



## UEB Meeting Minutes, February 3, 2021

**Meeting Time and Location:** Began at 4:30pm. Held remote via Zoom meeting.

**Attendance:** Jim Kerr, Lee Hall, Larry Quinn, Jerry Rotz, Chris Meline

**Staff:** Aaron Caplan BOT

**Liaison:** Mike Karavas

**Guests:** Mark Browning, Diane Diandeneau, Jeff Christy

1. Amendments to Agenda- Move discussion of Lyons code on expanded tap sizes, tap fees and water rights dedication on redevelopment to number 4. Approved Unanimously

2. Approve Minutes from January 20, 2021- **Approved Unanimously**

3. Audience Business. Mark Browning informed the UEB that Don Koontz, former UEB member, had died. The UEB asked Jeff Christy to give his wife our condolences since she is a member of the SFC.

4. Aaron Caplan discussion of potential code changes concerning water rights associated with expanded use on redevelopment sites. Current code has discussion of changing uses for redevelopment under annexation and it was agreed to move into the water section. General agreement that additional water consumption due to redevelopment should require additional tap fees and water rights dedication incremental to additional use above existing. Motion to move existing language to water section, Approved Unanimously.

Mark Browning pointed out that staff were just authorized to develop regulatory approaches for such issues but additional code changes to handle redevelopment issues and tap fee and water rights implications should probably be addressed soon.

5. Connected Communities Grant for Solar Farm/Battery Storage/Car Chargers/Monitoring and Controls/Rate Study - Diane Dandeneau  
Diane presented an outline of her proposed 5-page grant application for discussion. Initial estimate of \$6M for various components, and it is hoped that 30% local match could be met by other grants.

If DOE approves by 2/24, full 30 page grant application would be due by 3/3. If this concept application is approved, the BOT could review full proposal in meeting on 3/1. The existing proposed photovoltaic project (\$600K) with CU Denver would be part of this larger project and there was some concern over the size of the larger project but it was agreed to proceed for now. Detailed feasibility studies would be required on all aspects if and when grant was approved.

The grant would be submitted under contract with Northern Colorado Clean Cities (NCCC), state funded non-profit, Diane Diandeneau as technical consultant and Aaron Caplan as staff liaison.

Concept application is due on 2/17. Motion to support submittal of the concept grant application. **Approved Unanimously**

#### 6. Upcoming Meetings-

Friday 2/5 there is a Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities (CAMU) meeting in the morning and meeting with the CU Denver Solar Farm Feasibility team at noon.

#### 7. Updates

##### a) Board of Trustees – Mike Karavas

Looking at possible CDOT project to improve Main Street which could also address some drainage issues at same time.

Passed ordinance to allow staff some regulatory management authority.

Passed allowance for a second tap that will not get counted separately for a residence on Overland Drive since it is required for a fire suppression sprinkler system by the Fire District due to low hydrant water pressures in the area and tie in and upgrade of existing tap was not feasible.

##### b) Staff, Engineering – Aaron Caplan

PRV Vault 1 out to bid and hope to be under contract by 15<sup>th</sup>.

Have redone drainage piping at Park and 2<sup>nd</sup> as part of bridge project due to conflicts with Lyons Ditch

##### c) UEB Chair – Jim Kerr

Will be having workshop with BOT on net metering proposal and the solar project

##### d) Other UEB Members - None

#### 8. Capital Improvement Projects - Selection of first focal area

There is a desire for an integrated analysis of various utility systems by the BOT to better address project priorities. However, it is a lot of work to address the various master plans, conflicting recommendations and alternative approaches. In the interim, it was suggested that the UEB focus on known problem areas. The need for road and drainage improvements on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue was suggested as the next focal area. There is also some interest in addressing Red Gulch either directly or by putting pressure on Boulder County where the drainage issue originates.

Other – BOT appointed Mike Jackson as new UEB member and Jim Kerr will contact.

Meeting ended: 6:04 pm. Minutes Submitted by: Larry Quinn and Jim Kerr