



# **Boulder Municipal Airport Community Conversation: Community Working Group (CWG)**

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## **Meeting 4 Summary**

**July 20, 2023**



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## Introduction

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This summary has been prepared to detail the notifications efforts and outcomes of the fourth CWG meeting. Additional details about the Community Conversation project can be found on the [project website](#).

## CWG Meeting 4

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### Meeting Information

- Location: City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks (2520 55th St, Boulder, CO 80301)
- Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2023
- Time: 4:30 – 6:30 pm
- Number of Attendees: 18 CWG members, 7 project team members

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## Meeting Notifications

- Email invite to CWG members
- Email reminder

## Presentation Topics

- Open House Review
- Public Process Roadmap
- Evaluation Considerations Review
- Desired Near-Items Action Items Exercise

## Summary of Meeting and Breakout Discussions

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### Open House Review

Before reviewing the Evaluation Considerations, the project team asked the CWG to share their thoughts and experiences from the Open House. The project team asked the following question to start the conversation.

- What strengths and weaknesses did you hear for each scenario at the Open House?

The CWG shared the following highlights:

- Heard skepticism from open house attendees on the costs of scenario 4.
- One heard a city council member express that they did not want an adversarial relationship with the FAA.
- Heard attendees express that they want the airport to be the best version of itself.
- Many attendees expressed that they were not in favor of Scenario 4. The details on this scenario seem light and its not clear if this proposal could be implemented.
- Some attendees mentioned that they do not want to see more hangars built.
- One attendee asked about the different between near-term and long-term action items and what the time component of each would be.
- Open house revealed some gaps in the process and revealed myths and misunderstanding about developing middle-income housing – these gaps may be addressed in future plans.
- Many attendees had comments and questions related to unleaded fuel and noise.
- Some expressed concern that Scenarios 2 and 3 do not address lead pollution.
- One attendee did not like the STEM options
- Many attendees liked the idea of a restaurant or food trucks – however, another attendee mentioned that such a proposal may fail like it did at the reservoir.
- Scenario 3 doesn't seem possible under FAA regulations.
- There is some confusion about the role of the FAA in this process and in future steps.



## Public Process Roadmap

The project team shared the next steps in the Community Conversation process with the CWG. The CWG presentation slides are included as **Appendix A**. The next steps include:

- City Council – August 24, 2023
  - All four scenarios advance to City Council
  - Desired Near-Term Action Items
- CWG 5 – September 12, 2023
  - Sharing refined scenarios
  - Seeking consensus on each scenarios' strengths and weaknesses
  - Seeking consensus on alignment with city goals

## Evaluation Considerations Review

The project team previewed the evaluation considerations and an initial analysis for the scenarios. The evaluations considerations are included in the presentation slides in **Appendix A**. These evaluation considerations were produced based on feedback gathered from the CWG in meeting #2. The evaluation considerations help the project team understand how each scenario aligns with city goals. The considerations are qualitative and subjective measures. The project team asked the following question of the CWG:

- How well do these scenarios align with City of Boulder goals?
  - Favorable
  - Neutral
  - Unfavorable

The project team will be sending these considerations and a short questionnaire out as homework after the CWG. Initial feedback includes:

- Do the evaluation consider that the airport is not part of city general fund
- Safety is a complicated and can encompass many things, including EMS, flooding, fires, disaster response, safety for neighbors, pilots
- Desire to address lead issue once additional data is available

## Desired Near-Items Action Items Exercise

The desired near-term action items are attached as **Appendix C**. The project team reiterated that the near-term action items will not be resolved during the Community Conversations process but will be included in the final report.

The project team guided the CWG through an exercise to narrow down the near-term action items. The responses are included as **Appendix D**.



## Meeting Wrap Up

Before the next CWG meeting, will work on refining the scenarios, the evaluation considerations and presenting preliminary findings to the City Council. CWG #5 will focus on previewing the strength and weaknesses of each scenario, consensus building, reflection on the community conversation process and sharing next steps.

- The final report may contain:
  - Community Conversation Process
  - Four Airport Scenarios
    - Strengths and Weaknesses
    - Alignment with City Goals
    - Renderings and Elements
  - Near Term Action Items
- On August 8, 2023, the project team shared a questionnaire with the CWG to gather more feedback on the evaluation considerations shared during the meeting. Members of the CWG are encouraged to share additional feedback.
- The project team will hold additional stakeholder meetings with Vista Village and San Lazaro in August.
- The project team will host an interim gathering for CWG meetings before the final CWG. These details will be shared in the coming weeks.
- The final CWG meeting will be on September 12, 2023.







**Appendices**

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**Appendix A. Presentation Slides**



**Appendix B. Desired Near Term-Action Items**



**Appendix C. Desired Near-Term Action Items Exercise**