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PLAN-Boulder County

Newsletter

June 2011

Dick McLean

It is with sorrow that we note the death of Richard McLean on May 7 at the age of 79. Dick was a PLAN-Boulder stalwart and distinguished himself in a career of public service. He was elected to the Boulder City Council in the early 1970s and served as mayor in 1972 and 1973. In 1981 he was appointed by Governor Richard Lamm as a judge to the district court of Boulder County, where he remained until he retired in 1996. Thereafter for eight years he represented District O, which covers most of Boulder County, on the board of the Regional Transportation District.



Upcoming Fora

Friday, July 15: "Boulder's Library System." 12-1:30 p.m., Boulder Creek Room of the Main Boulder Public Library. Panelists: to be determined

Please visit the [PLAN-Boulder County website](#) for updates to the forum schedule.

Join us

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PLAN-Boulder County Board

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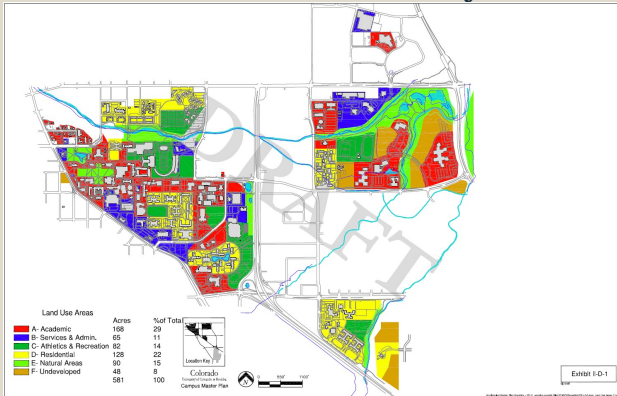
Board members

A memorial service will be held for Dick at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, at the Grusin Music Building at the University of Colorado. A reception will follow in the rehearsal hall.

Dick is survived by his wife, Edie Stevens, another stalwart supporter of PLAN-Boulder.

Forum Summaries

CU's Facilities Master Plan, May 13



At a PLAN-Boulder forum on Friday, May 13, about the new 10-year revision to the [CU-Boulder Capital Facilities Master Plan](#), Frank Bruno, vice chancellor for administration, disclosed that he expected to meet the following week with the chief financial officer of Naropa University to discuss the possibility of CU buying or trading for Naropa's campus on Arapahoe Avenue. Bruno also remarked that a conference center represents "an area of interest" for CU, which will be addressed by the university "sooner rather than later." [Read more...](#)

Lessons from Green Energy Pioneers, May 16



At a PLAN-Boulder forum on the evening of May 16 two members of Professor Bruce Goldstein's graduate planning studio class at the University of Colorado-Denver summarized case studies it conducted of three energy localization programs in various parts of the country and the lessons the class drew from them. [Read more...](#)

Board Positions and City Council

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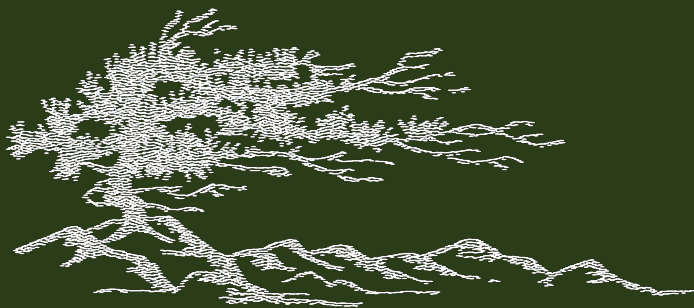
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Decisions

At the joint study session of the Boulder City Council and the Boulder Planning Board on May 24 about proposed revisions of the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan, PLAN-Boulder County Board member Max Taffet [read a statement](#) authorized by the board supporting the continuation of review by four bodies (Boulder City Council, City of Boulder Planning Board, Boulder County Commissioners, and Boulder County Planning Commission) of proposed changes to the Area III Planning Reserve (east of US 36 generally around Jay Road). The Planning Board and the City Council subsequently voted to replace four body review with two body review--Boulder City Council and Planning Board being the bodies.

At a City Council meeting on June 7 co-chair Ruth Blackmore [read a statement](#) adopted by the board which advocated downzoning a large portion of the Goss-Grove neighborhood. Later at the meeting the City Council approved the down-zoning, using the boundaries supported by PLAN-Boulder.

On May 17 PLAN-Boulder co-chair Pat Shanks [sent a letter](#) to the Boulder City Council solely on his own behalf opposing several suggested revisions to the Boulder City Charter, including changes to the building height limit and to the signature requirement for petitions for City Council candidates. The City Council subsequently rejected the proposed revisions that Shanks had challenged.



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