



TO: Members of Council
FROM: Mary Moline, City Clerk's Office
DATE: May 5, 2015
SUBJECT: Information Packet

1. CALL UPS

- A. Planning Board denial of a Site Review for a Height Modification only, application LUR2014-00090, to construct a 1,146 square foot addition to an existing single family home at 2030 Vassar St. in the RL-1 zone district at a height of 39'5" where 35' is the maximum principal building height allowed by the zone district standards.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

3. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- A. Human Relations Commission, April 20, 2015
- B. Open Space Board of Trustees, April 8, 2015
- C. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, March 23, 2015
- D. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, February 23, 2015
- E. Transportation Advisory Board, March 9, 2015
- F. Water Resources Advisory Board, February 23, 2015

4. DECLARATIONS

- A. Gamm's Donation and Support of the Arts
- B. Historic Preservation Month
- C. Mayor's Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets



INFORMATION PACKET MEMORANDUM

To: Members of City Council

From: Jane S. Brautigam, City Manager
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Subject: Call-Up Item: Planning Board denial of a Site Review for a Height Modification only, application LUR2014-00090, to construct a 1,146 square foot addition to an existing single family home at 2030 Vassar St. in the RL-1 zone district at a height of 39'5" where 35' is the maximum principal building height allowed by the zone district standards.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On April 2, 2015, the Planning Board held a quasi-judicial hearing to review the proposed Site Review application for 2030 Vassar Drive described above. On a motion by **C. Gray**, seconded by **L. May**, the Planning Board voted 5-2 (**B. Bowen** and **J. Putnam** opposed) to deny the Site Review application and to continue the hearing to its next meeting for preparation and consideration of draft findings of fact. The hearing was continued at the April 16, 2015, Planning Board meeting, at which the board adopted the staff memorandum as findings of fact and conclusions of law (see **Attachment A**) and voted 5-2 (**B. Bowen** and **J. Putnam** opposed) to deny the subject application. The Planning Board's denial is subject to a 30-day call-up period by City Council which expires on **May 18, 2015**.

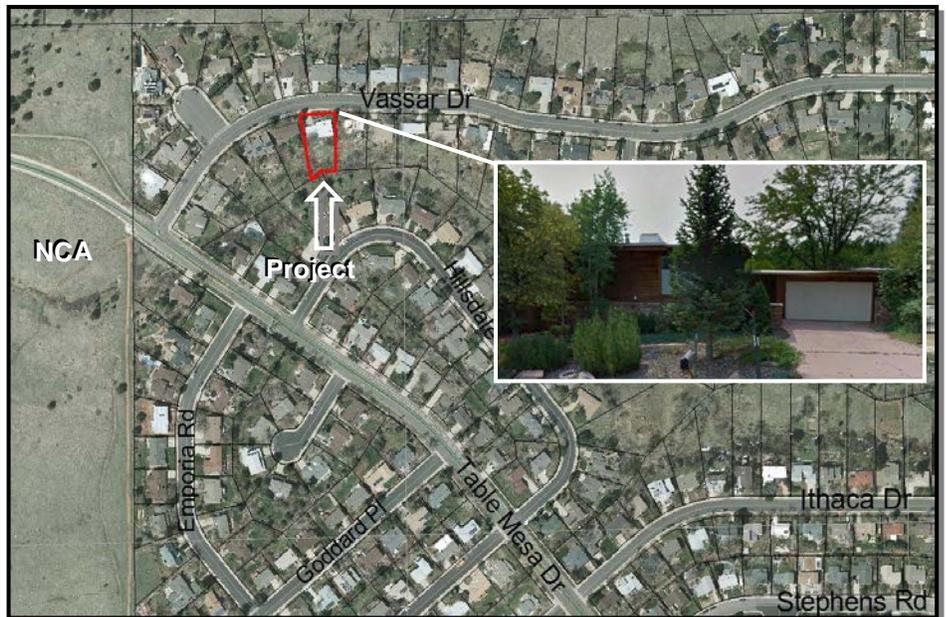


Figure 1: Vicinity Map

The intent of this proposal is to request a height modification to allow for a 1,146 square foot addition to an existing single family home to exceed the 35' maximum principal building height by 4'5" to reach a total measured height of 39'5". The applicant is also proposing to add a 60 square foot covered front porch on the north side of the home, as well as a 79 square foot open deck to the second floor that would be situated between the finished floor additions on the south side of the home. The proposed design would utilize the existing materials palette of stone and lap siding while incorporating stucco siding onto the proposed upper level dormers. The proposal also adds a sloped roof design with wood roof beams at the entry and incorporates ample new fenestration into all elevations. The existing building footprint would remain unchanged aside from an extension of the garage by 5 feet to the north, with the proposed addition incorporating low-sloped, hip-configured roof lines that extend inward from the existing main floor exterior walls. Aside from the requested height modification, no other modifications to the land use regulations are proposed, and the applicant has demonstrated that the home would meet all other development standards for the RL-1 zone, including compatible development and solar access standards, following the proposed addition.

As shown in the application materials (please see **Attachment B**), the applicant is proposing to reconfigure and build upon the existing split-level design in order to add two new levels to the interior of the home (for a total of three stories on the east side of the home and two stories on the west side) while increasing the building height by 10 feet and restricting the portion of the addition which exceeds the 35' height limit to a roughly 641 square foot portion of the upper level roof. The proposed addition includes the removal of the existing deck on the south elevation, from which the low point within 25 feet is currently measured, which will raise the elevation of the low point by roughly 5 feet. Therefore, the addition of 10 feet in building height as currently proposed will only result in an increase in the measured height of roughly 5 feet – from 34 feet existing to 39'5" proposed. Following the proposed addition, the low point within 25 feet of the structure from which height is measured would still be 11 feet lower in elevation than the low point on the tallest side of the structure and almost 12 feet lower in elevation than the lowest visible point from the street. Thus, while the proposed height of the structure as determined by the land use code is 39'5", the perceived building height as seen from street-level would be roughly 27'8". Please refer to **Attachment B** for the Applicant's Proposed Plans and Written Statement.

The Planning Board's denial is subject to a 30-day call-up period by City Council which expires on **May 18, 2015**. City Council is scheduled to consider this application for call-up at its **May 5, 2015** public meeting.

The staff memorandum to Planning Board, minutes, meeting audio, and other related background materials are on the city website for Planning Board, available [here](#) (Follow the links: 2015 → 04 APR → go to 04.02.2015 PB Packet for the April 2, 2015 Planning Board meeting materials and to 04.16.2015 PB Packet for the April 16, 2015 meeting materials).

BACKGROUND:

Site Context.

The 11,966 square foot project site is located in south Boulder, just north of the intersection of Vassar Drive and Table Mesa Drive near the boundary of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) property, within the Residential- Low 1 (RL-1) zoning district. Per section 9-5-

2(c)(1)(A) of the land use code, the RL – 1 zone district is defined as “*Single-family detached residential dwelling units at low to very low residential densities.*” The surrounding area north of Table Mesa is also zoned RL-1, and is characterized by low density, suburban style development comprised of large lot, single family residential lots laid out along curvilinear streets, loop roads and cul-de-sacs. Please see **Figure 1** for a vicinity map.

The context of the area immediately surrounding the subject site is characterized by large (11,000 to 17,000 sq. ft.), steeply sloped lots with a variety of split-level home configurations. Many of the existing structures along Vassar Dr. near the project site were constructed in the 1960’s, and represent a variety of architectural styles including ranch, modern craftsman and other styles. The context along Vassar Dr. is unique in that in addition to the significant slope of the street as it runs from west to east, most of the lots on both sides of the street slope steeply downward away from the street, creating a situation where many homes appear as a 1- or 2-story home from the street but have a split-level configuration with a walk-out basement or some other partially below-grade story.

Currently, the project site contains an existing 2,860 square foot split-level home with an attached garage. An at-grade entry on the north side of the house leads to a lower walk-out story containing a recreation room, home office, mechanical equipment, storage, two bedrooms and a shared bath; and an upper level containing the kitchen, dining room, family room, master bedroom, and 1 1/2 baths. The lot is situated on a steeply sloped site - the highest grade elevation is approximately 5,651', and the low elevation is approximately 5,614', which is a change in elevation of approximately 37' over the 165' diagonal distance across the lot, for an average grade of about 22%. Due to the steep slope of the project site and the location of the existing building, the low point elevation from which height is currently measured is 5,626 feet, whereas the existing roof elevation is 5660 feet. Thus, while the existing home has a perceived height of roughly 17’8” from street-level (see **Sheet A3.1** in the Application materials, included as **Attachment B**), the height as measured by the land use code is roughly 34 feet.

ANALYSIS:

The Planning Board discussed the proposed height modification at their April 2, 2015 meeting. The board heard a presentation by staff recommending approval of the subject application, and also heard presentations by the homeowner and architect for the project. Three neighbors spoke at the meeting in opposition to the proposal and expressed concerns that the addition would block existing views from their properties. On a motion by **C. Gray**, seconded by **L. May**, the Planning Board voted 5-2 (**B. Bowen** and **J. Putnam** opposed) to deny the Site Review application LUR2014-00090 and that the Planning Board continue the hearing and that the item return to the Planning Board at its next meeting with the findings of fact.

Planning Board members had differing opinions regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding neighborhood. **J. Putnam** and **B. Bowen** felt that it met the Site Review criteria and BVCP goals while the remaining members did not. Specifically, the remaining members felt that the project would not be compatible with the surrounding area, and that the proposed height would not be in proportion to the heights of other existing buildings nearby. Please see **Attachment C** for the draft meeting minutes from the April 2 Planning Board meeting and **Attachment A** for the final adopted findings of fact.

Summary of Findings.

Based on a consideration of the entire evidentiary record, the Planning Board makes the

following findings of fact. The Applicant failed to demonstrate, based upon a preponderance of evidence, that:

1. Site Design: The project preserves and enhances the community's unique sense of place through creative design that respects historic character, relationship to the natural environment, and its physical setting, and that the project utilizes site design techniques which enhance the quality of the project (§9-2-14(h)(2), B.R.C. 1981).
2. Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan. The proposed plan is consistent with the purposes and policies of the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan. §9-2-14(h)(1)(A), B.R.C. 1981.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

In evaluating the credibility and weight to be given to the evidence, the Planning Board considered the entire record (which included materials provided by the Applicant, Planning staff, and testimony and information produced at the public hearing), and weighed a number of specific factors, the collective and corroborative weights of which were considered as follows:

1. Site Design: §9-2-14(h)(2), B.R.C. 1981. The Applicant failed to demonstrate, based on a preponderance of evidence, that the project preserves and enhances the community's unique sense of place through creative design that respects historic character, relationship to the natural environment, and its physical setting, and that the project utilizes site design techniques which enhance the quality of the project. Further,

The building height, mass, scale, orientation, and configuration are not compatible with the existing character of the area or the character established by adopted design guidelines or plans for the area (§9-2-14(h)(2)(F)(i), B.R.C. 1981); and,

The height of the building is not in general proportion to the height of existing buildings and the proposed or projected heights of approved buildings or approved plans or design guidelines for the immediate area (§9-2-14(h)(2)(F)(ii), B.R.C. 1981).

2. Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan: §9-2-14(h)(1)(A), B.R.C. 1981. In order to be approved, a project must demonstrate that it is consistent with the purposes and policies of the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan. The Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan has specific policies related to neighborhood compatibility. The Planning Board finds the following Comprehensive Plan policies are relevant to this application:

2.09 Neighborhoods as Building Blocks. The Planning Board finds that the Applicant failed to demonstrate that the project would be compatible with the existing neighborhood character and identity.

2.10 Preservation and Support for Residential Neighborhoods. The Planning Board finds that the Applicant failed to demonstrate that the project would be

of an appropriate scale and would be compatible with the existing neighborhood character.

2.30 *Sensitive Infill and Redevelopment.* The Planning Board finds that the Applicant failed to demonstrate that the project would avoid negative impacts and enhance the benefits of redevelopment to the neighborhood.

2.37 *Enhanced Design for Private Sector Projects, Section (a), The Context.* The Planning Board finds that the Applicant failed to demonstrate that the project would become a coherent part of the neighborhood in which it would be placed, and would preserve and enhance the existing character of the area.

The Planning Board's denial is subject to a 30-day call-up period by City Council which expires on **May 18, 2015**. City Council is scheduled to consider this application for call-up at its **May 5, 2015** public meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Notice of Disposition and Findings of Fact dated April 16, 2015
- B. Applicant's Proposed Plan
- C. Draft Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2015 Planning Board Hearing



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CITY OF BOULDER PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF DISPOSITION

You are hereby advised that on **April 16, 2015** the following action was taken by the Planning Board based on the standards and criteria of the Land Use Regulations as set forth in Chapter 9-2, B.R.C. 1981, as applied to the proposed development.

DECISION: **DENIED**
PROJECT NAME: **MCCLELLAND RESIDENCE**
DESCRIPTION: **SITE REVIEW to construct a 1,146 square foot addition to an existing single family home at a height of 39'5" where 35' is the maximum principal building height allowed by the zone district standards.**
LOCATION: **2030 VASSAR DR**
COOR: **S03W05**
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: **Lot 6, Block 4, Table Mesa First Addition, City of Boulder, County of Boulder, State of Colorado**
APPLICANT: **KYLE CALLAHAN**
OWNER: **Donald McClelland, II**
APPLICATION: **Site Review, LUR2014-00090**
ZONING: **RL-1**
CASE MANAGER: **Chandler Van Schaack**
VESTED PROPERTY RIGHT: **NO; the owner has waived the opportunity to create such right under Section 9-2-19, B.R.C. 1981.**

At its public hearing on April 16, 2015, continued from April 2, 2015, the Planning Board denied the request (below) per the following motion:

C. Gray, moved that the Planning Board finds that application no. LUR2014-00090 fails to meet the requirements of the Boulder Revised Code, denies the application, and adopts the staff memorandum dated for the April 16, 2015 Planning Board meeting as findings of fact and conclusions of law. L. Payton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5:2 (B. Bowen and J. Putnam opposed).

Summary.

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Introduction.

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 9-2-14, B.R.C. 1981, the City of Boulder Planning Board (the "Planning Board"), on April 2, 2015, held a public hearing after giving notice as required by law on the application for the above captioned Site Review.

Kyle Callahan, as the proponent (The "Applicant") of the application for a Site Review Height Modification, is seeking approval for the construction of a 1,146 square foot addition to an existing single family home at 2030 Vassar St. in the

Address: 2030 Vassar Dr.

RL-1 zone district at a height of 39'5" where 35' is the maximum principal building height allowed by the zone district standards (Site Review Application # LUR2014-00090) (the "Project"). The Applicant has the burden of proof to demonstrate that the application meets the requirements of the Boulder Revised Code. Subsection 1-3-5(h). B.R.C. 1981.

Summary of Findings.

Based on a consideration of the entire evidentiary record, the Planning Board makes the following findings of fact. The Applicant failed to demonstrate, based upon a preponderance of evidence, that:

1. Site Design: The project preserves and enhances the community's unique sense of place through creative design that respects historic character, relationship to the natural environment, multi-modal transportation connectivity and its physical setting, and that the project utilizes site design techniques which are consistent with the purpose of site review in subsection (a) of §9-2-14, B.R.C. 1981, and enhance the quality of the project. §9-2-14(h)(2), B.R.C. 1981.
2. Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan. The proposed plan is, on balance, consistent with the policies of the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan. §9-2-14(h)(1)(A), B.R.C. 1981.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

In evaluating the credibility and weight to be given to the evidence, the Planning Board considered the entire record (which included materials provided by the Applicant, Planning staff, and the public and testimony and information produced at the public hearing), and weighed a number of specific factors, the collective and corroborative weights of which were considered as follows:

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The building height, mass, scale, orientation, architecture and configuration are not compatible with the existing character of the area or the character established by adopted design guidelines or plans for the area (§9-2-14(h)(2)(F)(i), B.R.C. 1981); and,

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On balance, the Project is not consistent with the policies of the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion.

The Project is located in the RL-1, Residential-Low 1 zoning district. The area is subject to steep slopes which set the character of the neighborhood and affect design and height of its buildings.¹ The context along Vassar Drive is unique in that in addition to the significant slope of the street as it runs from west to east, most of the lots on both sides of the street slope steeply downward away from the street. From the street, the character of Vassar Drive is that of modest 1- or 2-story homes; some of those homes have a split-level configuration with a walk-out basement or some other partially below-grade story. The perceived height of the existing buildings in the immediate area from the street is generally low -- that of 1- to 2- story homes. Many of the existing structures near the Project were constructed in the 1960's.

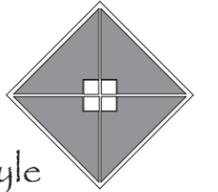
The Applicant is proposing to add a 1,146 square foot addition to an existing 2,860 square foot split-level home with an attached garage. The current height of the structure as measured by the land use code is roughly 34 feet. The Project would be 4,006 square feet and 39'5" in height, where 35 feet of height are allowed by right. The Project would add two new levels to the interior of the home for a total of three stories on the east side of the home and two stories on the west side of the home, with an appearance on the street of a 2 ½ story home. Due to the steep slope of the lot, the perceived height of the existing building from the street is 17' 8", while the perceived height of the Project would be 27' 8" and of a 2 ½ story home. The size of the building as perceived from the street would be larger than the building mass of most or all of the buildings in the immediate area.

The proposed height of the project is the sole reason this Project is in the site review process, rendering the site review criteria and Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan policies relating to compatibility of the Project with the existing neighborhood character and proportionality of height of the Project to the height of existing buildings in the immediate area the most important considerations in this review. The Project's height and 2 ½ story appearance at the street are not in general proportion to the height of existing buildings in the immediate area which are less than the proposed Project and are those of 1- to 2-story homes. The Applicant did not demonstrate that the Project, with its proposed height and proposed number of stories at the street would be compatible or consistent with its immediate area and with the existing character of the area.

Denied on: 4/16/2015
Date

By: [Signature]
David Driskell, Secretary of the Planning Board

¹ The height measurement under the land use code considers sloped properties and, measures height as the vertical distance from the lowest point within twenty-five feet of the tallest side of the structure to the uppermost point of the roof. The lowest point shall be calculated using the natural grade. The tallest side shall be that side whose lowest exposed exterior point is lower in elevation than the lowest exposed exterior point of any other side of the building. See Section 9-1-16, Definitions, B.R.C. 1981.



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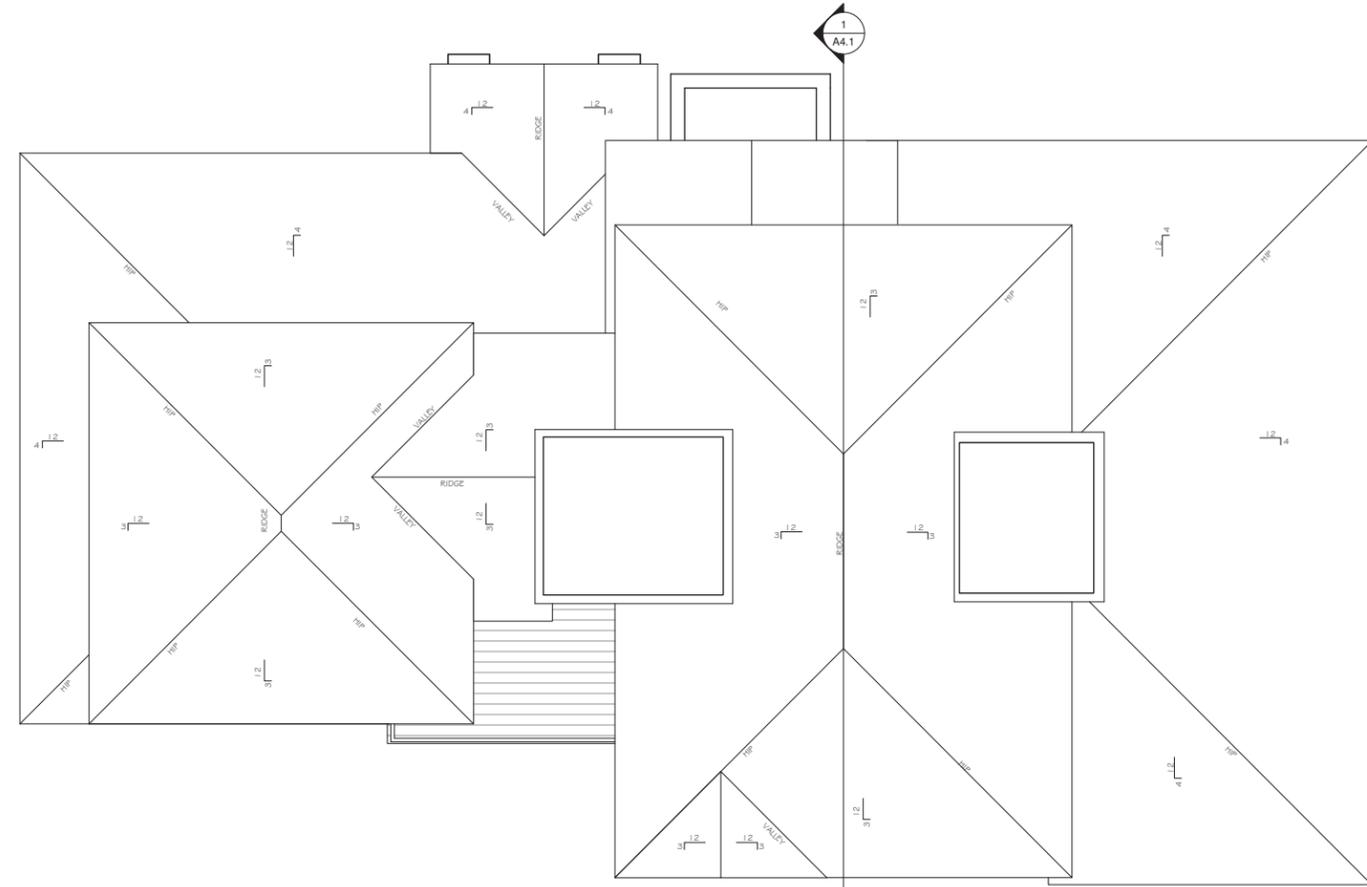
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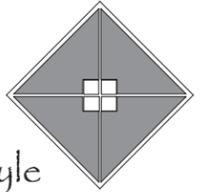
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1/22/2014	Site Review with Height Mod Revised

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Roof Plan



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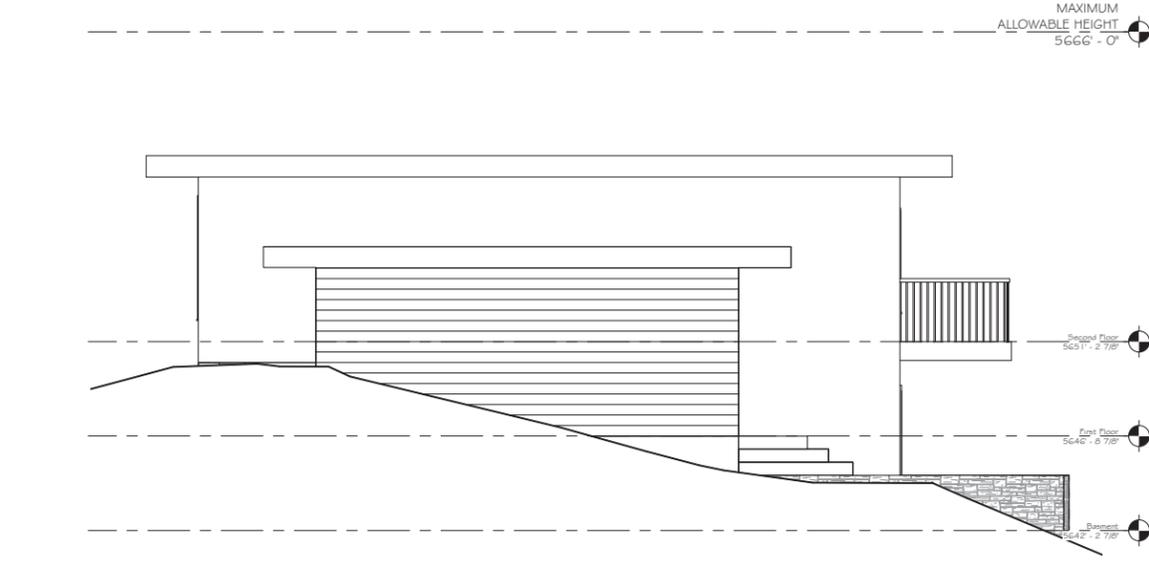
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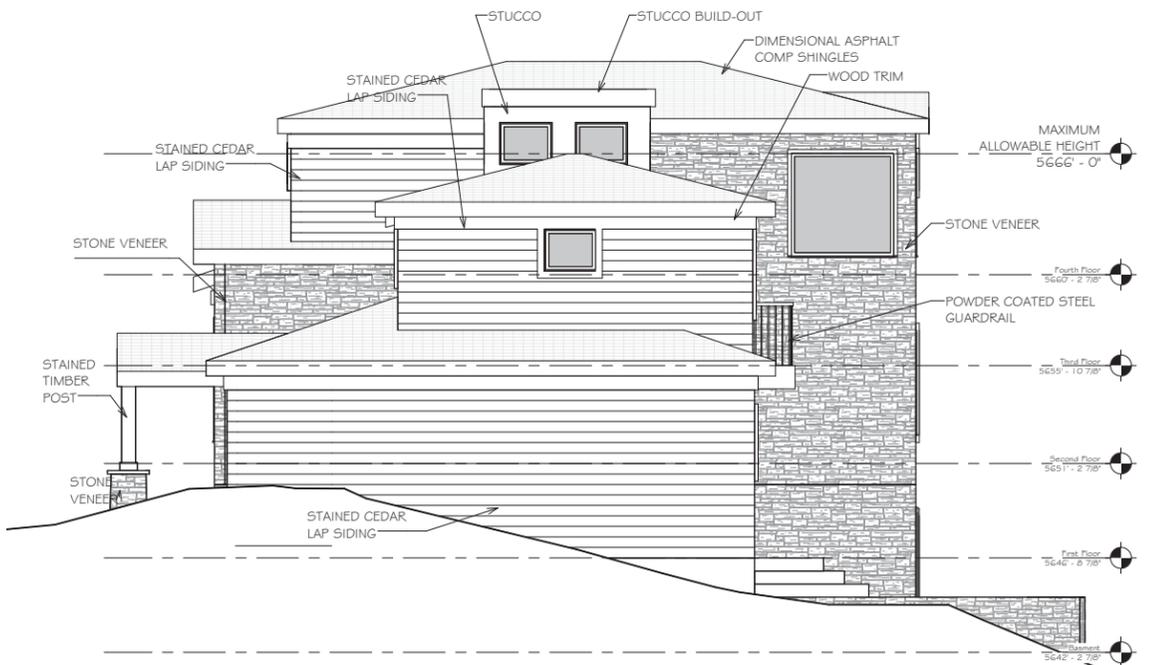
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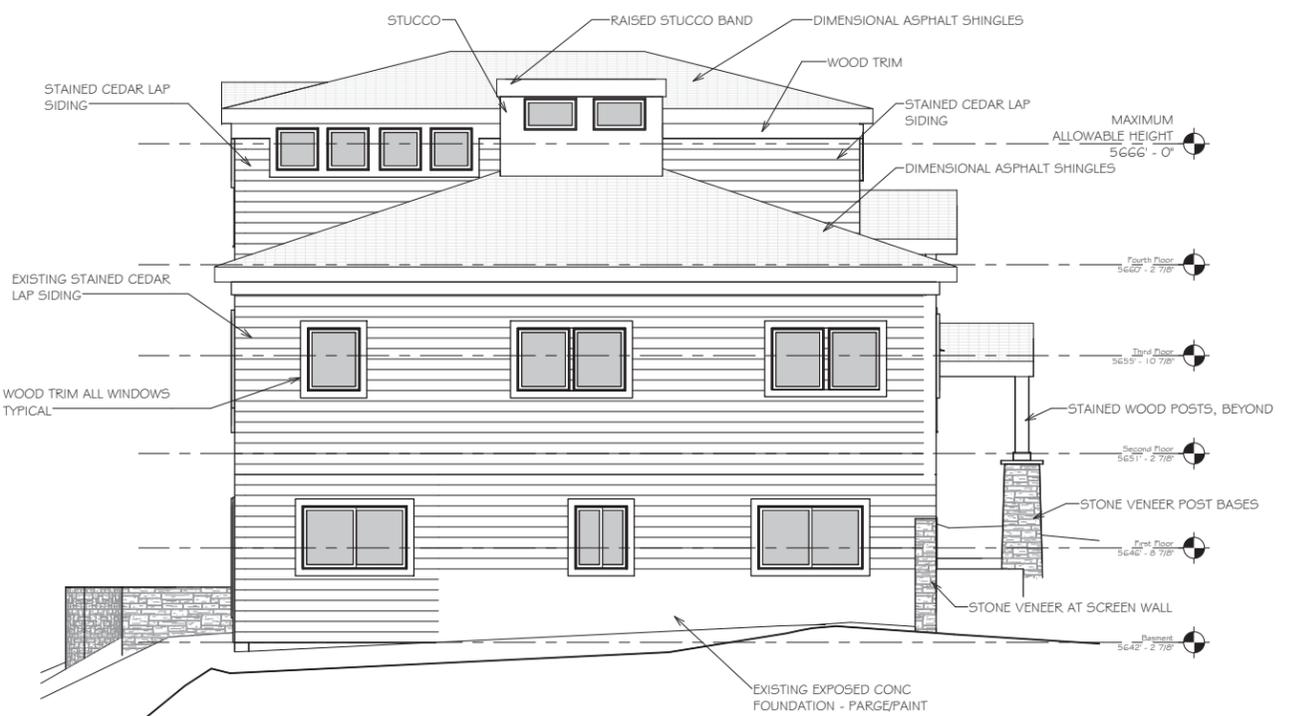
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2030 Vassar Street



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March 16, 2015

Written Statement for Site Review, including Site Review Response Form – General Criteria, for the following subject property:

**2030 Vassar Drive
Lot 6, Block 4 of Table Mesa First Addition
Boulder, Colorado**

Building Owners: Donald McClelland and Colleen Wheeler

Architect: Kyle Callahan



A. Current ownership statement

The home at 2030 Vassar Drive was constructed in 1967. The current owner – **Donald McClelland** – purchased the home in early summer of 2014. The McClelland family lives in the home.

Donald and Colleen Wheeler are bringing their families together in this home, and as such, additional floor area will be required for their three children and home-based businesses to be accommodated. The small home is set at the crest of the ridge that lies south of Vassar Drive in the Table Mesa section of Boulder. The topography of the site along with the position of the

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home create difficulties in adding the space that the family requires, due to setback constraints and the steepness of the grades south of the home. The site topography results in a loss of nearly **11'** of elevation within the 25' offset required by Boulder for maximum height consideration (basement slab = 5642, low point = 5631). That's a **44% grade** for the existing topography near the home. In our opinion, this is a hardship born by the owners due to unique conditions presented by this site. The family seeks relief from the City of Boulder height regulations to construct an addition to their home in order to accommodate their needs for additional space. We propose to exceed the 35' height limit by **4'-5"** for a total height of **39'-5"**. However, the perceptual height for the home is only **27'-8"** as shown on page 6 of this statement. All other planning and zoning criteria are met by the proposed design, including solar shading, maximum coverage, maximum floor area and other regulations / limitations.

B. Physical Site and Building Attributes

Lot attributes:

The existing home is built on a large lot - 11,966 +/- square feet. The lot is situated on a steeply sloped site - the highest grade elevation is approximately 5,651', and the low elevation is approximately 5,614', which is a change in elevation of approximately 37' over the 165' diagonal horizontal distance across the lot, for an average grade of about 22%. Most of this grade change happens in a short horizontal span directly south of the existing residence, where the topography descends sharply at nearly 45 degree pitch.

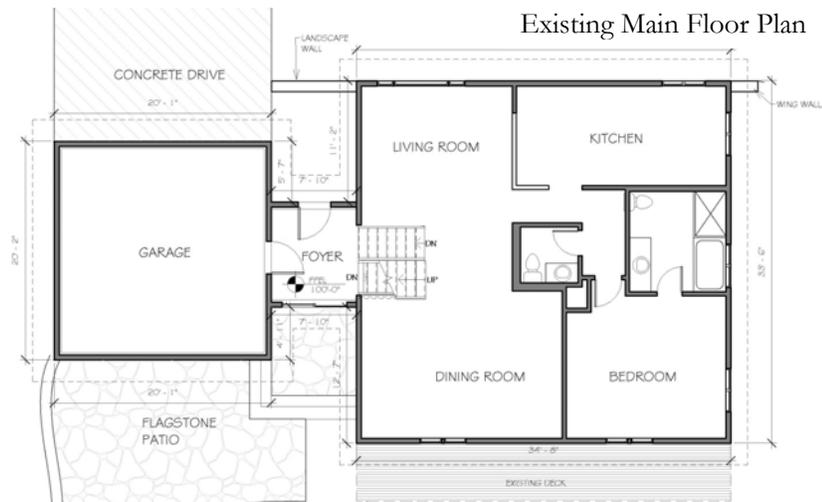
The aerial image at the right shows the building and site, along with topography at 1' intervals (City of Boulder GIS image).

The lot was surveyed in June of 2014 by Flatirons surveying. The low point was identified at that time, and found to be 5631' at a point 25' south of the face of the existing residence from the existing deck posts (worst case scenario) – note that we are proceeding assuming that the existing structured deck would be removed, and thus use 5,631 as the low topo elevation, which is taken from the lowest point along the tallest wall. By comparison, the finished floor elevation of the existing walk-out floor is 5642.



Existing Home attributes:

The existing home has a split level arrangement. The entry level, which is situated approximately at the grade elevation on the north side of the home, contains the foyer and garage (shown below, left side of plan). One-half story below is the lower walk-out level, containing a recreation room, home office, mechanical equipment, storage, two bedrooms and a shared bath. One half story above the entry level is the upper level, containing the kitchen, dining room, family room, master bedroom, and 1 1/2 baths (shown below, right side of plan). The total floor area for the existing residence is 2,860 gross square feet.



C. Objectives

The blended family needs to increase the number of bedrooms in the home in order to provide suitable sleeping arrangements for the children, for guests, and for the adults. The adults in the household both work out of the home and require additional space to contain their business resources. The home has a small and crowded garage, and as such a small addition will be needed to provide storage for vehicles and other gear (bicycles, etc.). Our proposal is to add approximately 1,146 square feet of enclosed floor area to accommodate these additional space requirements.

We propose to add a covered front porch to both provide weather protection at the front door and to create a visually pleasing architectural element on the north side of the home. We propose to add an open deck to the second floor that will be situated between the finished floor additions on the south side of the home, which will double to provide weather protection to the backyard access door on the south side of the existing foyer. The covered front porch will add 60 SF of coverage, and the south side open deck will add 79 SF of coverage by covered decks. It is important to recognize that these covered decks do not increase the building coverage as they are well within the covered porch allowances specified in the Boulder Revised Code.

D. Discussion of the requested height modification

We are seeking relief from the maximum height limit of 35' as defined in the Boulder Revised Code, Section 9.7.5. It is our opinion, based on many years of work in Boulder, that the topography at this site presents a unique set of conditions that is certainly a significant limiting

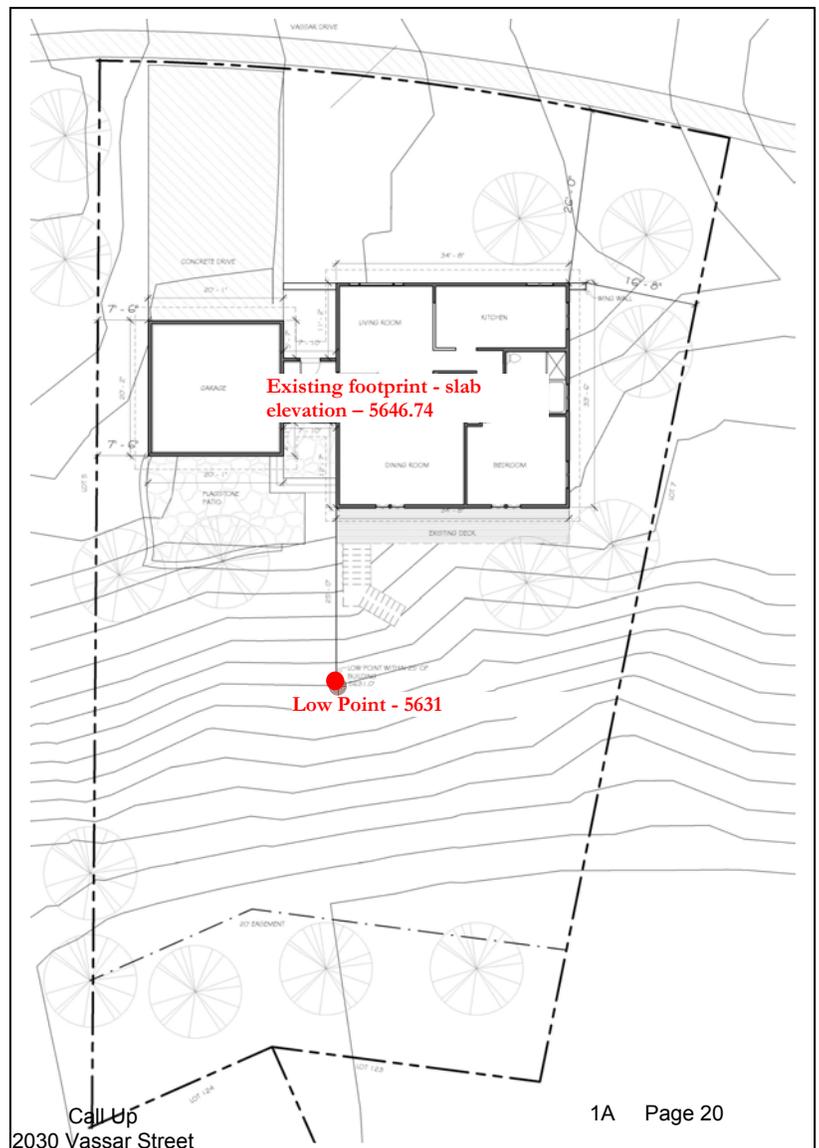
factor to the redevelopment of this site in a manner not inconsistent with other homes in the neighborhood.

We have investigated two general concepts to increase the floor area - Building Out and Building Up. Building Out is only possible south of the existing home. Doing so would involve construction over the steepest portion of the lot, which would also push the low point as defined by the BRC further south and downhill, ultimately causing the existing home as built to no longer conform to the height limits. Further, engineer Ed Glassgow of Scott, Cox and Associates has recommended strongly against building to the south over the steep slope (**See Attachment 1**). Building up is not without difficulty. The very low pitched roof plane of the existing residence is positioned approximately 5' below the maximum height per the BRC. 5' does not allow adequate space for an additional story.

Both potential expansion opportunities result in the need for a height modification. The best solution in our opinion is to Build Up, as this preserves much of the existing footprint of the home and does not significantly increase the building coverage. Building up retains the most landscaped open space possible for vegetation and animal habitat preservation. It is also the safest means to add floor area per our geotechnical engineer's recommendations.

The difficulty caused by the site conditions and existing topography

To the right is an image of the existing footprint of the house, the property lines shown in bold dashes, and the orientation of the home to the site. The contours, which are based on City of Boulder GIS information supplemented by in-the-field survey work, are at 2' intervals. Projecting off the back of the home is a dimension line indicating the low point within 25' of the house as determined by the project surveyor. The surveyed elevation of that point is 5631.0'. By comparison, the garden level floor is 5642.25'. This amounts to a greater than 11' loss in elevation from the lowest floor of the residence to the point that is used for



consideration of maximum allowable height. The sloping topography in the backyard results in what amounts to a loss of the opportunity to add an entire story and then some. This steep topographic landform also occurs at other residences in the nearby neighborhood. We have evaluated the difference in topography based upon City of Boulder GIS for this home and the six neighboring homes (3 east and 3 west of 2030 Vassar). For consistency and comparison purposes, we have used the north east corner of all homes, which is generally the low point for the perceptual height for all structures built on this south side of Vassar Drive in this neighborhood. A map is provided as detail 2 on sheet A1.1 of the attached drawing set, and the following is a listing by address of the McClelland Home and the six adjacent residences:

Address	Grade at NE corner	Grade at Low point	Elevation lost within 25' of home from NE corner	
1960 Vassar	5665'	5651'	14'	
1990 Vassar	5658'	5645'	13'	
2010 Vassar	5651'	5643'	8'	Neighboring home
2030 Vassar	5643'	5626'	17'	Subject Property
2090 Vassar	5634'	5617'	17'	Neighboring home
2110 Vassar	5629'	5615'	14'	
2130 Vassar	5621'	5614'	7'	

Averaging the grade elevation loss within 25' from the perceptual low point of these 7 homes in a row yields approximately 12'-10" average grade loss. The home at 2030 Vassar has a grade elevation loss of 17' – a little more than 4' greater elevation loss than the average of the 7 homes. Note that this calculation is based on Existing Conditions for 2030 Vassar and includes the existing

D1 - Building Coverage

Planning and Zoning regulations in the City of Boulder, limit the amount of coverage of a building relative to the size of the lot. This we understand is an effort to reduce massive building footprints and to maximize the amount of open space and landscape afforded to all residents of the City. The calculation for building coverage, per the BRC chapter 9-7-11, is as follows:

$$(\text{Lot size} * 0.116) + 1,890 = \text{allowable coverage in square feet}$$

Based on the lot size of 11,966 square feet, the allowable coverage will be **3,278 square feet**. Our proposal for this project includes adding a second floor that is entirely above the existing footprint which will not affect coverage. We also propose to add 5' to the north side of the garage and foyer, which will increase the building coverage by 158 SF, for a total of **1,969 square feet**. This figure is **1,309 square feet less** than the amount of lot coverage allowed by code. That is the amount of available coverage upon which the McClelland family chooses *NOT* to build, but will be preserved as landscaped open space.

D2 - Building Floor Area

The City of Boulder also limits the floor area that can be constructed on a lot, also relative to the lot size. The calculation for building floor area, per the BRC chapter 9-8-1 (table 8-3), is as follows:

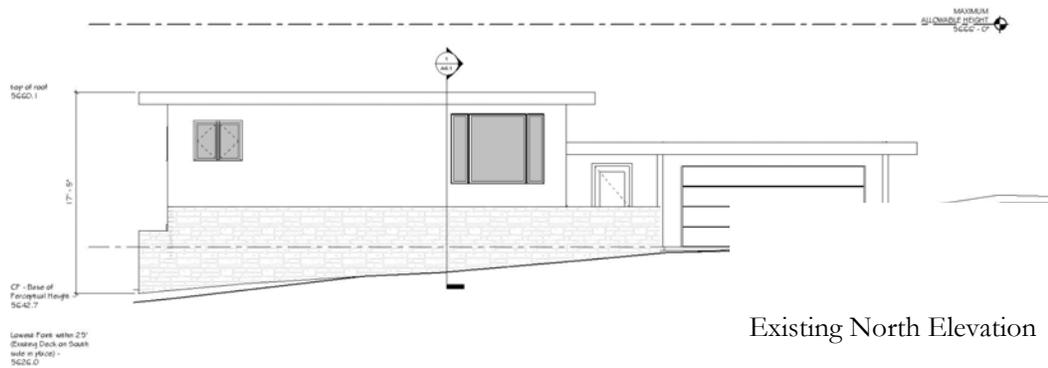
$$(\text{Lot size} * 0.122) + 2,880 = \text{allowable floor area in square feet}$$

Based upon the lot size of 11,966 square feet, the allowable floor area would be **4,340 square feet**. Our proposal for this project includes adding a floor above the existing building, adding a portion of garage and a portion of foyer and reconfiguring the interior to match the requirements of the owner's program. The current floor area is **2,810 gross square feet**, on top of which we propose to add approximately **1,107 square feet**, for a total of **3,917 square feet**. This figure is **423 square feet less** than the maximum floor area allowed by code. That is the amount of floor area which the McClelland family chooses not to build to prevent the appearance of mass due to an overabundance of floor area.

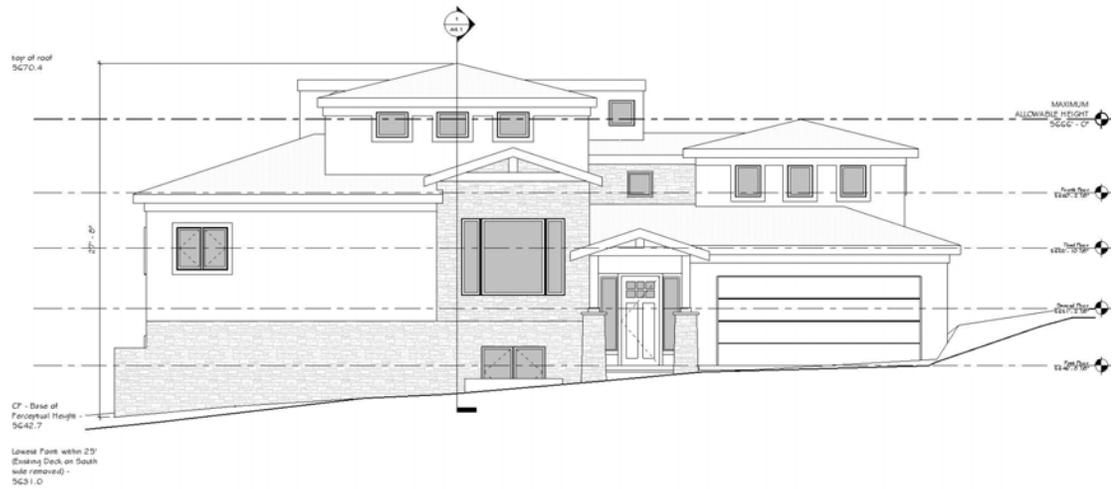
D3 - The Perceptual Height of the existing home and the proposed addition

The extraordinary limitation imposed by the topography as discussed previously on page 4 provides very little room for an upper floor expansion. The maximum height limit per City of Boulder regulations is a little more than 5' above the top of the existing roof IF the south side deck is removed as planned. The following elevations shows the exterior north elevation of the existing home. The maximum height is indicated by the heavy dashed line above the structure, and assumes the removal of the south side deck. This information is repeated on drawing sheet A3.1. The USGS Elevations are as follows:

Low point = 5626.0 (with south deck, 5631.0 without south deck)
CP – Base of Perceptual Height 5642.7'
Top of Roof = 5660.1



It would not be possible to create an occupiable upper level addition that was within the restrictive confines of the limits imposed by the maximum height ordinance. We have endeavored to design an addition that minimizes the mass of the structure by providing offsets from the current exterior walls. Doing so pushes the mass inward, away from the street and neighboring residences, and creates opportunities to soften the appearance by incorporating lower roof planes that embrace the second story addition. The following is a north exterior elevation of the proposed design



In the above image, one can see the form and exterior walls of the existing residence and garage below the proposed addition. The flat roof has been removed in favor of sloping hip-configured roof that extends from the existing main floor exterior walls at a low slope up to the proposed second floor exterior walls, embracing the upper level addition and softening the overall appearance.

The north elevation above shows the “Perceptual” height of the home. The dimension on the left side of the elevation shows that the ridge height of the home with the proposed addition is only **27'-8"** above the adjacent grade at the front northeast corner of the home. The grade elevations for comparison with the existing home are as follows:

Low point = 5631.0 (assumes the south deck has been removed)

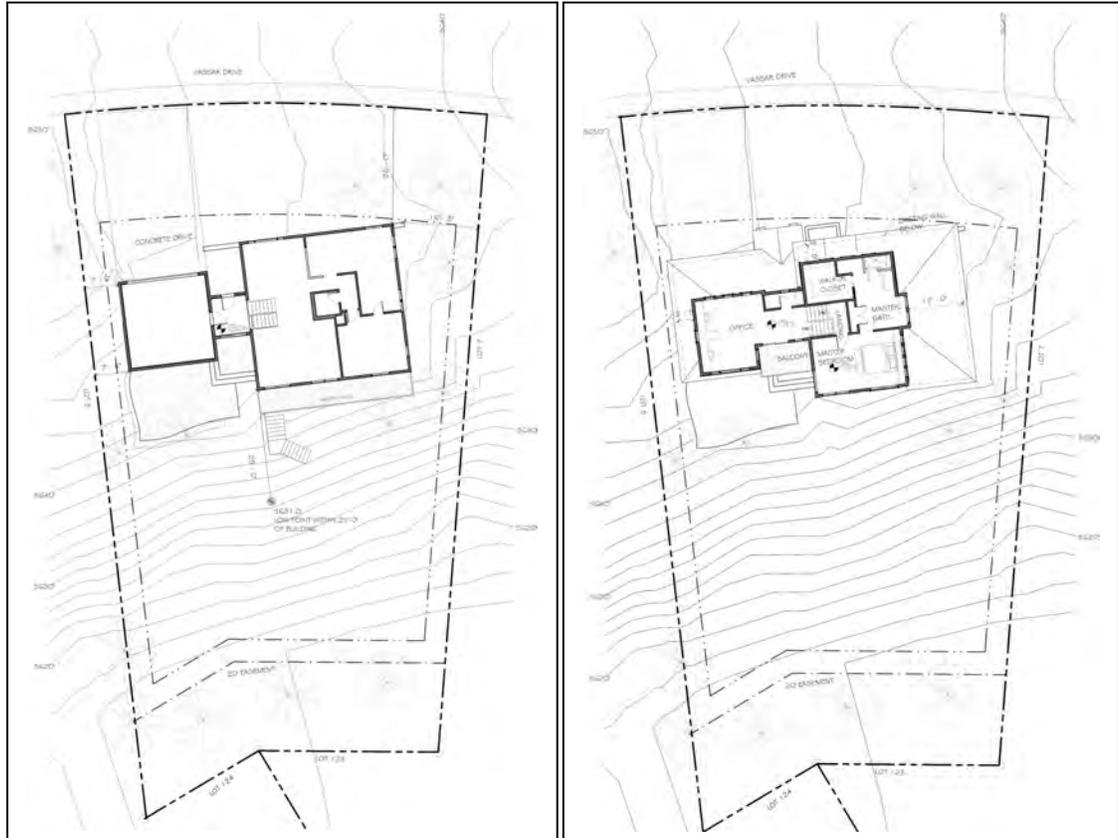
CP – Base of Perceptual Height 5642.7

Top of Roof = 5670.4

The portion of the second floor addition that extends through the 35' height limit is shown above the heavy dashed line in the elevation above. The floor area of that portion of the home that extends past the maximum height is 641 square feet. The portion of the addition on the right (west) side, situated above the existing garage, is entirely below the maximum allowable height.

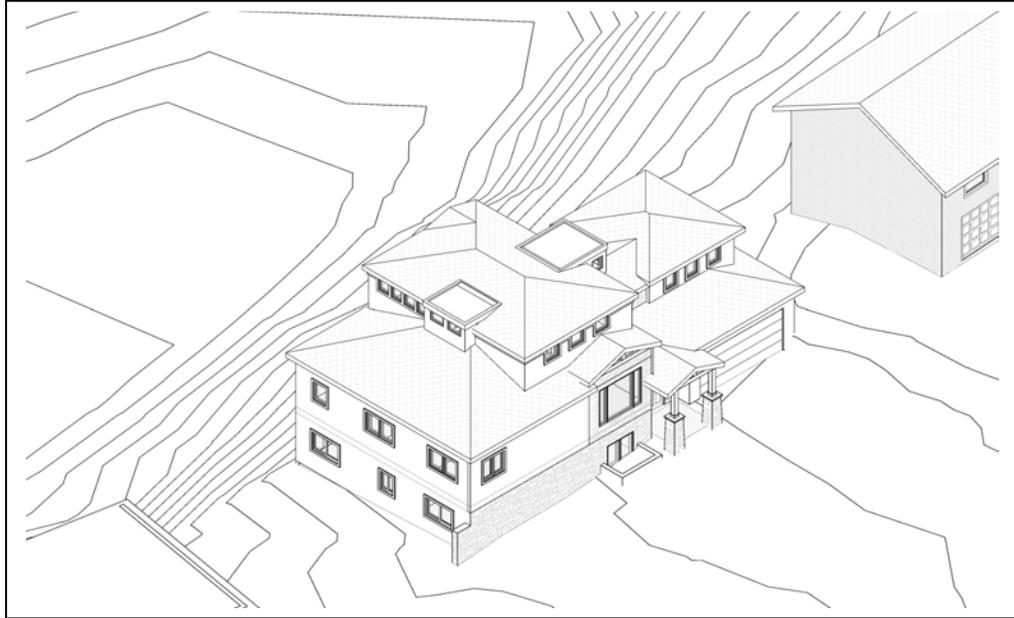
D4 - The proposed floor plans, relative to the existing footprint and lot lines

The following two images show the footprint of the existing residence (left), and the corresponding image of the footprint for the addition is shown on the right. Both images are set up relative to the property lines.



From the preceding two images, one can see the relatively small size of the proposed upper level addition on the right, relative to the existing footprint shown on the left. On the left, the existing footprint extends in an east to west direction, approaching the building setbacks. The image on the right shows the footprint of the proposed second floor plan. A deliberate effort has been made to offset the exterior walls of the second floor inward towards the middle of the home. Doing so eliminates two story wall on the north, east and west sides of the home (the visible sides of the home), offsetting the mass of the building away from the existing facades. This scales down the image of the building and eliminates that adverse effect referred to as “looming”. The roof that we propose to install above the existing first floor serves to “embrace” the exterior walls of the proposed second floor, securely connecting the two and reducing the overall perception of mass by softening the appearance with interceding sloped rooflines. Simple devices such as upper story setbacks reduce the overall mass of a structure, and eliminate the tendency for the home to loom over the adjacent properties or the street.

Below we present the image of the home taken in isometric perspective to further describe the massing of the building, and to highlight the effect of the architectural devices employed to prevent the addition from becoming too massive:



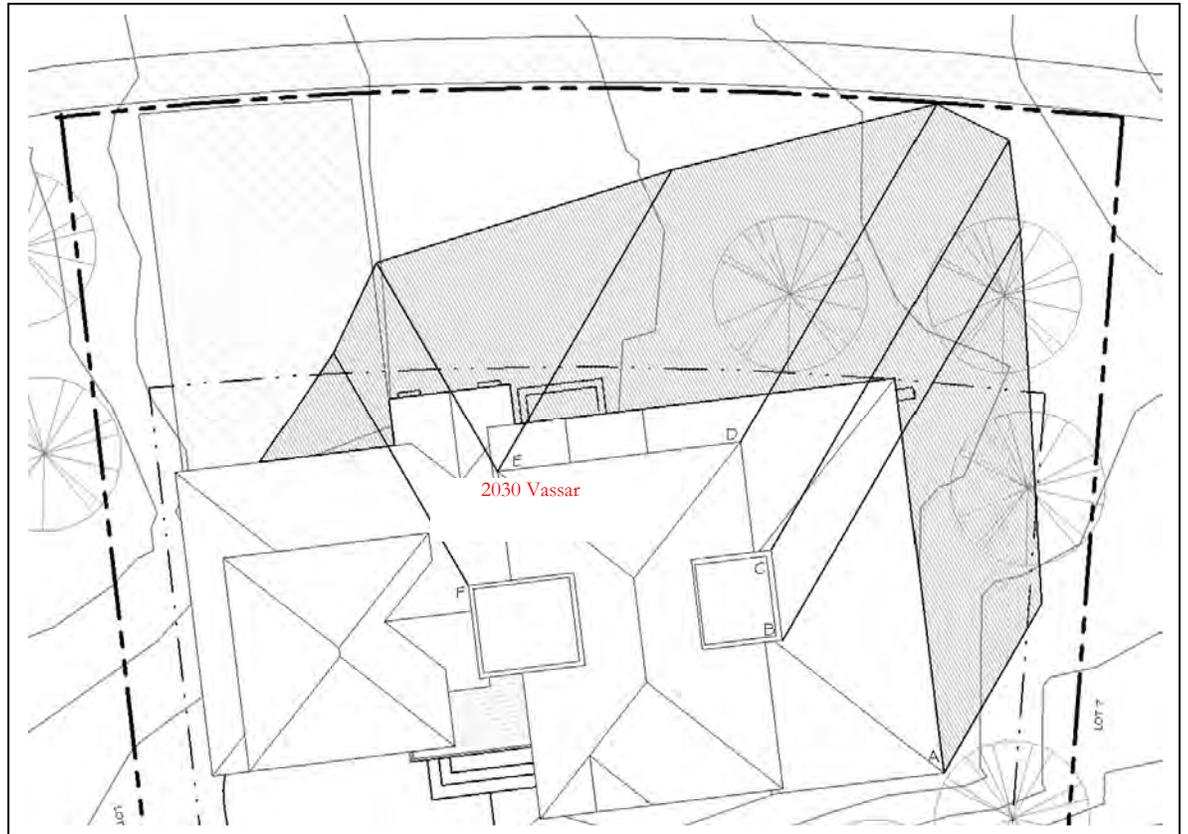
Using the same vantage point, the image below shows that portion of the roof that extends through the maximum height. The grey shaded region establishes the maximum height limit, and everything below the gray plane is also below the maximum height. Only 641 square feet extend through the maximum height limit.



D5 - Solar shadow

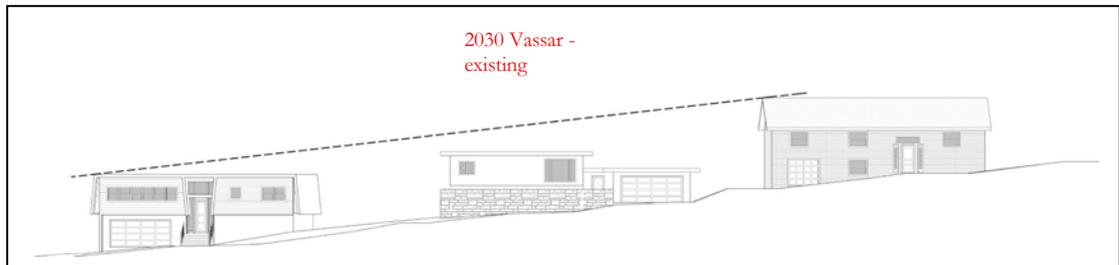
We understand that we need to conform to the City's solar shadow regulations. We've spent some time studying the impact of the shadow on December 21, and modeled that using Revit and further calculated the solar shadow using the City of Boulder standards for demonstrating compliance. From our study, we understand the importance to offset the second floor as we have done in the design. Further, roof pitches are kept low (3 in 12 pitch), not only to prevent the ridges from creating longer shadows, but also to more closely tie in with some of the good examples of later mid-century modern roof designs. The overhangs for the upper floor are kept at 8", reducing the length of the shadow as well. The image below shows the worst case scenario of solar shading – 10 AM and 2 PM on December 21.

From the image below, one can see that the shadow tucks right up against the property line on the northeastern edge. It does not extend into the neighboring properties and thus complies.



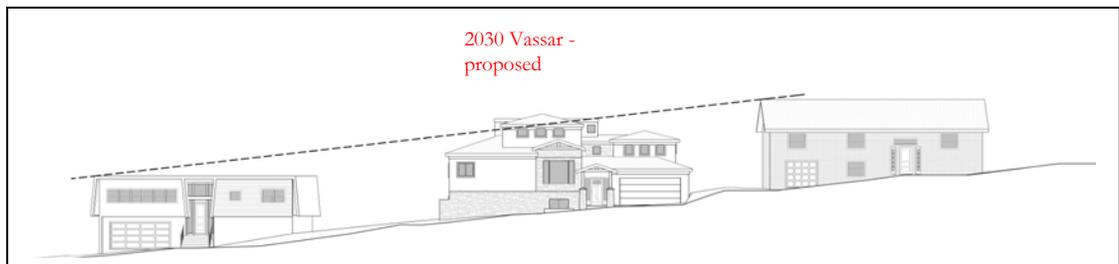
D6 - Neighborhood context

We recognize the importance of maintaining consistency with the adjacent homes and the neighborhood in general, not only from a massing perspective, but also in terms of the image of the architecture. As such, we've considered at length the adjacent homes and the massing and forms that they present. Two images are provided below.



The above image shows the McClelland's home as it currently exists with the two neighboring homes as well. A dashed line spans between the two adjacent homes, indicating an envelope of space that is created through the mass of the homes on the dramatically sloping topography. It is striking how demure the McClelland home is when taken in context with the existing neighboring homes.

The image below is taken from the same vantage point, but shows the addition to the McClelland's home. In my opinion, this image is far more pleasing, as the massing of the structures is more consistent, resulting in less of a gap-toothed appearance.



**CITY OF BOULDER
PLANNING BOARD ACTION MINUTES
April 2, 2015
1777 Broadway, Council Chambers**

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PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Aaron Brockett, Chair
Bryan Bowen
Crystal Gray
John Gerstle
Leonard May
Liz Payton
John Putnam

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Hella Pannewig, Assistant City Attorney
Susan Meissner, Administrative Assistant III
Chandler Van Schaack, Planner I
Charles Ferro, Development Review Manager
David Thompson, Civil Engineer II, Transportation
Molly Winter, DUHMD Executive Director
Chris Haglin, Senior Transportation Planner

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 5A:

A. Public hearing and consideration of a Site Review for a Height Modification only, application no. LUR2014-00090, to construct a 1,146 square foot addition to an existing single family home at 2030 Vassar St. in the RL-1 zone district at a height of 39'5" where 35' is the maximum principal building height allowed by the zone district standards.

**Applicant: Kyle Callahan
Owner: The McLelland Family**

Staff Presentation:

C. Van Schaack presented the item to the board.

Board Questions:

H. Pannewig and **C. Van Schaack** answered questions from the board.

Applicant Presentation:

Diek McLelland and **Kyle Callahan** presented the item to the board.

Board Questions:

Diek McLelland answered questions from the board.

Public Hearing:

1. **Nancy Kinne, 2090 Vassar Drive**, lives next door to the applicant. She is concerned that the addition will block her views to the sky.
2. **Zygmunt Frayzynger, 2010 Vassar Drive**, lives next door to the applicant. He is also concerned that his view to the east will be blocked.
3. **Linda Moore, 637B South Broadway**, strongly opposed the proposal. She thought a legal addition over the garage would be preferable.

Board Comments:

Planning Board members had differing opinions regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding neighborhood. **J. Putnam** and **B. Bowen** felt that it met the Site Review criteria and BVCP goals while the remaining members did not.

J. Putnam thought the perceived height was compatible with the area as many near-by homes are of a similar height to the proposal. He felt that Council excluded sloping sites from the height moratorium for this reason. He expressed some concern about blocking views, but thought it was okay because of the orientation. He felt there was little to no impact on the Hillsdale and none of the Hillsdale neighbors expressed any concern. He appreciated that the applicant would keep the existing home, but would have liked to have seen it less altered from its original design.

L. May noted that the city's method for measuring height twenty-five feet from the structure accounted for sloping sites. He thought the exception to the height limit in a residential area would have a significant impact; it was not compatible with the neighborhood. He cited the BVCP 2.0 regarding the protection of neighborhood character and compatible building scale.

B. Bowen agreed with **J. Putnam**. He was sympathetic to the neighbors but thought the applicant did best job possible by narrowing the building profile and keeping massing in the middle. The by-right option to expand over the garage could be okay from the streetscape, but would have more impact on the adjacent neighbors. He appreciated that the solar access works; the only impact is downhill on the applicant's property and in a vacant and relatively inaccessible area. While the height ordinance intended to capture impacts on sloped sites, he thought it had more to do with buildings in a natural setting as opposed to a neighborhood. He thought it was compatible enough with the neighborhood to be approved.

A. Brockett sympathized with the applicant given the constraints on the site; if it were flat, the proposal would be acceptable. He opposed the project because he did not think it complied with criteria F-2 regarding height in proportion with other existing buildings. The proportion on the street is one and a half to two stories while he proposal appears to be two and a half stories. He didn't see anything else on the street that presented this large.

C. Gray agreed with **A. Brockett** and with **L. May's** assessment of criteria. She appreciated the design concept but noted that compatibility with the existing area is set by the topography of the area. The existing buildings are a result of the topography. She would not support the request for a height modification.

J. Gerstle did not think the proposal was consistent with the neighborhood character. The height calculation requirement takes sloping lots into consideration and this proposal still did not meet it. The perception of height differs from depending on the angle.

L. Payton appreciated that the applicant wanted to keep the existing house. She cited concerns about altering the height, proportion and lack of compatibility with the neighborhood character. She felt the neighbors' testimony is part of the definition of the existing character and this proposal was not compatible. Though this will not officially set a precedent, she felt that it would have an impact on the character of the neighborhood which sets a built-in precedent. She would not support the application.

Motion:

On a motion by **C. Gray**, seconded by **L. May**, the Planning Board voted 5-2 (**B. Bowen** and **J. Putnam** opposed) to deny the Site Review application LUR2014-00090 and that the Planning Board continue the hearing and that the item return to the Planning Board at its next meeting with the findings of fact.

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: April 20, 2015
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Robin Pennington 303-441-1912
NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT: Commissioners – Amy Zuckerman, José Beteta, Emilia Pollauf, Nikhil Mankekar Staff – Karen Rahn, Carmen Atilano, Robin Pennington Commissioners absent – Shirly White
WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (CIRCLE ONE) [REGULAR] [SPECIAL] [QUASI-JUDICIAL]
AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER – The April 20, 2015 HRC meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by A. Zuckerman .
AGENDA ITEM 2 – OATH OF OFFICE: Nikhil Mankekar
AGENDA ITEM 3 – AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – E. Pollauf moved to add the Colorado Right to Rest Act as Action Item VI. A. N. Mankekar seconded. Motion carries 4-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – E. Pollauf moved to accept the March 16, 2015 minutes with corrections. N. Mankekar seconded the motion. J. Beteta abstained. Motion carries 3-0.
AGENDA ITEM 5 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION (non-agenda action items) – Darren O’Connor and Rob Smoke of Boulder addressed the commission to request that they recommend to City Council that a community dialogue take place regarding the Colorado Right to Rest Act. Bob Norris of Longmont spoke about the Cities for Citizenship initiative and requested support from the HRC.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – ACTION ITEMS A. Colorado Right to Rest Act – Commissioners discussed the options and timeline to respond to the request for a community dialogue regarding the Right to Rest Act. N. Mankekar moved that members of the HRC attend the City Council meeting on April 21, 2015 to make a statement about city representation at the state legislature. J. Beteta seconded. Motion carries 4-0. Three commissioners will attend the City Council meeting. B. 2015 HRC Work Plan <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2016 MLK Day RFP – J. Beteta moved to approve the RFP with changes. E. Pollauf seconded. Motion carries 4-0. 2. Cesar Chavez Municipal Holiday – N. Mankekar moved that the HRC move forward with analysis to consider a recommendation to council. E. Pollauf seconded. Motion carries 4-0.
AGENDA ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS A. Safe Community – Staff and commissioners discussed potential activities as first steps of a work plan item to address the city’s goal of being a safe and welcoming community for all. A subcommittee was formed to draft the HRC next step(s) to include a draft problem statement, activities, objectives, potential timeline and costs. B. Circles Poverty Simulation Update – C. Atilano gave an update on the upcoming Circles Poverty Simulation. C. Living Wage Update – C. Atilano gave an update on work of the city staff committee on Living Wage. D. Event Reports – A. Zuckerman attended the 2015 Open Door Fund Gala on April 11. N.

Mankekar attended speeches and workshops at Naropa University on April 1 and at CU with Valarie Kaur, CU Conference on World Affairs keynote speech by Leonard Pitts on April 6 and a CWA speech by Valerie Wilson, the RTD Public Hearing on April 6 and several City Council meetings.

- E. Follow Up Tasks** – Submit the amended March minutes, contact city Policy Advisor Carlos Castillo and Attorney Tom Carr on the Colorado Right to Rest Act, public notice that commissioners will attend the April 21 City Council meeting, release the 2016 MLK Day RFP as amended, proceed with analysis on Cesar Chavez Municipal Holiday, convene subcommittee of **Commissioners Zuckerman and Mankekar** to develop a draft work plan for HRC consideration regarding Safe Community.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS – None.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Adjournment – **N. Mankekar moved** to adjourn the April 20, 2015 meeting.

E. Pollauf seconded the motion. **Motion carries 4-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: Three HRC members will attend the City Council meeting on April 21, 2015. The next regular meeting of the HRC will be May 18, 2015 at 6 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway St.



CITY OF BOULDER
Boards and Commissions Minutes

NAME OF COMMISSION: Open Space Board of Trustees			
DATE OF MEETING: April 8, 2015			
NAME/EXTENSION OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Leah Case x3440			
NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT:			
MEMBERS: Shelley Dunbar, Frances Hartogh, Molly Davis, Kevin Bracy Knight, Tom Isaacson			
STAFF: Tracy Winfree, Jim Reeder, Mark Gershman, Kelly Wasserbach, Steve Armstead, Greg Seabloom, Megan Bowes, Lynn Reidel, Chad Brotherton, Annie McFarland, Mo Valenta, Don D'Amico, Katy Waechter, Deryn Wagner, Alyssa Frideres, Cecil Fenio, Frances Boulding, Leah Case			
TYPE OF MEETING:	<u>REGULAR</u>	CONTINUATION	SPECIAL
SUMMATION:			
AGENDA ITEM I – Call to Order			
The newest Open Space Board of Trustees member, Tom Isaacson, read and signed the Oath of Office.			
Frances Hartogh moved to appoint Shelley Dunbar as the chairperson for the Open Space Board of Trustees. Shelley Dunbar moved to appoint Frances Hartogh as the Vice Chair. Tom Isaacson moved to elect Leah Case as the Board Secretary. All motions passed unanimously by acclamation.			
AGENDA ITEM 2- Approval of the Minutes			
Frances Hartogh moved the Open Space Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from Mar. 11, 2015 as amended. Tom Isaacson seconded. This motion passed unanimously.			
AGENDA ITEM 3- Public Participation			
Pete Palmer, Boulder, read a statement from the Resident Council at the Frasier Meadows Retirement Community. They expressed their support for the South Boulder Creek Action Group recommendation.			
Raymond Bridge, on behalf of Friends of Boulder Open Space (FOBOS), urged staff and the Board to commit to a timeline for the North Trail Study Area (TSA) process as well as to make sure sideboards are used.			
AGENDA ITEM 4- South Boulder Creek Action Group Presentation			
David McGuire, on behalf of the South Boulder Creek Action Group, gave a presentation to the Board			

stating the importance of implementing a flood mitigation process.

AGENDA ITEM 5- Matters from Staff

Mark Gershman, Environmental Planning Supervisor, gave a presentation on the management area designation process.

Annie McFarland, Visitor Access Coordinator; Don D'Amico, Ecological Systems Supervisor; and Jim Reeder, Land and Visitor Services Division Manager, gave several project updates, as well as a status update for the North TSA inventory report.

Tracy Winfree, Interim Director, gave the Board an update on the budget.

Tracy Winfree and Mo Valenta, Resource Information Supervisor, showed a preview of the Google "Trailview" project.

Steve Armstead, Environmental Planner, gave an update on the North TSA progress.

AGENDA ITEM 6- Matters from the Board

The Board reviewed an editorial that will be sent out in regard to the North TSA. Tom and Frances will finalize and submit this document.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – West Trail Study Area Implementation: Towhee/Homestead Trail Reroute Due to 2013 Flood

Annie McFarland gave a presentation on the reroute of the Towhee and Homestead trail in response to the 2013 flood.

This spurred one motion:

Kevin Bracy Knight moved the Open Space Board of Trustees recommend that staff: 1) implement the staff recommendation as shown on Attachment Map B: Towhee/Homestead Trails – Staff Recommendation and 2) install an interpretive sign highlighting birding opportunities of the area. Molly Davis seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTACH BRIEF DETAILS OF ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS:

The next OSBT meeting will be May 13th at 6 p.m. at 1777 Broadway in the Council Chambers

CITY OF BOULDER
BOULDER, COLORADO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING MINUTES

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Name of Board/Commission: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Date of Meeting: March 23, 2015
Contact Information Preparing Summary: Sally Dieterich 303-413-7242
Board Members Present: Mike Conroy, Myriah Conroy, Kelly Wyatt, Mike Guzek, Marty Gorce, Tom Klenow, Michelle Estrella Board Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Jeff Dillon, Yvette Bowden, Jeff Haley, Alison Rhodes, Lisa Martin, Kathleen Alexander
Guests Present: Rella Abernathy, City of Boulder Integrated Pest Management Coordinator
Type of Meeting: Advisory/Regular
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the agenda was approved.
Agenda Item 2: Future Board Items and Tours <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4/27/15 PRAB meeting – New PRAB appointees first meeting• 4/27/15 PRAB meeting – Election of officers• 4/27/15 PRAB meeting – Emerald Ash Borer Update• 4/27/15 PRAB meeting – Proposal for July 4• 4/27/15 PRAB meeting – Aquatics Feasibility Plan Final• New PRAB member orientation has been scheduled
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation Bill Cohen, resident, spoke of the imminent closing of the Mapleton warm water therapy pool. He said there is no mention of a warm water therapy pool in the CIP and he urged PRAB to take the matter seriously and urge staff to implement a long term solution.
Agenda Item 4: Consent Agenda A. Approval of minutes from February 23, 2015 Minutes from February 23, 2015 were approved as written. B. Parks and Recreation Development Update C. Parks and Recreation Operations Update Written updates were provided to the board as part of the packet materials. These are items that require no board action or discussion.
Agenda Item 5: Public Hearing and Consideration of Motions Approving the 2016 Expenditures from the Permanent Parks and Recreation Fund and 2016-2021 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Improvement Program (CIP). PRAB ACTION REQUESTED: Staff recommends that PRAB approve the recommended 2016 expenditures planned from the Permanent Parks and Recreation Fund and approve the recommended 2016-2021 Parks and Recreation Department CIP. Public comment: No one spoke.

Motion 1:

Motion to approve the 2016 recommended expenditures from the Permanent Parks and Recreation Fund.

Motion by: Guzek Seconded by: Gorce

Vote: 7-0 The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2:

Motion to approve the recommended 2016-2021 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Motion by: Guzek Seconded by: Gorce

Vote: 7-0 The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Items for Discussion/Information

There were no Items for Discussion/Information.

Agenda Item 7: Matters from the Department

A. Bee Safe Boulder Resolution: Analysis and Options

Rella Abernathy presented this item. Bee Safe Boulder presented a resolution to city council on 2/20/15 that would declare Boulder a Bee Safe city. Staff supports the resolution with some minor adjustments.

The following PRAB input is requested:

- Does PRAB support the resolution?
- Does PRAB support the amended resolution with recommended changes by staff?
- Does PRAB have suggestions for engaging the community in such discussion?

PRAB agreed to support the amended version of the Bee Safe resolution.

Agenda Item 8: Matters from Board Members

Conroy (Mike) asked if the May meeting will be moved to May 18. Dillon answered that staff will look into this and respond to Mike. Conroy (Mike) also thanked Conroy (Myriah) and Estrella for their five years of service (each) to PRAB.

Next Board Meeting: April 27, 2015

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the board at this time; the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Approved by:

Mike Conroy
Board Chair

Date _____

Attested:

Sally Dieterich
Board Secretary

Date _____

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Name of Board/Commission: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Date of Meeting: February 23, 2015
Contact Information Preparing Summary: Sally Dieterich 303-413-7242
Board Members Present: Mike Conroy, Myriah Conroy, Kelly Wyatt, Marty Gorce, Tom Klenow, Mike Guzek Board Members Absent: Michelle Estrella
Staff Present: Jeff Dillon, Yvette Bowden, Alison Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Doug Godfrey, Kady Doelling
Type of Meeting: Advisory/Regular
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Chair Conroy requested agenda item 6 (Items for Discussion/Information) swap 6-A and 6-B. The agenda was approved.
Agenda Item 2: Future Board Items and Tours Future items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">3/23/15 PRAB meeting – 2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) recommendation and acceptance of the six year CIP program• 3/23/15 PRAB meeting – Final PRAB meeting for outgoing PRAB members (new members begin with the April 27 meeting)• 3/23/15 PRAB meeting – Bee Safe Neonicotinoid pesticides discussion with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) coordinator• 3/23/15 PRAB meeting – May have aquatics facilities study as a public hearing
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Boris Visnjic</u>, non-resident, representing Boulder Water Polo Club, spoke about the importance of having an aquatics center with a deep water pool that will support children and their love of playing water polo.• <u>Cece Bloomfield</u>, resident, representing Boulder Water Polo Club, spoke of the need to fast track a partnership to modify existing pools to accommodate high school water polo players. She said the two best options for partnerships are the Elks pool and the LaMont Does Park pool in Lafayette, CO.• <u>Maki Iatridis</u>, resident, representing Ocean First Divers, Ocean Classrooms and Ocean First Institute, spoke in support of Option 4 in the Aquatics Feasibility Plan.• <u>Veronica Casebolt</u>, resident, would like to see more youth swimming in Boulder and urges the City of Boulder to build a competitive aquatics center in Boulder. She said she also supports Option 4 in the Aquatics Feasibility Plan.• <u>Bob Smart</u>, non-resident, Fairview High School girls swim team head coach, spoke of the need for a 50 meter aquatics facility in Boulder. He said competitions are moving to other venues out of Boulder due to the lack of facilities large enough to accommodate these groups.• <u>Michelle Perkins</u>, non- resident, asked staff to go with Option 4.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Diane Curlette</u>, resident, asked that the City of Boulder place more focus on seniors and those who benefit from warm water pool therapy. She added that none of the options mention warm water pool therapy or seniors.

Agenda Item 4: Consent Agenda

A. Approval of minutes from January 26, 2015

Minutes from January 26, 2015 were approved as written.

B. Park Development Update

Written updates were provided to the board as part of the packet materials. These are items that require no board action or discussion.

Agenda Item 5: Items for Action

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve the 2015 Final Concept Plan for Valmont City Park as an Update to the 2008 Concept Plan

Haley and Godfrey provided this update. Haley said the past year's planning for the undeveloped south portion of the park is coming to conclusion, adding that the process has been both collaborative and consensus building.

Godfrey explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to review the process and methodology undertaken during the past year culminating with PRAB's approval. Acceptance of the final concept plan permits the department to move forward with a more detailed design, exploration of funding options and movement to a final plan.

The public hearing was opened.

John Bird, non-resident, representing Colorado PDGA, shared two concerns. The allotted space for the disc golf course is not large enough to permit scheduling of high level tournaments and the designated playground area is a favorite area for disc golfers.

Jim Haswell, resident, said two acres of course space will be lost due to the proposed location of the multi use path, adding that overlapping uses is difficult. He said more acreage is needed.

Andrew Davies, non-resident, representing Boulder Valley Lacrosse, thanked staff and PRAB for all their efforts in this planning process. He said more practice fields are a necessity and asked if the process could move more quickly.

Sarah Rebick, resident representing Flatirons Running said running is growing in Boulder with both adults and children participating. She added that the concept plan has created much excitement in the running community and wanted to thank staff.

Ruth Janjic, non-resident, representing RicRojas Running, thanked staff for including a running track in the concept plan. She added that multiple uses within the track does not work well.

Peter Richards, resident, asked for a cross country running course for recreation purposes.

PRAB Discussion:

Gore – Spoke of the need to embrace volunteer and fund raising opportunities offered by numerous groups and decide how to move forward.

Guzek – Questioned why so much space has been allocated to the disc golf course?

Godfrey responded that it's about providing enough acreage – approximately one acre per hole. This will also aid in making the course more available for multi use in the future.

Conroy – Indicated that while he was skeptical about the size of the disc golf course in the beginning, with the number of people wanting it, it he feels that is a pretty good use of space.

Conroy (Myriah) – Stated that the proposed disc golf area represents a huge portion of the park and asked if the board was comfortable with that.

Guzek – Suggested that this plan not be promoted as a simple update of the 2008 plan since much has changed in seven years.

Guzek – Asked about phasing of the plan?

Godfrey responded that the phasing is conceptual.

Wyatt – Asked if the track could be built around a rectangular field.

Klenow – Stated that staff has done a great job on the concept plan and it reflects a nice balance.

Conway (Myriah) – Indicated she supported the public process and that she is excited for the community.

Gorce made the following motion:

Motion to approve the 2015 final concept plan for Valmont City Park as an update to the 2008 concept.

Conway (Myriah) seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 with Estrella absent.

Agenda Item 6: Items for Discussion/Information

A. 2016-21 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Dillon provided the update on the status of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

- Capital funding is identified with five funds: Permanent Parks & Recreation Fund, Lottery Fund, .25 cent Sales Tax Fund, Capital Development Fund and Boulder Junction Improvement Fund
- Have \$2.2 million in the .25 cent Sales Tax Fund due to expiration of bond debt
- 2/23/15 PRAB meeting (2nd touch) – CIP draft projects identified and prioritized
- 3/23/15 PRAB meeting (3rd touch) – CIP public hearing and recommendation
- Late May 2015 – Proposed operating budget and CIP budget due to executive budget team
- July 2015 – Proposed CIP due to City of Boulder Planning Department
- Late July 2015 – CIP citywide tour
- Early August 2015 – Planning board CIP public hearing
- Mid August 2015 – City council CIP study session
- September 2015 – City council budget consideration

B. Aquatics Feasibility Plan Discussion

Rhodes presented a timeline update on the aquatics feasibility plan report.

- 11/14 – Consultants conducted facility assessments of city pools
- 11/14 and 12/14 workshops , an online survey and open houses were held to gather input on aquatics facilities/programs
- Consultants identified division strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats
- Options for consideration:
 - Option 1 - New 50 meter pool and bathhouse
 - Option 2 – New 50 meter pool, new outdoor aquatic center, new bathhouse
 - Option 3 – Replace 50 meter pool with 3,000-6,000 sq. ft. enclosed sprayground, replace bathhouse w/restrooms, build 50 meter indoor aquatic training center at Valmont City Park with outdoor component
 - Option 4 - Replace 50 meter pool with 3,000-6,000 sq. ft. enclosed sprayground, replace bathhouse w/restrooms, build 50 meter indoor aquatic training center at Valmont City Park with outdoor component to include deck space and team locker rooms
 - Option 5 – Replace 50 meter pool/bathhouse with family aquatic center and new bathhouse, build 50 meter indoor aquatic center at Valmont City park with outdoor aquatic

Agenda Item 7: Matters from the Department

There were no Matters from the Department

Agenda Item 8: Matters from Board Members

Guzek asked the status of board recruitment and the timing of the appointment of new members.

Dillon commented that there are four applicants for the two open Board positions.

Conroy (Mike) asked where and when the Civic Area Joint Board meeting would be held.

Haley responded March 11 at Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA) on 13th Street.

Next Board Meeting: March 23, 2015

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the board at this time; the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Approved by:

Attested:

Mike Conroy
Board Chair

Sally Dieterich
Board Secretary

**CITY OF BOULDER
BOULDER, COLORADO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING
MINUTES**

Name of Board/ Commission: Transportation Advisory Board	
Date of Meeting: 9 March 2015	
Contact Information Preparing Summary: Laurel Olsen-Horen 303.441.3203	
Board Members Present: Daniel Stellar, Jessica Yates, Dom Nozzi, Andria Bilich, Zane Selvans Board Members Absent: None	
Staff Present: Michael Gardner-Sweeney, Acting Director of Public Works for Transportation Kathleen Bracke, GO Boulder Manager Chris Hagelin, Sr. Trans Planner, GO Boulder Laurel Olsen-Horen, Board Secretary	
Type of Meeting: Advisory/ Regular	
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order	[6:03 p.m.]
The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.	
Agenda Item 2: Approval of minutes from 9 February 2015	[6:03p.m.]
Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 9 February 2015 TAB meeting as presented: Motion by: Bilich, Seconded by: Stellar Vote: 5:0	
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation	[6:03 p.m.]
Andy Jacobson: Broadway bike path between Dartmouth and Hanover: It's extremely dangerous compared to other bike paths around the city.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory bike lanes on Harvard Land do not address main dangers. There is ambiguity between cars and bikes coming in and going out of Harvard Lane. • It needs to be clear what the role of bikes and motorists is in this area. • Chronic conflicts with vehicles leaving Table Mesa Shopping Center need to be addressed. 	
Agenda Item 4: Resolution to Celebrate Jessica Yates five-year term TAB contribution	[6:06 p.m.]
A resolution was read aloud and a gift presented to board member Yates in recognition of her service on the Transportation Advisory Board.	
Agenda Item 5: Staff briefing and TAB input regarding the TDM Toolkit	[6:14 p.m.]
Chris Hagelin presented item to the board.	
Executive Summary from Packet Materials: No packet materials provided for this item.	
Board discussion and comments included:	[6:30 p.m.]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the spectrum of responses from developers thus far? Negative perspective from developers. It's another city hoop to jump through which will cost more money. • Understanding the common themes from developers regarding enforcement thus far in the process. • Unless the ordinance is enforceable, TDM will not hold much weight with developers. Move away from the 'good faith' methodology. • Need to offer developers a list of tactics which would be useful to expand the toolbox. • Non-compliance should result in denied future redevelopment. • Why make compliance permanent? The question is rather, how the city should continue to monitor compliance once a property has met the three-year compliance timeframe. One option could be random, periodic evaluations. • Perhaps offering interim evaluations as an option to help developers check to see if they are on the right track rather than waiting until the third year. • TDM design could be implemented in two phases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1. Physical Phase – conditions must be set up for success otherwise there is not adequate support for the management side. ○ 2. Programmatic Phase – management side implementation 	

- Incentives versus enforcement – leverage to make an impact to these programs. If the tenant is the responsible, compliant party, than the developer must be provided with incentives to not pass along the fines to the tenants.
- The use of TMOs is vital to the success of achieving TDM.
- Non-compliance could trigger required tactics.
- Is there a best practice for enforcement in peer cities? Backend review is not practiced.

Agenda Item 6: Matters

[6:56 p.m.]

A.) Matters from the Board Included:

Board member Selvans brought up the below matter(s)

- FORM Base Code – two firms interviewed, planning staff is working on a decision.

Board member Bilich brought up the below matter(s)

- Snow removal at bus stops and cross walk paths – transportation staff is working with maintenance staff and the city’s contractor to include heavily used transit stops including their access points.

Board member Nozzi brought up the below matter(s)

- Has the city dropped pursuing the Idaho law for cyclists at stop signs? The state is not allowing any local ordinances to change enforcement along state roads. The city concluded having different rules at different intersections would be problematic throughout the city and not enable the behavioral changes being sought after. The next step would be to pursue it at the state level.
- When did the bike parking ordinances go into effect? They went into effect last November.

B.) Matters from staff/Non Agenda:

[7:07 p.m.]

- City Council February 24, 2015 Study Session report out – materials were well received. Council believed staff is on the right track with community-wide Eco Pass and AMPS.
 - Council provided guidance to staff to move forward with focused and enhanced approach for community engagement for the 2015 Living Lab Complete Streets Project.
- Regional Studies update (handout given) – US36 MCC working on RTD’s operating plan and fare study recommendations.
- University Ave. protected bike lane update: the city is planning on installing flexible bollards to help delineate the parking areas along University Ave.
 - This topic must be a solved topic in other communities throughout the world.
- Other Matters:
 - Civic Area public meeting tomorrow night.
 - Joint board meeting at BMoCA on Wednesday evening.

Agenda Item 7: Future Schedule Discussion:

[7:35 p.m.]

None

Agenda Item 8: Adjournment

[7:35 p.m.]

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, by motion regularly adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

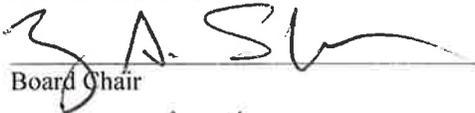
Motion: moved to adjourn; Bilich, seconded by: Yates

Motion passes 5:0

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be a regular meeting on Monday, 13 April 2015 in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, at 6 p.m.; unless otherwise decided by staff and the Board.

APPROVED BY:


Board Chair

4/13/2015
Date

ATTESTED:


Board Secretary

13 April 2015
Date

An audio recording of the full meeting for which these minutes are a summary is available on the Transportation Advisory Board web page.

CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING MINUTES

Name of Board / Commission: Water Resources Advisory Board	
Date of Meeting: 23 February 2015	
Contact Information of Person Preparing Minutes: Andrea Flanagan 303.413.7372	
Board Members Present: Vicki Scharnhorst, Mark Squillace, Dan Johnson, Lesley Smith, Ed Clancy Board Members Absent: None	
Staff Present: Jeff Arthur, Director of Public Works for Utilities Bob Harberg, Principal Engineer-Utilities Annie Nobel, Flood and Greenways Engineering Program Coordinator Bret Linenfelser, Water Quality and Environmental Services Manager Kurt Bauer, Engineering Project Manager Russ Sands, Watershed Sustainability and Outreach Supervisor MaryAnn Nason, Water Conservation Outreach Coordinator Heidi Hansen, Floodplain and Wetlands Administrator/ Civil Engineer Edward Stafford, Development Review Manager Andrea Flanagan, Board Secretary	
Cooperating Agencies Present: Monica Bortolini, Consultant with Leonard Rice Engineers, Inc.	
Meeting Type: Regular	
Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order	[7:05 p.m.]
Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the 26 January 2015 Meeting Minutes: [7:06 p.m.] Motion to approve minutes as amended from January 26 as presented. Moved by: Johnson; Seconded by: Squillace Vote: 4:0 (Ed Clancy abstaining)	
Agenda Item 3 – Public Participation and Comment	[7:10 p.m.]
Public Comment:	
Patrick McAteer Chief Financial Officer at Frasier Meadows Retirement Community. Campus severely impacted by 2013 floods, lost about 40% of operating capacity, only half-way returned to normalcy. Requesting advocacy for Frasier Meadows, which is in its 55 th year assisting seniors in Boulder. Lost entire bottom level of skilled nursing and entire assisted living wing, and much more infrastructure, including independent living structures, approximately \$7.5 to 10 million in loss. Here for long-term needs for seniors in Boulder community. They are coming out of the flood and recreating what the organization will provide in the long run. Would appreciate continued advocacy of the Board.	
Chuck Howe Emphasized how severe the effects of the flood were on Frasier Meadows and is here to ask Board to promote maximum flood control off Highway 36 and any other alternatives. Qualla Drive area was badly impacted with 100 damaged homes, as well as Frasier Meadows. On the basis of FEMA’s first ruling, Frasier Meadows would be out of the floodplain if they built a retaining wall around its campus. FEMA recently reversed their decision, saying that they would still fall in the floodplain due to two structures being out of compliance with construction regulations. All residents would then be subject to flood insurance, with current rates quoted, causing a tremendous impact to residents. Feels that adequate storage around Hwy. 36 would protect the Qualla Drive area and would give grounds for appealing FEMA ruling, which has severe implications for Frasier. Hopes Board will consider the alternative, which would provide a legitimate argument to FEMA to have them reconsider their decision. Final recommendation is to consider other alternatives on the other side of Highway 36.	
Tom LeMire President HOA of 100-unit, 5 building complex, which is about 15 years old, north of Frasier Meadows Manner. As with Frasier, their building was under water during flood, small fraction of loss compared to what Frasier endured. \$42,000 worth of electrical damage to meters, with biggest issue being with settlement with insurance company. In their 80-page umbrella insurance document, they didn’t see exemption that insurance company found, which stated that they should not be covered for upgrading electric meters even though City of Boulder says that meters should be upgraded, per the 2011 code. The	

insurance company does not cover upgrading, which is a catch-22.

There were so much mechanical repairs and now years of frustrating efforts that require very expensive insurance policy. Experienced 3 feet of water that probably came from Bear Creek/ NCAR area. Asks that Board please work with CU to open South Campus for natural retention in large low-lying areas around CU.

Rick Mahan

Member South Boulder Creek Action Group. Wants to reemphasize that the group’s main priority is to stop the overtopping of US36 during floods.

Agenda Item 4 - Matters From Staff: [7:21 p.m.]

- a) Update on South Boulder Creek Mitigation Study
- b) Update on National Flood Insurance Program – Community Rating System
- c) 2015 Flood Outreach Program
- d) Water Conservation Program

Agenda Item 5 – Matters from the Board: [8:55 p.m.]

Board Member Smith brought up the below matter(s):

- Attended Watershed Forum, which was fantastic and thought-provoking.
- Feels that the more our public can be educated about water use and average per-capita consumption, and the more information people have, the more they may realize that it is a critical resource.

Board Member Johnson brought up the below matter(s):

- Thanked Board Secretary for receiving the meeting packet in one succinct package this month, as opposed to separate documents and attachments.
- Stated that he will miss April meeting and questioned whether date could be changed?
- Questioned status of snowpack in the watershed?

Board Member Clancy brought up the below matter(s):

- Questioned whether the city’s water supply lines’ range of leakage falls between 7% and 14%.
- Discussed email that was sent to Board about study regarding “submarines” that were sent through collection systems and that it would be nice to see this subject revisited by city staff.
- Questioned if we are going to be doubling our existing collection system rehabilitation efforts.
- Questions about flow meters that were put in sewage lines and what current infiltration rate is?
- Questioned if Frasier Meadows is an area that would be metered to determine flows?
- Questioned conditioning monitors and the status of the “big pipes” in the city’s sewer mains.
- Questioned if the problem with Casey Middle School is related to sewer main issues?

Agenda Item 6 – Future Schedule [9:05 p.m.]

Several board members expressed interest in rescheduling future meetings due to conflicts. Staff will follow up.

Adjournment [9:07 p.m.]

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, by motion regularly adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by: Johnson; **Seconded by:** Squillace

Motion Passes 5:0

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:

The next WRAB meeting will be **Monday, 16 March 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the **City's Municipal Services Center, 5050 Pearl St., Boulder, CO 80301**

APPROVED BY:

Board Chair

Date

ATTESTED BY:

Board Secretary

Date

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**IN APPRECIATION FOR
GORDON AND GRACE GAMM'S
DONATION AND SUPPORT OF THE ARTS**

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2014, it was announced that Gordon and Grace Gamm are supporting the arts in Boulder with a \$1 million gift to The Dairy Center for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Gordon and Grace believe the arts play a critical role in the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, both have been major supporters of a variety of arts organizations in Boulder and believe that Boulder can become as significant as an arts destination as it is an outdoors and health-conscious community; and

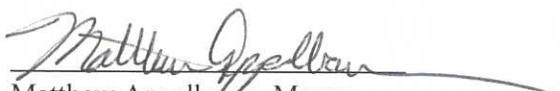
WHEREAS, both hope that The Dairy will become the coordinating hub for the arts in Boulder in order to maximize the quality of arts entertainment and education available here; and

WHEREAS, The Dairy already is home to over 200,000 arts experiences every year and provides music and dance studios for over 2,000 students; and

WHEREAS, Gordon and Grace believe exposure to the arts enhances the quality of our lives and contributes to the desirability of making Boulder home; enriches children's lives through exposure to excellent art and performance; fosters creative expression that results in new opportunities for understanding ourselves and our world; and benefits commercial enterprise by attracting employees who are seeking enriching communities for their families; and

WHEREAS their \$1 million gift to The Dairy confirms their belief in the vitality of the arts in Boulder and the opportunity Boulder has to become a model city for an excellent quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado, that the City of Boulder expresses its sincere appreciation to Gordon and Grace Gamm for their generous donation and support of the arts.


Matthew Appelbaum, Mayor

**BOULDER HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH
MAY 2015**

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character; and

WHEREAS, it is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life, and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping preserve the tangible aspects of our heritage that have shaped us as people; and

WHEREAS, "*History in the Making: Celebrating Youth in Preservation*" is the theme for Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month in Colorado for 2015, co-sponsored by the Boulder Heritage Roundtable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado, that May 2015 is

Historic Preservation Month

and call upon the people of the City of Boulder to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.



Matthew Appelbaum, Mayor

**U.S. Department of Transportation
Mayor's Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets**

WHEREAS, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx launched the department's Safer People, Safer Streets initiative to increase walking and biking, to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities by addressing non-motorized safety issues, and to help communities create safer, better connected bicycling and walking networks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boulder joined over 200 cities in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Mayor's Challenge and attended the Mayor's Summit for Safer People, Safer Streets held in Washington, D.C. in March 2015; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) outlines the City of Boulder's efforts to make Boulder's transportation system more accessible and sustainable for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the *Safe Streets Boulder* program is a TMP action item that includes tracking, analyzing, and identifying a three-pronged approach of engineering, education, and enforcement countermeasures to address the most common motor vehicle collisions involving a bicyclist or pedestrian; and

WHEREAS, a primary goal of the TMP, *Toward Vision Zero*, calls for continuous improvement in safety for all modes of travel and action items to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes through the *Safe Streets Boulder* program; and

WHEREAS, the Boulder community continues to demonstrate its commitment to increase bicycling and walking, as people in Boulder bike 17 times the national average and walk three times the national average. The city has goals to increase this mode share further, hence, understanding and enhancing the safety of these modes is an essential element of the city's work; and

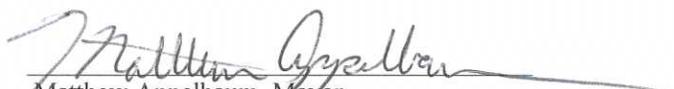
WHEREAS, greater awareness will help all participants in the community's transportation system - pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers - practice safe travel behavior; and

WHEREAS, the city launched the Living Laboratory program to introduce new transportation designs that take a *Complete Streets* approach in an effort to increase comfort and safety of all roadway users and guide enhancements to create a connected network of low-stress routes for people walking and biking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado, that the City of Boulder supports the

**U.S. Department of Transportation
Mayor's Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets**

to take significant action to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities over the next year.


Matthew Appelbaum, Mayor