

BCC Actions

Notes from Your Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners Hearings & Staff Briefings

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Business Meeting

Arvada Skate Park

The BCC approved an Open Space Joint Venture Grant of \$300,000 to the City of Arvada for the Arvada Skate Park at the O'Kane Park Community Site.

Approval for the skate park had been postponed during the February 12, 2008, BCC Hearing due to concerns regarding support for the project from the Arvada City Council and citizens. Arvada City Council has since unanimously passed a resolution. The BCC approved the Joint Venture Grant.

Official Development Plan for Little People's Landing

The BCC approves the rezoning, subject to restrictions, at this general location of Wadsworth Blvd. and Chatfield Ave. from Residential-One (R-1) to Planned Development (PD) to allow for existing childcare facilities, office uses and limited commercial uses.

The restrictions recommend that dance, gymnastic or other similar studio uses be allowed on only one of the two properties involved.

Mt. Morrison Rezoning Proposal

Another chapter in the continuing rezoning efforts of Bear Creek Development to make changes to its telecommunications facility on Mt. Morrison received an approval on Tuesday, April 1, when the BCC addressed several items that had been remanded to it by the Colorado Court of Appeals.

This proposal originally was approved with conditions when it came before a previous Board of County Commissioners between December 2002 and March 2003.

As a result of that decision, Canyon Area Residents for the Environment (CARE) filed an appeal with the District Court, which was denied. CARE then appealed to the Court of Appeals arguing that the BCC had not allowed for additional public comment on amendments to the Mt. Morrison rezoning application. In May 2006, the Court of Appeals reversed the District Court's decision, on three specific issues: permitting

the applicants to make substantial changes to their proposal after public testimony was closed; failing to make an express finding that no existing tower sites were adequate; and failing to properly consider whether the application was in general conformity with the county's Land Use Plans. Jefferson County then requested that the Colorado Supreme Court review the determination of the Court of Appeals, but the Supreme Court declined to review the matter. That matter was then remanded back to the Board of County Commissioners for further discussions and determinations on those three specific issues.

After hearing presentations from staff, the applicant, and comments from CARE, other groups and the public on Tuesday, April 1, the BCC determined that no alternate sites exist to accommodate the equipment or purpose for which the tower is proposed and approved the rezoning.

New Cable License Agreement

The BCC approved a new cable license agreement between Jefferson County and Canyon Cable, LLC (formerly known as Vista Access Cable, LLC).

The County's Highways & Transportation Division proposed that the parties enter into a newer form of license agreement modeled after one adopted by the Greater Metropolitan Telecommunications Consortium. The new license agreement contains greater enforcement rights than those currently contained in the existing license.

The new license agreement offers the county several benefits to further the county's goal of holding cable operators to the higher standards of service, quality and revenue-generating potential allowed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Business Meeting, cont.

Policy and Procedure Updates

The Jefferson County Policy and Procedure Manual has been undergoing an overhaul for more than a year. Only a few policies remain to be updated. The recent updates were to the following policies:

Driving on County Business (Safety Manual - Vehicles)

This policy clarifies employee responsibilities when using personal and county vehicles on county business. In addition to eliminating confusing language, some of the features of the new policy include more management discretion with each individual case depending on the job responsibilities, more flexibility when it comes to minor traffic violations and an alignment of the county's policy with existing law.

Wireless Communication Device Purchases

The new policy focuses on the purchases of devices, and maintains the current practice of IT approving purchases.

Food and Beverage Expenditures

The new policy is more in line with current practices. The county may pay for special occasion banquets and events authorized by the appropriate department director or elected official. The county will not pay for food/beverage provided for routine staff meetings.

The Planning Commission

The new policy amends the number of planning commissioners from seven regular members and two associate members to nine regular members and two alternate members.

Cash Funds

The new policy broadens the use of cash funds to match current practices, and makes the Director of Administrative Services responsible for creating and adjusting those funds.

Business Related Travel

The new policy clarifies that meals for county employees are covered only when an overnight stay is required. It also allows some flexibility in the amount allotted for tips.

Personal Property Disposal

The new policy continues the current practice of selling surplus county property (such as vehicles, computers, etc.) at public auction, but specifies who determines disposal based on set criteria.

Contract for Conversion & Indexing of Multi-Media to Digital Format

The BCC approved and authorized the contract between the Jefferson County Planning & Zoning Division and Rocky Mountain Microfilm & Imaging, Inc. to conduct a phased document conversion of multi-media to a digital format. Upon completion of all phases, there will be immediate elec-

tronic access to current and historic permitting and case files.

Seniors' Resource Center Contract

The BCC approved and authorized the contract with the Seniors' Resource Center, Inc. for transportation services to the aged in Jefferson County through June 30, 2008. The transportation is provided for social, recreational and medical services.

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Staff Briefing

Financial Reports

The BCC was presented with two financial reports – the preliminary 2007 financial report (unaudited) from Todd Leopold, Director of Administrative Services, and the annual Treasurer's investment update from Faye Griffin, Jefferson County Treasurer.

Leopold, along with Director of Accounting Alan Boisvert, presented the financial report that addresses the fiscal operations and capital-development costs incurred by the county in 2007. Visit the county's Web site to view the full report.

Griffin and Treasury Officer Mark Hubbard provided a brief summary on the year-to-date investments, earnings and balances for 2008. For more information on the Treasurer's investment update, contact the Treasurer's office at 303.271.8330.

County Property at I-70 and Clear Creek

Deputy County Administrator Nanette Neelan reported to the BCC that SEMA has finished spreading the dirt and regrading behind Table Mountain Animal Center.

The dirt primarily came from the C470/Alameda project. Neelan said, "This has been a very successful project and I'd like to thank Dixie Shear from Highways & Transportation, Kate Newman and the Road & Bridge staff for the great work they've done."

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