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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R. Lopez
RE: Work Session Meeting of May 18, 2021
DATE: Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Elisabeth Lawrence, Tamara Pogue and Joshua Blanchard – Commissioners

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Keely Ambrose, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Cameron Turpin; Assistant County Attorney; Nicole Valentine, Communications Director; Adam Kisiel, Public Affairs Coordinator and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Staff (via Zoom): Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; David Reynolds, Assistant Finance Director; Joanne Sprouse, Human Services Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Robin Albert, Youth & Family Manager; Lorie Williams, Community & Senior Center Manager; Dan Hendershott, Environmental Health Director; Janet Wolfson, Economic Security Programs Supervisor; Nicole Bortot, Child & Adult Services Manager; Michael Wurzel, Sustainability Coordinator; Brian Lorch, Open Space & Trails Director; Christine Zenel, Resource Specialist and April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager

Guests (via Zoom): Jenna deJong, Jess Hoover, Mandi Roberts, Katherine Woodhouse, Jake Jorgenson, Todd Rankin, Adam Bianchi, Allison Mitchell, Charlie Campbell, Cindy Ebbert, Jeff Gragham, Jen Mehlin, Johny Johnston, Lisa Walters, Michelle Edy, Paul Semmer, Susan L Brown, Suzanne Wettstein, Therese Bucci, Tracy Rameil and others who did not sign in.

I. BOH/BOSS Quarterly Update

Joanne Sprouse, Amy Wineland, Lorie Williams, Robin Albert, Janet Wolfson and Nicole Bortot discussed several topics including but not limited to:

HUMAN SERVICES

Janet Wolfson provided an update on the following:

Assistance Programs

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Currently, all SNAP households are receiving the maximum allotment, which is the base allotment + 15%. This will continue through the end of September 2021.
- Colorado Works (CW)

- All Basic Cash Assistance (BCA) will receive another lump sum payment, the amount is not known yet.
- The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program will continue until the state discontinues the current Public Health Order.
- Child Care Assistance (CCAP) Program
 - New allocation formula will help remove families from the waitlist
 - New system automation (CHATS)
 - Looking into the implementation of contract slots with child care centers for the most vulnerable populations
- Health Care Policy and Financing
 - Continuous eligibility for all clients during the Public Health Emergency
 - Overview of the new Management Evaluations (ME)
 - Overview of the Medical Assistance Performance (MAP) Dashboards, which will replace the current evaluation process.
- Child Support Services (CSS)
 - Modifications to the main workload
 - Upcoming Policy changes
 - Removal of \$20.00 application fee
 - Stricter training guidelines for all staff

Child Welfare Services

Nicole Bortot gave an update on the program including the following:

- Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline: (844) CO-4-KIDS – www.co4kids.org
- Mandatory Reporting: <https://co4kids.org/mandatoryreporting> & the steps followed after abuse or neglect is reported, and the defined response time.
- COVID-19 Impacts: Referrals went down, but family stressors went up.

Summit County Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect at a glance

- 2018: 288
- 2019: 287
- 2020: 142
- 2021: 37 January-April
- Educational neglect reports increased
- Complicated family issues, significant mental health and isolation stressors (e.g. quarantine, etc.)

COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER

Lorie Williams gave an overview of her department's accomplishments during 2020 through April 15, 2021, which includes the following:

- Creation and distribution of the Summit County COVID-19 Resource Guide in English and Spanish.
- Requests for Meals on Wheels increased during the pandemic; they have contracted with a catering company until a new cook is hired.
- Resourced, built and distributed Blizzard Boxes

- Countywide volunteer coordination – 186 new volunteers alone with an increase in bi-lingual volunteers
- Partnered with many organizations including the towns/ aided in the community continuum of care
- Distributed over 12,000 meals through 4/15/21, including prior pandemic 2020
- Provided 14 rides to the Vaccination POD's/ increase in Medical Transportations overall 25%
- Expanded services: 3700 shelf stable boxes, fresh produce, dairy items, OTC medicines & thermometers
- On Call 24/7 for community needs – several thousand calls/ assistance with registration for vaccines
- Partnered with HS Staff for cross training and designed a best practices handbook
- Evaluated best practices weekly to make us more efficient with continuation of our SMART GOALS
- Coordinated volunteers for MOW's, food POD's and Vaccination POD's
- Engaged members through activities to ward off isolation via the Summit Seniors monthly newsletter
- Hosted events outside of our scope of work; like Diaper Days, Drive In Bingo, etc.
- Provided outdoor picnic spaces for clients
- Learned and utilized many new technology devices and software programs
- Community Outreach and resource coordination/ printed resource guide & Spanish radio
- Strengthened Community Support
- Advertising of resources and services/ increased social media awareness in English & Spanish
- Provided virtual programming
- Researched and wrote many grants
- Rented an additional fridge and freezer to house frozen meals
- Coordinated the development of online Software and assisted by the IS Department for 24/7 services
- Provided intensified customer and client support, communication and welfare checks
- Bridged the gap with the Latino population
- Implemented measures for safe reopening/ designed and set up safe seating schematics

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Robin Albert gave an overview of her department's accomplishments, which includes the following:

- Acquired two COVID-19 Response Grants totaling 50K to provide resources for Zoom School at the Teen Center and After School Activities. Caring For Colorado 20K and Summit Foundation 33K.
- Received a Technical Assistance Grant from OJJDP to begin the Implementation of the Peer Mentoring Program.
- Grants for 2021 youth programming are slim, again, but continuing to look, partner, and find creative solutions.
- Teen Center Collaborations

- Working with **Building Hope** to provide Hype activities at the Teen Center and recruit youth to attend Hype offsite activities.
- **Pre collegiate at SMS** to bring high risk youth to the Teen Center for Zoom School and socialization activities.
- **Colorado Learning Connections** to provide free, onsite tutoring to teens in SMS, SHS Snowy Peaks, and the Peak School during the school year and continuing into Summer 2021.
- **BOEC** to provide fun, outdoor, activities for teens.
- **Breck Rec** to provide Day camps to families with younger siblings of youth who attended the teen center. Breck Rec for providing days off activities like the climbing wall for youth at the teen center.
- **Building Hope** for connection Cafes for parents in MM and Teens at the Teen Center. Youth Activities Steering Committee for providing the first ever virtual summer camp. Twenty Four parents attended live and many more watched the U tube video on the offerings for parents this summer.
- **Summit County Libraries-** Provided activities for youth at the Teen Center weekly.
- **Four H and CSU-** for providing an Americorps grant to bring an intern to the Teen Center and Keystone Science School this summer to help with programming and STEM activities.
- **SSD-** providing lunches for the Zoom School youth at the Teen center daily.
- **Starbuck's-**Food donations for Teen Center
- **COVID Response: Teen Center** open daily and on School Breaks between September 2020 and April 2021-7:L30-5:30 M-F. Huge project. 57 youth used the Teen Center at this time. 242 different activities were provided between February and April 2021.
- **Mountain Mentors Response:** Continued to provide activities at least two times per month throughout the pandemic. April and May '20 were the only time that just virtual activities were provided. Otherwise, smaller sized, outdoor activities were provided. During the fall of 2020, smaller, indoor and virtual activities were provided each month. Family socialization activities were provided with monthly virtual parent group meet-ups to discuss concerns about the pandemic, keeping kids engaged, and child behavior. Local parks within walking distance from neighborhoods provided space to involve youth in activities.
- A big success is the monthly learn Spanish/English online meet ups with Mentors and parents practicing their new second language. Families who primarily speak Spanish and mentors who are primarily mono-lingual English speaking, get together, play games, and socialize to practice each other's languages. It has been a great way to help the communication between Mentors and families.
- **Strengthening Families Response (SFO) -** Similar to Mountain Mentors, SFO went remote from mid-March through the end of May. They primarily zoomed with families. When summer came, they met face to face (mask to mask) outside. Many families craved being with their visitor in person during the winter. So office visits took place at times when no one was in the office or in a meeting Room.

- Strengthening Families saw 52 families and 96 children in 2020. For this time last year, numbers are slightly higher this year and there is a waiting list of 5 families. There are families this year that require more visitor time.
- **Communities that Care (CTC)** - Two main objectives for 2020-2021 year were Positive Youth Development and the Mapping Project in Dillon Valley. For PYD- three trainings in PYD were provided by zoom.
- The Dillon Valley mapping project, brought much needed information and ideas to Summit County planning department and the Water and Sewer district in Dillon Valley. Painting and signage was recommended for the 2022 year to improve safety and walkability to the schools. There are ongoing talks with Walkable Dillon Valley and the Water/Sewer district to talk about more community projects in the future.
- A new mapping project is set for July this year around childcare needs.
- Education of vaping and smoking lounges was provided to the general public.
- Nicotine Tax Projects
 - A budget was created, and MOU's were signed between municipalities with Effct LLC being contracted to work with local youth and begin a media plan.
 - Staffing: Down a mentor Staff since august of 2020. Trying to recruit at 24hr/week position; must be bilingual.
 - MM is 78% Spanish as a first language population. Strengthening families is also about 54%
 - Spanish speaking with only 1 of the 3 PT staff speaking Spanish.
 - Nicotine Position is open and so is the Peer Mentoring Position.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

New Fee Schedule for Environmental Health Services

Dan Hendershot gave an overview of the proposed increase to the Environmental Health (EH) Department fees, which cover a wide variety of services including, but not limited to, a new Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS), a restaurant license fee, processing a drinking water sample and reviewing pool/spa remodels. While some services do not provide a mechanism for cost recovery such as investigating a housing concern, general disease control or responding to a hazmat spill, most activities do allow for cost recovery.

The Board of Health last adopted a comprehensive fee schedule adjustment for the Environmental Health Department in 2014. In 2016 fees were added to cover costs in a new pool construction review program and in 2017 fees for the temporary food inspection program were amended. For 2021, Environmental Health total operating expenses are \$605,617.

Budgeted revenues for 2021 are \$334,142 and so 55% of expenses are recovered through fees, contracts and grants. Some fee values are set in statute and others enable counties to set their own fees but have cost recovery guidelines defined in statute. During the 2020 legislative session, some statutory fee caps were eliminated for the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) Program allowing local agencies to get full cost recovery for these services. Those changes are the trigger for this fee amendment review and proposal.

Criteria for Decision

1. The revisions must be consistent with applicable State statutes and Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulations.
2. The revisions will allow for better cost recovery in the Environmental Health programs.

Process

The process started by reviewing the department hourly billable rate so all other department fees were also reviewed. Direction from the BOCC and Management in the past has been to recover as much of the County's costs as is reasonable. This has especially been the case for private development related costs.

In nearly all cases a fee increase was justified with a couple exceptions. Fees are proposed to increase from a low of 0% to a high of 130%. These changes are expected to decrease the general fund contribution to the department from the current 45% to 33%. This will enable nearly \$74,000 to be redirected toward other services that do not have a mechanism for cost recovery, such as complaint investigation and disease control work.

Fees are not proposed to increase for the temporary food vendor permits, as an evaluation of the expenses suggests that our costs are being covered. A time study will be conducted in 2022 for this program (post COVID-19) to evaluate vendor related expenses in more detail.

Fluoride testing in drinking water is very expensive to perform due to low demand and the complexity of running the samples for quality control. Residents and homeowners have options for running this test via a private local lab or through the state lab; therefore, staff recommends discontinuation of this service.

Other Counties and Summit County Departments

In addition to evaluating the actual and indirect costs of providing the services, staff surveyed other EH departments and Summit County departments to compare against the proposed fees.

Stakeholder Input

The information regarding proposed fee changes has been posted to the Environmental Health webpage. Emails have been sent to OWTS professionals, realtors, special event coordinators and temporary food vendors asking for feedback.

A Zoom meeting was held on May 17, 2021 to discuss proposed changes with a broader audience and the response has been mixed. Previous fee increases in the OWTS program have generally been supported, even by professionals in that industry with the belief that the general tax base should not pay for those services.

Commissioners thanked Dan for his detailed presentation. They asked for additional stakeholder input, before moving forward. Commissioner Blanchard will take part in an upcoming meeting. A public hearing for adoption of the amended EH fee schedule is tentatively scheduled for the Board of Health Public Hearing on June 22, 2021, pending Board agreement.

II. BOH COVID Update/Discussion (in Lieu of 5/20/21 BOH/BOCC Meeting)

Amy Wineland gave an update on the following topics including but not limited to:

PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR UPDATES

Local and Regional/State COVID Case and Hospitalization Statistics and Trends

Statewide there has been a decrease in cases, although hospitalization numbers have gone up slightly. The expectation is that these numbers will also start to decrease.

Local Testing Statistics & Program Updates

Testing is going well. Ms. Wineland encouraged everyone to get tested if they experience any symptoms.

Vaccine availability

Individual who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask, however, those who have not been vaccinated should continue to wear a mask, 12 to 15 year olds are now eligible to be vaccinated. Anyone who wishes to be vaccinated should visit the Public Health website at <https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1423/Scheduling-Vaccinations> to find available vaccine clinics and drive-through PODs.

A vaccination POD at Arapahoe Basin was held on Sunday, May 16, 202, and it was a success with 200 skiers and snowboarders receiving their vaccine. Summit County is 3rd in the state in vaccination numbers.

Commissioner Pogue asked if there have been challenges with people not following through with the second dose. Ms. Wineland said the percentage is about 3% but Public Health is contacting these individuals to remind them to get their second dose.

Transmission Trends

There are still cases of people going to work or school while infectious, but there are no outbreaks in the county.

Variants

B.1.1.7: 49 cases

B.1.427/429: 16 cases

B.1.526: 2 cases

Scott Vargo gave an update on the mask order for Summit County and noted that some large chain stores are keeping the mask mandate in place, while others are dropping it. It is up to the businesses and organizations to set their own requirements. Mr. Vargo suggested that everyone keep a mask handy in case it is required. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1326/Public-Health-Orders>

Commissioner Blanchard asked about guidelines for children under 12 years old who are not eligible for vaccination. Ms. Wineland said that anyone who is not vaccinated should continue to wear a mask, even in indoor settings; this applies to the younger group.

Communications

Nicole Valentine said updates will be posted on the county's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SummitCountyGov/>.

III. EV Readiness Plan Update (Sustainability)

Michael Wurzel and Jess Hoover gave an update on several topics including but not limited to:

Background

In Summit County, the Climate Action Plan inventoried local greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and showed that 33% of the County's total GHG emissions currently come from the transportation sector. Over 90% of transportation emissions come from driving gas and diesel-powered cars and trucks, so the County must support the deployment and adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) as the most impactful strategy to meet emissions reduction goals in this sector. EVs charged on the increasingly clean Xcel Energy system will have 80% lower GHG emissions than a similarly powered gasoline vehicle by 2030.

An electric vehicle readiness plan is a recommended strategy to support EV adoption by both the Climate Action Plan and the GoEV resolution, committing to the County to 100% electric or zero emission vehicles by 2050. Also, the Climate Action Plan has a goal of increasing the share of EVs driving on Summit County's roads to 30% of all vehicles by 2030. To achieve this goal, the number of local EVs registered in the County must increase from 235 today to 10,440 by 2030.

Summit County's Sustainable Building Code currently requires that all new single-family homes be EV capable, which means there must be electrical panel capacity, a dedicated circuit, and raceway for electrical wires from the panel to the future EV parking, like in a garage or driveway, for level 2 charging. New multifamily homes, commercial buildings, parking lots, and parking garages must also provide a mix of EV capable, EV ready, and EVSE Installed (Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment) spaces depending on the number of parking spaces.

Purpose

The vision of the EV Readiness Plan is "To accelerate Summit communities towards a future where mobility is electric, shared, or human powered."

The EV Readiness Plan outlines EV adoption goals based on data and modelling and 20 implementation strategies based on best practices in 5 categories. Those categories are:

- Infrastructure
- Policy
- Light duty fleets
- Public transit
- Community outreach

Because EV battery, charging, and design technologies are rapidly advancing, the goals and strategies in this plan should be re-evaluated and updated every few years. The strategies outlined in the plan provide guidance to local governments, businesses, and community organizations.

Overview of the EV Readiness Plan

Summit County communities, businesses, Xcel Energy, the State of Colorado, and individuals have already begun the transition to an electrified future with public and workplace charging, programs and grants incentivizing EV charging, eBuses in transit operations, and significant private investment in charging infrastructure and EVs. This EV Readiness Plan outlines strategies in the below sectors for further development. EV Readiness Strategies include, but are not limited to:

- Infrastructure – Expand EV charging infrastructure across the community, offering incentives for EVs and/or EV charging.
- Policy – Provide workplace charging, streamline and incentivize EV charging in existing and remodeled developments, coordinating and advocating for EV adoption at local and regional levels.
- Light Duty Fleets – By replacing fleet vehicles with EVs, local governments and businesses can reduce emissions and operating costs. Local governments do feasibility studies and establish vehicle replacement plans for purchases of EVs and consider EV procurement for any vehicle replacements when suitable EV options are available with equivalent operational capability. Purchasing a pilot vehicle is often a good starting point.
- Public Transit – Develop electrification plans, including routes, charging, procurements and facility upgrades. Develop and promote success stories from early adopters and hold eBus workshops.
- Community Outreach – Encourage residents to purchase EVs by promoting and hosting informational opportunities such as EV Ride and Drive events.

Significant funding opportunities for EV purchasing and infrastructure may be available now and in the future through state, federal, and utility grants and programs.

Statewide Context

In January 2018, the state of Colorado released the Colorado Electric Vehicle Plan, which sets the goal of nearly 1 million EVs on the road by 2030 (15-30% of total vehicles). Governor Polis' Executive Order Supporting a Transition to Zero Emission Vehicles provides further directives to accelerate widespread electrification of vehicles throughout the state and to focus all remaining Volkswagen settlement funds on supporting electrification of transportation, including transit buses, school buses and trucks. Achieving these EV goals is key to meeting state targets for carbon emissions reductions, and it requires local governments to get involved to help meet the challenge by implementing policies and strategies to kick the EV transition into high gear.

In addition, Xcel Energy, which provides electricity for more than 99% of Summit County, is committed to help the state of Colorado and Summit County meet their EV adoption goals. In January 2021, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission approved Xcel Energy's \$110 million Transportation Electrification Plan, which will install up to 20,000 charging stations, provide rebates for the purchase

of new and used electric vehicles, and add programs and rates to help manage the new charging load. Approximately 15% of the program budget is directed toward equity-focused programs.

Inclusion & Equity

Ms. Hoover acknowledged the cost of purchasing a new vehicle may be out of reach for many Summit County residents, but said cost parity between EVs and conventional vehicles is quickly closing, even without incentives. Used EV markets are maturing, and if charged overnight on Xcel's system, electricity costs the equivalent of \$1 per gallon of gasoline; therefore, significant savings are possible.

Electric mobility is not limited to car and truck ownership, because e-bikes, eBuses, and potentially e-car shares will also be available. Ultimately, the strategies in the EV Readiness Plan are designed to reduce barriers to EV adoption, making it more affordable, convenient, and functional for anyone to drive or ride electric.

Commissioner Blanchard thanked the team for the thorough presentation and asked about pursuing grant funding, purchasing pilot vehicles and outreach initiatives. Ms. Wurzel said they have been working with the fleet department to and will choose a vehicle that already needs to be replaced, and will purchase an e-vehicle to test.

Mr. Wurzel said that having an e-vehicle could allow the Sustainability Department to hold ride and drive events for people to test these cars, and Ms. Hoover said having a pilot vehicle would allow people to ask questions.

The state is also developing a program to encourage the purchase of eVehicles, and will be conducting trainings for car repair shops to learn how to work on these vehicles. Commissioner Pogue asked for a grid analysis and whether it can support the move to Electric Vehicles. Ms. Hoover said Xcel has indicated they can support phasing into an electrification plan.

Recommendations

Michael Wurzel asked the Board to adopt the EV Readiness Plan. If directed by the Board, staff will move forward with preparation of this resolution for review and adoption at an upcoming Regular BOCC meeting.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Wurzel and Ms. Hoover for their presentation. They will confer with Commissioner Lawrence before making a decision.

IV. Managers' & Commissioners' Issues

Senior Management and Commissioners discussed several topics including but not limited to:

Sarah Vaine and Andy Atencio received a request from CSU asking for a BOCC support letter for their application for federal funding to conduct a broadband feasibility study for underserved communities. Commissioners agreed to send a letter.

Sarah Vaine also received a request for a \$5,000 sponsorship to the 2021 Rural Philanthropy Days. Commissioners declined the request.

Nicole Valentine discussed the following:

- She introduced Adam Kisiel, new Public Affairs Coordinator.
- The FIRC Fashion Show theme is *Through the Decades*, and Summit County Government will be in charge of the 70's.
- The next Assessor's Office Town Hall will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 1pm.
- This week is *Care for Colorado Week*.

Bentley Henderson discussed the following:

- He received a Special Events request asking for use of Swan Mountain Road for a bike race. The application has been evaluated by the correct departments and they have approved it but is pending Board approval. The race will be held on Sunday, July 11, 2021 starting at 8:30, and will take about 3 hours. Commissioners agreed to move forward.
- Follow up on traffic rerouting options for the roundabout in Frisco and traffic diverting into Bill's Ranch. It turns out that CDOT can provide the alternative routes to services like Google Maps, and will do so soon.

Commissioner Blanchard gave an update on Bill HB21-1162 that would ban certain single-use plastics, like plastic bags at grocery stores, and Styrofoam containers commonly used for takeout orders at restaurants. All Commissioners support the bill.

Commissioner Lawrence discussed the following:

- Grant Funds
- The Dillon Valley Roundabout conversation will be held during the Town of Dillon Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 from 4:40 to 5:20pm.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

V. Negotiations, Property Acquisitions, Legislative, Litigation Matters and the Legal Advice related thereto. (Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended)

Scott Vargo and Jeff Huntley requested an Executive Session to discuss Negotiations, Property Acquisitions, Legislative and Litigation Matters and the legal advice pertaining thereto.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pogue and seconded by Commissioner Blanchard to go into Executive Session to discuss Negotiations, Property Acquisitions, Legislative, and Litigation Matters and the legal advice pertaining thereto. BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(e). The motion was approved.

Commissioners reconvened after Executive Session into an Extended Afternoon Work Session at 1:05 p.m.

VI. Overview and Discussion of Quandary Peak Management Recommendations (Open Space & Trails)

Brian Lorch, Jim Curnutte, Christine Zenel, Bentley Henderson, Mandi Roberts, Katherine Woodhouse, Jake Jorgenson and Todd Rankin gave an update on several topics including but not limited to:

The planning efforts for Quandary Peak, Blue Lakes, and McCullough Gulch have been conducted by an interagency collaborative composed of the County, Towns of Blue River and Breckenridge, the USFS, and Colorado Springs Utilities (the direct or adjacent land managers within this region). A number of stakeholders including Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, Friends of the Dillon Ranger District, CDOT, and Colorado State Patrol, support the collaborative.

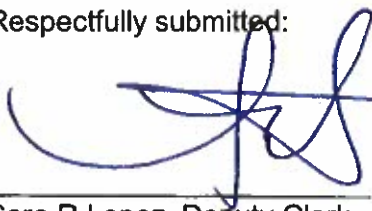
Planning efforts commenced in late 2017 when the USFS hired a group of graduate students at the University of Colorado, Boulder to convene stakeholders and provide recommendations for managing high visitation at Quandary Peak specifically. The students provided a report that served as the foundation for kicking off planning efforts (see attached). After this report was completed, stakeholders desired to collect more information on visitor use, varied stakeholder perspectives, and more tailored management recommendations for not just Quandary Peak, but also the surrounding landmarks of Blue Lakes and McCullough Gulch (see attached map). Stakeholders held multiple meetings facilitated by the National Forest Foundation from 2018-2020 to dive deeper into understanding the challenges this area poses, and eventually hired the Volpe Center to create a memo on “best management practices,” which was completed in early 2020 (see attached).

By late spring/early summer of 2020, stakeholders desired a more comprehensive and tailored planning effort directly informed by good visitor use data, and as such hired two consultants, OTAK, Inc. and RRC Associates, to assist with this planning phase. The consultants conducted over 500-visitor use intercept surveys at the project site, a local neighborhood survey that garnered ~20 responses, and a public survey that garnered over 1,000 responses. Additionally, they convened multiple stakeholder workshops and held individual interviews with the agencies involved in this planning effort. These strategies informed and culminated in a “visitor use management framework,” a prioritization framework that provides diverse management solutions over the short, mid, and long-term ranges.

Commissioners will review the information and make their recommendations following the second presentation of this topic at the Tuesday, May 25, 2021 Work Session, at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.

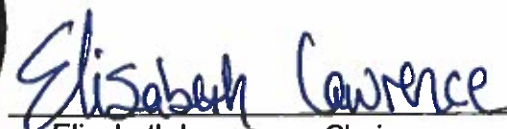
Respectfully submitted:



Sara R Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:



Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair