



**CITY OF BOULDER
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2018

AGENDA TITLE

Consideration of a Motion to accept the September 25, 2018 Advance Study Session Summary on the Subcommunity Planning program.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF STUDY SESSION TOPIC

This agenda item provides a summary of the September 25, 2018 City Council study session on the Subcommunity Planning program. The purpose of the study session was to share information with City Council and receive feedback about the Subcommunity Planning program, a localized planning effort to address a range of issues and opportunities and to implement the goals of the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BVCP). The focus was on three foundational elements of a subcommunity planning program: definitions, boundaries, and prioritization criteria.

DIRECTION

Definitions

- While staff currently seek to amend the operational definition of subcommunity and subcommunity plan, modifying these definitions in the BVCP would not occur until the next BVCP Update.
- Distinguish subcommunity plans and area plans.
- Extend the planning horizon of subcommunity plans beyond 15 years.

- Modify recommended subcommunity definition to remove the term “social characteristics” and include language representing a diversity of neighborhoods and people.
- Modify recommended subcommunity plan definition to include the terms “evolution” and “resilience.”
- Modify recommended area plan definition to indicate area planning is appropriate for areas greater than one individual parcel; change term “site” to “small area or corridor” in the definition.

Boundaries

- Boundaries should encompass key corridors and not use them as dividing lines, where appropriate.
- Staff to study and recommend potential revisions to the East and Southeast Boulder subcommunity boundaries as well as Palo Park boundaries and return in early 2019 for City Council feedback and direction.
- Downtown Boulder will remain within the Central Boulder subcommunity.
- Area II land that is not in a specific subcommunity should be added to one if has future potential as developable land and is not open space.

Prioritization Criteria

- The criteria for prioritizing subcommunities for planning is (1) areas that are currently undergoing change and (2) areas where change is imminent
- Change can be identified by significant number of property sales; number of redevelopment applications; and prevalence of aging structures
- Measurable analysis should be conducted as a part of the subcommunity planning process.
- Council will identify first subcommunity for planning at a future meeting.

Suggested Motion Language:

Staff requests council consideration of this matter and action in the form of the following motion:

Motion to accept the September 25, 2018 Subcommunity Planning Advance Study Session Summary.

Note: This Advance Summary does not take the place of the full Study Session Summary that will include more detail on individual Council Member comments and questions.