

Chautauqua Access Management Plan (CAMP) Working Group Meeting #1

Monday, September 19, 2016

The City of Boulder is in the process of developing recommendations for trial (pilot) short-term measures to be tested in summer 2017, as well as longer-term recommendations to be included in a final Chautauqua Access Management Plan. ***The charge of this community working group is to help city staff recommend to respective City boards and City Council which short-term measures could be implemented and evaluated in 2017.*** Beyond that, additional community process will help craft the final plan.

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees: *CAMP Working Group members* – Curt Brown, Patrick Casey, John Kenyon, Joel Koenig, Mary Ann Mahoney, Roni Chen Maloney, Michael McCarthy, Mary Price, Sara Pritchard and Tara Winer; *Facilitator* – Heather Bergman; *City of Boulder staff* – Community Vitality Director Molly Winter, Community Vitality Deputy Director Susan Connelly, Transportation Operations Engineer Bill Cowern, Open Space and Mountain Parks Planner Deryn Wagner, Communications Specialist III Lisa Smith, Transportation intern Oscar Saucedo; *Observer* – Susan Balint (neighbor on Ninth Street)

The meeting convened at 6 p.m. Community Vitality Department Director Molly Winter welcomed the working group and expressed the City Manager’s appreciation for their willingness to serve. Facilitator Heather Bergman, the working group, staff and observer Susan Balint introduced themselves and their interests in the CAMP issues.

Susan Connelly shared background on the long history of access and parking issues within the Chautauqua historic district and in the surrounding area and the prior data collection and mitigation development efforts. She distributed the *Chautauqua Collaborative Stewardship: Guiding Principles for Place Management and Fiscal Sustainability (2012)*. She read pertinent sections of the new lease entered into in 2015 by the City and the Colorado Chautauqua Association re: use of the historic district and access and parking management, previewing the Chautauqua Access Management Plan (CAMP) guiding principles and other forms of guidance to be considered as staff and the working group look at potential mitigation measures. She stated that the bottom line of this effort is the need to understand trade-offs and to seek balance between ensuring access to the area and mitigating the negative impacts of uses and users.

Bill Cowern walked the group through the project work plan and schedule, including the anticipated agenda for each CAMP working group meeting through February 2015 and the anticipated community outreach, boards and commissions and City Council schedule. He noted the tight timeframe to be able to implement any pilot program(s) in summer 2017.

Deryn Wagner introduced the discussion of evaluation criteria by describing the concept of “wicked problems” – those that involve competing underlying values and paradoxes that

require either tough choices between opposing goods or innovative ideas that can transcend the inherent tensions, like the access and parking situation in and around Chautauqua - making the point that “wicked problems” are to be managed, not “solved.” Questions arose about what problem(s) we seek to solve, and the response was that the data collected this summer and to be discussed at the next working group meeting will identify the problem areas. Staff responded by saying that at the next meeting, data and key findings will be discussed. These will identify the key problems and opportunities we’re trying to address. Deryn noted all of the major guiding documents that will impact choices of mitigation techniques for the pilot program(s), the main two being the CAMP guiding principles in the City-CCA lease and the Access Management and Parking Strategy (AMPS) guiding principles, and also including the Transportation Master Plan, Open Space and Mountain Parks Visitor Master Plan and West Trail Study Area Plan. Discussion ensued re: prescriptive issues and proscriptive issues. Bill Cowern noted that staff will draft evaluation criteria for the working group’s consideration and input, likely for the November meeting, following review of the key findings from the data collection and analysis in October. He noted that the summer 2017 pilot(s) should target problems for which data exists so that progress is measurable. He noted that not every mitigation measure will make everyone happy. Working group members offered various perspectives and ideas for improvement, which will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting on mitigation measures that relate to key data findings.

Regarding the role of the working group, Heather Bergman reiterated the operating agreements from the working group solicitation, explained her role as facilitator, noted that staff would produce meeting summaries, stated basic group behaviors and asked for suggestions of any others. She noted that observers were welcome to attend the working group meetings and that a public comment e-mail address would be created and communicated to the CAMP mailing list, with all comments funneled to Heather for aggregation and distribution to the working group and staff. She directed working group questions and comments to Susan Connelly. Lisa Smith committed to posting information and links to other city documents (e.g., the AMPS) on the CAMP website (www.ChautauquaAccessManagementPlan.com) and to alerting the working group to availability by e-mail.

Bill Cowern previewed next steps – that the data collected this summer is being analyzed and will be sent well in advance of the next working group meeting for review as working group homework. OSMP survey data will be provided via a presentation at the October meeting, and posted online. He said the next meeting will focus on the key data findings and the beginning of discussion of mitigation strategies linked to the key data findings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.