East Boulder Working Group
Member Profiles

East Boulder Subcommunity Plan
Matthew Applebaum

- I worked for over 20 years in various locations in the East Boulder Subcommunity, and have long been involved with long-term planning in Boulder

I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...

...this large area will certainly evolve and redevelop over time, and we should try to ensure that the results support our community goals. While that certainly may include significantly more housing, we also must take care to not overly disrupt the critical business ecosystem that exists, particularly support for smaller and start-up companies. This won’t be easy, since any sort of redevelopment in Boulder leads to more upscale and expensive properties and rents. While the city has broad zoning authority that it should use appropriately, the ever-changing market will still largely determine much of the outcome. And building new neighborhoods, with all the necessary support structure, isn’t easy either, nor have we found the magic to create market-rate “affordable” units. Coupled with significant local and regional transportation issues, East Boulder is a fascinating place with much opportunity, but one that requires great care, as well as plans that are not immutable but can react in a timely manner to inevitable changes in markets, demographics, and community desires.

Peter Aweida

- I live near the East Boulder Subcommunity (Gunbarrel)
- I work in the East Boulder Subcommunity
- I own a business in the East Boulder Subcommunity
- I own land in the East Boulder Subcommunity

I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...

I own a business and several properties in East Boulder in Arapahoe Park East and Valmont Industrial Park. This area of Boulder has a lot of potential and I’d like to help this subcommunity to make East Boulder better than it is now.

Erin Bagnall

- I live near the East Boulder Subcommunity

I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...

Being a part of managing and driving smart growth in Boulder is a passion of mine. I see the East Boulder community as an incredible opportunity for Boulder. With community involvement and intelligent city planning, we can see the face of East Boulder change and enhance our wonderful City of Boulder in the ways that we as citizens can all benefit from and enjoy.

Lori Call

- I work at the Boulder Chamber, which is very interested in the opportunities in this area

I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...

I think there is wonderful opportunity as the community determines what makes sense for the evolution of East Boulder. The area is home to the highest concentration of primary employers in Boulder. We have an opportunity to better serve the needs of the area, to reduce the traffic streaming to restaurants over the lunch hour and to create a higher sense of community.
**Ana Karina Casas**

- **I work in the East Boulder Subcommunity**

*I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...*

It is part of my community as a whole, my Boulder community, my immigrant Latinx community. This is the city where I work and live; where I want to raise my children. I am interested in the future of East Boulder because Boulder is our home and I want our voice to be taken into account.

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**Lucy Conklin**

- **I work in the East Boulder Subcommunity**

*I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...*

Being involved in the community is something I’ve always had a lot of passion for. Having lived in Boulder for over a decade, owning a home in the City, building a real estate business, and creating long lasting friendships in our vibrant social community, I feel very invested in the future of Boulder. While my residence is not located in East Boulder, I do have many clients who reside in the area. I also strongly believe what will be built there impacts all of us through transportation, business development, and the housing market—among other things. To be able to contribute my professional, personal, and educational experience in this working group for the betterment of our City is something I am very grateful for.

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**Aaron Cook**

- **I work for Naropa University which has a campus in East Boulder.**

*I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...*

I work for Naropa University and we are very interested in participating in any type of planning for this part of town. Many of our goals as a University are in alignment with the goals of our city and we would like to help these goals be realized. As a University, we believe this area of town to be underutilized.

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**Julia Dullien**

- **I live in the East Boulder Subcommunity**

*I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...*

I was born and raised in Boulder, and spent many years away studying design and planning around the world. Now that I have returned as a landscape designer and am living in East Boulder, I am interested in East Boulder’s design future and accessibility. It is a unique area, home to local industry and manufacturing as well as neighborhoods and wildlife habitat. It has great potential, but I would like to see economic development that is paired with equitable housing, creative design, and ecological innovation.
**Leticia Garcia**

- I live in the East Boulder Subcommunity
- I work in the East Boulder Subcommunity

*I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...*

I live in the San Lazaro Community and I know the needs of this community. Because San Lazaro is not within city limits, it does not have the benefits of other Boulder residences (i.e. water, library, rec center...). I also want to help the larger East Boulder communities.

**John Gerstle**

- I am the Planning Board Member for the East Boulder Working Group

*I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...*

East Boulder is a key area for Boulder’s future development, with respect to business, industrial, commercial and residential opportunities, and significant changes in land use are very likely to take place at a large scale in this area. The ultimate form of land use and development in East Boulder is therefore significant on a city-wide level, because it will have impacts and affect Boulder’s future on many fronts.

**Aaron Johnson**

- I live near the East Boulder Subcommunity

*I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...*

I live just south of Arapahoe Avenue in the Cherryvale / Hoover Hill neighborhood, and what happens in East Boulder will likely have a significant impact on the neighborhood. East Boulder is the part of town where I and many of my neighbors shop, recreate, and otherwise deal with on a daily bases. Also, a popular route from Denver to East Boulder runs through our neighborhood (Cherryvale Road), thus increased residences and job in East Boulder are of a concern.

More so, since our neighborhood is not in the City limits we do not have a vote in decisions that affect us, I find that participation the community working groups (I was a member of the East Arapahoe Community Working Group) to be an informative and helpful way of communicating with City officials and means of having the voices of me and my neighbors heard.

Finally, as a sociologist, I have a professional / academic interest in land use and transportation planning processes. I find Boulder’s “community working groups” to be a relatively unique and informative site in which to participate in and observe planning in action.

**Laura Kaplan**

- I own property, and lived for six years, near the East Boulder Subcommunity.

*I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...*

It is a subcommunity that will potentially change a great deal in the coming decades. Thoughtful planning can make a real difference in enhancing the area’s natural beauty, built character, neighborhood amenities, and contribution to meeting important goals for the city and the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan.
Kenneth MacClune

- I live near the East Boulder Subcommunity
- I work in the East Boulder Subcommunity
- I own a business in the East Boulder Subcommunity

I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...

I have lived on the boarder of East Boulder and have accessed the recreational (multi-purpose) paths and businesses of East Boulder for nearly 20 years. For the last 11 years I have worked internationally on integrating disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation into urban plans (resilience planning). This includes extensive experience in community engagement and consideration and inclusion of marginalized voices. I felt that this experience could potentially add value to the process.

Adam Kroll

- I live near the East Boulder Subcommunity
- I work in the East Boulder Subcommunity
- I own a business in the East Boulder Subcommunity

I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...

As someone who works in East Boulder and owns a business (separate from my full-time work) in East Boulder and who lives immediately south of East Boulder, I am very affected by the direction of the East Boulder Subcommunity.

Kirsten Millar

- I live near the East Boulder Subcommunity
- I work in the East Boulder Subcommunity

I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...

Boulder is transforming! There are a lot of great opportunities for East Boulder to get it right and lead the way as a sustainable, equitable, innovative and economically healthy community! I spend my days in East Boulder, working in Flatirons Park and bike commuting from Southeast Boulder. I have a background in business and sustainability, and I’m excited to apply these perspectives as we shape and influence an East Boulder that meets the needs of its diverse population! Pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, attracting the right businesses in the right locations, creating a sense of community and identity and building housing with a focus on the right level of density and access to transit is really important to me.

Ben Molk

- I work in the East Boulder Subcommunity
- I own a business in the East Boulder Subcommunity
- I own land in the East Boulder Subcommunity

I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...

I think it is an exciting opportunity to help the city meet its goals while not negatively impacting the community.
**Tim O'Shea**

- I am Boulder resident and active participant in both the business and nonprofit community.

*I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...*

As a participant in other public commissions (Library), working groups (Transportation Funding) and various boards/committees (Downtown Boulder Foundation; Chamber CAC; Boulder Tomorrow), I have a keen interest in opportunities to help shape a healthy future for Boulder residents, visitors, businesses, and beyond. I've been eager to see what's shaping for our eastern community and how we can work to smartly build a sustainable infrastructure that measures our current challenges with our future needs.

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**Judith Renfroe**

- I live near the East Boulder Subcommunity

*I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...*

I've lived on the east edge of Boulder since 1972 and really care about its future. It was, and has the potential to remain, a beautiful area. I've always found it interesting how, when man settles an area, he first settles the most beautiful part of that area, then starts building industry there, which in turn creates an “industrial” area (and industrial zoning) which often destroys the natural beauty. The eastern portion of the Boulder Valley was no exception -- Public Service co., former Brick yards, railway lines, chemical industries along 55th, etc. Now we have the opportunity to put other uses in this area and to be sure that future industrial uses are clean and compatible with residential and attractive.

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**Patti Smith**

- I live near the East Boulder Subcommunity

*I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...*

As a resident for the past 27 years, I'm invested in the health and welfare of this community. I have been involved in many local organizations with this in mind. As the community grows, it is important to value the long term residents perspective alongside projections for the future. New ideas are important to vibrant communities, but it is also important to question assumptions in order to promote effective, efficient, positive change.

I look forward to working with this group of curious, committed individuals to accomplish this.

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**Elizabeth Dawn Williams**

- I live near the East Boulder Subcommunity

*I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...*

I have lived in the same location, directly adjacent to the East Boulder subcommunity, for 33 years. I was born and raised in Boulder. I am very active in this community, I was an RN at Boulder Community Health for 25 years. I have a lot of working knowledge of Boulder and this area. I also closely follow development in Boulder and Boulder City government. I feel I could bring good ideas and input to this community that I am part of and am very vested in.
Jeffrey Wingert

• I own land in the East Boulder Subcommunity

I am interested in the future of East Boulder because...

In light of the number of properties our company owns and manages in the subcommunity, along with my 28 years of involvement in these properties and this area, I feel I can be of benefit to the discussion going forward.