

East Boulder Subcommunity – Working Group #15 - Meeting Notes

Wednesday, August 26 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Hosted via an online video and phone conference meeting

Working Group Members		Staff	Community
<i>In attendance:</i>	Judith Renfroe	<i>In attendance:</i>	Alberto De Los Rios – Boulder County
Matt Appelbaum	Patti Smith	Jean Gatza	Tila Duhaime – Transportation Advisory Board
Peter Aweida	Jeff Wingert	Ryan Hanschen	Lynn Segal
Ana Karina Casas		Kathleen King	
Erin Bagnall	<i>Unavailable:</i>	Holly Opansky	
Lori Call	Lucy Conklin	Kalani Paho	
Julia Dullien	Aaron Cook		
Leticia Garcia	Aaron Johnson	<i>Translators:</i>	
John Gerstle	Adam Kroll	Elena Klaver	
Laura Kaplan	Ken MacClune	Marina La Grave	
Kirsten Millar	Tim O’Shea	Manuela Sifuentes	
Ben Molk	Dawn Williams		

The purpose of this meeting was to review changes to the Land Use Test Concepts and confirm the range of choices is OK to move forward to Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) and Planning Board (PB). Introduce the Station Area Master Plan (STAMP) effort for the planned 55th and Arapahoe BRT station.

Agenda – July 22

- 3:30 – Overview, Purpose, and Ground Rules
- 3:40 – Public Comment
- 3:50 – Progress Update, Schedule and Next Steps
- 4:00 – Share Revised Test Concepts Short poll – 1 question – Fist to five to confirm moving forward.
- 4:40 – Break
- 4:45 – Vision Statement Outreach
- 5:05 – Intro to STAMP
- 5:25 – Wrap Up and Next Steps

Summary and Key Points of these meetings

- A few changes are needed to the land use options before they move to TAB and PB
- Working group members have volunteer opportunity to participate in topic-committees, including (1) Engagement Planning (2) Scenario Testing Metrics and Indicators and (3) Station Area Master Plan design and planning
- Extending the deadline for the BeHeardBoulder survey to September 14 to collect additional feedback, in particular from our Spanish-speaking community

How will input from this Working Group meeting be used?

- Updating the land use concepts
- Prepare memos and presentations to boards and council
- Create committees and committee agendas

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Public Comment:

No public comment at this meeting.

Overview, Progress Update, Schedule, and Next Steps

- Kathleen reported that the project is picking up steam and approaching Scenario Testing phase. She highlighted the next key milestones will be Transportation Advisory Board on September 14, Planning Board on September 17, and City Council on October 20. Kathleen mentioned that the input provided in these board and council meetings, plus the vision statements, and the working group meetings will influence the content shared in the public engagement phase in November and December 2020, and January 2021.
- Emphasizing the upcoming content sharing with the public, Jean Gatza solicited help from working group members for committee work. The committees included Metrics and Indicators, Engagement, and Station Area Planning.

Share Revised Test Concepts Short poll – 1 question – Fist to five to confirm moving forward.

- Kathleen went through the changes to the three Test Concepts gathered from the July working group meetings' input. (See presentation slides for details.)
- Working Group questions:
 - **Matt** wondered about the types of mixed-use designation in the TOD and volunteered to participate in the Metrics and Indicators subcommittee.
 - **Matt** regarding TC3, expressed a need for clarity about the land use designation of a park in the conveyance zone north of Arapahoe and north of the Flatirons Golf course, instead of mixed-use / commercial (if it still could divert water).
 - **Ben** replied to Matt's enquiring regarding development in the TC3 conveyance zone, stating that it is almost impossible to get approval for permits at projects in the high hazard or conveyance zones; Jeff, Erin B. agreed.
 - **Laura** expressed interest in testing housing at the airport and Valmont Power Plant. (Kathleen mentioned this can be achieved in testing. Erin requested clarity about Laura's vision; Laura elaborated that community members have expressed interest in testing housing at the airport. John concurred.) Lori concurred.
 - **Laura** expressed interest in testing the Valmont Power Plant area potential redevelopment, as community area instead of a park. (Noted that Jean Gatza shared a Helsinki project that was interest.)
 - **Judy** would like to see a test concept with high density option along Valmont
 - **Jeff** described that it's unlikely that the community will select one of the three options to move forward but that there are pieces of each that could be combined
 - **Patti** expressed interest in offering no redevelopment in any type of flood plain designation.
 - **John** mentioned that the best use of time at Planning Board is to provide some concrete ideas to respond to, instead of just general concepts.
 - **Matt** expressed caution about showing a test concept that repurposes the airport because of issues with timing and setting realistic expectations about change with the community
 - **Lori** encouraged flexibility when thinking about time and use, especially with business

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- sustainability and resilience in mind (like heavy-impact occurrence of covid crisis).
- **Peter** voted to move forward, not agreeing with every idea, but certainly supported testing the presented ideas.
- **Ben** enquired about the process of Planning Board. Kathleen recommended earlier and often; John recommended clarity.
- **Lori** enquired if the working group members would have a role at TAB and PB? Kathleen will follow up.
- **Patti** enquired about the priorities of the Planning Board and how this planning process will be evaluated. Kathleen clarified that PB is charged with carrying out the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan, then applying the citywide goals; if not all can be accomplished then trade offs occur. Patti continued, by wondering if redevelopment in the flood plain is ok and John reiterated that the BVCP is the PB's guiding document and that it is not out of the question, even though he may think differently

Vision Statement Outreach

- Jean Gatza shared the results of the BeHeard questionnaire and mentioned it would be open for few more weeks. Peter shared it with his distribution list, and Lori planned to share it with the Chambers' mailing list.

Intro to STAMP

- Jean Sanson showcased the 55th & Arapahoe STAMP project. She started with sharing the completed East Arapahoe Transportation Plan setting the stage for future bus rapid transit (BRT) corridor (high quality, high frequency, high capacity) options and intersections. The six-lane design is more efficient use and the City of Boulder Transportation department is currently working with CDOT and RTD to achieve these options. Jean Sanson mentioned that the work to be done by the newly-hired consultant, MIG, will dovetail with the EB Subcommunity Plan.
- Erin B. enquired about the Arapahoe and 63rd intersection and having a commuter light rail. Jean Sanson elaborated on the status of this being 20+++ years out. Peter supported this idea with thinking about the Valmont Power Plant site.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

- See you soon at the September 23, 2020 Working Group meeting!