



**CITY OF BOULDER  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE:** December 4, 2013

**TIME:** 6 p.m.

**PLACE:** 1777 Broadway, 1777 W. Conference Room

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. The **October 2, 2013** Environmental Advisory Board minutes are scheduled for approval.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Ongoing coordination of City Boards and Commissions: Council Member Tim Plass  
B. Analysis and Options to secure trash and curbside compost from black bears: Urban Wildlife Coordinator Val Matheson  
C. EAB input to Council retreat  
D. Council vision, staff work program and the EAB retreat

**5. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**6. MATTERS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD, CITY MANAGER, AND CITY ATTORNEY**

**7. DEBRIEF MEETING/CALENDAR CHECK**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF BOULDER ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING GUIDELINES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The board must have a quorum (three members present) before the meeting can be called to order.

**AGENDA**

The board may rearrange the order of the agenda or delete items for good cause. The board may not add items requiring public notice.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The public is welcome to address the board (three minutes\* maximum per speaker) during the Public Participation portion of the meeting regarding any item not scheduled for a public hearing. The only items scheduled for a public hearing are those listed under the category PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS on the agenda. Any exhibits introduced into the record at this time must be provided in quantities of eight to the Board Secretary for distribution to the board and admission into the record.

**DISCUSSION AND STUDY SESSION ITEMS**

Discussion and study session items do not require motions of approval or recommendation.

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

A Public Hearing item requires a motion and a vote. The general format for hearing of an action item is as follows:

**1. Presentations**

- Staff presentation (15 minutes maximum\*) Any exhibits introduced into the record at this time must be provided in quantities of eight to the Board Secretary for distribution to the board and admission into the record.
- Environmental Advisory Board questioning of staff for information only.

**2. Public Hearing**

Each speaker will be allowed an oral presentation (three minutes maximum\*). All speakers wishing to pool their time must be present, and time allotted will be determined by the Chair. Two minutes will be added to the pooled speaker for each such speaker's allotted time up to a maximum of 10 minutes total.

- Time remaining is presented by a green blinking light that means one minute remains, a yellow light means 30 seconds remain, and a red light and beep means time has expired.
- Speakers should introduce themselves, giving name and address. If officially representing a group please state that for the record as well.
- Speakers are requested not to repeat items addressed by previous speakers other than to express points of agreement or disagreement. Refrain from reading long documents, and summarize comments wherever possible. Long documents may be submitted and will become a part of the official record.
- Any exhibits introduced into the record at the hearing must be provided in quantities of eight to the Board Secretary for distribution to the board and admission into the record.
- Interested persons can send a letter to the Community Planning and Sustainability staff at 1739 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80302, two weeks before the Environmental Advisory Board meeting, to be included in the board packet. Correspondence received after this time will be distributed at the board meeting.

**3. Board Action**

Board motion. Motions may take any number of forms. Motions are generally used to approve (with or without conditions), deny, or continue agenda item to a later date (generally in order to obtain additional information).

- Board discussion. This is undertaken entirely by members of the board. Members of the public or city staff participate only if called upon by the Chair.
- Board action (the vote). An affirmative vote of at least three members of the board is required to pass a motion approving any action.

**MATTERS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORYBOARD, CITY MANAGER, AND CITY ATTORNEY**

Any Environmental Advisory Board member, City Manager, or the City Attorney may introduce before the board matters which are not included in the formal agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The board's goal is that regular meetings adjourn by 8 p.m. Agenda items will not be commenced after 8 p.m. except by majority vote of board members present.

\*The Chair may lengthen or shorten the time allotted as appropriate. If the allotted time is exceeded, the Chair may request that the speaker conclude his or her comments.

**CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO  
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY**

**NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION:** Environmental Advisory Board

**DATE OF MEETING:** October 2, 2013

**NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY:** Juliet Bonnell,  
303-441-1931

**NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT:**

**Environmental Advisory Board Members Present:** Mara Abbott, Tim Hillman, Larissa Read, Stephen Morgan, and Morgan Lommele.

**Staff Members Present:** Molly Winter, Juliet Bonnell

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Environmental Advisory Board temporary Chair **T. Hillman** declared a quorum and the meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by **M. Abbott**, seconded by **L. Read**, the Environmental Advisory Board approved (5-0) the September 11, 2013 meeting minutes.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Access Management and Parking Strategies (AMPS) guiding principles and areas of focus (Molly Winter, Director of Downtown and University Hill Management Division and Parking Services)**

**M. Winter** informed the board that she would discuss the guiding principles and areas of focus of Access Management and Parking Strategies and asked the board for their feedback. She provided the board with background information about the development of parking management in Boulder while discussing the importance of access to different locations and accessible parking. Access management looks at all areas and strategizes to fit them together nicely. AMPS looks beyond the existing management areas.

Parking meters were installed in the 1940s and in the 1970s parking districts were created. It is better to have consolidated parking than individual parking in these districts and enhances urban design. It is economical for property owners to share parking spaces and a good way to integrate with other multi-modal strategies. When there is a parking district it is important to determine future use needs and demands and plan for them. In order to plan for future needs, they use SUMP principles- the idea of shared, unbundled, managed, and paid parking. On street parking is good short-term and convenient parking, while garages provide long and short-term, unbundled and shared parking. Enforcement is the key element that makes the system work efficiently and ensures compliance and turnover.

Neighborhood permit parking is a way to preserve the neighborhood quality of life near large traffic generators like CU and downtown. Multi-modal access emerged in the 1990s with the creation of Ecopasses which have limited the number of parking spaces needed in the downtown area. Ecopasses, B-Cycles, bike parking, car shares, and streetscape improvements that make destinations pedestrian-friendly provide multi-modal access. Travel Demand Management programs and streetscape improvements are funded by parking funds. Parking revenues are used to help support economic vitality initiatives including downtown improvements and Ecopasses. Boulder Junction is transit-oriented development and is a great example of integrated parking and travel demand management. There are parking maximums in this location and increased development is tied to district participation.

The Access Management and Parking Strategy is a tool that is meant to coordinate and integrate with stand alone plans such as Climate Commitment and the Transportation Master Plan. Next steps for this project are up in the air due to the flood, but the city will be hiring a consultant to move this forward soon.

**M. Winter** noted that the reinvestment of money made through parking fees is beneficial to destinations. She noted that parking pricing will be investigated and that variable parking pricing, where spots closest to a destination cost more than spots further from a destination, may be considered. She stressed the importance of finding the sweet spot of charging enough to de incentivize parking, but not charging so much that people stop visiting destinations. She informed the board that parking ticket fines may be raised. **M. Winter** asked for the board's feedback on AMPS guiding principles and areas of focus.

**S. Morgan** noted that AMPS doesn't include long-term goals and suggested that it should. He felt that there was room to increase fees and that higher fees wouldn't deter people from visiting destinations. He suggested giving out more tickets through parking enforcement. He also suggested being aggressive and taking action. He noted that we talk about difficult issues, but aren't willing to make tough decisions and act to address them.

**M. Lommele** would like to see better flow going through the major districts. She commented that the hill district and downtown area get congested and would like to see this addressed. She also felt there wasn't enough bike infrastructure and parking near the downtown area and would like to see improved access and flow from the bike paths to these areas and bike parking. She suggested installing larger and more bike racks and noted that when streets are plowed in the winter, the bike racks often become covered with snow and inaccessible.

**M. Abbott** suggested having bike parking more visible.

**S. Morgan** suggested having a climate controlled, safe, indoor place for bike parking in exchange for a fee.

**L. Read** suggested making the public aware of the benefits that use of alternative modes of transportation and AMPS will provide. She thought that getting people out of their cars and taking modes of public transportation was a great opportunity to integrate information on community events, climate, and environmental benefits and programs, by posting information in buses, etc. She agreed with **S. Morgan** that some goals should be included in AMPS.

**M. Lommele** would like to see more research into effective ways to encourage people to use alternative modes of transportation as well as building better infrastructure as an additional area of focus.

**M. Winter** suggested coordinating with and having Randall Rutsch or Kathleen Bracke give EAB an update on the Transportation Master Plan and offered to come back and provide another update on AMPS as things progress.

## **5. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

A. None

## **6. MATTERS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD, CITY MANAGER, AND CITY ATTORNEY**

The board expressed interest in receiving an update on any flood response and repair efforts. They wanted to hear about flood-related issues, such as environmental health hazards, sewage issues, impacts on food from local farms, debris removal, etc. that would fall in line with EAB's purview as soon as possible.

**S. Morgan** had questions about Boulder's Energy Future and expressed interest in getting an update on the status of discussions with Xcel.

## **7. DEBRIEF MEETING/CALENDAR CHECK**

The EAB tentatively scheduled their retreat from 4-8 p.m. on Wed, Nov 6.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Environmental Advisory Board adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved:

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Chair

Date

# **BOARD AND COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Suzy Ageton and Tim Plass  
June 10, 2013**

## **INTRODUCTION**

At the Council retreat in January 2013, Council member Ageton proposed that the Council discuss how to enhance the functioning and performance of the City's many boards and commissions (B&Cs). The discussion focused on issues that have arisen with the B&Cs as well as ways in which the Council might become more engaged in and supportive of these bodies. The Council agreed that work in this area could be useful and later appointed a committee composed of Council members Ageton and Plass to gather information from staff and B&C members and return to Council with a report and recommendations for any proposed changes.

As the Committee, we began meeting in February to design a work plan. Based on the Council retreat discussion and our own thinking, three main objectives emerged: (1) enhance Council recruitment, selection, engagement, support and oversight of B&Cs; (2) improve the performance of B&Cs to better serve the Council and community through enhanced group dynamics, capacity building, and adoption of best practices; and (3) strive to assure a rewarding and positive experience for our citizen volunteers who serve on B&Cs.

In developing these objectives, we identified several main areas of focus to pursue in gathering information from City staff involved in working with B&Cs, as well as from current and former B&C members. These areas of focus included: (1) recruitment; (2) application and selection processes; (3) orientation, both general and Board specific; (4) ongoing training and capacity building; (5) Council interaction with B&Cs; (6) Council oversight role; (7) staff support of B&Cs and (8) experience of B&C volunteers.

## **DATA GATHERING EFFORT**

We began our work by acknowledging that among the twenty main City Boards and Commissions (see Attachment A for the list), there is great variety in terms of origins, structure, and responsibilities. Some B&Cs are defined in the City Charter (e.g., the Library Commission and Open Space Board of Trustees), others have their structure and purpose defined by state law (e.g., Boulder Housing Partners and Boulder Urban Renewal Authority) and still others have been created by prior City councils through legislation (e.g., Transportation Advisory Board and Water Resources Advisory Board). Certain of the B&Cs have quasi-judicial authority (e.g., Human Relations Commission and Landmarks) while the primary purpose of others is to provide advice to council (e.g., Arts Commission and Environmental Advisory Board). The Committee's data collection efforts were tailored to take into account these varying roles and responsibilities.

The basic method of data collection we selected was the personal interview, believing it would provide the best opportunity to gain detailed information about the areas of focus. Given the number and variety of B&Cs, however, we tried to choose enough different B&Cs to provide reasonable coverage recognizing that it would be too time consuming to talk with both staff and B&C members from all twenty boards. For the B&C input, we generally chose the chair, either current or just past. We also sought interviews with the staff supporting the B&Cs we selected to interview.

For each individual interviewed, we provided a general introduction to the effort and asked them to consider three basic questions:

- What experiences have you had with your B and/or C, if any, that suggest a need for support, training or some other action to help the B and/or C function/perform more successfully?
- Have you or your staff taken any specific actions in support of your B/C that you found particularly helpful or effective? If yes, please describe. This may include efforts to support the entire B/C, specific members or your department employees who staff the B/C.
- What actions could the Council take that would enhance/improve the performance and functioning of the B/Cs? Your suggestions are welcome both for your department B/C as well as all City B/Cs.

These questions were used as a starting point in the interviews. The interviews were far ranging and more conversational than a formal, structured process. We allowed the interviewees to introduce new topics and often just listened to the issues and concerns that were raised.

For those staff and B&C members we did not select for an interview, we sent email requests asking the same basic questions posed to those interviewed in person.

In total, we interviewed 17 people: 4 B&C members and 8 support staff in addition to the City Attorney, Deputy City Attorney and the City Clerk with her two support staff. We received email responses from 9 B&C members and 8 support staff. The City Manager was kept informed of our efforts with an initial meeting and then an update when we had finished all interviews.

Additional data collection included reviewing past materials and Council discussions of B&C issues, as well as several Charter sections referring to specific B&Cs along with Charter Section 130 which refers to Advisory Commissions.

## **WHAT WE HEARD**

This section provides a brief summary of the comments we heard, organized by the main areas of focus or by topics, which we heard from enough individuals to highlight. There is also a Miscellaneous section to capture some unique comments we thought worth sharing.

### **A. Recruitment**

1. How do we get a larger pool of applicants? Better utilize Channel 8; social media.
2. Consider Channel 8 spots on B&Cs featuring montage of board members in promotional piece.
3. Make better use of the Communications Department. Outreach feels “blah” right now.
4. Rotate venue of B&C meetings to attempt to engage different segments of our community.

5. Reconsider the 5 year term length. Is this an impediment to a larger applicant pool?
6. Let's take a chance and appoint people outside of the usual cast of characters.
7. B&C members need to better reflect the whole community.
8. Improvements to B&C Database—more attractive web page, ease of accessing/filling out applications (plus other benefits) could help recruitment.
9. Increase advertising budget for B&C recruitment.

## **B. Application and Selection Processes**

1. Consider creating job description; core competencies called out (consider card sort).
2. City Council (CC) needs to consider emotional intelligence in selection process as well as substantive knowledge.
3. CC needs to consider whether applicant represents the community as a whole and has good interpersonal skills and weight that more than any particular technical expertise.
4. If lack good candidates, it is sound policy to reopen the position.
5. Ask particular board what the qualities are for a good board member.
6. Consider holding interviews on a Saturday.
7. Consider changing interview format.

## **C. Orientation**

1. New Board Member 101—particularly for those with no board experience.
2. Biggest challenge—getting old board members to attend.
3. New appointees—lucky to get half of them to attend orientation.

4. Emphasize roles and responsibilities training in orientation.
5. Consider the potential of online orientation.
6. Orientation could also consist of a video shown at a regular board meeting to assure better attendance.
7. Make materials more uniform for orientation.
8. Tap into CML for ideas regarding B&C training. They have many resources.
9. Prepare video that features council members to be shown at orientation.
10. Rework 2004 Guiding Principles re: B&C.
11. Distribute CAO Advice to Library Commission re: permitted communications to all boards.
12. Reconsider breadth of orientation—perhaps too siloed.
13. Have a “Lessons Learned” panel of former B&C members who have recently served to answer questions.
14. More of a focus on practical and organizational issues, including procedure.
15. Quasi judicial boards need specific training.
16. Create a “Policies and Procedures” manual for each B&C.
17. Create individualized orientation handout for each board.

#### **D. Roles/Responsibilities**

1. Distribute CC Reference Notebook to all B&Cs to facilitate better grasp of city wide goals and priorities.
2. Address the role of a board member as a decision-maker, rather than an advocate for a particular point of view or interest group.
3. Clarify that B&C and staff do not always have the same perspective.
4. Explain role of staff supporting the board.
5. Reinforce that board member is not another staff member.

6. Differentiate particular board role from other boards when there is overlap.
7. Emphasize criteria-based decision-making. (e.g. site review standards for Planning Board).
8. Make it clear that CC sets policy, not the boards.
9. Clearer direction from CC would be helpful.
10. "Decorum Guidelines" would be helpful for meeting procedure.

### **E. Ongoing Training/Capacity Building/Group Dynamics**

1. Annual retreats are very helpful, focused not just on substance, but capacity building.
2. Agenda meetings are important.
3. Use of outside facilitator can be valuable.
4. Encourage out-of-meeting board opportunities (e.g., bike tours, field trips, etc.).
5. Periodic meeting of board chairs.
6. Use debrief at end of each meeting to get meeting management issues out on the table.
7. How the board chair is selected is important. Prioritize skill set over seniority. Culture of boards varies as to selection.
8. Specialized training for the board chair can be helpful.
9. Training sessions must include staff, as well as the board members.
10. Newly elected chair should reach out to all board members.
11. Some B&Cs have a budget for professional development and attending conferences and workshops, while others do not.

## **F. Council/B&C Interactions**

1. CC Members—Go to B&C in person to offer thanks for service. Divvy up responsibilities.
2. CC Members—attend B&C meetings, or even better, dinner beforehand. Just make sure to give a heads-up that you will be attending.
3. Better response to B&C letters during CC retreat. Make sure to invite appropriate B&C members to relevant CC sessions.
4. Board chair could sit in on relevant CAC items to have a better understanding of what is expected during the CC meeting.
5. Ask for priorities from board for work plan.
6. CC liaison for B&C? A possibility expressed by multiple people.
7. Schedule joint meeting/SSs on a regular basis, even if not yearly.

## **G. CC Oversight**

1. CC needs to be both more and less involved with the boards. More involved in giving clear direction on policy and less involved in the details of what the boards do.

## **H. Staff Support of B&C**

1. Staff needs to view the board as a resource rather than a rubber stamp.
2. Bring items to board before they are set in stone.
3. Important to manage staff expectations regarding board.
4. Distribute staff work plan to board and commission members.
5. Staff responsibility to close loop on CC retreat results with regard to B&C letter of priorities.
6. On the issue of board member requests of staff for additional research, require a nod of 3 or 5, similar to what CC does.

7. Memos from staff can clearly spell out the role of the board on a particular agenda item.
8. Staff should make an effort to involve all board members through outreach, etc.

#### **I. Miscellaneous**

1. All B&Cs do not have the same perks such as catered meals, opportunities to attend conferences, etc.
2. Difference of opinion about types of minutes to present to Council; some B&Cs favor more detailed minutes than the standard form/what does Council want?

## **PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following recommendations are organized by the main areas of focus with one exception. We heard so many comments about the need to define roles and responsibilities for B&C members that we created a separate set of recommendations for this topic. Please note that the recommendations are both general and specific in nature, not prioritized and intended to suggest areas where more work is needed if the Council wishes to pursue the ideas.

In Attachment B, we organized the individual recommendations by how quickly we believe they could be implemented based upon such factors as budget, staff resources needed, length of discussion to clarify, etc.

### **A. Clarify B&C Roles and Responsibilities**

1. Create job description with core competencies applicable to all B&Cs. Consider using the Leadership Architect Library Structure<sup>1</sup> already employed by the City to develop this description.
2. Identify specific responsibilities/competencies associated with quasi-judicial B&Cs.
3. Distinguish the role of B&C member from staff and Council (e.g., clarify through training that staff and B&C members may have different perspectives, Council sets policy, not B&Cs, etc.)
4. Address role of board member as decision maker and community representative rather than advocate for a specific interest group or point of view.

<sup>1</sup> The Leadership Architect Library Structure is a system used by the City to assess competencies for selection, job profiling, skill assessment and other matters. One of its uses is to identify qualities and skills desired in particular positions. This is accomplished through an elaborate card sort system. Both of us thought it may have applicability if the Council is interested in developing a job description for B&C members.

5. Distribute Council Reference Manual to all B&C members to better facilitate understanding of City-wide goals and priorities.

## **B. Recruitment**

1. Better utilize Communication Dept., Channel 8 and social media to create more excitement re: B&C messaging, (e.g., create promos featuring B&C members).
2. Consider increasing advertising budget for recruitment.
3. Broaden outreach for B&C applicants by going directly to community groups and other relevant organizations to recruit.

## **C. Application and Selection Processes**

1. Redesign application to include questions about collaborative efforts, problem-solving skills, emotional intelligence and other qualities and experiences tied to the core competencies.
2. Set goal of having application revised and operative on-line for 2015 process; this timing will depend on Council interest and cost to upgrade technology.
3. Consider Saturday interview sessions to accommodate applicants.
4. In selection, focus Council attention on ability of applicant to work effectively in a group setting, not just on substantive qualifications.
5. Make debrief after interview sessions a standard part of process.
6. Prior to interviews, consider having Council members check in with Support Staff Group (see recommendation G1) to gain insight into how the various

B&Cs have been functioning; ask about any special skill sets, personal capabilities or other qualities that staff believes would add value to their B&C.

#### **D. Orientation**

1. Consider “New Board Member 101,” especially for those with no prior board experience; this should highlight roles and responsibilities.
2. Require attendance of all board members at orientation session each year or consider conducting orientation during a regular board meeting.
3. Ensure uniformity of materials for orientation and include Communication Memo developed by CAO for Library Commission.
4. Create video featuring Council members/B&C members to show at orientation.
5. Develop a “Lessons Learned” panel of former B&C members to share their experiences.

#### **E. Council and B&C Interaction**

1. Schedule joint meetings/study sessions with B&Cs as needed but with coverage of all B&Cs at least once every 3 years.
2. Encourage Council members to attend B&C meetings and consider joining the group for dinner beforehand.
3. Assure response to B&C letters sent to Council for retreat to communicate what discussion and action, if any, the Council took w/regard to the matters raised.

## **F. Ongoing Training and Capacity Building**

1. Make annual retreats part of B&C procedure and focus on capacity building such as conflict resolution, ethical communication and group dynamics, as well as substantive issues.
2. Seek to develop opportunities for all B&C members to attend relevant conferences, workshops and other board development experiences.
3. Institute agenda meetings for all B&Cs.
4. Consider adding debrief at end of meetings to get issues out on the table.
5. Encourage out-of meeting opportunities, e.g., field trips and bike tours to help build group camaraderie.
6. Consider ways to enhance performance of B&C Chairs including selection processes and specialized training.

## **G. Staff Support of Boards and Commissions**

1. Develop a City-wide B&C staff support group to enhance capabilities of staff to address B&C needs, issues and especially capacity building.
2. Distribute staff work plan to B&C members.
3. Encourage staff to engage all B/C members and to view them as a resource rather than a “rubber stamp.”
4. In B&C memos, clarify role of the B/C with regard to the particular agenda item.

5. Develop procedure that requires support of X% of B/C before staff undertakes specific requested research (similar to Council nod of 3 or 5).

## **H. Council Oversight**

1. Develop process for Council when exercising its authority to remove a B/C member; clarify process with B&Cs as it is not clear how this process works in practice (see Charter Section 130).
2. Consider having the Council Board and Commission Committee meet regularly with B&C Support Staff Group to keep current with B&C actions and issues.
3. Discuss how Council can ensure that B&Cs are operating within relevant policy and regulatory frameworks.

## **I. Miscellaneous**

1. Review amenities that each B&C receives, e.g., catered meals, opportunities to attend conferences, etc.; there are significant differences among the B&Cs and no clear rationale as to why some B&Cs have amenities and others do not.
2. Clarify form in which Council wishes to receive B&C minutes; there is an ongoing debate about this among some B&Cs and guidance from Council would be helpful.

## **NEXT STEPS**

We are seeking Council direction with regard to the proposed recommendations and possible additional work on B&C issues. Responses to the following questions will help us determine the level of Council interest in pursuing these matters.

- In general, does Council believe that the proposed recommendations capture B&C issues that are worthy of attention?
- Are there any of the proposed recommendations that Council would not wish to pursue?
- Are there any additional issues the Council wishes to add?
- Does Council wish to prioritize the recommendations?
- If the Council is interested in pursuing any of these recommendations, does the Council wish to appoint a more permanent committee to lead the effort to refine and develop the recommendations of interest?

**Attachments:** Attachment A – List of City Boards and Commissions

Attachment B – Potential Timing of Implementation for Proposed Recommendations

## **List of City Boards and Commissions**

**Arts Commission**

**Beverages Licensing Authority**

**Board of Zoning Adjustment**

**Boulder Design Advisory Board**

**Boulder Junction Access District - Parking Commission**

**Boulder Junction Access District - Travel Demand Management Commission**

**Boulder Urban Renewal Authority**

**Chautauqua Board**

**Downtown Management Commission**

**Environmental Advisory Board**

**Housing Partners**

**Human Relations Commission**

**Landmarks Board**

**Library Commission**

**Open Space Board of Trustees**

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

**Planning Board**

**Transportation Advisory Board**

**University Hill Commercial Management Advisory Commission**

**Water Resources Advisory Board**

**Potential Timing of Implementation  
for Proposed Recommendations  
(by # of recommendation)**

		<b>Short-Term</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Long</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>Clarify Roles &amp; Responsibilities</b>	<b>#5</b>	<b>#2-#4</b>	<b>#1</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Recruitment</b>		<b>#3</b>	<b>#1 and #2</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>Application &amp; Selection</b>	<b>#5</b>	<b>#3 and #4</b>	<b>#1, #2 and #6</b>
<b>D.</b>	<b>Orientation</b>	<b>#5</b>	<b>#2 and #3</b>	<b>#1 and #4</b>
<b>E.</b>	<b>Council and B&amp;C Interaction</b>	<b>#1-#3</b>		
<b>F.</b>	<b>Ongoing Training &amp; Capacity Building</b>	<b>#3-#5</b>	<b>#1 and #6</b>	<b>#2</b>
<b>F.</b>	<b>Staff Support</b>	<b>#2 and #4</b>	<b>#3 and #5</b>	<b>#1</b>
<b>G.</b>	<b>Council Oversight</b>		<b>#2</b>	<b>#1 and #3</b>
<b>H.</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>		<b>#2</b>	<b>#1</b>

## MEMORANDUM

To: Environmental Advisory Board

From: **Community Planning and Sustainability Department**  
David Driskell, Executive Director  
Susan Richstone, Deputy Director  
Lesli Ellis, Comprehensive Planning Manager  
Valerie Matheson, Urban Wildlife Conservation Coordinator

Date: December 4, 2013

**Subject:** Update and request for feedback on options to secure trash and curbside compost from black bears.

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### A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) with an update and solicit feedback on options to secure trash and curbside compost thereby reducing the accessibility of food waste to bears. Input from the EAB will be used to refine the options and develop a recommendation for the location, storage and enforcement of trash and curbside compost regulations. This item is tentatively scheduled for City Council in January.

EAB members are asked for feedback on the presentation of materials as well as the following questions:

1. Does the EAB have feedback on any of the three option components (designated location, storage requirements, and enforcement) to reduce the accessibility of trash and food waste to bears?
2. Would EAB like to see staff explore any other options?

### B. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In October 2008, City Council adopted Ordinance 7585 instituting a residential compost collection program. Prior to the adoption of the ordinance, City Council expressed concern about the effect of residential curbside composting on local wildlife, particularly black bears. During these discussions, some council members requested that staff further analyze the impacts of curbside composting on wildlife, specifically bears, in the context of the Black Bear and Mountain Lion Component (BBML) of the Urban Wildlife Management Plan UWMP due to the complexity of the wildlife management issue.

On October 18, 2011, City Council accepted the BBML which identifies an adaptive management approach to reducing the accessibility of trash to bears in Boulder. The approach includes returning to council in 2014 with options on how to secure trash from

bears. The issue of securing trash became a heightened priority in 2013 after four bears were killed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers due to public safety concerns.

Proposed options to secure trash and curbside compost include:

- I. Location Options: Where do we want to change how trash and compost are stored?** Three different geographic “zones” are shown on maps that could be included in an ordinance, including: (a) a Broad Bear Activity area west of Broadway that includes 12,436 homes, and 1,001 businesses (b) a High Bear Activity area, where the majority of bear activity has occurred over the past 5 years that includes 6,906 homes and 433 businesses, or (c) Alleys, where the method of trash storage experiences the most disturbances by bears and includes 6,486 homes and 594 businesses.
- II. Storage Options: How do we want to effect change in the way trash and compost are stored?** Two options for securing trash are outlined, including: (a) a requirement for securing it in enclosures or bear-resistance containers until 5 a.m. on collection day, or (b) requiring trash and compost stored in or near alleys to be secured in bear-resistant containers.
- III. Enforcement Options: How do we want to apply the trash ordinance?** Three options for enforcement are proposed: (a) adding an administrative service of summonses which allows a trash violation to be directed to a landlord even if direct contact cannot be made, (b) increasing fine amounts from \$100 to \$250 for first offence (Aspen), and (c) offering a summons fine alternative of obtaining a bear resistant container.

The timeline for the project is:

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| • Gather public input and feedback on options | Nov. 22 – Dec. 23 |
| • EAB                                         | Dec. 4            |
| • Public meeting on options                   | Dec. 9            |
| • Present council with options                | Jan. 21 2014      |

## C. INTRODUCTION

The role of the City of Boulder in managing black bears is largely indirect, and involves influencing human behavior and land uses (i.e. food waste management practices) that encourage these animals to come into urban areas. The State of Colorado, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is responsible for managing wildlife in the state, which includes field management of black bears. The distinction between the state and the city roles in wildlife management is essential to understanding the tools the city can employ in minimizing human-wildlife conflict. The city cannot regulate or effect the use of lethal control, relocation, or direct any form of non-pest wildlife management. Consequently, the purpose of this project is to develop strategies to secure trash and curbside compost

thereby reducing the accessibility of food waste to bears to: protect bears, increase public safety, and allow bears and people to better co-exist.

## **D. BACKGROUND**

On October 18, 2011, council accepted the Black Bear and Mountain Lion Component of the Urban Wildlife Management Plan (UWMP) which identifies an adaptive management approach to reducing the accessibility of trash to bears in Boulder (to view the plan visit: [www.boulderwildlifeplan.net](http://www.boulderwildlifeplan.net)). The approach includes a three-year monitoring and evaluation cycle and involves the following three steps:

Step 1: Monitor the issue and build community education and awareness (2012 & 2013) – see *Programs Implemented and Major Findings* of the analysis section for a description of programs

Step 2: Evaluate results and success (2014)

Step 3: Make changes to approach based on evaluation results (2014)

## **E. ANALYSIS**

The process for developing options to secure trash and compost from bears included the following steps:

1. Identifying the problem, and issues and considerations in finding a solution;
2. Maintaining a black bear activity database for the city and identifying attractants;
3. Evaluating Boulder's current practices for minimizing bear access to trash and food waste;
4. Evaluating the results of programs implemented as part of the Urban Wildlife Management Plan (UWMP);

### **1. Problem Statement, Issues and Considerations**

The city has a history of black bears in the western urban service area foraging on primarily trash, but also on fruit trees, bird feeders, and other food attractants. Black bears tend to avoid humans, though their presence in residential areas is well documented, and the potential for interaction with community members is a potential threat to human safety.

The greatest danger to bears occurs when they are in town because they are dependent on human food. The average trash receptacle contains thousands of usable and easily accessible calories for a bear to consume. Bears discover it is quicker and easier to knock over a trash container for food than to forage on their natural food sources in nearby wooded habitat and natural areas. While eating trash, bears consume cellophane, foil, and other non-digestible material which are harmful and can make bears sick. Eating trash is not the only danger to bears. Bears that spend time eating human-generated food sources get used to being around people, lose their natural fear of people, and then spend more time in town. These habituated bears have a higher mortality rate than bears that live in natural areas. Boulder bears are killed by cars and wildlife officers that are tasked with managing wildlife for public safety. In 2013

alone, three bears were killed by cars, and four bears were killed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers due to public safety concerns.

The most effective way to curb bears learning to live off trash in town is to secure trash. By developing effective strategies to secure trash, and improve community awareness on how to co-exist with bears, the city and the community will increase the safety of residents while protecting local wildlife.

### ***Issues and considerations***

Community feedback provided during the development and implementation of the Urban Wildlife Management Plan (UWMP), in addition to research on strategies to limit bears access to trash have illustrated a successful community-supported program that improves the way trash is secured from bears must consider the following:

Effectiveness vs. Feasibility: The most effective trash securing strategies implemented by other communities may not be feasible for Boulder (see **Attachment A**). Specifically, the most effective long-term solution to securing trash from bears is to establish communal trash enclosures that serve ~ 20 residences per enclosure (for more information on evaluating the effectiveness of waste management collection systems visit: [www.bearsmart.com](http://www.bearsmart.com)). Due to challenges in identifying space for communal dumpsters in areas where bears most commonly access trash in Boulder, communal dumpsters are not listed as an option at this time.

Cost: While community members do not seem opposed to the use of bear resistant-containers, the city received feedback in 2011 that additional monthly household costs were too expensive. Additionally, Western Disposal, the trash hauler for the majority of city residents, may have to shoulder costs of changing trash and compost containers and services, and the city may have additional staffing costs for increased enforcement. Cost estimates for current trash and compost storage requirements are expected the week of December 2, 2013.

Compliance and enforcement of current trash ordinance: Code enforcement does patrol for violations and many are observed by an officer without being reported by a resident. Although Boulder requires residents and businesses to secure trash from animals, the ordinance is currently a reactive enforcement once trash has already been scattered. The law has been difficult to enforce because trash is often visited and scattered by bears in the evening or early morning hours. When an incident is reported, the trash may have been cleaned up prior to the arrival of an officer, leaving no evidence of bear activity and thus preventing staff from issuing a warning or summons. In addition the pilot area showed 20 percent of homes had trash violations observed by an officer. If that percentage of trash violations was extrapolated to the area of the city used by bears (see Zone One in Options section), over 2,000 residences would need to be contacted, taxing current code enforcement staffing levels.

Bears being killed: Community input has stressed the concern caused by the need to kill four bears in Boulder in 2013 (see **Attachment B**). Similarly, City Council has expressed the importance of securing trash to protect bears.

## **2. Bear Activity**

In spring 2009, city staff began tracking sightings and reports of bear activity in the city. By collaborating with Open Space and Mountain Parks Department (OSMP) and CPW staff, a database of all reported bear activity in the city was developed. The collected data includes the date, time, location, attractants (if known), and call outcome of each report. This system of collecting data does not quantify the number of individual bears in town, but identifies the location of a bear and what it was doing. In other words, multiple reports could have involved a single bear.

The monitoring continued through 2013 and included five seasons of bear activity in the city. It is important to note that the monitoring report does not necessarily include all the bear activity that could have occurred within the city. The information collected is based exclusively on agency reports. It is highly likely that much more bear activity occurs within the city than is reported by the public. Maintaining this database has illustrated that trash is the primary attractant for bears, and bear activity is focused in the western urban interface of the city (see **Attachment C** for map of activity).

## **3. Current Practices in Boulder**

Current city ordinances offer some proactive measures aimed at managing wildlife attractants. The Boulder Revised Code (B.R.C., subsection 6-3-5) requires trash to be put out the morning of collection after 5:00 a.m. and removed after collection by 9:00 p.m. However, trash receptacles in public alleys are excluded from this requirement. In addition, subsection 6-3-5 of the B.R.C. also specifies that “no person shall: store trash, recyclables and compostables except in containers in a manner so that they are not overflowing, their contents are not scattered by animals...”

### ***Evaluating the city’s approach to waste management***

British Columbia’s “Bear Smart” community program has developed a rating system for various waste management practices that could be used to address trash as an attractant for bear. Under this rating system (see **Table 1** below), Boulder would be considered below the “Good” rating because garbage does not need to be stored indoors or in bear-resistant containers.

**Table 1.** Bear Smart Community rating system for waste management collection systems (from Bear Smart Society: [www.bearsmart.com](http://www.bearsmart.com)).

GOOD	BETTER	BEST
Curbside Pickup: Garbage stored indoors until day of pick up, or in bear-resistant containers outdoors - place curbside only on morning of pick-up.	Main bear-proof compactor sites for general use placed strategically at points in community by which residents regularly travel.	100% bear-proof receptacles placed throughout community - one for every 30 homes + bear-proof receptacles for commercial use (incl. garbage, recycling & grease).

#### 4. Programs Implemented and Major Findings

The 2012 & 2013 UWMP implementation efforts to address bears in trash included:

- a **community survey** designed to uncover current attitudes, behaviors, and obstacles in living with black bears in western Boulder; and bear activity **monitoring** including systematic recording of bear/trash conflicts in select neighborhoods west of Broadway (for results visit: <https://www-static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/2012-monitoring-and-survey-final-report-1-201308021632.pdf>); and
- The **Bear Education & Enforcement Pilot** (BEEP) in partnership with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (for 2012 results visit: <https://www-static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/black-bear-education-final-report-1-201308021630.pdf>).

##### **Major findings of the community survey and monitoring of bear/trash conflicts included:**

- the majority of residents in western Boulder currently take action to secure their trash from bears;
- despite high levels of awareness and compliance by a majority of residents, unsecured trash by a minority of residents in western Boulder still creates a significant attractant to bears; and
- almost all waste containers disturbed by bears were trash containers as opposed to recycling or compost containers.

##### **Major findings of the Black Bear Education and Law Enforcement Pilot program (BEEP)**

The following four guiding questions used in the BEEP, and mid program (2012) findings provide information on the effectiveness of education and law enforcement as a strategy to effect behavior change in how trash is stored.

#### **1. Is education alone an effective strategy to positively impact how trash is stored?**

**No.** The pilot showed there was little difference between the numbers of trash violations at residences that had been contacted through door-to-door education verse residences that had not been contacted (five percent difference).

**2. Does education followed by law enforcement positively impact trash storage behavior?**

**Yes.** Behavior change was detected in three different aspects of the program:

**a) *Voluntary increase in use of bear-resistant containers***

There was a significant increase in voluntary use of bear-resistant containers. Bear-resistant trash container use by Western Disposal customers increased 67% from 24 in the beginning of the pilot program (April 2012), to 40 six months later (October 2012).

**b) *Change in pattern of putting out the trash the night before pick up***

Most residents who received warnings from law enforcement officers (58 percent) and all residents who received summonses (100 percent) did not repeat the behavior of putting their unsecured trash out the night before pick up.

**c) *Appearance of fewer violations over time (and during peak urban bear activity)***

Throughout the focused law enforcement period (July to Nov.) there was a general decrease in violations over time (from 24 to 4).

**3. If education and law enforcement do positively impact behavior, is the change significant enough to merit continuing with the approach as the primary strategy to address the problem of trash as an attractant to bears?**

**Maybe.** Despite high levels of awareness and compliance by a majority of residents, unsecured trash of a minority of residents creates a significant attractant to bears. Approximately 20 percent of homes were not in compliance with current trash laws that specify trash must be secured from bears. Though that percentage is relatively low, the number of residents that need to be contacted by law enforcement is significant: there are an estimated 12,436 residences in the area of Boulder that is frequented by bears (west of Broadway Avenue, south of Wonderland Lake, and north of Greenbriar Boulevard). Extrapolating the percentage of residences that experienced bear/trash conflicts in the pilot area to the area of the city frequented by bears, 1,914 residences would need to be contacted.

**4. Do current trash regulations adequately address the availability of trash to bears?**

**No.** There are two major limitations of current trash regulations:

**a) *The current trash ordinance is reactive and not proactive***

The current city ordinance requires trash, recyclables, and compostables to be stored in a manner that they are not overflowing, and their contents are not scattered by animals; and prohibits containers being put out prior to 5:00 a.m. the morning of pick up. Residences that have alley trash

pickup are exempted from the latter. The ordinance does not provide guidance on how trash must be stored as to not be scattered by animals, and can only be applied after trash has been disturbed.

- b) *Enforcement of the trash ordinance requires an officer to serve a summons for the observed infraction directly to the resident or land owner.***

The limitations of this “direct serve” requirement is contact may not be made if residents are not home during contact attempts, or, residents do not come to the door when contact is being attempted.

## **F. OPTIONS**

Staff developed the following options to develop a strategy to address the problem of trash and food waste as a bear attractant based on: public input, lessons learned through Boulder programs, programs that have been implemented in other areas, and the feasibility of implementing a strategy in Boulder. The strategy will have three elements and requires feedback in three specific components: designated location; trash and compost storage requirements; and enforcement. Staff is continuing to conduct analysis on options, including resources to implement, regulatory implications, and effectiveness. Additional information will be available on the website ([www.boulderwildlifeplan.net](http://www.boulderwildlifeplan.net)) as it becomes available.

### **I. Location Options: Where do we want to change how trash and compost are stored?**

Bears have been observed throughout the city, however, their activity is concentrated in the western urban interface . A new approach to how trash is stored could cover a broad area that includes the section of the city visited by bears, a more targeted areas that focuses on the highest concentration of bear activity in the past 5 years, or on an area of the city where the method of trash storage is disturbed by bears most frequently.

#### **a) Zone One: Broad Bear Activity Area**

This area includes residential and business trash and compost storage west of Broadway to the city limits, south of Wonderland Lake and north of Greenbrier (see **Attachment D**). This Zone covers the largest area, and includes the area of the city that has experienced the majority of bear activity over the past 10 years. This zone is comprised of 12,436 residences; or

#### **b) Zone Two: High Bear Activity Area**

This Zone covers a more limited area that has experienced the majority of bear activity over the past 5 years. This zone is comprised of 6,906 residences ( see **Attachment E**); or

#### **c) Zone Three: Alleys**

This area focuses on the method of trash storage that experiences the most trash disturbances by bears. It is comprised of 6,486 residences (see **Attachment F**).

### **II. Storage Option: How do we want to effect change in the way trash and compost are stored?**

**a) Trash and compost must be secured in enclosures or bear-resistant containers until 5 a.m. on collection day**

Description: This model of trash storage requirement would require trash and curbside compost storage secured “indoors”\* or in an approved bear resistant container until 5:00 a.m. the morning of pick-up. This means that if trash and compost are stored in a garage, shed, or trash enclosure, they would be set out after 5:00 a.m. the morning of trash collection (unsecured from bears only at that time). Trash and compost containers that are stored outside must be in an approved bear resistant container. \*\*

**b) Trash and compost stored in or near alleys must be secured in bear-resistant containers**

Description: Currently in Boulder trash, curbside compost and recycling are required to be stored in a way that is secured from animals, wind, or other elements; and containers must remain closed and not overflow. In addition waste containers cannot be set out for collection prior to 5:00 a.m. the morning of pick-up. Currently alley pick-up is exempt from the requirement of only putting waste containers out after 5:00 a.m. the morning of pick-up, and can be stored in the alley 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This option would remove the current alley exemption, and allow for waste containers to be stored in or near the alley if approved bear resistant containers were used for trash and compost.

\*Definitions of Indoors: within a building, house, garage, shed or approved wildlife resistant enclosure. Includes an enclosed structure consisting of four (4) sides and a roof. The sides of the structure must extend to the ground and the door cannot have more than a two-inch gap along the bottom. The door must have a latching device of sufficient design and strength to prevent access by wildlife. Ventilation openings shall be kept to a minimum and must be covered with a heavy gauge steel mesh or other material of sufficient strength to prevent access.

\*\*Definition of approved bear resistant container: must meet the standards of testing by the Living With Wildlife Foundation and a “passing” rating by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) as bear resistant for 60 minutes or otherwise be approved by a City-designated official.

**III. Enforcement Option: How do we want to apply the trash ordinance?**

The Bear Education and Enforcement Pilot Program (BEEP) conducted in Boulder in 2012 & 2013 showed education coupled with enforcement is an effective strategy to effect behavior change in how trash is stored. In 2014 the city is planning to enhance education and enforcement efforts: education will focus more on student and rental properties where resident turnover is expected to be higher; and enforcement strategy will include patrolling every alley and street in the high bear activity area two times per week for 4 months of the bear season (March 15- Nov 1). This patrol strategy will use flexible staff schedules to include patrols prior to 5:00 a.m. Enforcement of the trash ordinance will also be enhanced by 1-2 code enforcement staff should funding for additional staff be

identified. In addition to these changes, there are three options how the trash regulation could be applied to residents. Enforcement of either option could include one or more of the following approaches:

a) **Add administrative service of summonses**

Description: Enforcement of the trash ordinance currently requires an officer to serve a summons for the observed infraction directly to the resident or land owner. The limitations of this “direct serve” requirement is contact may not be made if residents are not home during contact attempts, or, residents do not come to the door when contact is being attempted. Adding the option of an administrative service of a summons would allow the violation to be directed to the land owner even if direct contact could not be made.

b) **Increased fine amount from \$100 to \$250 for first offence (Aspen),**

c) **Fine alternative**

Description: in lieu paying fine for an offence (first offence if fine raised to \$250, second offence if not raised), defendant can obtain an approved bear resistant container prior to court date (currently in Durango).

## **G. NEXT STEPS**

- A public open house on options will be held on Dec. 9, 2013 at the West Senior Center from 5:00- 7:30 p.m.
- Staff expects to bring proposed options and analysis, and recommendation to council for direction on January 21, 2014

## **F. ATTACHMENTS**

- A.** Analysis of trash storage practices to deter bears
- B.** Community Comments and Feedback about Bears and Trash  
July – November 2013
- C.** Bear Activity Map
- D.** Location option Zone One: Broad Bear Activity Area
- E.** Location option Zone Two: High Bear Activity Area
- F.** Location option Zone Three: Alleys

# Analysis of Trash Storage Approaches to Deter Bears

## Approach

## Effectiveness

## Feasibility

### 1. Communal Enclosure



(Snowmass)

**Best**

**Low**

### 2. Pick up at individual residences Stored "inside" (i.e. garage, shed, bear resistant trash enclosure) Until morning of pick up



(Aspen)

**Better**

**Medium**

### 3. Pick up at individual residences Stored outside in bear-resistant container



(Durango)

**Good**

**High**

### 4. Pick up at individual residences Stored outside in retro fitted bear-resistant container



(Virginia)

**Less  
than  
Good**

**High**

## Community Comments and Feedback about Bears and Trash

July – November 2013

**From:** Julianne McCabe  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2013 9:07 AM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** bears in alley

Hello. Today there 3 cans over in our alley, 500 block of Arapahoe (9 AM Monday). I spoke to Western and they said to call code enforcement (3 - 441 3333). I did and understand an officer will be out when available. *I was confused when I spoke w/ Western*, thinking today Tues (not Monday) because there are always cans down on Tues AM, trash pickup day. Since it is Monday, if code enforcement comes soon, it will find these cans/trash and can issue tickets.

We have had bears in our alley all summer. I don't think Western should clean up after these people and if they do they should charge them a hefty fee for this "cleanup". Now that I know the code enforcement no., I will use it. Everyone in the alley knows the situation, some people comply, others don't. There have been bears in our alley since I lived here (1976) but lately it seems they come earlier (June this year.) and stay later (Oct./Nov/).

I am not sure what the neighborhood bear liaison person does. It seems to me I should have known to call the 3-441-3333 code enforcement agency, but didn't. It also seems to me in areas of the city where the issue is hot, the city should post signs warning of code violations and fines. (Not expensive signs, temporary plastic ones.) Last, I don't understand why people don't get the difference between recycling and garbage. I understand the bear proof cans are in back ordered and expensive. Nonetheless, given the risk to bears, the burden should be on the owner, with the help of the bear liaison person, to not be a repeat offense. There are many things reasonable people do to avoid the situation, photo below.

Thanks, Julie McCabe

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**From:** Johannah Franke  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 04, 2013 5:30 PM  
**To:** Matheson, Valerie; Kristin Cannon  
**Subject:** Bears

Although we, on Norwood Ave. in North Boulder have never yet had our garbage bothered by animals, it seems time for all of Boulder to move to bear proof cans in spite of cost.

Thanks,  
Johannah and Lehn Franke

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Elizabeth Garfield  
**To:** council  
**Sent:** Tue, Sep 10, 2013 11:28 am  
**Subject:** Bears

I am writing to urge our city council to mandate bear-proof cans, step up enforcement of trash/littering in alleys, and increase fines for non-compliance. It is outrageous that bears are being shot and killed within our city because they are just being bears. Below is a draft of a letter I submitted to the Daily Camera. Although it was not printed, it was echoed by another letter that appeared in the paper today.

Another bear is killed in Boulder. His crime? Choosing a tree near a school for a nap and not leaving soon enough. Look, people aren't going to willingly secure their trash. Bears aren't going to stop eating. So is the plan to just kill all the bears? I'm not so sure how bears differ from the "beloved" Mapleton elk, except that we've been taught to fear the bear. Consider the fact that bear attacks are extremely rare. Do you know anyone who was ever hurt by a bear? Probably not. How about bitten by a dog? Probably so. In fact, you're more likely to be killed by dogs, bees, or lightning than a bear. (Source: [www.bear.org](http://www.bear.org) <<http://www.bear.org/>> ) Bear behavior is all too often misinterpreted. Sometimes they charge. It's just called bluster. It's a warning that they are frightened and want you to go away. But we don't. We kill them instead. We misinterpret their behavior and they suffer as a result.

Around Ely, MN , where the Wildlife Research Institute researchers do their work, people have been coexisting peacefully with bears for decades. No one has been attacked. Bears who lose their fear of people aren't more likely to attack those people, they are just more likely to ignore them and go about their bear business. Check out the website above. Learn about how we can coexist with our bear neighbors.

Can't we, as Boulderites, try a different response to bears, and co-exist with them rather than killing them? We flock to Estes Park to listen to elk bugle. The rare moose is seen as a novelty and we take pictures. Both are dangerous, but we aren't afraid. But we've been taught to fear bears. On the one hand they are cute little cuddly teddy bears, but on the other they are often pictured standing, snarling with teeth bared ready to attack. Neither image is true. They are magnificent creatures we should learn to avoid -- just like they naturally avoid us. Please, let's be a little more forward thinking on this. I look to the City Council to take leadership on this issue and let the bears live!

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Garfield  
205 Devon Place  
Boulder, CO 80302

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**From: john cooper**  
**Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 1:23 PM**  
**To: Brautigam, Jane**  
**Subject: Trash and Bears**

Hello,

would it be possible to get Western Disposal trash collectors to report homeowners who fail to secure their trash containers against bear attacks?

John Cooper  
Professor Emeritus, University of Colorado

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-----Original Message-----

**From: Alex Barber**  
**Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 9:35 AM**  
**To: Council**  
**Subject: Bears**

To the members of Boulder City Council:

It is time for immediate action to be taken by your members to do something about the on-going bear tragedies caused by inappropriate and irresponsible trash disposal by residents in Boulder. It is shameful and cruel and why are you waiting for study results when the evidence is in front of you? Mandatory trash disposal regulations must be implemented immediately.

No one should be allowed to leave trash out except on trash day. Mandatory bear proof containers should be required in the most difficult areas. I live in the county foothills. We will be paying extra money to insurance companies as a result of living in the "fire prone area" these people can surely pay to protect wildlife for the areas that they have chosen to live in.

I do not see much difference between fire mitigation and bear mitigation. I would gladly pay for a bear proof garbage can if they were available to us in the foothills if it meant saving the life of a magnificent bear.

Please give this issue your immediate attention. It seems like the solution is very simple.

Thank you

Sincerely  
Marcia Barber

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**On 9/19/13 1:03 PM, Scott Gibbons wrote:**

David,

I am glad your dog survived. There was a small dog killed by a bear in it's yard near us this summer as it went after a bear.

I have given this a lot of thought the last couple of weeks, and have been cleaning up neighbor's dumped cans (again). I have visited the neighbors myself, and reported them to Code Enforcement (among others) more than once.

I toured alleys last night. Many cans dumped, none emptied that are bear-proof.

This problem will not be solved voluntarily. Trash must either be kept in a secure enclosure (I keep mine behind a seven foot enclosed area and have never had a problem), in a garage, or in a bear-proof container. And this is what the law needs to state. Then neighbors won't have to continually call Code Enforcement. Either the can is bear-proof or it is not out in the alley until the morning of collection. This gives an alternative for those without an enclosure or garage...they get a bear-proof container. Yes it costs them more but that is each residences problem. There is no basic right to keep your trash in a public right-of-way.

I will be speaking with council members personally about this. Time to do something.

Scott

p.s. As my neighbor and I looked at a can across the alley, dumped for the nth time

he spoke the oft-repeated quote: "Insanity is repeating the same mistakes and expecting different results"

**Scott Gibbons**  
**University Hill Executive Committee Chair**  
***"A Voice for Respectful Living"***  
**303-449-2059**

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**From: On Behalf Of Philip Higgs**  
**Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 12:43 PM**  
**To:**  
**Cc: UHNA EC; Hill Neighbors**

**Subject: Re: [hillneighbors] Bear encounter 9/18 - trash container regulation urgently needed**

Seconded by Philip Higgs, 750 17th st , who just called Code Enforcement for perhaps the fifth time in as many weeks due to almost every garbage can in our alley being knocked over by bears.

Incidentally, our student neighbors have a hard time closing the lids on their cans -- or even getting the garbage \*into\* the can -- and rarely clean up the damage. And I doubt they're suffering any ill effects from

City or landlords, since it keeps happening every week.

c: 917.450.8584

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Sent from my earphone text thingy

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**On 9/19/13 1:49 PM, Sarabeth Mitton wrote:**

As we look at bear proof options, please note:  
Those of us with only 32 gallon service cannot get bear proof cans. They don't make them. We neither have the need, the space or the funds to upgrade service to that level. Many of us also have no inside storage. I will say this though. If your cans are well secured and not directly on the alley (ours are tucked behind our tiny lawnmower shed, out of sight from the alley with a multiple criss cross tight bungee system) they will not be taken by the bears. At least our never have since we moved them off the alley 8 years ago.

And the bears are rampant nightly on our alley. Raccoons and skunks too! Some of the places I find the neighbors trash remnants in my yard are not accessible by a large animal. Perhaps we should only consider making this mandatory for rental properties since they all have large can service and are 99.99% of the problem on my alley. It could be a simple addition to rental licensing requirements.

SARA MITTON

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**From: "City Properties Group, LLC"**  
**Date: September 9, 2013, 4:50:56 PM MDT**  
**To: Val Matheson**  
**Subject: Bears**

Hi Val. Listen I have emailed KC Becker about this before. KC emailed us today to inform us about the pilot program for bear trash containers. It is ironic that a few weeks ago she sent everyone on this

listserve an email that was highly threatening, saying if people didn't just stop leaving their trash in the standard bins, Boulder would fine us or regulate that we get new containers. I can't stand this kind of governmental heavy hand! Boulder is so good at it too! I immediately wrote to her and asked her to stop sending these threatening emails and to consider that we just happen to be a city nestled into the foothills of a great mountain range, and bears like lions, squirrels, fox, elk, deer, raccoons and snakes live with us too! It's our choice to live where we do!

In today's email she acknowledged that the trash containers might not solve the problem because guess what? It's complex! It didn't solve Aspen's problem.

Please don't use this as another way to impose more rules and regulations on us and a means to create a new revenue stream by extracting fines from us if we don't comply. If you do this, you will also have to fine people for having dogs and cats and even small children in their yards in the neighborhoods at the foothill because guess what? LIONS EAT THEM DAILY! Lions are much more of a threat to humans than bears are, yet we're not talking about that.

Let this City be a live-where-you-want-at-your-own-risk. But PLEASE don't tell people what kind of trash containers we must have, make us buy them and fine us if we don't. Optional participation is fine but the facts prevail- it doesn't solve the problem. The problem is we live where we do and other sentient beings live here too.

What I would like to see is a humane NO KILL policy adopted by the City. Relocate these animals as many times as necessary, but stop killing them! Good grief.

Janine Kotre

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**From: "Cowles, Macon"**  
**Date: September 19, 2013, 2:48:50 PM MDT**  
**To: HOTLINE**  
**Subject: Storage of garbage in areas frequented by bears.**

The euthanization of a male bear recently and the frequent appearance of other bears elsewhere that will surely lead to more of them having to be put down is a problem that we must deal with before the Fall of 2014. A resident on the Hill has given me permission to share the letter that he sent to Council

about this subject this morning. The letter enclosed the attached photo of the sow and her 2 cubs in the writer's back yard, where they have lived all summer.

Macon Cowles

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**On Sep 19, 2013, at 12:32 PM, David Raduziner wrote:**

Boulder City Council members:

Yesterday was very difficult for me and my family at 765 14th St (between Baseline and Cascade). Our 28 lb wheaton terrier charged the well known bear sow with two cubs in our yard at about noon. The sow ripped off her collar and put a claw into her torso. She's ok but still quite agitated, and perhaps the emotional damage will be lasting. But this issue is not about our dog. The issue is that our residents are feeding the bears with their trash and this is endangering the bears. Those of us in bear prone areas of the city MUST use bear proof containers for trash cans maintained outdoors. And the only way to make this happen is to enact strict bear proof container laws.

The presence of bears in our University Hill neighborhood has increased dramatically over the last ten years. For many years there were occasional incidences of trash cans overturned in the alleys. Then more regular occurrences began about 5 years ago. Then three years ago bears began visiting our front yard, evidenced by several large piles of scat over the course of the summer. Last summer they began entering our 6' to 7' high fenced back yard again leaving evidence of scat several times. This summer they were regularly present and sleeping in our yard during the daytime. The trash cans in our alley have been overturned almost every single night since the beginning of July this year.

Two years ago we finally signed up for a bear proof container from Western Disposal. We have not had a single incident of trash rummaging by bears since. They've tried to get in - claw and teeth marks prove it - but they have never been successful. The containers work. The \$10 per month fee is well worth it, even just to eliminate constant clean up.

But only two of the residents along our alley have these containers. All other containers are overturned virtually every night. While we don't have to clean up our own spilled trash anymore, the issue is much

more serious than that. Because trash is so readily available as a food source, the bears cannot help themselves but to eat it. And now they don't even bother going home back to the mountains - they live in the neighborhood full time. This presents a serious safety threat to our pets - and to our children. My middle school kids could have easily come home from school, walked in our front gate and surprised the slumbering sow, activated her protective instincts leading her to maul them. Is that what it is going to take for the city to take action on this matter?

The bears stayed in our yard for the day, eventually napping about 40 feet up in a very large ponderosa pine tree right next to 14th St. These bears have spent many days on our property and we have not called the Department of Wildlife previously as we knew they would likely euthanize the sow and the cubs future would be uncertain. I thought long and hard about it and then ultimately came to the conclusion that the bear had to go - a very difficult decision, killing a bear. The bear must be euthanized because she has adapted to her new trash rich alley lifestyle and she is training her cubs to perpetuate it. It is not her fault, it is our community's fault because we have failed to protect her from being attracted to our neighborhood.

I called Wildlife and they came out about 6:00 PM. But for the fact that it was getting dark rapidly, the bears had climbed so high in the tree and officer John was not able to secure enough additional officers due to the heavy load from flood issues, they would have taken out the bear and then relocated the cubs. Officer John and I agreed to leave them be but it is absolutely clear that the clock is ticking, with officials waiting for the optimal time to dart the bears. Officer John is very disappointed that it has come to this - euthanizing wild animals is the final option wildlife officers wish to take but they understand that it has come to this.

When it began to get dark, the bears made their way down the tree and ambled across our yard. They climbed over the alley wall and fence in the usual way and started their regular evening routine. This morning our alley was strewn with trash and several piles of bear scat as a signature.

It is time for city council to take action - map out bear prone areas and require all residents to use bear proof containers or secure trash cans indoors until morning pick-ups. Please put this on the agenda for

2014. Let's not place another resident in the position of having to decide whether or not a bear should live or die.

Best,

David Raduziner  
765 14th St

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**On 9/19/13 12:51 PM, Mark Gelband wrote:**

All -

More punitive code, requirements and expense have rarely, if ever, solved a problem in this community. Seems we could start with the same rules for alley trash cans that apply to those of us without alleys – that cans be not placed in the alley prior to 5 a.m. on the day of collection.

As with so many issues in the city, we already have rules being largely ignored and code enforcement that is neither objective nor consistent. Why don't we first try consistently and steadfastly enforcing the rules we already have?

Mark Gelband  
505 College Ave  
303-522-1192

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**On 9/19/13 12:50 PM, Matejka, Tamah wrote:**

Hi,

I live at 626 14<sup>th</sup> Street. We have seen lots of bear scat in our yard, particularly over the past year. However, we never have garbage in the alley because we keep it in our garage. We drag it out on Friday mornings, when it gets picked up by Western Disposal. This solution might not work for everyone, but it does for us. When our neighbor's house was first bought by college kids, there was initially trash in the alley. I went over and told them about the bears and they started doing the same thing as us and I haven't seen trash in the alley this year, either. Perhaps we should walk the neighborhood and talk about either keeping trash in the garage until trash collection day, or else renting the bear proof containers.

I suppose there is still a risk that bears would eat the morning we put out the trash, but it hasn't happened to us yet.

I also think the fires in the mountains have brought more wildlife to our neighborhood. We have lived at this address since 1987 and never saw bear until a few years ago.

**Tamah Matejka**

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**9/19/2013**

Dear David,

I am fully with you on this. I live in a neighborhood that has had several bears -- co-existing quietly with us for several years. Mine is also the neighborhood where two bears have been killed in the past month.

Most folks along our alley are responsible with their trash. Two apartments with students who come and go and have a collection of usually filled-to-overflowing trash cans are not. Night after night, their trash cans are upended and trash is carried all over the place.

The property owners have left figuring out what to do to the tenants. The tenants just drive over their trash as though it is invisible. The problem is less now that a couple of our bears are dead, but what a shame and what an unfair price was paid for human obliviousness.

We have simply got to stop feeding these guys. Requiring bear proof cans or trash can containment in garages is needed now. I don't think there is any other solution to reducing the in-town bear population that has become habituated to easy pickin's in our trash.

Sincerely,

Susan  
Susan Osborne  
525 College Ave.  
Boulder, CO  
80302  
(720) 340-0159

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**9/11/2013**

Warren Hern:

Bear being destroyed is a tragedy. No putting food in trash cans. Must only put food in trash can right before trash pick-up. There is trash scattered all the time in alleyway between Valley view drive and Dewey, and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets.

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**From: Thomas Fraser**

**Sent: Friday, September 20, 2013 7:42 AM**

**To:**

**Cc: Matejka, Tamah; UHNA EC; Hill Neighbors**

**Subject: Re: [hillneighbors] Bear encounter 9/18 - trash container regulation urgently needed**

Closing them is worthless as is bungees and I have even tried drilling a hole through can and top and wiring it closed. The latter works best. They have removed my can from the best bungee system and I've seen them then pounce on it until some garbage(although not the full scale dumpage) can be reached though the wired top. My issue is the cost of the bear proof container. I'd be happy to buy one if the city offset the cost, but 10\$/month in perpetuity is ridiculous. Does it really cost Western 2.50\$ in manpower each time they open them. Multiply that by the number of cans (about 75\$/week in my alley alone) and this will be a cash cow for Western. I do not have a garage/shed with room for garbage or space for one and my neighbor kept his in the back yard rather than the alley and after a bear went over the fence for it he tore down a section of fence to get out. The only option I support is a one time reasonable fee for a bear proof can. Tom Fraser- 907 11th Street PS- my favorite option provided by the city literature is to freeze all of your garbage until collection day:)

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**9/20/2013**

I agree with Dr Frasier, Mr Gelband, and Sara. The city has created a virtual garbage monopoly with their mandatory compost rules. My former garbage provider (One Way) canceled their service after these rules were enforced. Meanwhile I hear that the owner of Western Disposal jets in occasionally to check in on his garbage monopoly. We don't need more mandatory monthly fees to line his pockets and we probably don't need more laws. Enforcement of existing laws would be helpful though.

As others have pointed out, we're dealing with a bit of an anomaly here because garbage service was canceled last week. In addition, this is an exceptional year because there's not fruit on the trees due to our early May deep freeze. The bears have almost no natural food this year.

Should we be creating new and costly laws in response to anomalous events as Mr Raduziner suggests? I say maybe we should step back and see if we have a pattern where this occurs again next year. If so, then maybe new laws are in order, but, for now, I say no.

For the record, I also advocate that the two strike rule regarding bear encounters should be waived this year to reflect the fact that the conditions have forced the bears to wander into town. I witnessed the

tagged bear and her cubs on our street prior to the flood and it appeared that the cubs were still nursing. If the mother gets killed the cubs will likely die. I'd avoid calling DOW for this reason.

On the subject of laws, regulation, etc., I found this column in the Boulder Weekly to be very compelling. It's about the guy on the horse to Utah. Seems so long ago as it was before the flood but worth a read: <http://www.boulderweekly.com/article-11627-vaya-con-dios.html>

Enjoy your weekend.

Brian Barrett

783 13th St

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**9/20/2013**

Thanks so much Brian, my heart is breaking over the thought of killing this mother bear. The last killing was bad enough. There has to be some kind of waiver for the situation they are in this year. Maybe they can be relocated as a family? We are good about doing that with criminals, why not poor defenceless bears? I am hopeful kinder hearts will prevail and they will spare this mothers life. The cubs are babies and I agree they wouldn't survive and shouldn't be placed in captivity.

Just my 2 cents.

Diana Trettin

855 Grant Place

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**From: David Raduziner**

**Date: September 22, 2013, 8:35:41 PM MDT**

**Cc: UHNA EC, Hill Neighbors"**

**Subject: Re: [hillneighbors] Bear encounter 9/18 - trash container regulation urgently...**

**Reply-To:**

Neighbors:

I've been away this weekend but have had a chance to review the various posts - thanks to all for your interest in this matter.

It was suggested that perhaps this year was an anomaly. The activity was somewhat greater. However as I stated initially, the bear activity has been intensifying every year with bears living in our garden the last two years. And we are on 14th between Baseline and Cascade, not up against open space. Also

these bears live for a long time. Once habituated into feeding on trash, they will return year after year. We don't need to wait to see if they will come back next year. They absolutely will, perhaps a bit later in the summer depending on the availability of easy pickings in the wild, but they will come for sure.

Based on at least one response, it appears that some bears will tip compost bins, though my neighbors and I have never seen it. After communicating with a number of folks on this, my guess is that it depends on what is in them. If it is yard and vegetable waste, no problem. If it includes animal protein, then they'll go for it - but we should not be composing animal protein, it is not allowed.

On the matter of cost, I agree the \$10/mo additional fee is high - this is why we avoided taking the plunge for so long. If they are required, then there will be a massive increase in volume of production and I have no doubt the cost would go way down and perhaps a deal can be worked for a one time sign up fee to cover the extra hardware cost. However it may be that it actually costs somewhat more to service the bear proof containers, takes a bit more time for the workers. Of course this whole issue would be part of a discussion with Western Disposal. By the way, our Western Disposal workers are amazing people in my book. Super hard workers and always friendly and helpful.

On the issue of whether or not bear proof containers will "solve the problem". Well it depends how you define the problem. If the problem is defined as "eliminating all bears from ever entering the neighborhood" than it absolutely won't. But the bears are very smart. If they can't find food, then they will give up. Even if they smell it. They will learn over time that it is fruitless to try to get it. The containers are incredibly effective as the claw and teeth marks on ours verify - they just can't get them unlatched. I'd rather take the chance that they will visit less frequently over time than worry to much about them getting more and more angry that they can't get into containers.

The notion of eliminating food from trash and compost strikes me as pretty much impossible. Yes, eliminate animal waste from compost. But there will be some element of food in our trash and our best bet is to keep it in containers indoors or if in containers outdoors, make sure they're bear proof.

For those of you who haven't seen one of these containers, here is a photo of one. It is just like the normal container but has a latch system. To open you put your finger in the hole on the right and push a small lever to the left. To close, just push down. There are two metal latches on either side of the front that are hidden from view that completely lock it down.

Thanks to all for your comments. If we can all get behind the simple notion that eliminating access to our trash containers will significantly improve, if not completely solve, the bear problem, we can make something happen here. With thoughtful city regulation, robust enforcement, caring neighbors and peer pressure, we can save many bears in the future.

Best,  
David

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**From: Dave Amberger**  
**Date: September 23, 2013, 10:31:58 PM MDT**  
**To:**  
**Subject: Bear-Proof Trash Mandate**  
**Reply-To:**

Hello Boulder city council.

It's time to stop your due diligence. Mandate bear-proof trash cans for all rentals and residence living in areas where bears frequent. (Perhaps to start anyone west of 9<sup>th</sup> St, or West of Broadway.)

Week after week the alleys are strewn with trash and bear scat.

Boulder has always been ahead of the curve on issues (open space, recycling, bike paths, and flood zone management.....) However, on protecting wildlife you seem to be behind the curve.

It is time to setup and decided to reduce the killing of native wildlife.

Make this mandate effective August 2014 and save a few bears.

Sincerely,  
Dave Amberger  
2845 7<sup>th</sup> St

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**From: On Behalf Of Sarabeth Mitton**  
**Sent: Monday, September 23, 2013 8:58 AM**  
**To:**  
**Cc: UHNA EC; Hill Neighbors;**  
**Subject: Re: [hillneighbors] Bear encounter 9/18 - trash container regulation urgently...**

An FYI about garbage costs. People with 32 gallon service currently pay \$26.90/month. As Western does not have bear proof 32's in their system, it would be required to move up to 64 gallon service at a cost of \$49.10/month for bear proof, nearly doubling my monthly cost, or costing me, and others like me, \$266.40 additional annually. And a lot of us do not have room to store the 64 and currently do not even fill our 32 each week. It would be wasteful and inconvenient.

So before mandating this service to those of us who will pay a penalty for the carelessness of others, please resolve this inequity with Western. Require them to get 32's made bear proof, before going further with this proposal.

SARA MITTON

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**9/23/2013**

All, I contacted Frank Bruno, president of Western Disposal about this and he is discussing it with the City.

Note that several years ago (10?, 15?), before the brown cans, the city was going to move trash collection to the street for a number of reasons, two of which I recall was that OSHA regs were changing for garbage collection (automated container lifting), and because alleys were becoming impassable. We (UHNA) objected because recycling was already in the street and it was a mess, plus then we would have seen garbage cans in front of many houses all week long. It was a bad idea that further marginalized the need for alleys.

Alleys are the lifeblood of healthy urban neighborhoods, but that is another subject.

Anyway, Ken Wilson and I undertook a research project to generate data to counter the city's arguments and then scheduled a meeting attended by about 20 people from Western and the City (Bruno was city manager at the time). Long story short the outcome was that recycling was moved to the alley, compost was added, garbage trucks modified and the brown cans were provided to all customers citywide all in one price.

That was a pretty cool, high leverage effort that ken and I are very proud of.

I am confident that Western is going to come up with an equitable and effective solution to the trash collection. They need our thoughts on the subject so thank you to everyone that have weighed in.

A couple of side benefits to the effort was that the city started improving alley clearances and drainage (our paved alley with centerline drainage saved us from recent floods), and also eliminated many encroachments that would prevent firefighters to safely battle blazes from the rear of our homes. Lastly, the overhead power / cable lines are far more reliable in our maintained alley.

In the mean time we need to stop killing bears, after all, we moved into their habitat 100 years ago. I don't know what to do about them, but I bet the naturalists and scientists in the neighborhood have some innovative ideas.

Thank you,  
Steven Walsh  
915 15th Street

303.579.6365

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**9/23/2013**

Neighbors:

These emails from Mr Raduziner and Mr. Walsh (and others) seem to refer to Western Disposal as the incumbent garbage provider. I was never aware that we had an official incumbent provider although my former provider (One Way) canceled their service when the spring pickup was nixed and composting was mandated. I also wasn't aware that our former city manager got the gig heading up our garbage monopoly, a monopoly that may have been created by rules that our former city manager helped craft.

Being a NJ guy I don't want to dig too deeply into this garbage mess, but if we actually have a de facto monopoly running the show shouldn't there have been an RFP process so the ratepayers could get a competitive bidding process going on their behalf. I believe that Lafayette has an incumbent provider determined by a RFP process and their rates are considerably lower than ours. Certainly, economies of scale would suggest that our rates could be bid even lower than Lafayette's.

If we're going to have a garbage monopoly let's do it properly and put it out for bid. That way maybe the \$10/month for a bear proof can and other excessive charges might come down and we can all afford to use these cans. Why doesn't city council address this?

Thanks,

Brian

ps - Is there a witness protection program for garbage whistleblowers?

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**From: Tom Wilson**

**Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 11:22 AM**

**To: Council; Brautigam, Jane**

**Subject: Bears and trash... please stop doing nothing**

I wrote you all around a year ago (maybe a year... time flies) about bears and trash on the hill. I suggested requiring so-called "bear proof" containers. Of course the issue is not only bears, but also raccoons, and the related trash nuisance from dumped cans.

The replies I got basically stated, more or less, that:

- we'd follow the lead of other communities, but
- data's not in yet, and so far it seems the cans are not 100% effective

Of course the situation's not getting better. As a long time Hill resident, I can offer a view from the trenches:

1. There are a bunch of places on The Hill where houses don't have a place to put the cans inside because there's literally no room for a garage. So **putting cans inside is basically impossible**.
2. Animals are opportunistic. That's obvious, but what may not be obvious is that the same cans are raided again and again. **It matters a LOT what you put in the trash, and when.**
3. Students tend to throw out the worst (most attractive) garbage. I know what they throw out because it ends up in the alley with great frequency. Students don't follow the rules in place now, so **it's inconceivable** (*yes, I know what that word means*) **to imagine the problem could be solved by education and voluntary cooperation** at the point of what and when gets tossed out.

The take-away here is that nothing positive will come of this without new requirements for handling trash. This is not complicated. The only reasonable solution at this time is to require "animal-proof" containers for houses that do not put the trash inside. I know, there's already an ordinance about securing your trash, but you see how that's working.

Every argument against this resistant-can solution would apply equally to the "6-day" rule, except perhaps that different people care about it. No one seemed to blink at that, so why not this, which is *\*actually\** related to public safety?

Sure, it is not 100% effective. But it's also not zero percent effective.  
Doing what we are doing now (nothing) is definitely zero percent effective.  
Unless you count shooting bears as part of the solution.

Thanks for listening.  
Please consider making this a priority,  
-Tom  
950 9th Street

ps: To set a good example, I called Western to change to an "animal-resistant" container. I found out that all they stock are 64 gallon containers. So to change my service from the currently-sufficient 32 gallon service, I'd have to also upgrade to 64 gallon service, and it would basically double my trash costs. Western said it only stocks the 64 gallon containers because animal-proof service is not popular and it's too expensive to stock all the sizes. Seems reasonable I guess, but it's incredible that there are no decent options for many homeowners in this part of town.

pps: my neighbor's trash, 9/2



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**9/24/2013**

Robert Troup:

Observes college students in area of 10<sup>th</sup> and Aurora, who do not clean up trash cans for days once knocked over and he is sick of it. He believes students don't have a lot of disposable income and the probability that they will spend \$10 extra per month on bear resistant containers is zero. He suggests that the city try to get sponsorship for bear resistant cans to address cost (i.e. whole foods gets name on cans they sponsor).

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**From: adaline jyurovat**

**Sent: Friday, September 27, 2013 10:57 AM**

**To: Matheson, Valerie**  
**Subject: Bear/trash/our discussion 9-24-13**

You said you are looking for input from people in the neighborhood as to how best to get out the word, esp. to the new tenants, regarding trash that attracts bears. You said door to door contact did not work for your most recent project. If you send me the note you want to go out, I will pass it on as best I can.

I didn't ask if you used college students to help do the job. That might help in the personal -one to one area. Every year there are a lot of newcomers/students around here. Arriving the day before trash pickup might be instructive/educational.

Another thought is concerned adults (maybe from the neighborhood) bringing along concerned/enthusiastic elementary students which might be even better. Kids' concern over having to have bears killed because of trash issues might come through really strong. It might even induce some guilt or other emotional charge to encourage remembering and participation.

Having concerned kids do the artwork on carefully designed/worded brochures might also be more attention getting than those of a pro.

++++Ask the targeted students themselves what would get there attention, and include the option of fines. Also ask if their parents recycled at home and got them involved. (environmental center should really do this kind of survey beginning each year or semester.)++++

Addi Jyurovat

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**On Oct 1, 2013, at 8:59 AM, Dagmar Fehlau wrote:**

I have followed these bear conversation for a while and have never said anything, but now that yet another bear was killed (and her cubs will likely die, too) I am truly wondering what the agenda is for some of our neighbors?

Bears live here. Trash or no trash. They do not know the difference between a tree in Chautauqua and a tree one or more blocks away from it. There isn't a giant fence, and they sure are not able to read signs! In the seven years I have lived here there has always been bears in our neighborhood, in my front yard, in our tree, in our alley, near our school. They have come to feast on the many fruit trees that grow here. And then they leave. And yes, they have feasted on trash. How has that ever hurt me or my family? Once you will eliminate all the trash, they will STILL come into our neighborhood to eat fruit and berries and anything else our luscious trees and bushes have to offer. This year has been such a bad year for fruit crop, so of course more trash cans have been the main food source for some bears.

I wish our neighbors could wait it out, realizing how tough it has been on our bears, instead of calling on them every time they see a bear snout, which will surely always result in their death, as we now know.

If we chose to live so close to wilderness we should be able to handle seeing bears up close. This is bear country and it will always be. Killing them one by one will not change that!

By all means let's be smart about our trash! And pick up our fruit. And hope that no other doggie will get hurt. But do not expect that there will never be another mama bear in our trees. They will still come. They live here.

Thanks,

Dagmar

(10th Street)

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**10/1/2013**

Dear City Council,

I am incredibly saddened and angry that yet another bear has been killed in Boulder. The City of Boulder is not doing it's job in this respect. The city ordinance that mandates ticketing repeatedly knocked-over trashcans is not being enforced AT ALL and the city's negligence on this matter is astonishing and disturbing. The bulk of the people in this city care about bears, I can assure you. PLEASE PLEASE cease this awful mismanagement and put the proper enforcement in place so that the public will have an incentive to handle their trash responsibly and stop the bear buffet that ultimately kills these majestic creatures.

Thank you for your consideration and prompt attention to this matter,

Tiffany O'Meara

5699 Cascade Place

Boulder, CO

80303

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**10/5/2013**

Dear City Council Members (and candidates and important officials also copied)–

Like so many, I was stunned to hear about the recent executions of four bears, including one whose now-orphaned cubs will have to try to survive their first winter alone. Sometimes insane policies get put into place and although we know they're wrong, we get used to having to obey them.

But I know that Boulder, and those of you on Council especially, work hard not to let inertia drive cruelty and inefficiency. Fortunately, there are two remedies that could completely resolve the problem, and I hope that you will make their discussion and implementation a top priority of your upcoming retreat.

One is an obvious and immediate answer that could make a huge positive difference for Boulder: Legislate the use of bear-proof trash cans on the west side of Broadway (or any areas where it's needed) and carefully enforce their use. Since we all know the problems of unfunded mandates, a fund to support their use should be implemented too. I personally would be happy to contribute to it or to any efforts needed to help to put that in place. Such legislation, enforcement and funding are extremely well justified as well by the fact that they will keep significant amounts of trash from contaminating water sources and other areas. We know how trash mars the quality of life and appeal of Boulder; anyone who has seen the ultimate outcome in the Pacific Garbage Vortex and the widespread destruction of plankton and marine life due to plastic trash will know that garbage that is allowed to go unsecured affects the chain of life in many devastating ways.

The second is larger scale but even more important if we care about saving the lives and unnecessary suffering of sentient beings such as those killed in recent weeks: This is the perfect time to urge Colorado Parks, with which the DOW has just been merged, to change this policy of capital punishment for bears for making the mistake of looking for food in the same area twice. (Especially given how many have babies, which strikes me as similar to taking out a soccer mom for shopping two times at the same Safeway.)

Surely this policy is tremendously time and energy consuming and bad-press-producing for them as well. Very often one finds that government agencies hate to carry out policies such as this themselves. But they need our support for change. Many people and some significant organizations will be objecting to this policy, but your voice would have by far the most impact. Please do all that is needed. I would be happy to help in any way, from contributions to letter writing and phone calls and visits to officials.

While I would ordinarily hesitate to commit to all of that, this is a very important issue of humaneness, ecological good sense, and fairness. I, after all, have a voice—and you have a much bigger, more influential voice—and wildlife have none at all, and no way of understanding that a desire for food means a death sentence. Please do everything in your power to end the death and suffering that I think the great majority of Boulder voters would be deeply happy to see stopped.

With much gratitude for all you do and have done –

Cathy Comstock, Ph.D.

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**10/4/2013**

To Whom It May Concern- it has disturbed me that garbage continues to be picked up in the alleys in the western parts of Boulder- including our address at 1838 columbine. why can't it be mandatory that **all garbage cans be picked up on the streets!!** Too many people- our neighborhood included are too clueless or lazy to put cans out in the alley the day of pickup and leave cans in alleys all the time. We draw the bears to easy food because of our shortsightedness then kill them. The garbage trucks are often too heavy and tear up the alleys anyway. Can you please consider and let me know? Thank you.  
Julie Smith

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**10/4/2013**

City Council members,

The recent killing in Boulder of a female bear with dependent cubs, one of four bear killings in Boulder this summer and fall, stirs us to protest an indifference to a correctable problem. The real problem is continued attraction of wild animals by unprotected garbage. The solution should be to both educate the public to the toll this takes on bears and to pass an effective ordinance mandating that trash cans in affected areas be adequately bear-proofed and that such an ordinance be adequately funded and enforced.

In addition, we urge you to petition Colorado State Parks and Wildlife to discontinue their "two strikes and you're out" policy with regard to urban bear populations. This seems arbitrary and unnecessary. We have not experienced a human fatality from a bear attack in Colorado for many years, and we are convinced that the vast majority of Boulder residents would rather live with bears, if necessary, than kill them. Our organization, as always, would be glad to help with disseminating information and working with the public and other agencies to make sure that humane policies regarding bears are supported and followed.

Sincerely,

BCNA  
Peter Kleinman, President  
PO Box 493  
Boulder, Colorado 80306

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**10/4/2013**

City Council- I was very happy to read about your discussion of requiring bear-resistant trash cans for Boulder residents near the foothills. I can't say how strongly I encourage you to pursue this long overdue rule.

I live in the Knollwood subdivision (technically in the Boulder County) and we are visited almost daily by bears especially in the fall. Although most of our neighbors are conscientious about only putting out their trash the morning of collection days, I think that having bear resistant cans would help with the daytime bear visits and the unenlightened neighbors who leave trash and recycling cans out year-round and won't be convinced to move them inside.

I think that the City of Boulder could learn from other progressive towns like Squamish BC which require bear-proof cans. How did they do it, what were the logistics, what level of bear resistance is needed etc. Please do some research on bulk can discounts and address this problem in a comprehensive and thoughtful manner. The current piecemeal approach of "education efforts," voluntary purchase of cans by a few residents and sporadically fining the rest is clearly not effective.

Please utilize the momentum gained by the recent spate of bear killings to enact enforceable rules, and please be ambitious about the size of the area affected- at least everything west of Broadway is needed, or the problem will just creep east.

Thank you for your consideration-  
Megan Wilder  
2175 Knollwood Dr.  
Boulder, CO

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**From: Deborah Byrd**  
**Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 4:58 PM**  
**To: Matheson, Valerie**  
**Subject: Slaughtering Bears**

Vicky,

Below is a copy of my comments to the ranger who sends out emails re: bears in the city

This continued slaughter of bears in Boulder is intolerable. The statistics show that bears do not attack people. Penalties must be imposed on people who leave edible trash out in the alleyways or anywhere trash is found lying about.

This is not about bears; it is about people living near wildlife and not taking proper precautions to prevent them from being killed.

You are a killer. You slaughter animals. Your actions are reprehensible

Please change this two-strike policy of bear-killing in our city. Please conduct meetings to find ways, as suggested above, to stop this senseless, tragic killing of these most beautiful creatures.

I have seen bears frequently in my 33 years in Boulder - in my neighborhood, in Chautauqua - and I have never, ever had the slightest sense of attack or danger. I do not go close to them, I leave them alone. I see them, they see me. I let them be.

deborah byrd

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**From: Linda Weber**  
**Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 11:50 AM**  
**To: Matheson, Valerie**  
**Subject: Bears**

Here's what I just sent to the Boulder City Council:

Dear Boulder City Council,

Since humans are at fault with regard to making trash available to bears (after taking over their habitat), then humans should be held responsible, possibly relocated, or at least censored and fined. Bears are not at fault; they are simply being bears. Killing them is a horrendous "solution" to the problem. I urge you to find another way.

Thank you,

Linda

Linda Weber, counselor and author

Boulder, CO

303-442-1394

[www.earthskycounseling.com](http://www.earthskycounseling.com)

[www.lifechoicesteachingsofabortion.com](http://www.lifechoicesteachingsofabortion.com)

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**From: Barbara Brandt**  
**Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 9:42 PM**  
**To: Matheson, Valerie**  
**Subject: bear resistant trash cans**

Hello,

Please require bear resistant trash cans in the city limits. We need to stop this senseless killing of bears.

Thank you,

Barbara Brandt

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**From: Ken DeBow and Linda Palmer**  
**Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 11:32 AM**  
**To: Council**  
**Subject:saving Boulder bears**

**Dear Members of the City Council,**

Today we read with relief the news that the Council is planning to address with some urgency the issue of bears needing to be killed because of their frequent and repeating presence in the city.

The most significant reason bears enter the community is that they have free access to trash. In our Newlands neighborhood, a typical morning walk past 5 or 6 alleys between 3rd Street and North Boulder Park reveals between 10 and 30 knocked-over trash cans in a day. Our record count is 43. Just night before last, we heard a bear next door, and yesterday morning, we counted 11 knocked over cans in a 4 block stretch. We have written to the Camera and to Western Disposal in the past regarding the problem, and we have taken part in efforts to educate people who leave their trash out all week---all to no avail. We might like to think that education programs are enough to stop people from leaving out their trash all week, but the last two years have shown that these programs are not enough. We might like to think that residents will buy bear-proof cans, but we see few of them in our neighborhood despite programs to make them available at North Boulder Park. We might hope that people will stop leaving their trash out all week in alleys to protect the bears, but that has not happened, neither here in Newlands nor in many other neighborhoods, such as Chautauqua, even as three bears have been killed in the last weeks because of their attraction to free food. In fact, the same cans are knocked over day after day; people clean up their dumped trash, put it back in the can, and then leave the can out for an exact repeat the next day.

We all know that the Boulder bears are learning to be trash eaters, and they are teaching their young the same, and the tragic result is the death of too many bears. We support education efforts, but we know they have proven inadequate; we support requiring bear-proof bins, but we know many people will not (or can not) buy them. That still leaves at least two very reasonable strategies to reduce the number of bears in our community.

The most logical solution is to ask or require that Western Disposal and other companies cease alley garbage pick-ups, at least in bear-prone neighborhoods. People who have their garbage picked up on the street do not, ever, leave the full garbage cans outdoors all week; they put them out on the morning of pick-up, as the law requires. People who keep their cans in the alley fill them all week and leave them full for bears to pick at day after day. Solution? Stop the alley pick-ups. The bears won't find easy-access food and will, on their own, return to where they can find food in the wild.

The other possible solution would result in a nice form of revenue for the city: police every alley in affected neighborhoods and fine every person violating the rule that requires putting cans out after 5:00 a.m. on pickup day. We already have that city rule; put it into effect (we have never seen any patrol in our alleys). Fine every person who puts cans out, fine them every day they persist. What a lot of money would flow in. And no doubt the cans would soon disappear.

Either way, our alleys would be neater, and much more important, our bears would be saved. Please act on this issue as soon and forcibly as possible.

Linda Palmer and Ken DeBow  
2409 4th St.  
Boulder CO 80304

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**From: Pat Lehman**  
**Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 11:20 AM**  
**To: Council**  
**Cc: brendaleeottinger@yahoo.com; Dom Nozzi; Bev Jones; carolyn crawford; Jan Vanderlinden**  
**Subject:Fwd: [MapletonHillNeighborhood] sow and 2 cubs**

Greetings Boulder Council Members:

Brenda Lee, of the Boulder Bear Coalition, has suggested that I forward my letter to the Mapleton Hill list serve to you. I am most concerned over the killing of bears eating from our trash cans. Why are we treating the symptom and not the cause of these needless bear killings? It appears that only punitive fines will change people's behavior, not over-the-top expensive bear-proof trash cans. I realize that such a system requires more hours of enforcement, but I believe that is better than needless destruction of wildlife. Aspen and other mountain communities have learned to peacefully co-exist with bears. No residents have been mauled or killed by bears that i

know of. Why can't we adopt their model?

Respectfully,

Pat Lehman

Begin forwarded message:

From: Pat Lehman <baxter429@gmail.com>  
Date: October 1, 2013, 1:31:13 PM MDT  
To: MapletonHillNeighborhood@yahoogroups.com  
Subject: Re: [MapletonHillNeighborhood] sow and 2 cubs  
Reply-To: MapletonHillNeighborhood@yahoogroups.com

This breaks my heart. I live at 429 Maxwell and virtually every house on my alley on the North side is a rental on the 400 block of Concord. Most days there are overturned trash cans in my alley because people put trash out on non-trash pickup days. The amount of trash is creating a large problem. It is very unlikely these houses are on the Mapleton Hill list serve, so they are probably unaware of the consequences of their actions. This never happened when the properties were owner-occupied. Do you think a visit to these homes from the wildlife office would be worthwhile to inform them about the problems their actions are causing related to the death of bears????? Do we need to contact the owner of these rental homes?

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**From: Helen El Mallakh**  
**Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 5:43 PM**  
**To: Matheson, Valerie**  
**Subject: Response to Bear Policies**

Dear Ms. Matheson

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today. I am putting together a short report for you about what has worked well in our neighborhood and how we have stopped bears from getting into our trash. While we believe that bears will continue to use our neighborhood as a transit corridor, we feel that our investments in neighborhood outreach, building our own animal-resistant trash storage, and other strategies have been successful to date. However, we don't support the mandating of bear-resistant trash containers and suggest that a "one-size-fits-all" approach by the City won't be beneficial or fair to the citizens who

have made significant outlays - in terms of finances, energy, and effort- to make eliminate bears consuming trash contents.

Regards

Helen El Mallakh  
850 Willowbrook Rd  
Boulder, CO 80302  
303-442-4014

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**From:** Helen El Mallakh  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2013 11:34 PM  
**To:** Matheson, Valerie  
**Subject:** Re: Response to Bear Policies

Dear Ms. Matheson,

I will be putting together a powerpoint report this weekend. I do want to add a recent story that I think best captures the group think mentality for a solution to the bear issue. One week before school restarted in August, I saw the 590-pound bear who was living at the cemetery near Flatirons Elementary, called 911, and was called about 2 hours afterwards by a bear biologist (who was with Colorado Parks and Wildlife). The bear biologist told me a repeated refrain: (1) "It is the people of Boulder's fault for not securing their trash and he could take no action," (2) "There is no solution to this issue until the City Council mandates bear-resistant trash cans for everyone," and that (3) "Bears are being senselessly killed because we don't mandate bear-resistant trash cans." When I asked that the bear biologist contact the elementary school, I was told that it "wasn't important" and that he attended that school and they were "used to dealing with wildlife issues."

Fast-forward about 3 weeks: two bears are euthanized within a block-radius of the school. The 590-pound bear being shot and killed while the children were on the playground and the school officials never told about the incident (see video at <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/second-bear-shot-killed-near-flatirons-elementary-school-in-boulder>). I spoke with the school's principal and was informed that they were never told about the large bear living in the cemetery prior to that day by Wildlife officials. Larry Rogstad, the district Area Wildlife Manager, was quoted the next day in the Daily Camera calls the killing of the bear "senseless." (see [http://www.dailycamera.com/news/boulder/ci\\_24050751/wildlife-officers-forced-euthanize-another-bear-boulder-near](http://www.dailycamera.com/news/boulder/ci_24050751/wildlife-officers-forced-euthanize-another-bear-boulder-near))

Here is my take on the situation. The wildlife officials are obsessed with the idea that bear-resistant trash cans are the only solution to the problem. Wildlife officials don't think to mention that the safety of small children makes the killing of the bears necessary - they were killed based on public safety.

I don't believe that my voice or the voices of others in my neighborhood will ultimately change the council's decision, which I think will be to mandate bear-proof trash cans. We won't outweigh the mantra and drumbeat created by the Colorado wildlife officials and repeatedly given in the Daily Camera. Our hope is that we can get some type of exemption from the mandate for those of us who have made the investment in securing our trash and other lifestyle changes to make our areas less hospitable to bears.

The problem with trying to get stakeholders to engage on certain issues is that there is a credibility gap here in Boulder. On too many issues, the solution has already been selected by policy makers and stakeholder engagement becomes, in effect, a facade. What the city does not realize is that instead of placating

stakeholders it alienates them because they realize that the end policy was a done deal from the start.

My willingness to tell what worked for my neighborhood is based on the view that we can maybe get some type of exemption from the costly mandates that I see coming down the road. But I would be naive to believe that this process will result in anything other than a mandate given the power of the Wildlife officials to frame this issue entirely on trash.

Here is what should be the greatest concern: a child will be mauled, badly injured, or killed in the near future in Boulder- with or without the trash can mandate. We don't have an effective plan for dealing with bears-or other wildlife. The narrow focus that has been promoted by Wildlife officials, in conjunction with their lack of resources or lack of desire to use what resources are available to them, is a recipe for disaster. The blame game against the citizens of this city can only go on so long before their are human victims in addition to the killed bears.

Regards

Helen El Mallakh

850 Willowbrook Rd  
Boulder, CO 80302  
303-442-4014

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**From:** Louise Padden  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2013 12:22 PM  
**To:** Matheson, Valerie; Council  
**Subject:** Bears and City Council

Dear Ms. Matheson,

We live in your pilot program area and thank you for your work on protecting the bears and educating the community. We're glad to see the city council and

other agencies focused together on solutions. Towards that goal we would like to see a no kill/relocate ordinance included as part of the solution. Proposed by Aimee Albe and supported by a group of volunteers, Boulder needs to protect bears as part of our wildlife family. Other areas, with much larger bear situations than we have, Juneau Alaska, Tahoe, etc., have management procedures and information that can help our city formulate a more humane and successful system.

Some questions and comments we have:

1. How many people received second or third convictions for not securing trash? We walk the alleys behind Grant and after the first \$100 fine there did not seem to be increased compliance. We were told that there was not enough staff funding to follow up. Jane Brautigan brought up the issue of identifying who the can belongs to. These are important pieces of the problem that need solutions.
2. Western disposal allows extra trash in bags alongside bins, and this is especially a problem on Uni Hill.
3. The momma bear that was killed and two cubs relocated on 9/30 came from a request by one homeowner and agreed to by Jennifer Churchill, spokeswoman for Colorado Parks and Wildlife, despite many other homeowners asking for a relocation. How can one homeowner decide the bear's fate when many others asked for relocation? Hibernation is so close, and the flooding destroyed what little food supply was left in Chautauqua and Flagstaff.
4. On 10/3/2013 Ms. Churchill stated: "I don't think we have evolved to the point where we can have predators living in our backyards". This is a surprising statement, since we already live with bobcats, coyotes, skunks, racoons, bats, bears, deer, and other wildlife. We cherish our open space, and most people understand that we already live with predators. We need to work together to find solutions to this complex issue, and give bears the same protections we give our other animal populations. A no kill ordinance needs to be in place and allowing relocation outside our region. Make the changes that will be effective, and please include community feedback.

Sincerely,

Louise Padden  
575 Euclid Ave.

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**From: Maggie**  
**Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 9:21 AM**

**To: Matheson, Valerie**  
**Subject: Re: [wildlifeplan] Update on urban bears and trash to be discussed at city council meeting on October 15**  
**Importance: High**

I AM GLAD YOU ARE ADDRESSING BEARS! WHY HAVE YOU NOT FINED HOMEOWNER WHO DO NOT PROTECT TRASH, FALLEN FRUIT ETC? WHY SHOULD THE RES OF US WHO ARE CAUTIOUS HAVE TO ENDURE THE KILLING OF OUR BEARS? HOMEOWNER MUST BE MADE RESPONSIBLE – FINE THEM!

Maggie Schafer  
Boulder  
303-443-1947

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**From: Michael Higuera**  
**Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 8:11 PM**  
**To: Matheson, Valerie; Kristin Cannon**  
**Subject: Re: [MapletonHillNeighborhood] ear tagged sow + 2 cubs near 11th and Aurora yesterday 9/3**

My preference is to require bear proof trash cans for residents in areas bears frequent. Preferably distributed by the city or garbage company so there is no way to opt out. I think it's more equitable for the city to pay for these cans since wildlife is a public good and therefore the general public should pay to protect wildlife.

Mike Higuera  
(c) - (720) 470-2790

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**Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 11:25 AM**  
**To: Council;**  
**Subject: bears/trash**

Dear City council,

There has been a bear wondering martin acres for the past several weeks, eating trash, bee hives etc and I expect before the weekend is out it will be another dead bear in Boulder. We keep calling these creatures into our neighborhoods by our irresponsible behavior, then freak out and kill them. When is City council going to require- since citizens won't be responsible on there own - bear locks on trash cans throughout Boulder. It saddens me to no end to think this bear will be dead soon, or thinking about the cubs whose mother was killed that will slowly starve to death because of our neglect. Please act before

next fall, get this situation taken care of. WE say we are so responsible and love our open space- we need to love the animals of open space as well.

Rosemary Hegarty PT,CCRT  
303-499-4602 office

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**Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 12:02 PM**  
**To: Council**  
**Subject: bear in Martin Acres**

I was heartbroken to hear that a bear returned to my street Martin Acres this morning, on trash day, no less... we're literally luring these guys into our yards. What are we going to do to stop this? How will City Council empower us to make changes? Upgrading our trash and compost bins to include bear locks seems like a great start.

I've been horrified at the dumps I see around town, too, especially the big open ones next to dorms like the high-rise on 27th Way-- it's constantly overflowing, and bears aside, all it takes is a windy day to send much of it into the streams.

It's time to make some changes. Time to walk the talk.

Amy  
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Amy Marquis  
Director, [NPX](#)  
Boulder, CO  
703.618.6185

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**From: Ellen Seagraves**  
**Date: November 3, 2013, 10:02:00 AM MST**  
**To:**  
**Cc: Ellen Seagraves**  
**Subject: Bears - trash issue**

Bears are opportunistic hunters.

They use their nose to decide which way to go in search of food.

Ammonia and pine smells deter bear.

Solutions: (utilize smells to deter animals)

1. Trash Crew Sprays trash cans with ammonia or pine scented spray after trash is dumped into truck. Each trash truck would be equipped with a commercial type sprayer.
2. Geographic areas littered with trash (i.e. hill area) - trash pick up company employees a ground crew. Area residences where crews work are accessed a fee and billed at an appropriate rate. So, if ground crews spend an hour on your "block" on average per week billed at rate determined to pay for services rendered. Other way to access billing would be by weight of garbage picked up in block area per week by crews. This should encourage locals to pick up their area. Have some pride - or pay.

Kind Regards,  
Ellen Seagraves  
303-886-2640  
2810 Duke Circle  
Boulder, Co 80305

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**From: Lynn Segal**  
**Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 6:53 PM**  
**To: Matheson, Valerie**  
**Subject: RE: [wildlifeplan] Securing trash to protect bears: community input needed on options**

Valerie, could you explain how the following statement from your comments is a problem.

--" bears in Boulder that are a concern for public safety or show repeated nuisance behavior are killed".

The problem as I see it, is THAT they are being killed and I want to know why. If the problem from your perception is the nuisance and the safety, could you be VERY specific in describing exactly how so?

I might inform you that as of the date my new neighbors moved in, their FOUR barking dogs accost me every time I exit my house and THAT is a nuisance. The fox family that holes up in the shed in that same residence, the deer families, the skunks, the raccoons (which have been

in the closet in my bedroom as well as the healthy live bird I found in there that my cats brought in, the mouse that has moved in since the cats were gone (it IS a nuisance)-- ALL those wild animals were no problem and generally beloved by me. The Elk I never got to meet was not even a safety problem when a neighbor with a dog rounded a blind corner right into it. As to the 4 barking domesticated dogs-- I am MENTALLY destabilized from even having a conversation with a plumber scoping my sewer system at a time I need to very carefully analyze all the complex dynamics of the sewer back up .

I was not physically hurt by the dogs and I would love to be able to get rid of them or insist that my neighbors bring them in their house to sequester the noise to their confines. But since they aren't "wild"life , I can't do that and without repercussion from neighbors that are protected by being allowed to have barking dogs. I can see why the bear was annoyed by a dog at the home of people where the last bear, the mother, was murdered. I don't want to get explicit, but suffice to say I think she showed a lot of reserve. I cannot be sympathetic to Roger Koenig, the owner of the house where the elk was killed when I heard there was some fear regarding the elk and his dog. Roger needed to be talking to the neighbor that rounded the corner. How can you effect better education and community unity so that some extremist reactionary approaches can be de-escalated? I can't imagine that if Sam Carter came up to my house and warned me of a shot that he was going to "take down" an elk -- that I would not insist on seeing the specific injury he was taking down the animal for. I don't think that Sam would have had the audacity to come up against me. But maybe I would have been intimidated. I seriously doubt it. Probably Sam would have been running away screaming trying to get away from me, because I don't accept intolerance or disrespect for sentient wild animals. I am fierce when it comes to that.

I can appreciate my landscape architect neighbor who offered the elk, in an agreement between the two parties, to take SOME but not ALL of the tulips in her project.

I see the real enemy in Boulder is the fear, and not the actuality. And I can tell you that the only thing I am afraid of is what I feel like doing when those dogs next door are interrupting my conversation and sensor scoping of my pipes in my yard with my plumber at \$90/hr.

Oh, and I don't see the wildlife officers taking down deer because of the potential damage from cars running into them. And I don't think there was a lawsuit from the driver when the bear that returned after being tranquilized was killed by his car. Also my family didn't generate a lawsuit about a bighorn sheep that we ran into on the hiway on the way up skiing 25 yrs ago. And I felt pretty bad for the sheep. I don't know what became of him. I recommended we don't leave for skiing so early to my overly enthusiastic skier brother.

Lately I heard from Alycia, a naturalist on the McClintock trail flood tour that the flood very much compounded problems for hyperphagia demands on berries from bear populations in Boulder. This kill policy needs to be changed. It is adding insult to injury. And if you are going to say it is not your responsibility but a policy you are complying with, maybe you need to do something about that and set up these meetings with the authority that has those policies in place. It would be unethical to do otherwise.

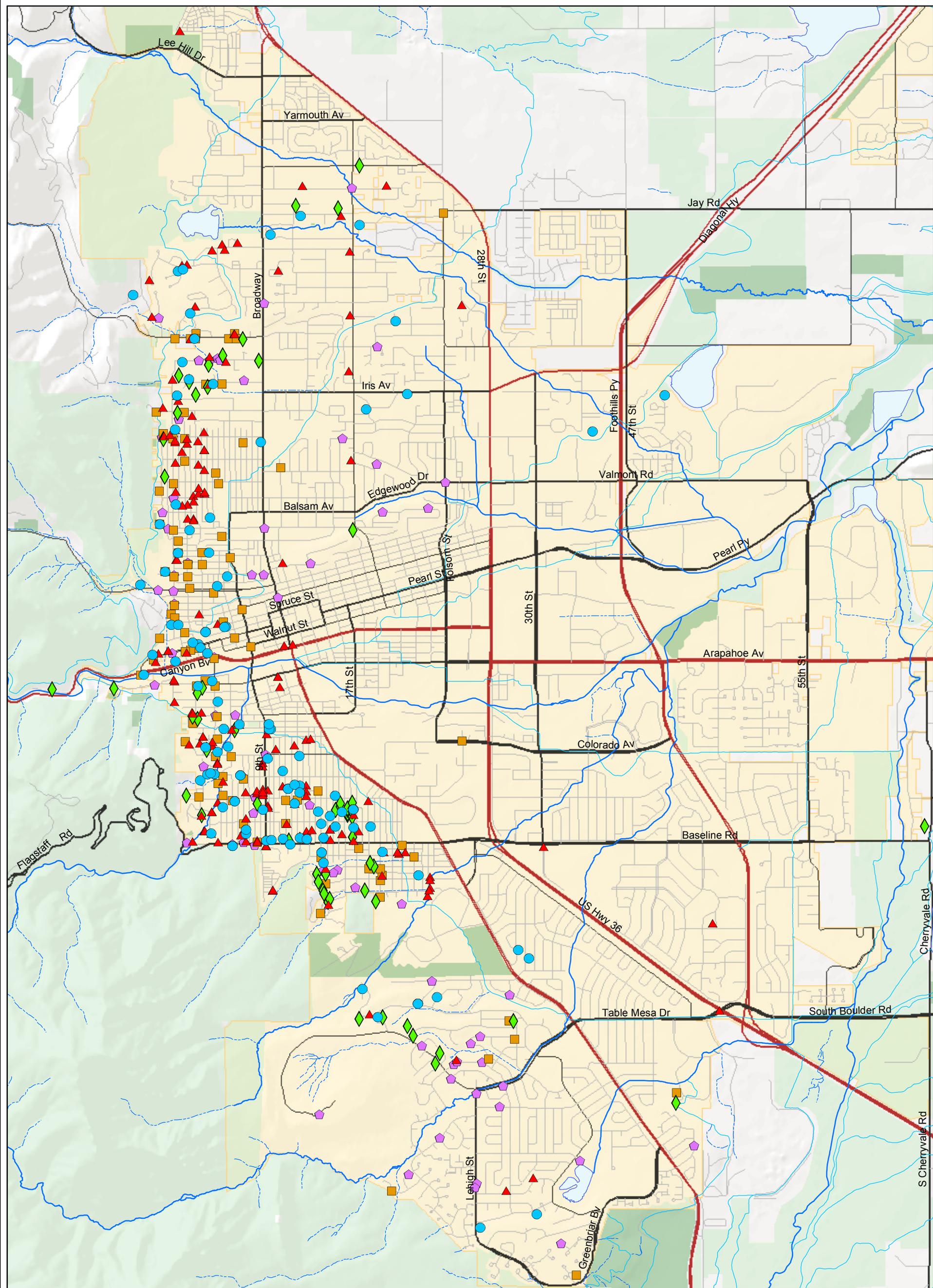
I expect a thorough answer to my concerns and ALL specific questions answered.

Thanks,

Lynn

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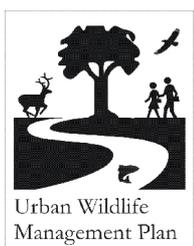
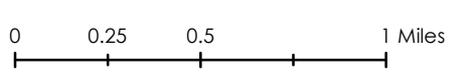
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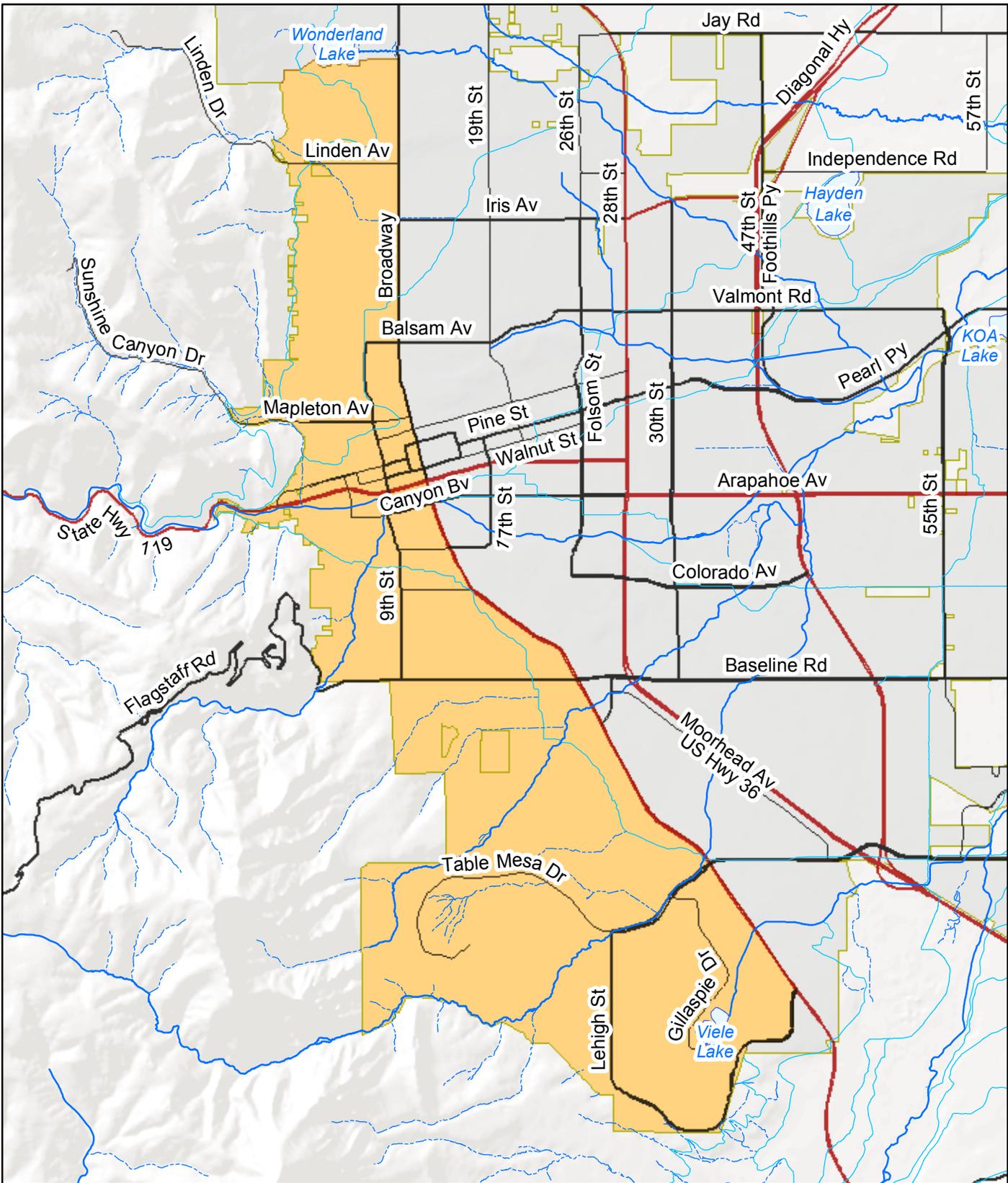
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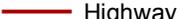
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- Ditch



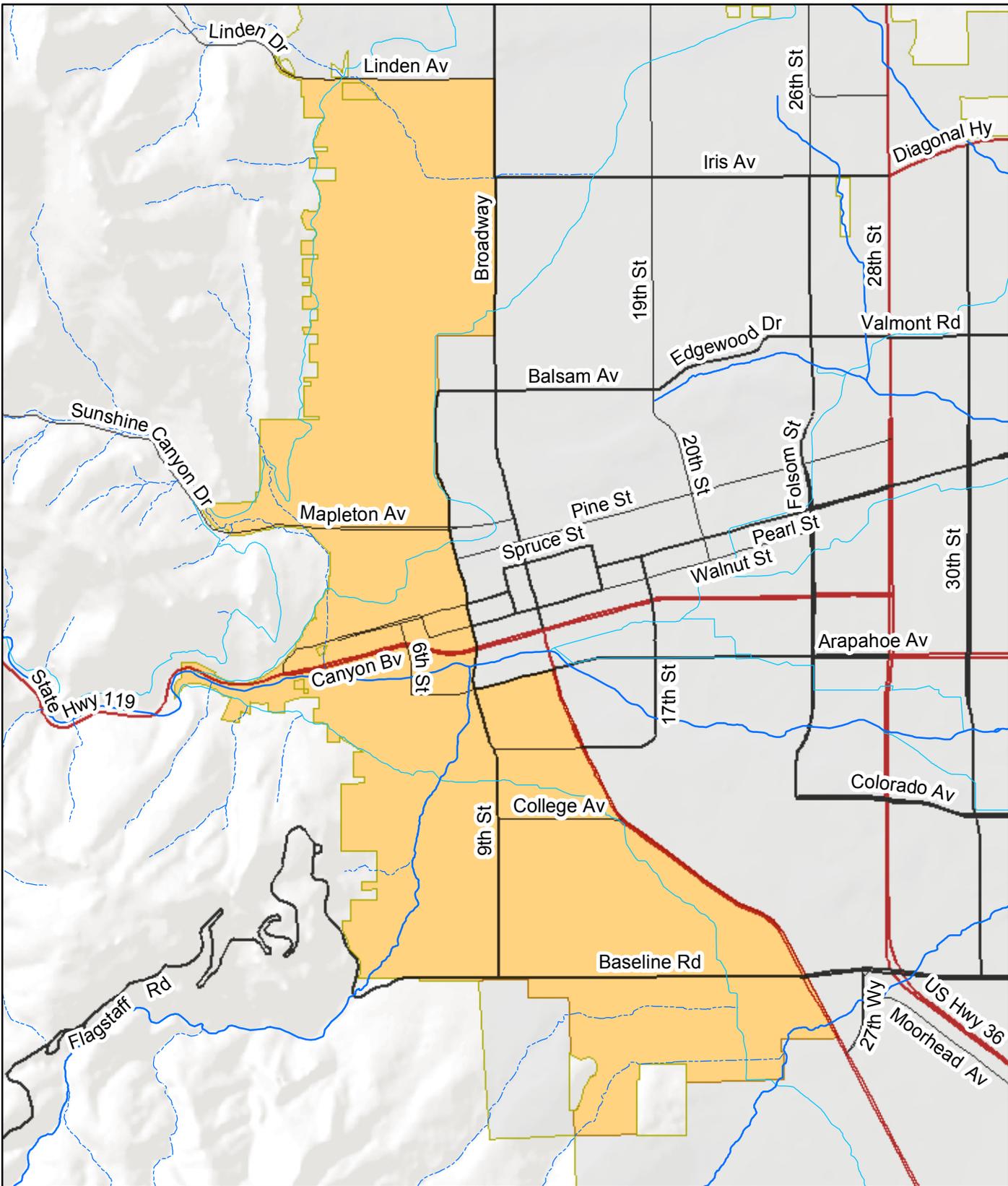
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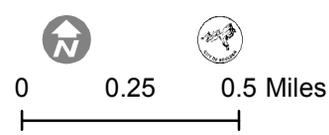
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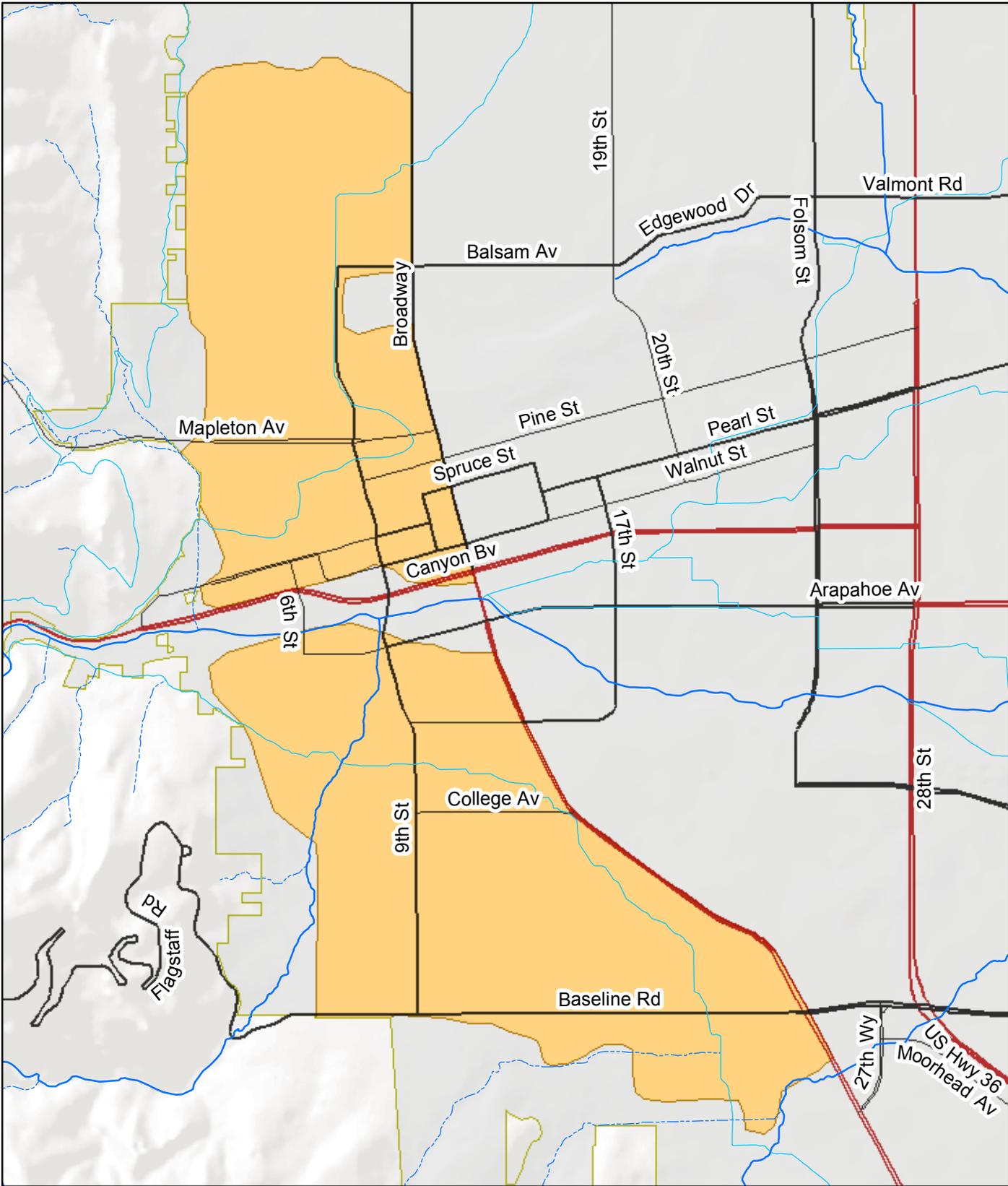
# Zone 2 - High bear activity area past 5 years



- Zone 2
- City Limits
- Creek
- Creek, Intermittent
- Ditch
- Major Lakes
- Highway
- Major Road
- Minor Road



# Zone 3 - Alley Trash Pick-up



- Zone 3
- City Limits
- Highway
- Major Road
- Minor Road
- Creek
- Creek, Intermittent
- Ditch
- Major Lakes



## **Instructions for Board and Commission Input to Council Retreat**

Council requests that each board and commission prepare responses to the following questions for the 2014 Council Retreat. Each answer should reflect the consensus of the board (not individual's views) and are due back to the City Clerk's Office no later than January 3, 2014. Attached are the 2013 Council Goals and work plan to assist in this process.

### 2014 Council Retreat

#### Questions for Boards and Commissions

- (1) What are your top priorities within the framework of the council work plan?
- (2) What would you like to see done that would advance the Council Goals?
- (3) How can your board help reach the council goals?

Thank you,  
Alisa Lewis  
City Clerk

## City Council Goals – 2013

### Top Priorities:

#### **1. Boulder's Energy Future**

The top priority for the City in 2013 is the development of a framework for planning the energy future for the city of Boulder. This framework will focus on the idea of localization, the overarching goal of which is:

**To ensure that Boulder residents, businesses and institutions have access to energy that is increasingly clean, reliable and competitively priced.**

#### **2. Climate Action Plan**

Outline the next generation of climate action efforts in Boulder

Consider extension of CAP tax

#### **3. Affordable Housing**

Receive report of the Task force created in 2010 to evaluate goals and the approach to affordable housing and Based on Council review and discussion of these recommendations, develop an action plan to improve the availability of affordable housing in the city

Consider policies regarding inclusionary housing for rental units

#### **4. Civic Center Master Plan**

Study and develop a master plan for the area between 15th and 9th Streets, with a focus on Farmer's Market and area between Broadway and 15th Street.

## **Next Tier Priorities:**

### **1. University Hill Revitalization**

Continue work of Ownership Group to develop comprehensive revitalization strategy

Investigate formation of a general improvement district, including the commercial area and part of the residential area to control trash and other problems

Change boundaries of BMS land use to coincide with UHGID through BVCP process

Support private development and investment in Hill area

Partner with CU to consider opportunities for properties in the Hill area

Provide an opportunity to explore big ideas

### **2. Homelessness**

Participate in Ten Year Plan to Address Homelessness

Balance long term and short term approaches to address needs

Invest new resources in Housing First model

Work with partners, such as BOHO, to address approaches to immediate needs

### **3. Boulder Junction Implementation**

Work with RTD and selected developer of site to maximize mixed use urban center

Invest in planned infrastructure

Achieve goals of plan while ensuring flexibility in working with developers

Prioritize city actions to facilitate private investment

Focus additional planning work on reconsidering use for Pollard site



**City Council  
2013 Work Plan by Council Goal**

**TOP PRIORITIES**

<b>GOAL: Boulder's Energy Future</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boulder's Energy Future – ongoing analysis of municipalization and work on Energy Action Plan with updates to council at roundtables</li> <li>▪ Recommended strategies to achieve community's energy goals - Study Session and Public Hearing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boulder's Energy Future – based on the strategies approved by Council in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, ongoing analysis of municipalization and work on Energy Action Plan with updates to council at roundtables</li> <li>▪ Municipalization Exploration Project Work Plan Phase 2 – Study Session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boulder's Energy Future – ongoing analysis of municipalization and work on Energy Action Plan with updates to council at roundtables</li> <li>▪ Study Session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boulder's Energy Future – ongoing analysis of municipalization and work on Energy Action Plan with updates to council at roundtables</li> <li>▪ Study Session</li> </ul>

<b>GOAL: Climate Action Plan</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boulder Canyon Hydroelectric Project</li> <li>▪ Climate Commitment – RFQ for consulting assistance for targets and goal setting, development of new GHG inventory, and tracking and reporting tools</li> <li>▪ Energy Efficiency:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Launch of 2013 program priorities</li> <li>○ Upgrades in City Buildings – employee education and outreach project (IP)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Disposable Bag Fee – implementation plan and revised budget (IP)</li> <li>▪ Transportation Master Plan (TMP) –</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commercial Energy Efficiency Strategy (CEES) - feedback on options (Study Session)</li> <li>▪ Climate Commitment – Study Session to review program annual targets, short/ long term goals, tracking and reporting systems</li> <li>▪ Electric/ Hybrid vehicles – project closeout</li> <li>▪ Energy Efficiency – finalize Market Innovations approach (Study Session)</li> <li>▪ Solar/ Wind Generation Facility Code Changes</li> <li>▪ SmartRegs – code changes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CEES – adopt Energy Rating and Reporting Ordinance</li> <li>▪ Climate Commitment – policy integration with TMP and ZWMP</li> <li>▪ Energy Efficiency – launch Market Innovations competition</li> <li>▪ Zero Waste Master Plan (ZWMP) – draft</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Climate Commitment – policy integration with TMP and ZWMP</li> <li>▪ Energy Efficiency               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upgrades in City Buildings – results of employee education and outreach (IP)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ SmartRegs – options for quality control of rental housing inspections</li> </ul>



initial results of Transportation Funding Task Force (Study Session)			
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**GOAL: Affordable Housing**

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ADU/ OAU – study results (IP)</li> <li>▪ Comprehensive Housing Strategy issues - stakeholder engagement process</li> <li>▪ Density and Distribution of affordable and special needs housing - report</li> <li>▪ Inclusionary Housing Rental Policy – consideration of ordinance changes following stakeholder engagement process</li> <li>▪ Mobile Homes Parks – legislative agenda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comprehensive Housing Strategy               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stakeholder engagement process</li> <li>○ Study Session</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comprehensive Housing Strategy issues - stakeholder engagement process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comprehensive Housing Strategy issues - stakeholder engagement process</li> </ul>

**GOAL: Civic Area Plan**

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Board and community input</li> <li>▪ Council participation in Ideas Competition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Council direction on preferred option(s) and strategies</li> <li>▪ Draft plan               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Development</li> <li>○ Community input</li> <li>○ Study Session</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Municipal Space Study Final Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boulder Civic Area vision and plan               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Study session</li> <li>○ Public hearings on adoption</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



**NEXT TIER PRIORITIES**

<b>GOAL: University Hill Revitalization</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2013 action priorities confirmed by Council at January retreat</li> <li>▪ Hill Residential Service District – update</li> <li>▪ Innovation District - update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Action on other priorities</li> <li>▪ Hill Residential Service District – 1<sup>st</sup> reading of petition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Capital infrastructure improvements for the residential and commercial areas – consider during CIP process</li> </ul>	

<b>GOAL: Addressing Homelessness</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City and Community Efforts – Denver sleeping ordinance (IP)</li> <li>▪ Housing First (1175 Lee Hill Road) – Statement of Operations (IP)</li> <li>▪ Work plan check in and priority – Council retreat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analysis of funding for homeless services and alignment with the Ten Year Plan and unmet needs</li> <li>▪ Ten Year Plan to Address Homelessness – progress update (IP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analysis and recommendations regarding banning panhandling on street corners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ten Year Plan to Address Homelessness – progress update (IP)</li> </ul>

<b>GOAL: Boulder Junction Implementation</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Depot Square implementation – update</li> <li>▪ MU-4 zone change - consideration</li> <li>▪ TDM District Implementation Update (IP)</li> <li>▪ Update on potential policy issues related to key public improvements and city owned site (as needed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Update on potential policy issues related to key public improvements and city owned site (as needed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boulder Junction Access District Parking – update</li> <li>▪ TDM Access District implementation - IP</li> </ul>	



**OTHER**

<b>GOAL: Other City Goals and Work Plan Items</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 13<sup>th</sup> Street Plaza - IP</li> <li>▪ 28<sup>th</sup> Street Multi-use Path and Bikeable Shoulders Iris to Yarmouth CEAP – potential call up</li> <li>▪ Acquisition Plan Update - OSMP</li> <li>▪ Alcohol/ Land Use Code Changes – options and recommendations</li> <li>▪ Boating on Barker Reservoir</li> <li>▪ Burke Park/ Thunderbird Lake – recommendations on lake water levels and enhancing park facilities</li> <li>▪ BVCP Area III Planning Reserve Amendments (if approved by County)</li> <li>▪ Chautauqua Guiding Principles, Next Steps –update on progress</li> <li>▪ Civic Use Task Force – update from Council members</li> <li>▪ Cultural Master Plan</li> <li>▪ Design and Construction Standards Update – consideration of minor updates</li> <li>▪ Development Review Projects:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hogan Pancost – annexation and site review</li> <li>○ Wonderland Creek Townhouses – potential call up</li> <li>○ 28<sup>th</sup> and Canyon (Eads/ Golden Buff) – potential call up</li> <li>○ Landmark Lofts II (970 28<sup>th</sup> Street) – potential call up</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ East Arapahoe Study – potential action on limited zoning changes</li> <li>▪ Economic Sustainable Strategies –</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access and Parking Management Strategies – study session</li> <li>▪ Alcohol Land Use Code Changes - action</li> <li>▪ Baseline Underpass East of Broadway CEAP – Call up</li> <li>▪ Bike Parking Ordinance Updates</li> <li>▪ Capital Improvement Bond Projects status update - IP</li> <li>▪ Capital Projects – carry over and first supplemental</li> <li>▪ Critical Facilities Ordinance – public hearing and motion</li> <li>▪ Education Excise Tax – consideration of City Manager funding recommendations</li> <li>▪ Floodplain Management including Boulder Creek Mapping, South Boulder Creek Mitigation, and Critical Facilities</li> <li>▪ Human Rights Ordinance – proposed changes regarding age discrimination</li> <li>▪ Integrated Pest Management Program Changes - IP</li> <li>▪ International Building and Energy Codes – public hearing</li> <li>▪ North Boulder Subcommunity Plan - IP</li> <li>▪ Old Hire Fire and Police Pension Plans – Study Session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2014 Budget Process</li> <li>▪ Access and Parking Management strategies (update)</li> <li>▪ Boulder Reservoir Site Management Plan – status of planning efforts and outcomes of community engagement (IP)</li> <li>▪ Capital Improvement Program – study session</li> <li>▪ Carter Lake Pipeline – thru CIP process</li> <li>▪ Contractor Licensing – proposed changes (IP)</li> <li>▪ Development Review Projects:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Blue Spruce Auto (4403 Broadway) – potential call up</li> <li>○ Boulder Outlook Hotel Redevelopment (800 28<sup>th</sup> Street) – potential call up</li> <li>○ Colorado Building Parking Lot (1301 Walnut) - ordinances</li> <li>○ 1000 Alpine – potential call up</li> <li>○ 3085 Bluff – potential call up</li> <li>○ 3390 Valmont (Former Sutherlands Site) – potential call up</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Eco Pass- report on results of Joint Study with Boulder County on community-wide Eco Pass Feasibility</li> <li>▪ FAM Master Plan – study session</li> <li>▪ Harbeck-Bergheim House – Future Use Options (IP)</li> <li>▪ North Trail Study Area – study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access and Parking Management Strategies – update</li> <li>▪ Agriculture Plan (OSMP) – public hearing</li> <li>▪ Capital Improvement Program – adoption of CIP; 2<sup>nd</sup> budget supplemental</li> <li>▪ Contractor Licensing – consideration of proposed changes</li> <li>▪ Design and Construction Standards Update – consideration of additional changes</li> <li>▪ Development Review Projects:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Village Shopping Center Hotel (26<sup>th</sup> and Canyon) – potential call up</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ East Arapahoe Study – check in on project scope and work plan (3/4Q)</li> <li>▪ Energy Efficiency Upgrades in City Buildings – results of employee education and outreach project (IP)</li> <li>▪ FAM Master Plan – consideration of acceptance</li> <li>▪ Fourmile Canyon Creek Violet Avenue to Broadway CEAP – potential call up</li> <li>▪ Human Relations Commission Work Plan update - IP</li> <li>▪ Human Services Fund allocations - IP</li> <li>▪ Light Response Vehicle Pilot Program - IP</li> <li>▪ OSMP Natural Resources Overarching Issues – Study session</li> </ul>



<p>study session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Education Excise Tax Allocation of Funds – refine RFP criteria</li> <li>▪ Energy Efficiency Upgrades in City Buildings – employee education and outreach project (IP)</li> <li>▪ Floodplain Management including Boulder Creek Mapping, South Boulder Creek Mitigation, and Critical Facilities</li> <li>▪ Hazardous Materials Management IGA</li> <li>▪ Hydroelectric operations and opportunities - IP</li> <li>▪ Keep It Clean IGA</li> <li>▪ Mobile Food Vending – options for ordinance changes</li> <li>▪ Multi-hazard mitigation plan – possible consent item</li> <li>▪ Nuisance Mosquito Control Pilot Project Evaluation - IP</li> <li>▪ OSMP Overarching Issues – discussion and possible action on Voice and Sight Tag Program, Commercial Use Program, Pilot Parking Permit Program; IP on timeline and process for evaluation of remaining topics</li> <li>▪ Police Department Master Plan – Study Session</li> <li>▪ State of the Court Presentation</li> <li>▪ Sustainable Streets &amp; Centers – update on proposed scope options, next steps and integration with TMP, East Arapahoe Area Plan and proposed Economic Sustainability Strategy</li> <li>▪ Transportation Funding (SS)</li> <li>▪ TMP Update – additional direction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ OSMP natural resources – overarching policy issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Temporal Regulations</li> <li>○ Penalties for violations</li> <li>○ Multi-modal access and parking opportunities</li> <li>○ Analysis of trail network and distribution of activities</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Parks and Recreation Master Plan</li> <li>▪ Pearl Street Mall Code Changes</li> <li>▪ Police Department Master Plan</li> <li>▪ Randolph Center Condominium Declaration</li> <li>▪ Recirculation of wastewater – CU Williams Village North (IP if necessary)</li> <li>▪ Skunk Creek, Bluebell Creek and King’s Gulch Flood Mapping Update – public hearing and motion</li> <li>▪ Smoking Ban on Pearl Street Mall - IP</li> <li>▪ Snow and Ice Control Evaluation – study session</li> <li>▪ Transportation Funding – study session</li> <li>▪ TMP Update – additional direction</li> <li>▪ Twomile and Upper Goose Creek Flood Mapping Update – public hearing and motion</li> <li>▪ Water budgets – commercial, industrial and institutional – Council direction</li> <li>▪ Water supply status – IP</li> </ul>	<p>session or dinner discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Old Hire Fire and Police Pension Plans – possible discussion during budget process</li> <li>▪ Parks and Recreation Master Plan</li> <li>▪ Regional Trail Connections (OSMP) – IP</li> <li>▪ South Boulder Creek Flood Mitigation Study – public hearing and motion</li> <li>▪ Transportation Demand Management Toolkit - IP</li> <li>▪ Valmont Butte Future Use Discussions – study session</li> <li>▪ Water Conservation Futures Study</li> <li>▪ Youth Opportunities Funding allocations - IP</li> </ul>	<p>on remaining topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Urban Wildlife – Consideration of Wildlife Protection Ordinance</li> <li>▪ Water budgets – commercial, industrial and institutional – consideration of changes</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ US36 Bikeway Maintenance – Enhancements IGA (tentative based on if extra community investments are desired)</li> <li>▪ Urban Wildlife – Black Bear Education and Enforcement pilot program update</li> <li>▪ Woodland Creek Diagonal to Winding Trail CEAP – potential call up</li> <li>▪ Zero Waste Master Plan Update</li> </ul>			
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**KEY**

ADU	Accessory Dwelling Units
BVCP	Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan
CEAP	Community and Environmental Assessment Process
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
CU	University of Colorado
DUHMD/PS	Downtown and University Hill Management District/ Parking Services (City Division)
FAM	Facility and Asset Management
ICC	International Code Council
IGA	Intergovernmental Agreement
IP	Information Packet
OAU	Owner Accessory Units
OSMP	Open Space/Mountain Parks Department
RFQ	Request for Qualifications
RFP	Request for Proposals
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
TMP	Transportation Master Plan
ZWMP	Zero Waste Master Plan