

## CU South Process Subcommittee Meeting Notes

Friday, November 1, 2019

9 to 10:15 a.m.

Municipal Building Room W-100 (1777 Broadway)

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**Facilitator:** Jean Gatza **Note-taker:** Holly Opansky

**Committee Members:** Council members Cindy Carlisle and Bob Yates

**Staff:** Margo Aldrich, Brandon Coleman, Philip Kleisler, Jim Robertson, Doug Sullivan, and Joe Taddeucci

**Other attendees from the public:** Ben Binder, Curt Brown, Gary George, Karen Hollway, Marki LaCompte, Gordon McCurry, Danica Powell, and Alan Taylor

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### General Updates

- Phil Kleisler reviewed a community newsletter scheduled for November.
  - Joe Taddeucci, Interim Director of Public Works for Utilities, provided an update on the South Boulder Creek flood mitigation status:
    - Staff and consultants are continuing work on the Variant 1 concept;
    - Work is being aligned between city staff groups: Utilities, OSMP, Planning, Transportation; and
    - Analysis from the consultants is expected by early 2020
  - Phil Kleisler, Senior Planner described the ongoing work of aligning the annexation topics with the flood mitigation work.
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### Preparing for Nov. 19 City Council Meeting

Following a discussion, the committee recommended that the Council Agenda Committee:

- Increase the time from 20 minutes to 45 minutes;
  - Include two items: The Process Subcommittee appointment and a process check-in;
  - A staff presentation for the process check-in should include:
    - A brief update and orientation about the project for new council members;
    - High-level schedule of events through the spring leading to a council decision on the SBC Analysis in May 2020;
    - Notes on the project timeline after May 2020; and
    - A small handful of slides on decisions that have already been made (e.g., flood mitigation options).
  - The near-term schedule should include:
    - Board input prior to (or concurrent with) community engagement;
    - A council tour of the CU South site prior to the proposed Feb. 25, 2020 council study session, as well as a public walking tour after the study session;
    - Community engagement should include both topics of flood and annexation (as well as indicating the dependencies upon each other); and
    - Staff will share preliminary community engagement questions with council during the Feb. 25 study session for input.
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## Public Comment

- Ben Binder recommend the city appoint a strong negotiating team and that geotechnical studies should be further along.
- Curt Brown, OSBT member, supported the process direction with more emphasis on geo-technical research and upstream options.
- Gary George expressed interest in highlighting the project history at the Nov. 19 city Council meeting, so that work is not reiterated.
- Karen Hollway expressed interest in finding out the annexation timeline, especially with regard to the impacts on and off-site. Council Member Carlisle added that she would like to see the university's input on costs. Council Member Yates clarified that City Council would address flood issues in May, but not annexation. Phil Kleisler commented that work on other annexation issues (e.g. transportation) cannot move forward without flood issues being addressed. Council Member Yates requested the annexation timeline and dependencies be provided at the Feb. 25 City Council study session.
- Marki LaCompte, Save South, supported an engagement process that 1) defines who is the public and how they will be reached, because many groups don't feel they have been heard; 2) if public comments will be shared at the study session; 3) clearly communicate the intention of the outreach, whether it is collaborative or information only and that it is well publicized. Phil Kleisler commented that the city is open to hosting a meeting with residents to hear more about engagement expectations prior to designing the process.
- Gordon McCurry, supported the need to more thoroughly research the geo-technical information. He enquired about what is being done to address ground water modeling and requested peer review.
- Danica Powell, Trestle Strategy Group, represents CU Boulder, expressed interest in finding out what the costs are related to flood and annexation, i.e. replacement of tennis courts.
- Alan Taylor expressed interest in finding out what are the primary objectives around flood and annexation. He recommended staff look at the initial studies from Love and Associates in 1996 and mentioned that there were 50 community outreach events at that time.