

MEETING NOTES

City of Boulder and University of Colorado Coordination on S. Boulder Creek Flood Mitigation/CU South Annexation-IGA Next Steps

Meeting Date: Feb. 28, 2019 3:30pm-5:00pm

Location: 1540 30th Street, Research Lab RL2, Conf. Room 158

These meeting minutes present a summary of items discussed during the February 28, 2019 meeting between the City of Boulder (City) and the University of Colorado (CU) for the South Boulder Creek Regional Detention Preliminary Design and CU South Annexation Project (Project). This is a summary of the meeting and is not intended to be a verbatim account of what transpired at the meeting. Key discussion items have been grouped based on the meeting agenda.

Meeting Objective: Update on next steps for the flood mitigation project and annexation process.

Attendees:

University of Colorado Staff and Consultants:

- Frances Draper, Vice Chancellor (VC) for Strategic Relations and Communications
- Ida Mae Isaac, Capital Planning Strategist
- Danica Powell, Project Manager, Trestle Strategy Group

City of Boulder Staff:

- Jim Robertson, Comprehensive Planning Manager
- Douglas Sullivan, Principal Engineer for Utilities
- Molly Scarbrough, Senior Project Manager
- John Potter, Resource & Stewardship Division Manager, Open Space and Mountain Parks Dept.
- Philip Kleisler, Planner II

Key Discussion Items:

1. Approval of the 1/24/19 meeting minutes.

2. Recap of Feb. 5 Council Direction

- Molly Scarbrough provided a summary of direction provided by City Council on Feb. 5 regarding the South Boulder Creek Flood Mitigation project.
- *Continuing discussions with CDOT:* Council directed staff to pursue written documentation from CDOT staff confirming their commitment to work collaboratively with the city through the engineering and legal details of constructing a floodwall in the US36 right-of-way as part of the South Boulder Creek flood mitigation project.
- *Flood Mitigation Project Design Concept:* Council provided the following direction to staff regarding next steps of design for the project:
 - Move forward with preliminary engineering for the original Variant 1, 500-year concept.
 - The Variant 1, 500-year concept footprint should be considered a fixed point in future annexation-related discussions about other future uses on the Public land use area of CU South.

- The next steps of project design should focus on the engineering needs of the project, with public safety being the primary driver.
- The design should not focus on accommodating future sports fields in the detention area.
- In moving forward with the design, if the project engineering team identifies opportunities to reduce the project's impacts on the Public land use area, the team has the discretion to evaluate such opportunities only if they would not affect public safety, increase the costs of the project, significantly increase excavation, or delay the project design schedule. Staff noted at the meeting that it is unlikely that significant reductions in the project's extent onto the Public land use area would occur given these parameters.
- *Annexation Process Timeline:* Council members agreed to continue the annexation process discussed with council at the Oct. 9, 2018 study session. The goal would be to align both the preliminary engineering and the annexation application processes so that one process does not delay the other.
- Council concluded the agenda item by recommending that staff use emails and verbal council briefings to provide updates to council about the flood mitigation project and CU South annexation process.

3. Flood Mitigation Project Next Steps

- Molly Scarbrough noted that city staff will be giving council an update on the project at a briefing on March 5. Staff will discuss the next steps and estimated timeline for preliminary design of the project and provide an update on discussions with CDOT.

4. Annexation Process Next Steps

- Phil Kleisler noted that at the Feb. 19 Council meeting, City Council decided to create a Process Subcommittee for the CU South Annexation and South Boulder Creek Flood Mitigation project. Council Members Cindy Carlisle and Bob Yates were appointed as members to the Subcommittee.
 - Staff will develop a draft charter for the subcommittee identifying their purpose to discuss and provide input on process and not content or funding issues.
 - CU staff wanted to understand CU's role in the process subcommittee discussions considering that annexation will be a joint agreement between the city and CU.
- City staff is in the process of reviewing and providing comments on the term sheet from CU's annexation submittal. Phil will be summarizing the bigger items in a cover letter back to CU.

6. Next Steps

- The next City-CU meeting is scheduled for March 21, however it may be rescheduled depending on when the city staff comments are completed and provided to CU.