

Meeting *notes*

CU South / South Boulder Creek - Process Subcommittee

September 25, 2020; 11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting (*remote meeting*)

Committee Members: Mayor Sam Weaver and Council Member Rachel Friend

Facilitator: Jean Gatza

Note-taker: Holly Opansky

Staff: Joanna Bloom, Dan Burke, Sarah Huntley, Philip Kleisler, John Potter, Douglas Sullivan, and Joe Taddeucci

Attendees from the public: Raymond Bridge, Jon Carrol, David Ensign (PB), John Gerstle (PB), Karen Hollweg, Kathie Joyner, Dave Kuntz, , Jim McMillan, Gordon McCurry (WRAB), Caroline Miller, Lynn Segal, Nicole Speer, Laura Tyler, Kirk Vincent (WRAB), as well as attendees with screen name Curt, and 303-883-4905

Agenda and Notes

Summary of South Boulder Creek process advisory group meetings

- Joanna Bloom provided an update on the South Boulder Creek Advisory board requested scope of work and schedule. Offering background information on the advisory board, she narrated its formation, progress, and conclusion. She highlighted that when the Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) meet on June 3rd, they included six questions in their motion. On June 20, council directed staff work with the OSBT to address these questions to build consensus. To respond to this request, an advisory group was created to help clarify the six questions and work with staff; Through further analysis of existing information staff addressed the first three of these six questions that were related to mathematical and technical elements of the upstream concept. The work between now and the end of the year is to document this process and analysis, and to answer the remaining advisory group questions, which are related to the engineering feasibility of the upstream concept.

Joe Taddeucci added that efforts to date accounted for where the water goes mathematically and included reviewing and producing modeling and other supporting technical analysis related to the upstream concept.

Joanna indicated that the information and documents produced, as well as other information, will be shared in a feasibility report at the November 18 OSBT meeting, then at the December 15 City Council meeting. Mayor Weaver and Council Member Friend acknowledged staff and OSBT board members for their contributions.

Annexation Update - Proposed Engagement

- Phil Kleisler gave an update on the anticipated schedule upcoming engagement efforts, including:
 - CU Boulder will submit a revised application on Oct. 5 (will be posted online) City Council will hear from staff and CU Boulder about the revised application and plan for engagement at its regular meeting Nov. 10 or Nov. 17. The city will facilitate an engagement process between November and

January.

- City Council would provide staff direction on the approach for the annexation application in January.

Mayor Weaver agreed with the general approach but noted that engagement should run through January given the holidays. Council Member Friend noted that the engagement questions should encourage community priorities and values rather than yes or no responses.

The committee agreed on holding a recorded information session in November, followed by two engagement opportunities that had a greater level of exchange and / or discussion. Sam spotlighted his appreciation on a former event about regarding CU South community briefings at the Millennium Harvest house, stating that it was about 90 minutes long with some staff information and some community questions / discussion.

Next steps

- October 23 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. next process subcommittee meeting
- At the next CAC meeting, council members will request that this topic be added to November City Council meeting under Matters

Public Comment:

Nicole Speer expressed gratitude for the engagement process that included an information session as well as soliciting values at following events. She supported soliciting renters who live west and north of CU South.

Lynn Segal requested access to an Open Space video and an 3D concept plan to better understand the project. (A link to this video can be found on the City webpage, <https://bouldercolorado.gov/flood/south-boulder-creek-flood-mitigation-project>, about half way done with this language, “**Video Tour!** View the area upstream of the proposed flood mitigation project to understand flood design consideration and the environmental resources and mitigation opportunities in the area. View the Video”).

Karen Hollweg (OSBT) requested the utilities report be shared near November 5 or 6 so that she and other board members could have time to read before the OSBT November 18 meeting.

Laura Tyler, South Boulder Creek action group, acknowledge Lynn’s distress. She further expressed support for clear and explicit information from the city (so that the general information in the public was not convoluted or manipulated). Tyler continued with support for small engagement opportunities for those directly affected, but also city-wide engagement including housing and recreation supporters, as the project affects the entire community.

Jim McMillian expressed interest in more research into the upstream solutions. He also supported solutions that are based on better standard than 100 year flood plain, as they are not robust enough for future weather occurrences.

Kurt Vincent (WRAB) – Supported easy community access to the flood flow dynamic that Brandon Cole created, as he valued the information.

Council Member Friend responded to some of the information in the “chat” about engagement communications. Phil mentioned that they would consider distributing hardcopy info flyers to reach out to renters to let them know about general information as well as upcoming engagement opportunities. He highlighted that hardcopy mechanism had worked well in the past for this project reaching renters.