

Summary of EBWG October Survey Key Themes

Working Group members were invited to provide responses to a survey about the process to date. Themes from the responses are provided below.

What Has Been Valuable:

- Staff guidance and approachability
- Structure – keeping group on track and ensuring a single person or group doesn't monopolize time
- Introduction to key topics e.g. Planning 101, Airport, Transportation Master Plan), speakers, and neighborhood information
- Learning and sharing with others, particularly small group discussions, getting to hear different views

Concerns:

- Meetings feeling rushed
- Not enough input on final work products
- Lack of open discussion of interests
- Not hearing about the needs of employers and employees in East Boulder
- Not enough time getting into the key issues and priorities for land use, growth, housing, affordable office space, transportation, etc.
- Not feeling knowledgeable enough about the topics requiring feedback
- Meetings have generated ideas but not much discussion of pros and cons of implementation

Suggestions:

MORE TIME in meetings for working group to:

- Discuss issues of interest or concern
- Provide input, share thoughts, create products
- Have more opportunities for whole group discussions

Information

- Provide more information ahead of meetings and instructions regarding what feedback will be expected at the meeting

Procedures

- Clarify purpose of the group's work
- Clarify roles of members and observers
- Consider allowing people to attend through video conference
- Vary meetings times/days
- Allow people to self-select into topics they know
- Allow group to review notes before posting