

East Boulder Subcommunity – Working Group #8 - Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 22 at 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
 2520 55th St., Open Space and Mountain Parks office building

Working Group Members		City Staff	Community
In attendance: Matt Appelbaum Erin Bagnall Ana Karina Casas Lucy Conklin Julia Dullien John Gerstle Laura Kaplan Adam Kroll Ken MacClune Ben Molk Judith Renfroe	Patti Smith Dawn Williams Jeff Wingert Unavailable: Peter Aweida Lori Call Aaron Cook Leticia Garcia Aaron Johnson Kirsten Millar Tim O’Shea	In attendance: Jean Gatza Ryan Hanschen Sarah Huntley Melissa Morgan Holly Opansky Jim Robertson Jean Sanson Dana Sparks Consultant: Emily Zmak Unavailable: Kathleen King	Michael Caplan Allyn Feinberg

Meeting Purpose -- *The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss this project and the working group’s course for this new year.*

- Agenda**
1. 2:30 pm - Meeting start & welcome
 2. 2:40 pm - 10-minute public comment
 3. 2:50 pm - Overview and Roadmap 2020
 - + Increase clarity about the subcommunity planning process and working group contributions with Jim Robertson
 - + Share updates including the 55th & Arapahoe STAMP process with Jean Sanson
 - + Create a shared understanding about engagement: where we have been, where we are now and where we are going with Sarah Huntley
 - + Collectively consider any proposed changes to how the group operates with Jean Gatza
 4. 4:15 pm – Report out from activity
 5. Conclusion

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Following are some questions members asked about the previous information:

Dawn enquired about the Working Group's role in the Focus Group events and requested the group be invited to future events. Sarah Huntley replied and promised to follow up after the meeting with upcoming events.

Judith continued the topic of the Focus Group, by asking if there would be a public report produced at the end of this process. Sarah Huntley and consultant Emily Zmak, CDR Associates, confirmed there would be a report shared with the working group and the public.

Erin expressed curiosity about the scope of the STAMP project and requested for examples of other similar projects. Jean Sanson answered that there are examples like City of Boulder's Transit Village Area Plan (TVAP).

Ken continued the topic of the STAMP project, by expressing interest in how the two projects would be integrated. Jim Robertson answered that the merging of the two are a work in progress that depends on input from the working group.

John enquired about three topics: the creation of the subcommunity boundaries, why San Lazaro but not Vista Village were included in East Boulder, and how would the Airport and Xcel energy plants be addressed. Jim Robertson replied that the boundaries were voted on by city council and promised to follow up with documentation. The last two topics did not necessarily have an immediate answer.

○ **Collectively consider any proposed changes to how the group operates with Jean Gatz**

Working group members divided into three groups and discussed thoughts and answers to the following questions:

- 1. Are there additional concerns or opportunities to identify and discuss?*
- 2. How can we create space and an environment conducive to working together and upholding the process values?*
- 3. Are there structural or procedural changes that would be helpful to implement?*

Group one: Matt Applebaum, Lucy Conklin, Laura Kaplan, Adam Kroll, and Judith Renfroe with staff Sarah Huntley

This group's ideas did not necessarily or directly address each question, and the following are their comprehensive results:

- Would like the Gantt chart to be expanded to include the working group's role and milestones.
- Lanyard name tags.
- Hardcopy of Inventory and Analysis report.
- The working group needs more than 30 minutes to provide feedback and input.
- Would like to know how the working group will make decisions?

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- It is comforting to learn and understand that the working group is in information gathering mode.
- Want to know and understand what types of things will be in scenario testing, like what are the indicators and metrics?
- Where are the knowledge gaps and does each working group member need to be an expert on all things?
- Request homework for 4 to 10 items list on what each working group member wants to see happen.
- Would like a red, yellow, and green light list of working group member alignment or non-alignment on topics, so they can problem solve on topics of disagreement.
- What is the recommendation going to look like at the end?
- Prefer the meetings focus on one topic and not many topics.
- Provide group discussion strategies so that sharing your input is easy and equitable for all types of communicators, i.e. but using a rain stick, or doing a round robin.
- Not all working group meetings need to be longer, but for more substantive or consensus building discussions a longer meeting could be beneficial.

Group two: Erin Bagnall, Ken MacClune, Ben Molk, Dawn Williams with staff Holly Opansky

Q1: Are there additional concerns or opportunities to identify and discuss?

- The city providing bus passes for all working group members, so that they would be encouraged to use public transportation to better understand the strengths and weaknesses.
- Staff providing more information about events that effect this East Boulder, like the Focus Groups.
- Experiential homework requesting members to participate in activities in East Boulder like B-Cycle, Bus, and Bike.
- Get to know members in the group by making sure all members get to meet each other in breakout groups.

Q2: How can we create space and an environment conducive to working together and upholding the process values?

- More social events to get to know each other.

Q3: Are there structural or procedural changes that would be helpful to implement?

- Clarify that the working group makes recommendations that are heavily considered by decision making bodies (and that they themselves are not necessarily a decision-making body (even though they make decisions) who would approve and adopt
- Increase awareness of the East Boulder Subcommunity Plan broadly as well as via the working group members. Do this by advertising the plan to the city at large. Then also provide direction to members on what and how to share info via social media and general communication.
- Clarify how the recommendations (and adopted) will be executed and funded by the community and property owners.
- Clarify how STAMP and EBSC projects are similar and different.

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Group three: Ana Karina Casas, Julia Dillien, John Gerstle, Jeff Wingert with staff Jean Gatza and observer Allyn Feinberg

Q1: Are there additional concerns or opportunities to identify and discuss?

- Questions about plan boundaries and why several areas are not included:
 - Valmont Power Plant (and consideration of its future),
 - Vista Village
- Concern that the voices of people who work in EB are included – not just the employers or professionals but service industry workers (how they commute, where they live?).

Q2: How can we create space and an environment conducive to working together and upholding the process values?

- Appreciate contextualized meeting locations when the site relates to the topic.
- Appreciate small group presentations / discussions. Caution about presentation style and big voices dominating large group conversations while also allowing for large group debates.
- Want more sub-topic group meetings (i.e. housing, transportation, resilience)
 - Suggest sub-topic groups could join to broach inter-relationship of topics (e.g. housings talks with resilience)
 - Allow people to switch topics
- Appreciate snacks and drinks.
- Suggest trying different facilitation styles to all for different learning styles.
- Sub-topic focus groups?

Q3: Are there structural or procedural changes that would be helpful to implement?

- Meeting times, 2:30-4:30 for every meeting might not work for everybody. (but maybe 2:30-5:00 would make it worthwhile).
- Suggest more meetings over the lunch hour.
- Bring in more folks representing key impact areas / viewpoints.
- Reiterate how this relates to city code, broader city rules, regs, land-use, zoning.

1. Conclusion

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Working Group Members		
Matthew Appelbaum	Small local business	ma
Peter Aweida	Small local business	n/a
Erin Bagnall	Arts & Culture	EB
Lori Call	Housing	n/a
Ana Karina Casas	Housing	AK
Lucy Conklin	Design	LC
Aaron Cook	Jobs & Housing	
Julia Dullien	Resilience	JD
Leticia Garcia	Arts & Culture	
John Gerstle	Design	JHG -
Aaron Johnson	Jobs & Housing	n/a
Laura Kaplan	Housing	LK
Adam Kroll	Small local business	A
Kenneth MacClune	Resilience	KAM
Kirsten Millar	Resilience	n/a
Ben Molk	Jobs & Housing	B
Tim O'Shea	Design	
Judith Renfro	Jobs & Housing	JR
Patti Smith	Arts & Culture	PS
Dawn Williams	Design	DW
Jeffrey Wingert	Housing	JW

