

**Summary
Joint Study Session
City of Lafayette and
City of Louisville**

**Friday, March 6, 2020
8:00am – 9:30am**

**Louisville Library
951 Spruce St
Louisville, CO**

Mayor Stolzmann and Mayor Harkins called the meeting to order at 8:00 am

Lafayette City Council Present: Mayor Jamie Harkins
Mayor Pro Tem Stephanie Walton
Council member Tania Briggs

Louisville City Council Present: Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Maloney
Council member Kyle Brown
Council member Caleb Dickinson
Council member Deborah Fahey
Council member Chris Leh
Council member Jeff Lipton

Staff Present: Heather Balsler, Louisville City Manager
Fritz Sprague, Lafayette City Administrator
Debbie Wilmont
Megan Davis, Louisville Deputy City Manager
Dawn Burgess, City of Louisville Executive Administrator
Megan Pierce, Economic Development Director
Kurt Kowar, Public Works Director
Sharon Nemechek, Library Director
Chris Neves, IT Director

Mayor Pro Tem Maloney welcomed everyone.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Update:

Sports fields are not in a 5 year CIP for Lafayette. Both Lafayette and Louisville would like to work toward partnership. Mayor Harkins said perhaps a public/private partnership could move

things forward more quickly. If Lafayette partners with Open Space, they would have to go to the voters. Priorities may not align between Louisville and Lafayette. Louisville desires structured use. Louisville Recreation Board is looking at survey to see what needs are.

The Mayhoffer property purchase was a great opportunity. Louisville City Manager Balsler thanked Lafayette for the collaboration. Louisville Deputy City Manager Davis discussed trail connections and that the municipalities have been awarded TIP funds from a joint application with Lafayette, Louisville and Boulder County. Council members discussed funding and design.

There are 3 lots on the Mayhoffer farm; two have been purchased.

Transportation Issues:

Louisville Deputy City Manager Davis said a Lafayette/Louisville joint application has been awarded for DRCOG funding for Hwy 42. The project is looking at vehicles and multimodal, configuration of road and infrastructure. Study will cost roughly \$500k, with expected grant funds for \$350K and each entity will contribute \$75k. A scope of work will be developed. Ideas are welcome as scope is not established.

Hwy 7 is another TIP funded engineering study. An IGA is recently completed. Lafayette Council members said they will be routing traffic 3 ways and this will impact Louisville. As those improvements are made, including multimodal there will be a flow impacting Lafayette, Louisville and Boulder. Desire to keep people safe and keep traffic flowing.

Council members discussed increased traffic along South Boulder Road. Erie is experiencing an increase in residential housing that will impact both Lafayette and Louisville. This is an opportunity for Louisville, Lafayette and Erie to work with the County on priorities. Louisville and Lafayette should meet after Lafayette completes their TMP.

Louisville Public Works Director Kowar gave a Quiet Zone update. He said obtaining layers of approval with unwilling partner, BNSF, has been difficult. Louisville is in partnership with Lafayette on several locations. Agreements are moving forward. BNSF can appeal but the PUC has started ruling against them. Once all is approved, quiet zone projects will get in the BNSF queue. Things are moving slowly. Hopeful to get to construction early next year.

Deputy City Manager Davis said a proposed extension of RTD 228 service into Lafayette will cut service through Kestrel. Council member Fahey said they are surveying residents to see if they have concerns.

Affordable Housing Update:

Lafayette City Manager Sprague gave an update on Lafayette's affordable housing projects. These projects are age 55+, there will be increase in fire department calls, and they are working through that. Sprague said it would be worth investigating whether Louisville and Lafayette should work together on affordable housing and mobile home issues.

Lafayette Mayor Harkins said they value diversity in Lafayette. Tiny homes have been a topic of conversation.

Louisville reported Kestrel was built – 200 units. Still working with BCHA and have signed a 12% pledge for affordable housing.

Lafayette Urban Renewal Authority Update:

City Manager Sprague reported Lafayette URA has a project at the 700 block of South Public Road. An RFP has been issued. There is the potential of retaining a couple of structures but utilizing the rest of the block for housing. There are complexities with retaining long time businesses and developing. Sprague reviewed development in URA in Lafayette.

BVSD/Library Partnership:

Library Director Nemechek said there is a partnership with Boulder and BVSD to simplify and increase access for student homework resources. Online access has increased 40%. BVSD would like Lafayette and Louisville to do the same. Nemechek hopes this will come to fruition within the year.

Solid Waste:

Lafayette Mayor Harkin said they are looking at fee or tax on single use plastic bags. Louisville and Lafayette are in sync on this issue. There is a lot of desire regionally. Lafayette would prefer a statewide solution. Louisville will continue discussion.

Other:

Lafayette said they have not heard from residents about any issues with airport noise. Lafayette Mayor Pro Tem Walton said they are working on a response to coronavirus and that the responsibility to keep staff and residents safe. Lafayette considering an emergency management position.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am

Submitted by Dawn Burgess