

CU South / South Boulder Creek - Process Subcommittee

Meeting Agenda and Notes

Friday, April 3, 2020

11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Online Zoom Meeting with video or by phone

Facilitator: Jean Gatza

Note-taker: Holly Opansky

Committee Members: Council member, Rachel Friend and Council member and Mayor Sam Weaver

Staff: Margo Aldrich, Joanna Bloom, Dan Burke, Brandon Coleman, David Gehr, Sarah Huntley, Philip Kleisler, John Potter, Jim Robertson, Douglas Sullivan, and Joe Taddeucci

Attendees from the public:

Ken B. (Meadowlark Open Space), John Berggren (WRAB), Ben Binder, Raymon Bridge, Curt Brown (OSBT), Elmar Dornberger, Francis Draper (University of Colorado), Mike Duffy, John Gerstle (PB), Karen Hollweg (OSBT), Kathie Joyner, Dave Kuntz (OSBT), Marki LaCompte, Gordon McCurry (WRAB), Jim McMillan, Trisha Oeth (WRAB), Harlin Savage, Kirk Vincent (WRAB), Bill Williams, as well as Alison, Anne, Dave @work iPhone, Laura, and 303-554-8946

Agenda and Notes

Upcoming Proposed Board and City Council Schedule – confirmed (even if tentative)

Monday, April 20 - Water Resources Advisory Board (WRAB)

April/May (TBD) - Public Information Session/ Q&A / Feedback

Thursday, May 7 - Planning Board (*no specific public hearing*) – *currently the item is under matters, and public can weigh in during open comments*

Wednesday, June 3* - Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) – *tentative and needs confirmation*

Tuesday, June 16 - City Council

Upcoming Proposed Community Engagement - confirmed

- Advisory Boards – The committee agreed with the proposed approach, and that the meetings target the right topics for each board. However, it was identified that separating the flood mitigation and annexation topics could provide greater clarity to the June council agenda and decision-making process., It was encouraged to communicate clearly that the flood mitigation topic would be emphasized (for action in the June meeting), while other topics related to annexation could be identified, then group by theme (to inform engagement design and future processes).
- Public Information Session – The committee agreed with the proposed approach. Comments included: support for recording the Information Session to post for later viewing; caution around not inviting feedback on topics that will not be part of the council decision-making in June; and

to present the information about flood design clearly describing the direction about viable options that was provided by council at the February Study Session. If by chance not all three approaches could be executed, the committee would revisit and discuss the approach.

Future Process Subcommittee Meeting Dates - confirmed

Friday, May 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Friday, June 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Wednesday, July 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Public Comment

- **Ken B.**, requested that Council address the questions posed in September 2019 OSBT meeting, i.e. the cost/benefit analysis on upstream options for variant 1 and 2, and/or alternatives.
- **Ben Binder**, requested that this topic at the upcoming Planning Board meeting be an agenda item, instead of a matter, thus having a public hearing opportunity after staff's presentation; and enquired if the 483 AF detention pond with the 100-year design will provide protection against a 2013-type flood.
- **Curt Brown**, Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) member, requested staff provide technical reports as early as possible, as well as provide a critical path or clear road map for decision making of specific items with agendas reflecting narrow items.
- **Mike Duffy**, enquired about the status of the ground water study (and directly asked Joe Taddeucci address it); and supported BeHeard Boulder engagement to be open to all topics (and not limited to just flood or just annexation), as well as offering the input time to be longer than two weeks.
- **John Gerstle**, Planning Board member, since this topic is significant, suggested that the topic be a regular item on Planning Board agendas (for the near future) and not limited to one meeting; and supported the public's opportunity to provide input on changing the scope from a 500-year to 100-year design.
- **Karen Hollweg**, OSBT, supported upcoming engagement specifically include the environmental impact information (i.e. regarding harm and flood mitigation options); and requested staff present information at the May 13 OSBT, that answer the questions from the September 2019 OSBT meeting, so members could aptly assess, discuss and provide direction (for themselves and the public).
- **Kathie Joyner**, appreciated staff and the community's efforts to continue the process and public engagement.
- **Marki LaCompte**, referencing the Feb. 25, 2020 city council study session that shifted the parameters from 500-year to a 100-year design that was previously approved and voted on by council, supported the public's opportunity to weigh in on this in upcoming engagement.
- **Gordon McCurry**, WRAB, requested staff to specifically provide clear information at the April 20, 2020 WRAB meeting, and offer public comments, so members can make key decisions.

- **Jim McMillan**, interested in the water studies, the designs, and any other data being provided will be integrated into the timeline and decision making process; and interested in having the opportunity to weigh in on whether the design is 100-year, instead of 500-year oriented.
- **Harlin Savage**, requested ground water to study and any other studies to make decisions, be provided.
- **Kirk Vincent**, supported greater clarity (more detailed information) being shared with WRAB, so they may make decision(s).
- **Bill Williams**, interested in hearing more about the alternatives for CU South getting water in and interested in public meeting before the April 20, 2020 WRAB meeting.
- **Laura**, appreciated everyone's effort to continue process and engagement (in new virtual environment).

South Boulder Creek Flood Mitigation / CU South Annexation Initial Engagement Approach (Q1-Q2, 2020)

Last Updated: 4/10/2020

CITY COUNCIL DECISION TO BE MADE

On June 16, 2020 City Council will hold a public hearing to take action on direction for flood mitigation design. The proposed engagement approach is intended to gather the relevant information for council's decision.

PROPOSED ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE

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** to be confirmed*

BOARD AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

Proposed Approach: Interested community members can focus their participation and feedback at advisory board meetings that address their topics of concern.

Open Space Board of Trustees (*public hearing*)

- Staff response to OSBT feedback
- Environmental mitigation options (including the levee), and feedback on how to minimize environmental harm
- Updates to previous recommendations?

Water Resources Advisory Board (*public hearing*)

- Funding – South Boulder Creek cost as compared to the whole flood stormwater program
- Climate change
- Levee – no impact on the functionality of the flood design
- Updates to previous recommendations?

Planning Board (*no public hearing*)

- Status update
- Feedback on the question of how to turn the Guiding Principles into the annexation terms

City Council (*public hearing*)

- Feedback from Boards (*funding, levee, changes to recommendations*)
- Project design and schedule updates
- Finalizing the role of the levee (Cost impacts, environmental implications, tradeoffs)
- Action on flood design

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Proposed virtual meeting approach: Virtual presentation via telephone or video to provide information on the flood mitigation project.

Inform

- a. Flood design direction and what 100-year protection provides
- b. CU South Annexation: Background & explanation of key topics.
- c. Pros / cons of levee removal
- d. Annexation topics as have been identified

Consult

- e. Flood design: collect additional feedback from community members to report to City Council
- f. Annexation Topics: What topics are most important to community members?

Proposed Q & A Approach: Be Heard Boulder to gather questions for staff to provide responses

Proposed Feedback approach: Be Heard Boulder to gather written feedback about the flood design approach and annexation topics of interest