

CU South Annexation

Community Briefing and Listening Session

Thursday, August 26, 2021, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting (video conference software)

Facilitator: Barbara Lewis

Zoom Host: Jean Gatza

Note-taker: Holly Opansky

City Council Members: Sam Weaver and Rachel Friend

Staff: Joanna Bloom, Philip Kleisler, Erin Poe, John Potter, Cate Stanek, Joe Taddeucci, and Erika Vandenbrande

CU Representative: Abby Benson and Derek Silva

Attendees from the public: Joris Alawoe, Ben Binder, Louise Bradley, Robin Byers, Lori Call (CU), Jon Carroll, Mike Chiropoulos, Jon Crowder, Pete Dawson, Gwen Dooley, Kelsey Draper (CU), Katie Farnan, Nelson Guerra, Suzie Helburn, Elvie Henson, Russ Hogan, Tim Hogan, Kathie Joyner, Kavya Khanna, Meha Khanna, Joshua Lindenstein (CU), Gina McAfee, David Martus, Peter Mayer, Jim McMillianKimmi Pepitone, Bruce Plenk, Lynn Segal, Ed Smutney, Marin Stanek, Beth Stimpel, Lindsay Sweet, Laura Tyler, Bonnie Worrall, David Zader, Catherine, Jennalee, 720-217-6001

agenda & notes

Community Briefing:

Phil Kleisler, Planning & Development Services, Senior Planner, shared updates regarding the annexation agreement (see power point presentation for content).

Derek Silva, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Business Strategy, and **Abby Benson**, Deputy Chief Operating Officer shared updates regarding the annexation agreement (see power point presentation for content).

Community Speakers:

Mike Chiropoulos – Supported a 500-year flood plain

David Martus – Resident, opposed the draft and supported the voter; climate change support the needs of more residences of utilities and low walkability score

Jon Carroll –Frasier Meadows resident, supported the draft flood mitigation efforts. If Council does not approve the annexation and if it does not pass at the election, how will that effect flood mitigation?

Gina McAfee – Eldorado Springs resident, supported 100-year flood mitigation design

Tim Hogan – quoted Terry Tempist Williams’ writing, supported seeing beyond today.

Brian Frey – Supported / Opposed

Peter Dawson – Asked if there is there a city-wide plan?

Katie Farnan – South Boulder resident, supported the annexation and flood mitigation

Louise Bradley – Supported flood mitigation and annexation on behalf of those who worked on this

Kavya Kanan – CU student and representative, supported the flood mitigation and annexation, especially because many prospective students/faculty do not attend

Meha Khanna – CU student and representative, supported the flood mitigation and annexation agreements, difficulty attracting students and faculty for attainable housing to make it more diverse and equitable.

Ed Smutney – Opposed the annexation agreement because there's not enough binding language, especially regarding the transportation impacts, flood mitigation is not enough, and the environment.

Joris Alawoe – CU student and representative, supported the draft agreement continue to be a top research institution, attainable housing will reduce in commuters.

Kelsey Draper – CU staff counsel representative, expressed support for the draft agreement and enthusiasm for the

Jon Crowder – South Boulder resident, supported the flood mitigation, but concerned about climate change IPCC evidence and the impacts on housing. What's the impact of the development on housing?

Jim McMillian - – Supported a 500-year flood mitigation design because it is feasible if the City gets creative

Ben Binder – Supported a 500-year flood mitigation design especially the bridge topic.

Lynn Segal – Opposed the draft agreement.

Questions & Answers:

Phil Kleisler answered questions regarding utilities, school district impacts, walkability, trip-cap remedies, enforcement of annexation agreement, and limitation on single-family structures.

Abby Benson answered a question about the easement.

Joe Taddeucci answered questions regarding the new development and if there is enough water supply, 500-year flood mitigation, city-wide planning and priorities (especially flood mitigation), climate change. Provided clarity around analysis based on technical design.

Sam Weaver addressed issues of 100-year flood plain, regulations for 100- and 500-year flood plain (above and beyond requirements), climate, trip caps and traffic impacts, 128 acres for rehabilitation, and what the flood mitigation process would look like without the annexation.

Rachel Friend addressed environmental impact of regulating to the 500-year flood plain.