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BOULDER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at 3:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Docket BCCP-20-0002: BCCP Document Template Conversion-Related Amendments

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Please note that since this public hearing will be held remotely due to COVID-19, only written public comments were accepted for the public hearing portion of this docket..

AGENDA

1. Staff presentation and BOCC clarifying questions
2. Questions for staff
3. BOCC discussion and feedback

BACKGROUND

The layout of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan (BCCP) has not been updated since the mid-1990's. However, all the Elements of the Plan were integrated into one document in 2017. Despite having one cohesive document, the Plan's layout remains outdated. A work plan from a 2017 meeting with the Planning Commission included redesigning and modernizing the look and feel of the BCCP and improving the BCCP website and accessibility to the public. Efforts to improve the BCCP website and public accessibility are planned to occur after approval of the redesigned document by the Planning Commission. The purpose of this redesign is to bring the entire document into a consistent format, improve navigability, and enable functionality as both a printable document and as a digital publication. To view the draft version, go to <https://boco.org/draft-bccp-20200128>.

The Executive Summary (now titled "Introduction"), found on page IN-1 of the revised version, was also last updated in the mid-1990's. Revisions to the introduction were necessary to help frame the document and provide context, to orient readers to the new document design, and to provide an overview of the document's scope and purpose. The revised version also introduces cross-cutting themes addressed throughout the Plan, including resiliency, sustainability, and intersectional equity.

Additional revisions made to the document include reorganizing and refining the Countywide Goals and the goals laid out in each Element of the BCCP (CG-1 – CG-9), updating the Amendment Process and History (APH-1), updating the Information Sources (IS-1 – IS-2), and updating several graphics throughout the Plan. New features worth noting are the Planning History Timeline on pages IN-8 - IN-9 (extended version can be found in the BCCP Appendix on page PH-1), and the graph representing open space acquisition in Boulder County by decade, found on page OS-4.

The county hired a local consultant, inReach Graphics (inReach), to convert the BCCP into its current draft form. The new document will be easily accessible by the public as either a printable book, online as a PDF, and via [e-publication](#). Exploration of other platforms by which to publish the redesigned BCCP is planned to occur after approval and final document assembly.

There are several minor edits that were not completed by inReach and staff due to budget and time constraints, which can be viewed in Appendix A. These edits will likely be addressed by staff in the future. In addition, a redesigned map style is planned as current maps are updated.

Staff presented these proposed amendments to Planning Commission on February 19, 2020. Planning Commission had comments regarding incorporating municipalities into the new Boulder County Open Space Acquisition chart, renaming the subheadings in the Countywide Goals section, and adjusting the page numbering format, but they were excited and supportive of the redesigned version. The current version doesn't yet incorporate the suggested edits, as they will require significant staff time.

REFERRAL FEEDBACK AND RESPONSES

Staff conducted an internal and external referral period from January 29 to February 12, 2020 to all groups on the Department of Community Planning & Permitting's [Referral Agencies list](#). The referral packet was also posted on the project webpage at <https://boco.org/bccp-20-0002>.

All respondents claimed they had no conflict or comments, with the exception of one comment from Boulder County Parks & Open Space requesting a minor addition to the Sales & Use Tax Resolutions timeline in the Open Space Element (OS-6), which has since been added.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff requests that the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed amendments to the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan and authorize Planning Commission to adopt the updated document.

Appendix A – Final round of minor edits to BCCP developed by inReach

- **Amendment Status**
 - Update the amendment status for the following chapters (these chapters currently have ‘TBD’ on them):
 - *Introduction*
 - *Water Element*
 - *Amendment Process & History*
 - *Information Sources*
 - *Boulder County Planning History Timeline*
 - *Comprehensive Plan Maps*
 - Update Amendment Statuses of sections that get approved by PC in Feb 2020 (and/or later)
- **Photos/Graphics**
 - Replace the following placeholder photos:
 - *Niwot (1)*
 - *Telecommunications (1)*
 - *Eldorado springs (2)*
 - *Jamestown & Eldora (3-4 pics)*
 - Provide a location for the following photos (i.e. name of town, if desired):
 - *AG-2*
 - *CG-7*
 - *EC-2*
 - *NH-2*
 - *OS-5*
 - *PH-6*
 - *PH-8*
 - *TR-4*
 - Notes on pics/graphics with resolution under 220 PPI:
 - IN-8 & 9 (Background Image): 187 PPI
 - *2017 00 POS What on Autrey Property taken by Vanessa McCracken Cover - 3.17 MB*
 - *We searched extensively through Mediavalet and felt this image is the best fit, however even using the higher res version available on Mediavalet, the effective PPI still wasn't 220.*
 - The following original graphics from the county are below 220 effective PPI. All of these graphics were also discussed as options to redo in the future:
 - *IN-6 (Boulder County Regional Context Graphic): 148 PPI*
 - *PH-2 (Health Equity Model): 139 PPI*
 - *SMM-2 (Waste Management Hierarchy): 196 PPI*
 - *CEB-2: (Venn Diagram): 124 PPI*
 - In addition, the following graphic was also discussed as something to redo in the future:
 - *PH-3 (Health Impact Pyramid)*
- **Document Order**
 - Reorder the sections in the Geographic-Focused Elements