

MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting Date: January 24, 2019 3:30pm-5:00pm

Location: Muni Bldg, 1777 Broadway, W-111 Canyon Conf Room

These meeting minutes present a summary of items discussed during the January 24, 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: To provide an update on the flood mitigation analysis and plans for upcoming meetings and the annexation submittal.

Attendees:

University of Colorado Staff and Consultants:

- Frances Draper, Vice Chancellor (VC) for Strategic Relations and Communications
- Kim Calomino, Director of Local Government and Community Relations
- Derek Silva, Executive Director of Real Estate Services
- Ida Mae Isaac, Capital Planning Strategist
- Danica Powell, Project Manager, Trestle Strategy Group

City of Boulder Staff:

- Dan Burke, Interim Director of Open Space and Mountain Parks
- Molly Scarbrough, Senior Project Manager
- Philip Kleisler, Planner II
- Andrea Lewis, Administrative Services – Public Works Dept.

Key Discussion Items

1. Approval of the 12/12/2018 and 12/18/18 pre-application meeting minutes.

2. Annexation and flood mitigation project timeline update, upcoming activities, and other roundtable updates

- CU Boulder plans to submit the CU South annexation application to the city on Feb. 4.
- On Feb. 5 city staff will present to council for their consideration a potential timeline that could allow for approval of the annexation agreement in mid-2019.
- City staff will also provide an update on to council on the flood mitigation team's evaluation of the Variant 1, 500-year additional excavation concept.

3. Update on flood mitigation analysis of the Variant 1, 500-year Additional Excavation approach

- Molly Scarbrough reviewed the past council direction on flood mitigation concept variations, leading to the most recent direction in September to analyze the Variant 1, 500-year Additional Excavation concept.
- She stated that staff will discuss the trade-offs of the additional excavation concept with Council on Feb. 5, highlighting the additional excavation on the Public and OS-O land uses on CU South, the inability to accommodate sports fields in the detention area, and higher project costs.
- City staff will review previously evaluated Variant 1 flood mitigation concepts with council and seek their direction on priorities for design parameters, given the trade-offs for each of the concept variations. In general, the greater the amount of excavation, the greater the project costs and the less likely sports fields can be accommodated.
- CU staff stated the annexation application would include flexibility for both the 129 acres for development and the 30 acres for recreational fields so council can decide how best to accommodate the flood mitigation project.
- Molly Scarbrough stated that the city will also be giving council an update on recent conversations with CDOT staff. The proposed project would mitigate flooding of two CDOT highways (US36 and Foothills Parkway) and CDOT had during development of the SBC Master Plan expressed a willingness to work with the city to accommodate mitigation. Current CDOT staff have to date been unwilling to recommit to supporting the project and staff continue to elevate discussions. The city will continue to keep CU apprised of any changes to the project concept or schedule that may result from future conversations with CDOT.

4. Check in on plans for the CU Campus Master Plan and CU South item on the 1/29 City-CU Leadership meeting agenda

- At the Jan. 29 meeting Frances will provide an update that CU Boulder is working on the annexation application and will be framing it in a way to keep options open for City Council on Feb. 5 to make decisions regarding the flood mitigation and a path forward regarding the annexation timeline.

5. Annexation Discussion

- Anticipated submittal (CU)
 - CU staff anticipates submitting the annexation application on Feb. 4, with terms consistent with their Oct. 1 letter and the BVCP CU South Guiding Principles.
- Other updates (group)
 - Danica Powell requested a status update of the Fox Tuttle Transportation Study. Philip Kleisler stated that the final Scope of Work has been requested from Bill Fox, which is awaiting further input from city staff. This study will be referenced in the CU application.

6. Next Steps

- Philip Kleisler will provide the Fox Tuttle Scope of Work to CU staff on 1/25/19.