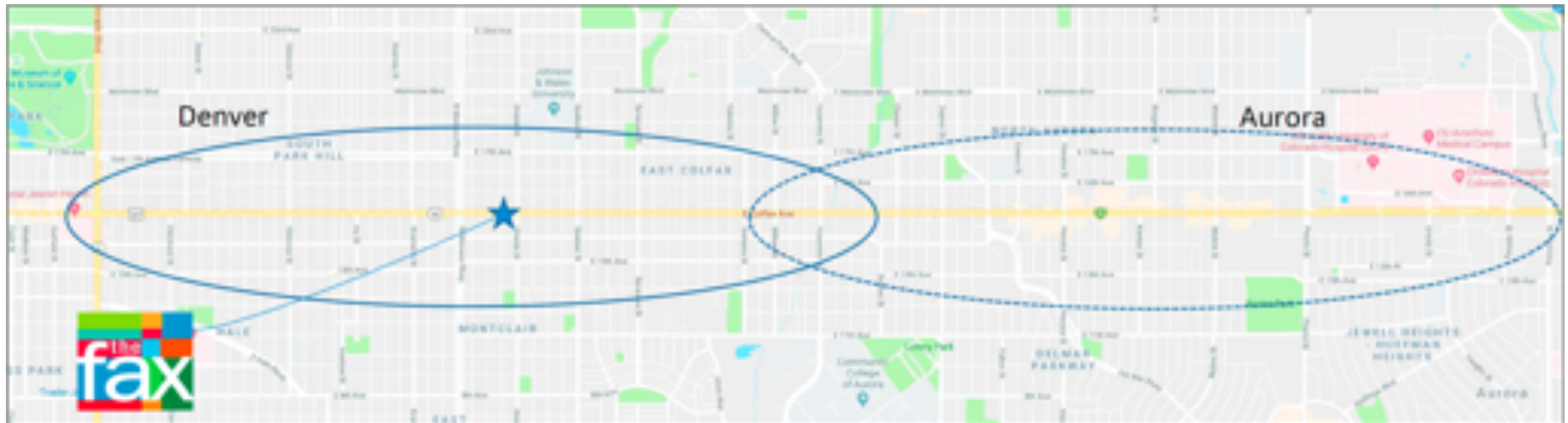
As I write this, I am in the new Fax office space, excited about the next chapter of our organization while recognizing the urgency of work to create a mixed-income community along Denver's most important and iconic street: Colfax Avenue.

Onward,
Monica Martinez
Executive Director



Fax's Focus Area: Colorado - Yosemite

Fax's Expansion Area: Yosemite – I225





Fax obtained \$150,000 in funding from the City and County of Denver over 18 months, July, 2018– Dec 2019

Fax also secured funding commitment from Gates Family Foundation for \$60,000 for years 2019 and 2020

Funding will support the following new activities:

- Business outreach support of small businesses
- Part-time outreach manager
- New office space at 6740 East Colfax

Funding will support continuing these activities:

- Affordable housing redevelopment and preservation work
- Implementation of an Urban Renewal Area
- Exploring the Fax's evolution to a community development corporation
- Advancing public policy for and investment in the East Colfax community
- Expanding Fax work into Aurora

Fax won an Urban Land Institute (ULI) planning grant

- Value = \$20,000
- ULI convened a high-level panel of 7 real estate professionals to study northeast corner of East Colfax and Yosemite, in Aurora
- Full-day session engaged over 20 community leaders, policy experts and elected officials
- Generated quality recommendations to redevelop blighted block at Denver/Aurora border
- Report (still forthcoming from ULI) will drive Fax's work in Aurora for 2019



Urban Renewal Area

- In 2018, Fax worked with Denver City and Denver Urban Renewal Authority to create an urban renewal area on East Colfax
- On May 10, Fax and DURA hosted community meeting announcing start of Conditions Study
- In the Fall, DURA completed Conditions Study identifying areas of blight along East Colfax between Monaco and Yosemite
- In 2019, Fax will continue pushing DURA to advance the creation of an URA on East Colfax

Next Steps:

- DURA hosts second community meeting to share Conditions Study results
- DURA hosts third meeting recommending creation of URA
- Planning Board recommends recreation
- City Council adopts URA



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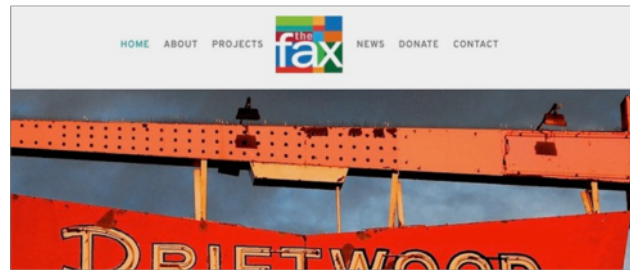
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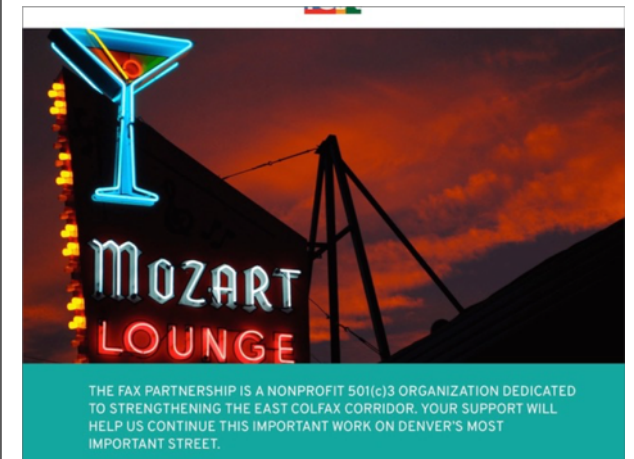
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- Home Page (seen below)
- About
- Projects
- News
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View of Donate Page



Fax created and launched a new website

www.thefaxdenver.com

Fax Partnership Board

Added Three New Board Members

Javonni Butler

- Mayfair resident
- Real estate broker
- Elected to be Secretary

Karen Finch

- Historic Montclair resident
- Corporate work, community rep.

Amy Hansen

- At-large board member
- Real estate attorney with Polsinelli

Re-elected former board member:

Peter Meer

- East Colfax property owner, Historic Montclair resident
- Long standing affiliation with the Fax

2019 Board

Amy Ford – Chair

John Fernandez – Vice Chair

Stacie Loucks – Treasurer

Javonni Butler – Secretary

Heidi Aggelar

Leah Basum

Karen Finch

Amy Hansen

Peter Meer

Board contributions = \$1,400

Multiple community members attended board meetings

Board met five times in 2018

Executive Committee formed and will meet monthly in 2019

Affordable Housing Redevelopment

- Responded to City of Denver Request for Proposals for properties at 8315 East Colfax and 7900 East Colfax with multiple development partners
- City of Denver acquired these properties in 2017 as a result of Fax work
- Successful selection of one or both RFPs will generate Fax earned-income and enable project participation



What else did the Fax do in 2018?

Partnered with Groundwork Denver for East Colfax Energy Outreach neighborhood walks. Resulted in:

1,700 doors knocked
422 residents contacted

250 light bulbs swapped
Annual CO2 Reduction: 25.8 tons

Hired summer graduate student who drafted a Community Development Corporation study

Promoted BRT to Aurora City government, resulted in City Council BRT presentation

Served on Bus Rapid Transit Community Task Force

Served on East Area Plan Steering Committee monthly meetings

Applied to JP Morgan Chase *Advancing Cities* grant with nonprofit cohort

Served on Upper Montclair Stormwater Vision Implementation Team

