CULTIVATE HEALTH

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3. REGIS NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH

The Regis Neighborhood Health will house an interprofessional team of Regis faculty and students that will provide proactive, preventive and personalized health services. Nurse practitioners, physical therapists, behavioral health specialists, pharmacists and community partners will work together to provide coordinated primary care for the community.

4. HEALTHY LIFESTYLE EDUCATION

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5. BIKE LANE NETWORK

Bicycle Colorado will continue to provide city cycling, safety and repair classes at Beach Court Elementary School and will train community members to lead bicycle rides throughout the neighborhood. We will be working with the City of Denver to install bicycle lanes and shared bicycle / vehicle lanes along 50th Avenue and Zuni Streets and will include the community’s input in that process.

6. WALKABILITY

WalkDenver will coordinate a walkability audit of the neighborhood with community input. Based on this input, we will design a 3.7-mile wellness walk that will link Regis University’s campus, Aria Denver, Zuni Park, Beach Court Elementary School and other neighborhood destinations by using special signage and maps that will indicate walking and bicycling distances from place to place. We will work with the City of Denver to install a median in Federal Boulevard just south of 52nd Avenue.

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