

## MEETING MINUTES

### City of Boulder and University of Colorado Coordination on S. Boulder Creek Flood Mitigation/CU South IGA Next Steps

**Meeting Date:** May 24, 2018, 3:30-5:15pm

**Location:** Boulder Main Public Library – Arapahoe Room

These meeting minutes present a summary of items discussed during the May 24, 2018 meeting between the City of Boulder (City) and the University of Colorado (CU) for the South Boulder Creek Regional Detention Preliminary Design Project (Project). This is a summary of the meeting and is not intended to be a verbatim account of what transpired at the meeting. Key discussion items have been grouped based on the meeting agenda.

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**Meeting Objective:** To provide an update on project timeline, communications, and future annexation discussion topics. To discuss feedback on flood mitigation concept variations.

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#### Attendees

University of Colorado Staff:

- Frances Draper, Vice Chancellor (VC) for Strategic Relations and Communications
- David Kang, VC for Infrastructure and Sustainability
- Kim Calomino, Director of Local Government and Community Relations
- Derek Silva, Executive Director of Real Estate Services
- Bryan Birosak, Director, Utility and Energy Services
- Elvie Henson, Managing Associate Counsel

City of Boulder Staff:

- Jeff Arthur, Director of Public Works for Utilities
- Tracy Winfree, Director of Open Space and Mountain Parks
- David Gehr, Deputy City Attorney
- Douglas Sullivan, Principal Engineer - Utilities
- Kurt Bauer, Engineering Project Manager, Public Works Dept.
- Molly Scarbrough, Senior Project Manager, Public Works Dept.
- John Potter, Resources & Stewardship Division Manager, Open Space and Mountain Parks
- Phil Kleisler, Planner II, Planning, Housing and Sustainability Dept.
- Gretchen King, Communications Specialist

#### Key Discussion Items

1. Approval of 4/26/18 and 5/14/18 meeting minutes

## **2. Project timeline review, upcoming activities, and other roundtable updates**

- Molly Scarbrough reviewed the draft Project timeline. City staff are trying to schedule a joint meeting with the Water Resources Advisory Board (WRAB) and Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) to present the project concepts evaluation and allow board members to hear each other's questions and comments about the project. The June 18<sup>th</sup> date on the timeline for the joint meeting is tentative. Staff will return to each board separately in July for their deliberations and recommendations to council. WRAB will be asked to provide a recommendation on which concept variation to move forward into preliminary design. OSBT will be asked to identify which project concepts are acceptable to move forward from an open space perspective.
- CU staff provided information about the process CU would need to go through to approve a future annexation agreement. CU staff would provide a briefing to the CU Board of Regents on the draft agreement. If the agreement includes any transfer of fee ownership of CU's property to the city, it would likely require approval by the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents typically meet in April, June, and September. Jeff Arthur stated that the city would want fee ownership of the flood mitigation structures in order to be able to access, maintain, and re-certify the structures as needed over time.
- David Gehr noted that the agreement could be structured in a way that allows for one party to sign the agreement before the other, with a right to withdraw if the other party changes the terms after the first party signed the agreement. This allows city staff and CU staff to bring the draft agreement separately to City Council and Board of Regents for approval at their respective regularly scheduled meetings.

## **3. Discuss feedback on preliminary evaluation of South Boulder Creek flood mitigation concept variations**

- Kurt Bauer presented the high hazard and conveyance zone designations in the project area under existing conditions. City regulations restrict locating habitable structures or parking in high hazard zones.
- CU staff provided initial feedback on the flood mitigation concept variations.
- For the Master Plan and Variant 1 options, CU staff expressed interest in better understanding how the dam would affect entry into the site - what the entry to the CU South site would look like, and whether road access to the site ramping up and over the dam would meet transportation grading standards. CU Staff requested city staff provide information on the heights of the dam at different locations.
- CU staff noted that the Master Plan and Variant 1 500-year concept variations differ significantly from what was identified in the CU South Guiding Principles with regards to the amount of the Public Land Use-designated area on CU South that would be used for flood mitigation.
- City staff noted that the Open Space Board of Trustees has previously stated that flood mitigation concepts that impact Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) land should explore and include other opportunities for the project to result in a net open space benefit. City staff indicated that permanent protection and restoration of high open space potential lands on CU South could be a way achieve a net open space benefit. The 70 acres inside the CU levee would have highest restoration value.

#### **4. Future Annexation Discussion Topics**

- CU Staff stated that the additional use of the Public land use-designated area for flood mitigation and any potential requests for permanent open space protection on CU South would need to be considered within the context of all other potential conditions the City would ask for with annexation.

#### **5. Next Steps**

- Kurt Bauer will send Derek Silva a figure showing the dam heights for each of the concept variations.