

Meeting agenda & notes

CU South / South Boulder Creek - Process Subcommittee

Friday, July 16, 2021, from 3-4 p.m.

Zoom Meeting (video conference software)

Facilitator: Jean Gatza **Note-taker:** Holly Opansky

City Council, Process Subcommittee Members: Aaron Brockett and Mark Wallach

Staff: Joanna Bloom, Brandon Coleman, Philip Kleisler, John Potter, Gerrit Slatter, Cate Stanek, Joe Taddeucci and Erika Vandenbrande

Attendees from the public: Ben Binder, Raymond Bridge, Shay Castle, Gwen Dooley, John Gerstle, Hal Hallstein, Karen Hollweg, Kathie Joyner, Marki LeCompte, Peter Mayer, Gordon McCurry, Harlin Savage, Lynn Segal, Ruth Wright, Sarah's phone, and a phone #

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South Boulder Creek flood mitigation update

J. Taddeucci, Public Works-Utilities, Director, introduced the update on flood mitigation design progress.

B. Coleman, Public Works-Utilities, Engineering Project Manager, shared that the team's work has focused on supporting annexation draft agreement process by researching and providing information for fill and other topics.

Tentative engagement schedule for Draft Annexation Agreement

J. Gatza, Planning & Development Services, Senior Planner, shared updates regarding this week's release of the draft annexation agreement and Wednesday's Community Briefing and Listening Session. She highlighted the matter being on the next July 22 Planning Board meeting and highlighted the public process requiring materials from the community to be submitted 48 hours in advance so that it becomes part of the official record. While there were no upcoming engagement dates confirmed, J. Gatza mentioned that there will be some soon.

She continued that the next steps scheduled for City Council would be first reading on August 3, and second reading the first few weeks of September, possibly on the 9th, due to a conflict on the 7th with Rosh Hashana. **A. Brockett** stated that the date will be confirmed on Monday's CAC meeting. He also mentioned that another meeting may need to be added for council deliberations before September 21 final reading.

P. Kleisler, Planning & Development Services, Senior Planner, added that the upcoming listening sessions plan to be after the Planning Board meetings and before the City Council meetings.

M. Wallach, supported multiple listening sessions offered and requested a summary.

A. Brockett and M. Wallach, both supported an in-person option, as well as online options.

Next Steps

- August meeting: will be rescheduled from Friday, August 20, once scheduled will be posted on city calendar and project website

Public Comment

Kathie Joyner – Appreciated the draft agreement and looked forward to providing input.

Ben Binder – Disappointed in the last Listening Session format. Concerned about transportation and specifically the intersection on highway 93 without a traffic light proposed. Didn't understand why the 500,000 sq ft changed to 750,000 sq ft of non-residential fill? **J. Taddeucci** replied – FEMA provided their recommendations regarding this number and strategy.

Gordon McCurry – Concerned about the hasty process and supported slowing down the annexation process since flood mitigation process was not dependent on it.

Karen Hollweg – Asked what body would address that the draft annexation agreement content that mentions that housing is prioritized over non-residential but appears to conflict with the numbers. Additionally, she requested clarity about Planning Board's purview on this topic. **P. Kleisler** answered that Planning Board would review the agreement and its compliance with the BVCP, then make recommendations how it is or is not consistent with the BVCP.

Peter Mayer – Let Boulder Voters Decide on Annexation of CU South, noted that this effort had collected 4,500 signatures to vote on the topic. Flood mitigation needed more research.

Margaret LeComte – Disappointment in the rushed process and supported more time for the community.

Lynn Segal – Supported separating the topics of annexation and flood mitigation.

Hal Halstein – In the Section 36 of the Annexation, he requested more information of how the community could place it on the ballot, if under duress, referendum. **M. Wallach** – Requested staff provide details for de-annexation process above and beyond the existing statutory reference.

A. Brockett – Expressed assurance that the process is not being rushed.