

August 9, 2021 Town Board Meeting

Comments made during BCHA proposal for the RTD parking lot

Link to meeting video:

https://townofsuperior.granicus.com/player/clip/1774?view_id=4&redirect=true

Norrie Boyd – Interim Boulder County Housing Authority Director

August 9, 2021 at 1:35 into meeting

Community engagement would happen before we even submit to the town. Then make sure we are on the same page as far as height and look, feel and flow of the site. Then we submit to the town. What the town comments back to us we bring back to the community again and say, “here’s the feedback from the town, designers, engineers and fire marshal” and so it becomes iterative in that way. It’s basically community engagement, submit to the town, back out to the community again, community engagement, back to the town and back to the community.

Ken Lish, Town Trustee – August 9, 2021 at 1:44 into meeting

Top of list for me is engaging residents. I think we need to make sure there are not just the one, two or three check in points and charette opportunities. It is as long and as valuable as it can be to get the maximum amount of feedback from the community to develop a project if we do move forward with the project in a manner the community can buy in to and agrees with and is something we as Superior can all move forward and really have that buy in.

Because we haven’t had a robust community outreach process on attainable housing or this location, I think it is really important to put in that time and effort up front and we’ll save a lot of undo-hardship further down the road.

Let’s invest heavily in our community up front before we move too far down the line.

Paige Henschen, Town Trustee - August 9, 2021 at 1:57 into meeting

Several site challenges that have to be addressed to make it work, the parking, the traffic.

Mark Lacis, Mayor-Pro-Tem - August 9, 2021 at 1:58 into meeting

I echo a couple of things said by various members of the board, I agree that priority number 1 needs to be a robust public engagement process for any sort of development like this. That needs to be something that happens as early and often and that we really have community buy in before we do something like this. This would be a very significant development in our town and it is also going to be very politically charged one, so that underscores the need for constant and thorough communication with the public.

You can do residential in a right way and you can do residential in a wrong way, we want to do it the right way.

The devil is in the details.

Neal Shaw, Town Trustee - August 9, 2021 at 2:03 into meeting

I don't want anyone out there watching to think this is the only thing we will pursue. This is part of a long-term engagement. I think there are a number of other things we can do for affordable housing across town. We need to look at all them in aggregate, not individual piece-meal solutions. We're smart enough to look at this all at once.

We don't know if this is the best thing and I don't want to go so far down the path before we have to pull the plug and say this isn't it and we're left with nothing. If we have 2, 3, 4 different scenarios we can definitely find something that works, that is amenable to everyone and part of that through the comprehensive plan is community engagement.

We've got to get the community engaged.

Clint Folsom, Mayor - August 9, 2021 at 2:05 into meeting

Community engagement process, I'm confident with BCHA that can be done.

