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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Eva Henson
RE: Work Session Meeting of July 9, 2019
DATE: July 9, 2019

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Thomas C. Davidson, Karn Stiegelmeier and Elisabeth Lawrence – Commissioners

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Keely Ambrose, Assistant County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Julie Sutor, Director of Communications; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; Don Reimer, Planning Director; Jason Dietz, Housing Director and Eva Henson, Administrative Manager.

Guests: Kelly Flenniken.

I. Xcel Energy Update – Wildfire Mitigation in the County

Kelly Flenniken discussed Xcel Energy's efforts to reduce the potential for wildfire involving their facilities in Colorado and also to educate the public about decreasing wildfire risk. She gave a brief overview of the following key priorities, including, but not limited to:

- Mapping the HRFA (High Risk Fire Area) to identify areas of key risk
- Building resiliency into and making improvements to transmission and distribution systems
- Developing new operational guidelines for RFW (Red Flag Warning) conditions
- Hardening circuits
- Use of drones and aircraft for inspection
- Enhanced vegetation management
- Community outreach, training, education, and support

Commissioners inquired about these key priorities and which ones are immediate what criteria was used. Commissioner Lawrence also suggested that Ms. Flenniken give a brief update at the next Wildfire Council Meeting on September 18th.

Ms. Flenniken noted that Xcel Energy used the Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal – Zones for the following:

- Vegetation around the pole
- Condition of pole
- Equipment assessment

II. Discussion of Proposed General Amendments to the Summit County Land Use and Development Code to address minor clarifications in several sections including Development Standards, Local Resident Housing, and Nonconforming Uses and Structures

Don Reimer gave a broad overview of the proposed general code amendment to the Summit County Land Use and Development code. He described the changes as primarily intended to make minor clarifications to ensure the Code is consistent with policies, as well as formal Code Interpretations over the past several years. He clarified that none of the proposed changes are intended to be a significant shift in any intent of the regulation or application of the Code. He briefly outlined the amendments, including, but not limited to:

- Update of Master Plans
- Natural Resources zone descriptions
- Density – Residential zoning districts
- Road setbacks
- Parking Area setbacks
- Walls and Fences
- Garages
- Outbuildings
- TDR program, utilization of development rights and floor areas in the BC zone
- BC zone standards, structure dwelling size, parcel assemblage
- BC zone, site plan review
- Landscaping, Defensible space
- Dude Ranches/resorts, Cooking and Dining facilities
- Diversity in Affordable Workforce housing developments
- Accessory and Caretaker units, use and occupancy
- Home occupation
- Short-term vacation rentals
- Grading and excavating, definitions
- Number of renewals
- Enforcement of PUD
- Noticing of appeal hearings
- Nonconforming structure, restoration or repair
- Definitions

Commissioners discussed the items listed above in detail with staff and gave comments/feedback.

Mr. Reimer noted next steps would include incorporating additional edits from today's discussion and then coming back to a Work Session in the near future to review.

III. **Managers' and Commissioners' Issues**

Senior Management and the Commissioners gave various updates on topics including but not limited to:

Scott Vargo gave brief updates on the following topics, including, but not limited to:

- I-70 coalition upcoming meeting and if opportunity allows to have a Commissioner share information on the recent Hazmat study
- Housing matters at future upcoming Work Sessions
 - o Dillon Valley Church site
 - o Deed restricted properties/possible buy program
 - o USFS Compound in Dillon
- Xcel Community Resilience Program/battery storage/backup power during an emergency

Sarah Vaine gave brief updates on the following topics, including, but not limited to:

- Region 8 Director has been replaced and a phone conference call is not necessary at this time

Bentley Henderson gave brief updates on the following topics, including, but not limited to:

- Update regarding Exit 203 (including Variable Message Sign on I-70 during peak traffic travel times and initiation of engineering and design of a ramp signal to manage traffic crossing the interstate (going north) and those vehicles getting off of the interstate to go to Frisco and beyond)
- Recent meeting with Denver Water regarding the new drop site at the base of the dam in Silverthorne
- Town of Frisco is meeting this week to discuss issues related to homeless population congregating around Frisco Transit Center
- Preparation for upcoming Statewide Housing Meeting with Counties and Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) (Amy Priegel and Jason Dietz attending) Bentley will coordinate a meeting with staff prior with BOCC to discuss items and context for discussion items at meeting

Jeff Huntley noted that Assistant County Attorney Juliane DeMarco will be responding to a recent request from Judge Thompson regarding technical issues for a system that must be in place for a 48 hour bond requirement that will go into affect in 2021 (needs completed by Oct. 11th)

Commissioner Davidson requested an additional letter regarding Blue Valley Land Exchange to create some urgency around the issue.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

IV. **Open Space Potential Land Acquisition Discussion (*Executive Session Recommended*)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Stiegelmeier and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to go into Executive Session to discuss Open Space and Trails potential land acquisitions, potential ballot renewal and the legal issues related thereto. BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(e). The motion was approved.

Eva Henson

Eva Henson, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:

Thomas C. Davidson

Thomas C. Davidson, Chair