

**Boulder Library District Advisory Committee (LDAC)
January 12, 2022, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Online**

Meeting Notes

Meeting Objectives:

1. Build agreement on the final recommendation - review and revise a recommendation document.

Public Comment Session – *Each speaker is allowed 2-3 minutes depending on how many people wish to speak.*

No community members present.

Announcement

If the LDAC would like to stay engaged, the city opens the application process for boards and commissions in January. In particular, the Library Commission has an opening this year. Applications are due Feb. 21.

Review/Revise Draft LDAC Recommendation Document

The LDAC members reviewed and finalized the draft LDAC Recommendation document.

AGREEMENTS:

- Bold “LDAC recommendation” throughout the document – easier to locate the recommendations.
- **Section 1.B: Library services to be provided** – Insert a link that takes a reader directly to pages in the 2018 Plan PDF showing the three levels and services provided under each (pages 38-63).
- **Section 1.C: Library District Property Tax Mill Levy**
 - Use “affect” instead of “flow”.
 - Add an appendix or a link to informal data on the possible tax impacts on renters and businesses, presented to the LDAC at the Dec. 18 meeting.
 - 1.C.1.
 - Keep the colloquial phrase about “the peanut butter jar”, it is informal, but it will give readers a light moment and a good catch-phrase.
 - Add “for funding” after “jar” to clarify the “peanut butter” is funding.
 - 1.C.2. – Keep “the possibility of”; LDAC recommends the mill levy amount provide the flexibility to increase wages in the future (decisions about increasing wages will be made by the library district’s board of trustees).
 - 1.C.3. – Add the dollar range \$19-\$19.5 million to clarify the difference between 3.7 and 3.8 mills.
- **Section 2.C.1: Transfer of Other Assets** – Use “assets” instead of “personal property”.
- **Section 2.E: Incorporation of BVCP**
 - *Introduction’s second paragraph* – Delete the paragraph, it is the same as #2 under the subheading; it is better as #2 than in the introduction.

- *Subheading* – Keep it as drafted.
- **Section3.: Community Engagement**
 - 3.A – Add “sales” before “tax” to indicate the recommendation is to have a plan to get public input on reallocation or reduction of sales tax that is used to fund the library currently.
 - 3.C.7 – Replace with: “Include Community Connectors to serve as a link to those who are marginalized, excluded, or underrepresented within the proposed library district Boundaries”.
- **Appendix A: LDAC Charter, Purpose (1.d.vi)** – Add a note that the LDAC did not discuss the deadline for passing funding.

Discussions

Only a few of the agreements above needed discussion, most were agreed to following the suggestion. The following are the agreements that had a bit of discussion.

Section2.E: Incorporation of BVCP – Subheading – Keep as drafted or revise.

- Is the intent to recommend the library district be incorporated INTO the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BVCP) or that the BVCP principles, approaches and values be incorporated BY the library district?
- Options considered
 - “LDAC recommends the following with respect to incorporation of the library district into the BVCP” - *As drafted*
 - The bullets logically follow this header; the bullets cover more than what is in BVCP.
 - Concern: BVCP guides city and county activities.
 - Concern: there are very few places in the BVCP where the library district could be incorporated
 - Concern: the library district would not be a signatory to the BVCP.
 - “LDAC recommends the following with respect to incorporation of BVCP into the library district.”
 - The library district could be incorporated into BVCP, the BVCP could not be incorporated into the library district.
 - The library district needs to incorporate and follow BVCP guiding principles and approaches.
 - “LDAC recommends the library district embrace the BVCP and in particular:”
 - “LDAC recommends the library district aspires to BVCP.”
 - Concern: The district should be doing/following BVCP, not just aspiring to BVCP.
 - Concern: The district is already following BVCP, it is more than aspiration.
 - “LDAC recommends the library district model BVCP...”

Section3: Community Engagement, A & B

- Concern: 3.A and 3.B seem to say different things: 3.A says council should get public input on what taxes to eliminate or reduce, and 3.B says eliminate a tax.
- 3.A is about getting input on what to do with sales taxes and 3.B is about the property tax portion dedicated to the library, the .333 mill levy.

Next Steps

- Jan. 20 – LDAC comments on final recommendation document due, and the final LDAC Recommendation document due to staff for inclusion in Council packets.
- Feb. 8 – City Council Study Session on LDAC Recommendation; LDAC representatives approved to attend on LDAC's behalf: Joni Teter, Joanna Rosenblum, Alicia Seidle.
 - Feb. 22 is the back-up date if the agenda item is bumped from Feb. 8 Session.

APPENDIX A: Attendees

LCAC MEMBERS

	Name		Name
X	Alicia Seidle	X	Joanna Rosenblum
X	Annette Dula	X	Joni Teter
X	Cara Schenkel	X	Kevin Miller
	Chip		Michelle Denae Garcia-Morrissey
	Deborah Read Fowler		Miho Shida
X	Jane Sykes Wilson	X	Peter Pollock

Boulder Public Library (BPL), City of Boulder (COB), Contractors

Organization	Staff
BPL	David Farnan, Jennifer Phares
COB	Chris Meschuck, Janet Michels
Facilitator	Jody Erikson, JSE Associates

Public/Others

Name – Organization or Interest group		

APPENDIX B: Agenda

Boulder Library District Advisory Committee (LDAC) January 12, 2022, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Online Agenda

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6:00 Welcome, agenda overview

6:05 Public Comment Session – If interested in speaking please sign up with staff before the meeting starts (name, community, topic to comment on). Each speaker will be allowed 2-3 minutes depending on how many people wish to speak.

6:20 LDAC Member introductions

7:15 DISCUSSION: Review/revise Draft LDAC Recommendation Document

8:50 Next Steps

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 - February 8 – City Council Study Session on LDAC Recommendation (Joni, Joanna, Alica)
 - February 22 (if the agenda item is bumped from Feb. 8 Session) – Council Study Session on LDAC Recommendation

9:00 Adjourn