Gunbarrel Community Alliance Newsletter Gunbarrel news in a nutshell Volume 1, Number 6 July 12, 2021

GCA's opposition to the Celestial Seasonings plan continues (LUR2020-00063)

Boulder Planning Board voted to approve this proposal at their June 24 meeting. On July 20 City Council will vote on whether or not to call it up for consideration at a later meeting. If it is called up, it will be later in July or August, at which time there will be a public hearing before they vote. If it is not called up, that will essentially validate the Planning Board approval, and the stages of permitting and construction can begin.

**ACCESS THESE DOCUMENTS** -- The <u>City of Boulder website</u> is where these documents are posted. This is the most up-to-date place to access these documents, but it is a difficult user interface, so follow these directions:

- 1. In the very small white box in the upper right of the page, enter LUR2020-0006 and wait for the small drop-down list to appear. DO NOT ENTER THE FULL LUR NUMBER. LEAVE OFF THE LAST DIGIT. Read this instruction again and follow it to the letter. It should work...
- 2. Next, when the drop-down list appears, click on LUR2020-00063.
- 3. This will retrieve a long list of links (documents) that are displayed to the left of the map. The set of documents has been re-issued several times. The docs with the most recent date best represent the plan that is being considered
- 4. To pull up a document, just click on the link and it will download and open.

## GCA Community meeting this Wednesday, July 14, 7 pm

There is no open comment or public hearing at the Council's July 13 special meeting, so this week we can only <u>email City Council members</u> with our comments. We WILL be able to speak to the July 20 meeting. Let's get our thoughts in order at a GCA COMMUNITY MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 7-8 pm. Here's the Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81421666836? pwd=c3RZVm54K21kYXFiWnIxcFVIVkVHUT09

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**NOW WHAT?** So far all our efforts have not been enough to overcome the developer's exaggerations, heroic assumptions, mischaracterizations, misinformation, and inaccuracies -- which the city staff and even the Planning Board seem to accept at face value. We have pointed to substantive issues, including a PUD that has not been fulfilled, Boulder Valley Comp Plan policies that are being violated, more than 1,000 apartments in Boulder that sit vacant (unrelated to CU student housing timing), several

recent examples of better planning and community involvement, and many specific concerns with details of the plan. We are seeing that only one issue matters: "affordable housing." Let's continue to raise our voices in emails of CONCERNS, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS TO <u>CITY COUNCIL</u>.

THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE!! And we need a strong line-up of speakers on July 20!

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**Bagels anyone?** YES! We still have Moe's Bagels \$20 gift cards to thank you for a donation of \$100 or more. Every dollar directly supports our all-volunteer efforts gathering critical information, sharing facts and information, legal fees, and community communications... all of which helps us oppose run-away and random development here in Gunbarrel. Learn more on <u>our website</u> and <u>help as much as you can</u>.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

Email GCA Board members with any additional comments and suggestions!

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