



Fourmile Canyon Creek Open House Public Comments

Date: 9.26.13

Meeting Location & Neighborhood: Fourmile Canyon Creek – Wild Sage Village

Number of Attendees: 54

Staff in Attendance:

Annie Noble	Val Matheson	Marni Ratzel	Bob Harberg
Lesli Ellis	Katie Knapp	Peter Rosato	
Jeff Hirt	Kurt Bauer	Heather Bergman	
Pieter Beyer	Douglas Sullivan	Dave Thacker	

Purpose

This meeting was originally scheduled before the recent flood event as part of a community and environmental assessment process to evaluate flood mitigation, path connection and park development alternatives in the area of Fourmile Canyon Creek between Upland Avenue and Violet Park. Given the recent flood event, we have expanded the purpose of this open house to provide an opportunity for the Fourmile Community to see flood extent information that we have collected, weigh in about the impacts of the recent flooding and provide comments about future improvements. This is also an opportunity for the residents to speak with city staff to get information and assistance with flood recovery and find out the status of public facilities. Development alternatives for Violet Park will be presented at a future meeting. There were approximately 54 members of the public present at the meeting.

There were three stations providing the following information:

- o Flood Recovery Information*
- o Flood Mapping Information*
- o Preliminary Proposed Flood and Greenways Alternatives*

Summary of Public Comments

There was an overall sense of support by community members for the plans presented. Many presented flooding concerns and wanted the city to know about the flood damage that occurred in their neighborhood. Some areas of concern were Quince Avenue, 19th Street and Sumac, Periwinkle Drive as well as the culvert at Utica and Broadway. Some

residents were also concerned about the damage of the bridge at 19th and Upland. There were many ideas presented on how to improve future flood planning in the area.

A link to the map-based summary will be added to this summary and BoulderFloodInfo.net when available. All address-specific comments provided at the meeting will be reflected on the map comments.

General Comments

- I noticed an area on Broadway east of Wonderland Lake Area (Tamarack) that suffered in backyards and had damage to one or two fences and big trees. The damage was not so bad.
- The new creek runway/bike path looks good!
- The north to south culvert at Utica and Broadway silted up and did not allow flow to Wonderland Creek (west of Broadway) and flooded upland toward properties and homes.
- Can we get better flood plain protection from Fourmile Creek to the west end (RV Parking) of Boulder Meadows?
- Thank you for this meeting, it was very informational. I'm concerned about any improvements being made before final maps are available, as they may negatively impact downstream residents.
- I feel strongly that the area between the new Rosewood project and BHP's housing at Foothills Community Park should remain undeveloped. Improve this site to be improved and act like a "sponge."
- We support the plan!
- Bike and walking trails are a good, safe idea.
- I hope you get it built sooner rather than later.
- Please keep the Violet Park functioning as a detention trap for debris. Make your park landscaping such that it can be obliterated by the debris and then cleaned out. We really appreciate all the debris that the park caught, which did not go down into the neighborhood. Perhaps Frisbee golf or a paint ball arena might work well with the flood debris detention function. We need things for youth in the mobile home parks.
- Wonderland Creek drained beautifully until 15th and Riverside where it collided with flooded homes on 15th and flooded homes east of this and ran directly into Boulder Waldorf and homes on 19th.
- I like to bike ride along the paths. Violet Park – "Alt. 1 alignment" preferred – It's more pleasant to ride along the creek than to ride next to traffic. Underpasses are nice too.
- Please prioritize building the bridges along Fourmile under 19th Street and Upland.

- The bridge at 19th and Upland was completely flooded and went down Upland, primarily through the 1st three neighbor's yards on the east side of 19th. Our yard was completely flooded including the inside of our house on our west side. Water that was supposed to be transported into the creek went down Upland and into other neighborhoods. We seriously need the new improvements to mitigate this extensive damage.
- Immediate attention is needed at the 19th and Upland bridge. Upland and 19th flooded and there was no exit for residents except for emergency access.
- I would like the city to purchase adequate floodway easements from the property owners along 4-mile. Including full market price purchases of properties if necessary. Flood mitigation is the primary goal – bike paths and linear parks and greenways would be a positive side benefit.
- Some streets, like Quince, have substantial drainage ditches adjacent to the street. Other streets have little or no ditch. City should improve ditches where they are not adequate.
- 19th and Sumach has large cracks and potholes and is a safety hazard.
- I just wanted to make sure the city knows our area flooded so that it is included in the official flood drawings. Almost all of the homes on Periwinkle Drive were flooded. (Orchard Park neighborhood just south of Lucky's Market.)
- Flooding happened south of Quince on ALL of Periwinkle
- We need a storm sewer entry along Broadway upstream of Violet. Storm water now goes down Broadway, turns onto Violet and then goes down 13th and floods the houses.
- Why aren't you tracking the Silver Lake ditch overflow?
- The Utica and Broadway culvert are meant to drain to Wonderland. It was filled with debris and silt. Tamarack, Upland and part of Sumac were flooded.
- Most of Periwinkle flooded.
- Water flow between Sumac and Tamarack wasn't this even. Behind 1435 Sumac and 1475 Sumac it went down in the ditch behind the house then out to Sumac.
- Can an overflow channel go down Violet for Fourmile Creek?
- Water flowing down Yarmouth entered Boulder Meadows and washed out retaining walls and flooded the NW end. You don't show the Lee Hill flood source that brought the water from the north.
- Street drainage spilled into Githens, lateral of Silver Lake ditch. "A" spilled at the low corner of the ditch, 10-15' flow across meadow. Lateral "B" conveyed the rest.
- Water flowed from Broadway, east between houses, and over to 13th.
- Major spill from creek south across Violet to 16th Street.
- Vinca Court flooded with only a few exceptions.
- Wonderland was supposed to take 40% of flood water. This needs to allow the water to come through to prevent downstream damage.

- Wonderland was blocked here. It caused serious damage in the Fourmile floodplain.
- Are you planning on moving the new river path back to its historic location?