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PLAN-Boulder County

Newsletter

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The Wright Stuff

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has announced that at its May 13 spring commencement ceremony it will confer a joint honorary doctor of science degree on Ruth and Ken Wright, long-time pillars of PLAN-Boulder County. "Their thorough multidisciplinary efforts to study, document, preserve, protect and restore natural resources and public lands literally span the globe," the University of Wisconsin stated in a press release. "They are respected and renowned for their leadership and contributions to the unique field of paleohydrology, the study of the ancient use and handling of water."

As many of us recall, Ruth and Ken recently created a student scholarship fund at the University of Colorado-Boulder in honor of PLAN-Boulder legend and former CU physics professor Al Bartlett.

Those of us who watched Channel 6 on the evening of Tuesday, May 3, were delighted to see Ken filling a prominent role in an outstanding, hour-long program on Machu Picchu in the "Secrets of the Dead" series. He lucidly explained how the massive structure of

Upcoming Fora

Friday, May 13: "What's In the New Proposed Revision to the CU Boulder Campus Master Plan?" 12-1:30 p.m., Boulder Creek Room of the Main Boulder Public Library. Panelists: Frank Bruno, Vice Chancellor for Administration; Paul Leaf, Campus Architect; Phil Simpson Campus Planner.

Monday, May 16: "What Can Boulder Learn from Green Energy Pioneers?" 7-9 p.m., Sherpa's Adventurers Restaurant and Bar, 825 Walnut Street, Boulder. Panelists: Bruce Goldstein, Associate Professor, Department of Planning and Design, University of Colorado at Denver; and various of his graduate students.

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

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terraces below the buildings in the city had to be laboriously constructed by the Incas first in order to control the abundant rain and groundwater cascading down the steep slopes and stabilize the site.

The Return of May

May has brought the return of May—Leonard May, that is—to the PLAN-Boulder Board. Starting in early January, Leonard spent about four months working in Haiti for Cordaid, Catholic Organization for

Disaster Assistance and International Development, a Dutch sister organization to Catholic Relief Services in the United States. He served as the program manager for transitional shelter for about 50,000 people in Port au Prince and Leogane. He observed that the absence of proper property ownership records before the earthquake turned out to be a major obstacle. Without clear title to the underlying land, it is difficult to establish



transitional settlements upon it. Leonard felt a sense of accomplishment though from instituting management systems and controls, and providing management training and technical construction guidance to the organization's Haitian relief effort.

Forum Summary

Chautauqua's 2020 Strategic Plan, April 8

year, \$35 for a household and \$15 for a student or someone on limited income. Please include your e-mail address and phone number.

PLAN-Boulder County Board

Board meetings are open to members and are usually the first Monday of the month. Please call to confirm, 303-473-9979.

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As part of an ambitious, ten-year master plan, Chautauqua is proposing a new, 7,400 square foot building in back of the auditorium and an effort to promote more September-May and mid-week conferences and retreats. But critics question whether this proposal will generate more traffic and parking problems and negatively change the character of the venerable and beloved institution. [Read more...](#)

Board Transitions

We are pleased to announce that Jim Baily has joined the PLAN-Boulder Board of Directors. A Colorado native, Jim worked for several years as a city planner for the city of Boulder and 18 years as a planner for CU's Boulder campus. He is currently president of the Douglas Society at the Denver Art Museum and serves on the boards of the Millennium Trust and the Open Door Fund at the Community Foundation.

We are sorry to report that Scott McCarey has resigned from the Board for personal reasons. Among his other contributions, Scott wrote a major portion of PLAN-Boulder's acclaimed study [Does Dense Make Sense?](#) His wisdom and knowledge of the public transportation system will be missed.

Board Positions and City Council Decisions

PLAN-Boulder [sent a letter](#) to the Boulder City Council in March generally supporting the plan for the West Trail Studies Area proposed by the Community Collaborative Group and the city's Open Space and Mountain Parks Department. After receiving hours of public testimony at the Boulder High School auditorium on March 15, the City Council on March 30 adopted the proposed plan with the following major revisions:

- The Chapman-Tenderfoot and Saddle Rock trails are not designated as dog-free and instead the city staff was instructed to investigate other alternatives.
- Horse trailer parking is not to be pursued, except at the South Boulder Creek West Trailhead.
- Horse access is not to be allowed in the Towhee drainage or in the West Sanitas/Wittemeyer area.
- Public parking opportunities in the Shanahan area are to be investigated by city staff.

At its May 2 meeting the PLAN-Boulder board [authorized a statement](#) to the Boulder City Council supporting the proposal to spend \$3.5 million of City of Boulder Educational Excise Tax money to help renovate Mapleton School and use it for the Boulder Valley School District's Early Childhood Education program. That proposal was approved by the Boulder City Council at its May 3 meeting by a vote of 6-3.

At its May 2 meeting the board also [re-affirmed the statement](#) it had adopted in December 2010, supporting a proposal for the City of Boulder to appropriate \$2 million of Open Space funds to help buy Section 16 in Jefferson County just east of Highway 93. The reasons for the purchase are to secure the area for wildlife and block commercial development along Highway 93 that might be precipitated by the proposed Jefferson Parkway and the proposed Candelas project. The purchase proposal was approved by the Boulder City Council at its May 3 meeting by a vote of 7-2. Boulder County has also agreed to contribute \$2 million and Jefferson County \$5 million toward the acquisition of Section 16.



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