

BCC Actions

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

Tuesday, September 30, October 7 & 14, 2008

Business Mtg.

Board of Equalization Recommendations on Petitions

The BCC approved the recommendation of the Jefferson County Board of Equalization to adopt the Referees' findings in regard to the petitioner's appeals of the Jeffco Assessor's denial of the 2008 Qualifying Senior/Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemptions. The Referee's recommendations were based on the testimony of the parties at the public hearing and the documents submitted, including the petitions brought to the JCBOE.

There were 61 Senior Exemption Hearings entered. Of those, 52 were granted in full, three were granted in part, two were stipulated and four were denied. There was one Veterans Exemption Hearings Entered and it was granted in full. The Referee is appointed by the Board of Equalization.

Refund of Property Taxes

The BCC approved the action on 25 abatement petitions to be refunded as the Jefferson County Assessor noted in the abatement resolutions. The total to be refunded came to nearly \$20,768.

Taxpayers filed abatement petitions alleging that their property was overvalued or their tax levy is illegal. With the approval of the Board, the Treasurer's office will calculate interest owed and send payment to the taxpayer.

Contract with Shalom Denver to Help Families find Employment

The BCC approved the contract between Jefferson County and SHALOM Denver, creating a partnership with the Jefferson County Colorado Works/TANF Program. This program with SHALOM Denver offers participants 32.5 hours of work per week of valuable training and skill development, which provides positive work habits and a new sense of self esteem, enabling families to become self-sufficient.

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Public Hearings

Elk Rest Meadows Official Development Plan

The Board approved the Elk Rest Meadows Official Development Plan (ODP) by a 2-1 vote. Commissioner McCasky voted against the proposal. The dissenting issue focused on the number of units proposed as part of the development request.

Located in the El Rancho Activity Center, adjacent to the Home Depot and Wal-Mart Superstore in Evergreen, the proposal requested a mixed-use development with 36,000 square feet of commercial uses and 22 residential dwelling units, located above the commercial uses. Surrounding property owners expressed concerns over the number of dwelling units and its relationship to surrounding lower density residential development, as well as the transitional nature of the proposal.

The Board had previously remanded the case back to the Planning Commission to discuss in further detail the proposed density of the Official Development Plan. The Planning Commission had previously recommended approval, with a reduction in the number of dwelling units from 22 to 12 units. On second review, the Planning Commission reaffirmed their decision and clarified their reasons for supporting a reduction in dwelling units.

In making his dissenting opinion, Commissioner McCasky cited the additional input from the Planning Commission and his agreement with comments presented by surrounding neighbors as reasons to limit the total number of dwelling units.

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Jefferson County Boards and Commissions Appointments

Cultural Council Appointment

Barbara Desmarteau was appointed by the BCC as a regular member on the Jefferson County Cultural Council, term to expire December 31, 2011, or until reappointed or replaced by the BCC.

Liquor Licensing Board

William Skewes was reappointed by the BCC as a regular member on the Jefferson County Liquor Licensing Board, term to expire October 31, 2010, or until reappointed or replaced by the BCC.

Housing Authority Board

Mory Lewis was reappointed by the BCC as a regular member on the Jefferson County Housing Authority Board, term to expire October 28, 2013, or until reappointed or replaced by the BCC.

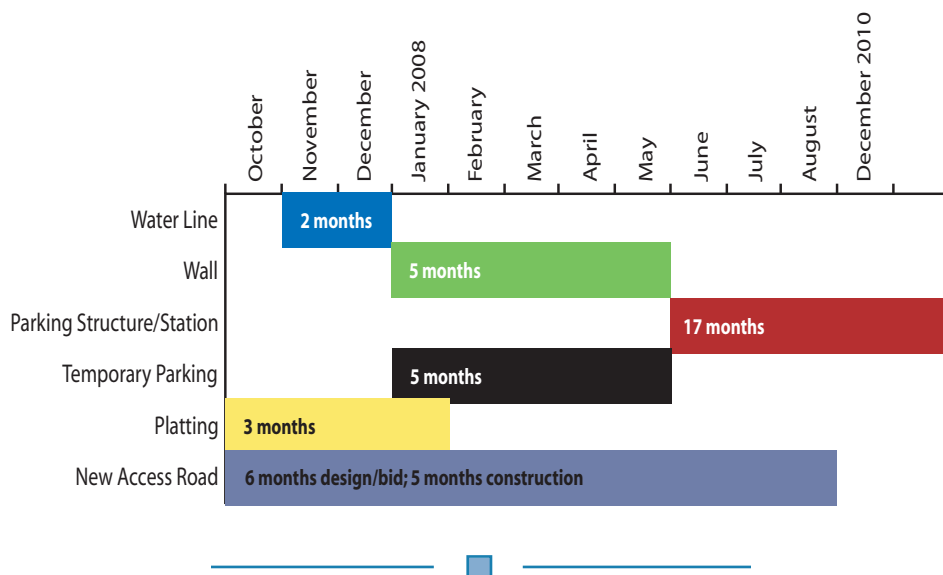
Foothills Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council

Rick Spahn was appointed by the BCC as an alternate member on the FRE-TAC, term to expire upon reappointment or replacement by the BCC.

Jeffco Property to go to RTD Project

The BCC directed staff to prepare all documents necessary to release the Jefferson County property needed for the West Corridor Light Rail Project. Per the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Jefferson County and RTD, the county will convey property to RTD for placement of the Light Rail station and parking.

In order to convey that land, the county must make a “swap” of land equal in fair market value with the Jefferson County Finance Corporation. After appraisal of the land, the property on the west side of the Administration and Courts Facility will be substituted for the land on the east side.



Public Hearing, continued

Official Development Plan for Overlook at Golden Hills

The BCC unanimously approved the rezoning to Planned Development to allow for nine lots at the corner of Golden Hills Road and Quaker Street, agreeing with the recommendations made by the Planning Commission and Planning staff.

Several citizens spoke against the proposal, expressing concerns about density, open space and drainage. The residents did not object to the proposal to allow for some type of residential development, but were concerned that further development on the lot would increase the drainage and further compound an existing problem in the area.

Upon approval of the proposal, Commissioner Kathy Hartman stated that most of the concerns of the residents would be addressed in the platting phase of the project and this was simply the rezoning phase to determine if the proposed uses could occur on the land.

Business Meeting, continued

Open Space Acquisition

The BCC approved the recommendation made by the Open Space Advisory Committee for the acquisition of approximately 30 acres adjacent to the southern boundary of Reynolds Park. The purchase price set is the outstanding property taxes, estimated to be just over \$732 as of October 3.

Design and Build Contractor Chosen for new TMAC

The BCC authorized the \$83,000 contract between Jefferson County and The Weitz Company, LLC for Phase I design and pre-construction services related to the construction of the new Table Mountain Animal Center (TMAC). Phase I services include the site assessment, site approval process, space programming, schematic design and construction estimate. Phase II services will include the final design and construction.

The new TMAC facility, approximately 30,000 square feet, will be built at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds and will incorporate all existing functions as well as a planned expansion of veterinary, training and adoption services.

Policy and Procedure Update

The BCC approved the establishment of a formal Security and Safety Committee brought by the Security Manager and Sheriff’s Office. This Committee will develop procedures and implement practices to ensure a secure and safe environment within county facilities for clients, employees and assets.

The BCC created the Child and Youth Leadership Commission in recognition of the need among Jefferson County youth services and juvenile justice functions to reduce duplication, increase collaboration and combine resources in the most effective way.

YOUR BCC

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