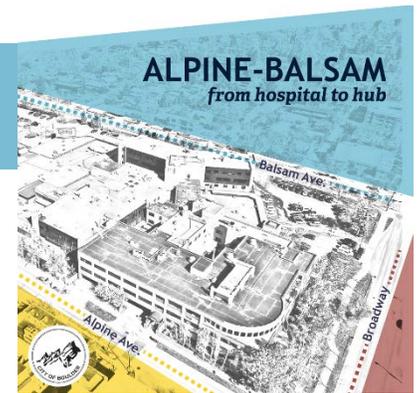


Staff Chats Event Summary

December 6 and 13, 2017



The intended purpose of the staff chats was to host an informal opportunity for community members to get information on the project timeline and process and ask questions about the project scope, planning area and purpose. Community members were invited through a mailed post card to approximately 3,500 addresses within a half-mile proximity to the area, as well as advertised in the bi-weekly planning and council e-mails, on Nextdoor, and through other communications channels.

Key questions and discussion topics from attendees included:

- 1) Concern about what decisions have been made about the existing and future buildings and uses as well as when conceptual options and analysis will be available
- 2) Plans for the hospital buildings
- 3) Housing density, parking, traffic and other potential impacts of site development
- 4) Decision-making process and timeline
- 5) Future engagement opportunities

While the intent was to host informal discussions, the high level of interest and attendance made one-on-one conversations difficult, so staff members talked with groups.

Feedback Themes

Participants were encouraged to fill out feedback forms. Over 50 were received.

Themes and ideas captured from these include:

- There is a lot of interest about this project in the neighborhood, so engagement venues need to be well-designed to accommodate people for meaningful interactions.
- Numerous comments in support of including affordable housing in the purpose statement and/or offering ideas for housing types for the site and area
- Support for inspirational and exciting design that has a lot of height variation, but also clear concern about protecting views, height and intensity of buildings
- Ideas about pedestrian amenities as well as need for parking
- Concern about a variety of issues that will need to be addressed in next phases with additional analysis (e.g. retail needs, traffic impacts, impacts on other services, affordability, safety, and costs of development).

This early feedback about process will inform the engagement plan. Issues raised by attendees that were suggested as problems to solve and topics for more analysis will be wrapped into the work in early 2018 to develop options (e.g. parking, city service provision, future costs, housing needs, access, etc.)

All comments have been compiled and are available on the [project website](#).

Attendees: ~120 total at both events

Locations: Vic's Coffee in Community Plaza and the North Boulder Recreation Center

Demographics: While attendees were not asked about their demographic or area of residence, in conversation it appeared that most of the attendees live near the site and have been Boulder residents for many years.