

MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting Date: June 28, 2018, 3:30pm-5:00pm

Location: Research Lab RL2, 2540 30th Street, Conference Room 158

These meeting minutes present a summary of items discussed during the June 28, 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.

Meeting Objective: To provide an update on project timeline, recent board discussions, and future annexation discussion topics.

Attendees

University of Colorado Staff:

- Frances Draper, Vice Chancellor (VC) for Strategic Relations and Communications
- Kim Calomino, Director of Local Government and Community Relations
- Derek Silva, Executive Director of Real Estate Services
- Ida Mae Isaac, Capital Planning Strategist

City of Boulder Staff:

- Jeff Arthur, Director of Public Works for Utilities
- Jim Robertson, Director of Planning, Housing and Sustainability
- Dan Burke, Interim Director, 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, Open Space and Mountain Parks
- Phil Kleisler, Planner II, Planning, Housing and Sustainability Dept.
- Gretchen King, Communications Specialist

Key Discussion Items

1. Approval of 5/24/18 and 6/5/18 meeting minutes

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

- Molly Scarbrough reviewed the draft Project timeline. A joint meeting with the Water Resources Advisory Board (WRAB) and Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) was held on June 25 to present the flood mitigation project concepts evaluation and allow board members to hear each other's questions and comments about the project. Staff will return to OSBT on July 11 and WRAB on July 16 for their deliberations and recommendations to City Council. The August 18th Council meeting has moved in observance of Yom Kippur to August 20.

3. Update on 6/7/18 Public Open House feedback and 6/25/18 Joint WRAB/OSBT meeting discussions

- The public open house questionnaire results are posted on the South Boulder Creek website. The greatest percentage of respondents indicated Variant 2, 500-year concept is most preferred, followed by "no preference". Over 70 people attended the open house.
- There was not a lot of discussion between board members at the joint WRAB/OSBT meeting. Some OSBT members stated they did not think Variant 2 was consistent with open space purposes and raised concerns about inundation and sedimentation on OSMP land, groundwater impacts, and concerns with the flow restriction at the US36 bridge. Some WRAB members were interested in the project cost differences between the concepts and how the additional cost may affect the ability of the city to complete other needed flood mitigation projects.

4. Future Annexation Discussion Topics

- Phil Kleisler reviewed the City of Boulder's annexation application details, including requirements for a survey, annexation map and written statement. The city has historically required that most large annexations include some level of detail about proposed development. The university however does not have specific development plans for the site and will not for some years. The flood mitigation project is the driver for an agreement with the university.
- City staff discussed potentially including topics identified in the CU South Guiding Principles, along with an assessment of the level of work anticipated to resolve each topic for inclusion in a final agreement in the memo for the Sept. 20 council meeting on the annexation process. At the Sept. 20 meeting council could be asked to discuss and affirm the key topics for further review, analysis and discussion with CU, and provide feedback on expectations around community engagement.
- The group discussed which topics the Guiding Principles provide clear guidance, which topics need minor clarifications, and which need further review and discussion, from a staff perspective.

5. Next Steps

- The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2018 from 12:30 – 2:00pm.