



CWG Meeting Summary

Attendees Community Working Group Members:	Elizabeth Black Dylan Blaskey George Craft Bruce Feinberg	Tim Holbrook Ana Casas Ibarra Joan Lutz Mar Caballero-Matlak	Phil Michael RJ Pautch Ted Rose Mark Squillace
Attendees City of Boulder:	Katie Knapp, Project Manager Joanna Bloom, Utilities Deputy Director of Policy and Planning Brandon Coleman, Engineering Project Manager Candice Owen, Stormwater Quality Supervisor		
Catalyst:	Barbara Lewis, Facilitator		
Attendees Tetra Tech:	Vicki Scharnhorst, Project Manager Amy Murdick, Project Technical Lead		
Date & Location:	June 9, 2021 Virtual Zoom Meeting		
Subject:	Comprehensive Flood & Stormwater Master Plan Community Working Group Meeting #5		

Materials Discussed

- I. Walking Tour Overview
- II. Outreach Subgroup Flood Safety Flier
- III. Technical Memo #2: Policy Evaluation (first part of memo)

Community Interview Summary

- I. CWG members provided highlights from the community interviews they conducted. Main themes addressed by community members included the following:
 - a) Outreach seems effective when City staff come out to neighborhoods and use social media
 - b) Maintenance of drainageways, catch basins, and irrigation ditches is a main concern
 - c) Comments regarding a lack of action on construction projects, confusion on what is being done, and how communication is being provided by the City before, during, and after flood events

Public Comment During CWG Meetings

- I. CWG members have stated that it may be appropriate to allow time for the public to provide feedback and comments at Community Working Group meetings. The Project Team recommended reserving the first 10 minutes of each CWG monthly meeting to provide comment. The public members wishing to provide comment would then be invited to remain in the virtual meeting as observers.
- II. CWG members noted that public comment speakers should feel like they are being heard and that an acknowledgement and some sort of response should be provided for comments received. It was also noted that it might be difficult to receive and address comments in just 10 minutes and more time might be required for this.

- III. The City recommended implementing a signup ahead of time for individuals to provide public comment so meeting agendas could be tailored accordingly based on how many requests to provide public comment are received.
- IV. If public members would like to have longer discussions, CWG members might volunteer to follow up with people to hold a more in-depth conversation or listening sessions with the CWG or a subset of them might be planned. Additionally, it is expected that larger public outreach efforts will ramp up in the fall.

Walking Tour Overview

- I. The City provided an overview of the optional walking tour that took place May 14th in lieu of the May CWG meeting. During the tour flooding history, geology, elements tied to the specific programs within the Utility (i.e. floodproofing of the Municipal building), the instream flow program, and the Greenways program were discussed.
- II. Individuals not able to attend this walking tour may reach out to Katie Knapp to request another tour if enough interest is there.

Outreach Subgroup Flood Safety Flier

- I. The Outreach Subgroup reviewed many of the communications the city distributes and recommended that a new, bilingual flier related to flood awareness and preparedness be made available for distribution door-to-door, at parks, at Farmers Market, and on social media.
 - a) CWG members requested that the flier be posted on the Be Heard Boulder site and that a textable version be created for easier distribution.
 - b) A concern was raised related to the large number of items listed for the “Go Box” which might preclude individuals from assembling one.

Technical Memo #2: Policy Evaluation

- I. Tetra Tech provided an overview of the policy evaluation process and introduced goals and objectives that will be used to evaluate the three programs within the Utility. CWG members participated in four breakout groups (flood mitigation, flood preparedness, water quality, stormwater drainage) to discuss aspects of these goals and objectives. Comments from each breakout are documented in the Goals & Objectives worksheets on the CWG BHB site.
- II. Because the goals and objectives were created based on existing policies and supporting documents, the intent of the discussions was to determine whether the information reflected current community sentiment based on what the CWG has learned as part of their outreach process. This information will be used as part of the analysis phase to refine the goals and objectives for the Utility moving forward.
- III. Common themes were noted in the four groups.
 - a) Objectives need to be more specific and measurable.
 - b) Location specific (drainage basin-level, neighborhood-level) actions were missing from the education and outreach sections including flood preparedness, recovery, and response.
 - c) Removing floodplains from where people live did not seem to be in line with protection of natural floodplains. Development in the high hazard zone should be prohibited.
 - d) Irrigation ditches also convey floodwaters. That did not seem to be addressed in any of the goals and objectives.
 - e) Funding related to who will pay for improvements (developers or city) was not addressed.

Meeting Wrap Up

- I. CWG members were asked to respond to the questions related to the format of this meeting:
“What worked well?” and “What should we change?”
 - a) CWG members liked having longer breakout sessions and more time for discussion
 - b) Having a focused and time-sensitive meeting was appreciated
 - c) Interest was expressed for tours of additional creeks lead with City staff
 - d) Interest was expressed for in person meetings in an outdoor setting when possible

Next Steps

- II. The next CWG meeting will be scheduled for July 16th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
- III. The City will look into possibly providing a hybrid in person/Zoom meeting
- IV. “Early On Line Chat” will be made available 15 minutes prior to the start of the next meeting for CWG members to have an open forum.

Actions

- I. CWG members to review (when posted on the Be Heard Boulder site):
 - a) TM #2 (full memo)
 - b) Background on public outreach and racial equity
 - c) An email will be sent to members as the materials for review become available.

Extra credit activity includes providing feedback on the new website beta test. The City of Boulder has posted a link to view the City beta website here: [View City Beta Website \(boulder.colorado.gov\)](https://boulder.colorado.gov)

