



CWG Meeting Summary

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Catalyst:	Barbara Lewis, Facilitator
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Date & Location:	February 26, 2021 Virtual Zoom Meeting
Subject:	Comprehensive Flood & Stormwater Master Plan Community Working Group Meeting #2

Materials Discussed

- I. Workgroup Charter
- II. Technical Memo #1
- III. Public Engagement Process

Introductions

- I. City staff, consultants and CWG members each provided brief introductions.
- II. CWG members were asked to share one thing they learned during the first meeting or from the homework of reading through the draft of Technical Memo #1. Common themes presented by the CWG included the following:
 - a) The background for this master plan covers a significant amount of relevant content. This is good to see, but be careful to integrate this information and not duplicate efforts.
 - b) It was not known by some that *E. coli* was an impairment for Boulder Creek.
 - c) It was good to see that the City was looking at trends in stormwater planning and that studies have already been completed on many of the City's watersheds.
 - d) It would be helpful to see how City, County, State, and Federal policies fit together.

Charter Discussion

- I. Additional comments were received prior to approving the charter. Comments posted on Be Heard Boulder were incorporated. Additionally, the group noted that it was still unclear what the specific goals of this project were and what metrics would be used to determine if the CWG was successful.
- II. City staff noted that the existing 2004 master plan, currently being updated, is a good place to start for understanding of the structure for this process.
- III. Following discussion, the charter was approved by the CWG members.

Technical Memo #1

- I. The City provided an overview of the contents of the first technical memo and discussed how the plans covered in this memo fit together and relate to the Stormwater and Flood Management Utility. It was noted that this document will provide a basis of understanding before diving into the master planning issues.
- II. CWG members were then placed in breakout sessions to discuss what was missing from the technical memo and what additional questions they still had.
- III. Screen shots of the "sticky notes" from each breakout group to record responses on the Jamboard are *included on the following pages*.
- IV. The City answered a few of the questions that were presented. This included clarifying how the guiding principles in the BVCP are to be applied by the utility and where there may be some ambiguity in how they are applied, noting that some of the creeks in Boulder do not have mitigation plans yet because they are still in progress, and how the purpose of this master plan is to guide Stormwater and Flood Management Utility operations. It was suggested that questions, such as how creeks and irrigation ditches are different and how regulations apply to each, be saved for topics at later meetings.
- V. The City noted that responses received from the public and CWG members would be addressed to identify themes and which topics are best addressed through the Master Plan (or other means).

Tech Memo 1 Background

Why doesn't Kings Gulch have a plan?

Tell us what worked well in the old plan, what didn't and how will the new plan work better.

Where are we going with this new plan?

Need an operational document that has value and helps with decision making.

What's missing?

Need a clearer framework and process

Discussion of past master plan and why this is being updated. More setup.

Need to have a different document to start. Has to get at the stakes that are in play. Organize by questions: Is it more important to have equity vs. economic efficiency? Wrestle with deep policy.

CU South is going to overshadow anything we are going to do unless we get it under control

Greater focus on ecosystems in the beginning.

City doesn't have the money to pay for all the planned projects. Need to understand which plans paying for and which aren't.

Can we discuss ditch standards?

Should Title 9 apply to irrigation ditches?

How does inter departmental coordination work?

What are the day to day activities and what does the utility have to do?

Equity in floodplain regulations - are we putting low-income housing in high risk areas?

Equity question: Who gets what first?

Need more information on land use implications and costs

What is the technical memo? Is it a chapter?

Memo seemed a little inaccessible. Not clear on the audience. 100-yr & 500-yr floods seemed unclear related to policy implications.

TM #1 extremely complex, hard to focus on one issue. There are so many restrictions and rules. There are mentions of 100-yr event & 500-yr event, are they different issues?

MHFD clarification - more info on relationship and how it works financially

Discussion about how the city intends to prioritize projects? CBA? How do we make the best use of the city's resources to address these problems?

What is the criteria or filters we are using to prioritize existing policies drawn on in all of the listed documents and use these in the update? How do we resolve conflict and duplication between policies?

Pg. 2 BVCP: Preserving floodplains (conveyance?) to what standard? 100-yr? More or less needed?

How do we make this super quick and digestible to send the message that you can be involved in local government to the general public?

It needs more context, how does this apply?

Is there a plan to have this document translated into Spanish?

Design standard/level of service? What design storm?

Can we clarify the definition of green infrastructure?

Pg. 3 Define the term underdeveloped floodplains?

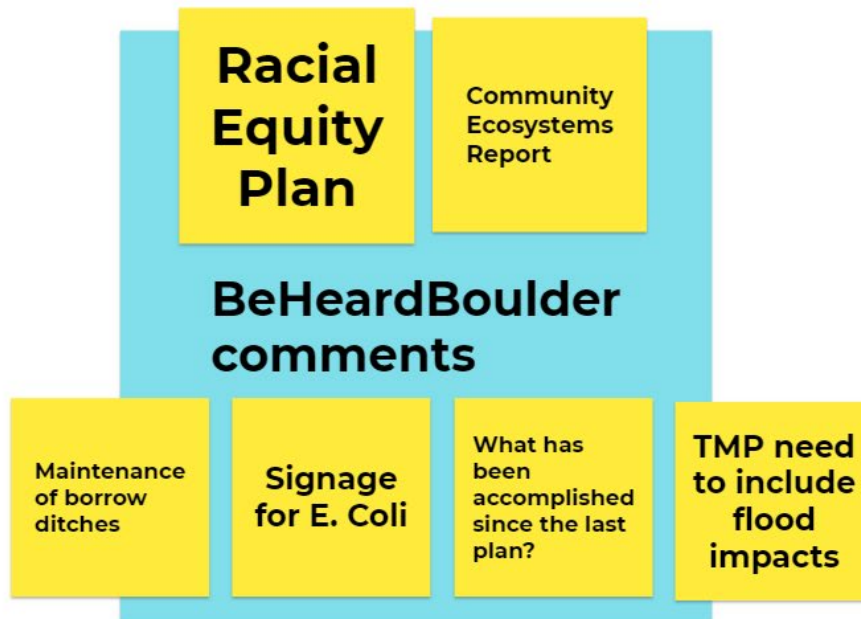
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Tech Memo 1 Background

What's Missing?

What questions do you have?



Public Engagement

- I. The City discussed the ways in which the broader public have already been informed of the ongoing work and the ways in which additional public contribution could be provided. Engagement objectives are as follows:
 - a) Project is clearly defined
 - b) Engagement is thoughtfully planned
 - c) All voices are encouraged and included
 - d) Public contribution and civil participation are fostered
 - e) Process is trustworthy and transparent
- II. A public survey was posted on Be Heard Boulder for 3 weeks in both English and Spanish. The site was visited 479 times with 187 responses received. The Spanish version was viewed 120 times with no responses received.
- III. The City noted that responses received from the public and from CWG members would be addressed to identify themes and determine which topics are best addressed through the master plan and which can best be addressed by other means within the City.
- IV. The CWG was asked to perform interviews within the broader community to find out what issues concern them related to flood and stormwater management.
 - a) The consensus from the CWG was that they did not feel they had enough information about the broader process and issues to convey to the community. There was concern that the open-ended nature of the interview process would lead to interview responses that would be all over the map and not helpful to the CFS process.
 - b) Additional concern was raised about interviewees not wanting to conduct face-to-face interviews during the pandemic, or that they would only want to discuss specific issues that affected them directly without concern for the broader implications to the city as a whole.
 - c) A second set of breakout sessions was used to discuss the types of information the CWG felt they would need in order to conduct these community interviews. Responses were recorded on Jamboard in a similar fashion to the earlier breakout sessions (*reference following page*).

Next Steps

- I. Subgroups
 - a) One-Pager: A subgroup will be formed to create a one-pager that will contain the information necessary for CWG members to reach out to the broader community and conduct interviews.
 - b) Outreach: A second subgroup will be formed to increase outreach and equity to underserved members of the community.
- II. The next CWG meeting will be scheduled for April 2nd to avoid spring break during the last week of March. It was requested by the CWG that the meetings be placed on the Be Heard Boulder site ahead of time so meeting invites do not get lost in emails. The City agreed and noted that Zoom links cannot be posted until 24 hours before the scheduled meeting, but that the information related to the meeting would be posted when available.

Actions

- I. Members can sign up for the One-Pager and Outreach subcommittees on the Be Heard Boulder site.
- II. Comments received from the Be Heard Boulder Questionnaire to be reviewed by CWG members



