



Land Use

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MEMO

To: Interested Residents and Property Owners in the Allenspark Area
From: Abby Shannon, AICP
Date: October 12, 2011
Re: Allenspark Area Comprehensive Plan – Phase 2

The Allenspark regional planning process has entered a new phase where the County Land Use Department will oversee review of the five proposals (Comprehensive Plan, Interface Committee, Built Environment, Building Materials and Business Zoning) developed through the 747 Community Project planning process. On September 8, 2011, the County Commissioners and the 747 Community Project Team participated in a study session where the 747 Team presented the details and intention behind each of the five proposals. The commissioners asked questions of clarification and identified aspects of the proposals they had further questions and concerns about. This resulted in a helpful initial discussion and set the direction for staff to begin the review process. (The video of this meeting has been posted on the County's website – find a link and instructions at <http://www.bouldercounty.org/live/property/plan/pages/arrtplanning.aspx>)

The Land Use staff would like to acknowledge the significant amount of time and energy 747 Community Project participants have committed to the Townsite Planning process over the past three years. The five proposals developed by the 747 Community Project will be the starting place for staff review, further dialogue and refinement. The goal is for staff to work closely with the 747 Community Project and any other members of the Allenspark community to explore ways to address the concerns raised by the commissioners, discuss parts of the proposals that staff feels need further work as well as meet the intent of the proposals.

Abby Shannon, Senior Planner with the Land Use Department, has been assigned to coordinate the review of the proposals, develop a staff recommendation and oversee the public hearing process.

As a first step, Abby will be available to meet with any group in the Allenspark area to inform people about the review process and listen to input about the proposals. After this outreach, she will initiate work with the 747 Community Project and anyone in the community who is interested in delving deeper into the details of each proposal and looking for ways to resolve issues. The goal is to work in a collaborative manner.

The Land Use Department review process will be open to anyone in the community to submit ideas throughout the process. In addition, when staff presents their recommendation to the Planning Commission and County Commissioners, there will be public hearings before both Boards. This will be yet another opportunity for community members to provide comments.

Notice of upcoming meetings will be posted on the county website <http://www.bouldercounty.org/live/property/plan/pages/arrtplanning.aspx> and 747 Community Project website <http://www.747communityproject.org> as they are scheduled.

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