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Community, Culture and Safety tax

City seeks input on what to fund

By Alex Burness
Staff Writer

As Boulder is primed to ask voters to reapprove the soon-to-expire Community, Culture and Safety tax, the city is soliciting proposals for capital improvement projects that the renewed

Expecting renewed sales tax worth roughly \$29M, Boulder now soliciting proposals for capital improvement projects

tax could fund. The measure, a 0.3-percent sales tax originally passed by voters in 2014, has

since then paid for projects including renovations to the downtown Civic Area, lighting and walkway improvements in several parts of the city, an upcoming "event street" on University Hill and creek restoration.

But of the roughly \$29 million the tax is projected to produce by the end of this year, near \$8 million went to

capital improvements for two community groups: the Museum of Boulder got a little more than half to relocate downtown and renovate its new site, and the Dairy Arts Center got the rest to renovate and

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SHOP DOGS of Boulder County



Paul Aiken / Staff Photographer

Juniper, one of the office dogs at Boulder's Ocean First Swim School, gets some love from Dhasa Bishops and her children Landon Knecht, 4, and Shia, 6, at the company's offices on March 17. See more photos of Boulder County shop dogs at dailycamera.com.

It's no surprise that in dog-friendly Boulder County, shop owners have incorporated their pets into their business model.

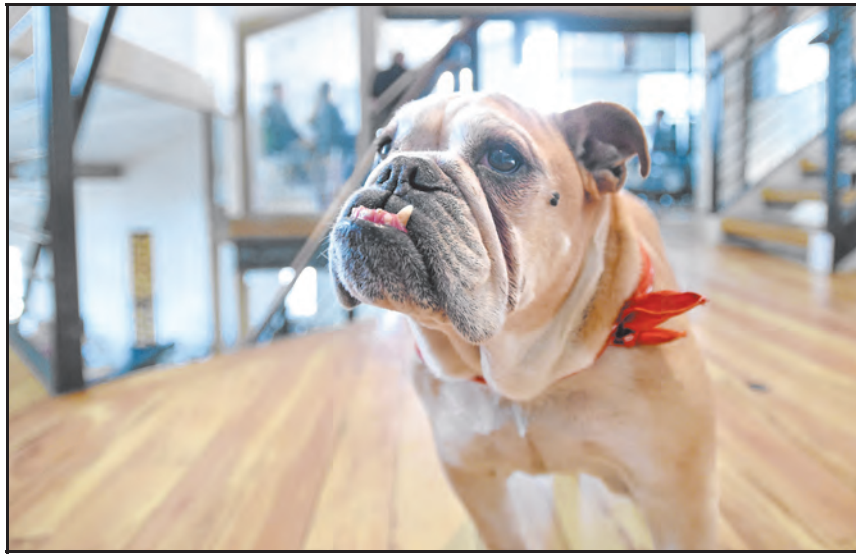
These pups are so popular, they've become furry marketing tools that can help bring customers in the door while at the same time boosting employee morale, shop dog owners say.

A new study even suggests that having dogs in the workplace can improve the function of work groups and teams.

Read the full story in today's **Business Plus**.

Bama is the senior dog at TDA Boulder, an ad agency representing Justin's Nut Butter.

Cliff Grassmick
Staff Photographer



Wise Farm



Camera file photo

Sarah Wise, right, and her nephew Allen Wise, left, in 2015. The Wise family is trying to redevelopment part of the Wise property in Erie.

Neighbors gather in opposition to redevelopment

Erie eyes zoning change for family to build neighborhood on rural property

If you go

What: Erie Board of Trustees
When: 6:30 p.m., Tuesday
Where: 645 Holbrook Street
More info: erieco.gov

By Anthony Hahn
Staff Writer

Plans to redevelop Erie's treasured Wise Farm property should be significantly scaled back to reduce impacts on the surrounding rural aesthetic, according to neighboring residents, many of whom have signed a petition calling for town leaders to half an ordinance approving such plans.

Trustees will meet on Tuesday to hear public comments and consider an ordinance to change the zoning to allow an increase in the density of homes that could be built on a portion of the 176-acre property south of Jasper Road and west of 119th Street.

If approved, the proposal would add scores of low-density housing to primarily rural acreage, which, under the current zoning, allows for agricultural/open space and rural residential.

The applicant proposal includes 102 single family homes, according to town documents.

The zoning change is the first step needed to implement the family's plan to develop a neighborhood with a number of new homes, though a scaled-down proposal than has been offered in recent years.

In 2015, trustees voted against a plan which included 166 homes on 169 acres of the property.

Increased traffic, reduced wildlife and the impact on the area's rural setting were top concerns for most.

"It just seems a little unfair for the town to change that zoning," said resident Karl Schultz, who moved to the area with his family, "particularly when the surrounding area hasn't changed that much. It's not like you have to rezone it to match what is going on around it."

"Another objection is they want 102 houses (on the property) but 77 of them are on really small lots," he added. "That doesn't match the character of the area and it gives this vision of a lot of houses together; that isn't the type of environment we wanted."

The property has been in Wise's family since the 1860s, when her great-grandfather purchased the land and built his home.

Sarah Wise asked trustees to consider the family's contribution to the town over the last 150 years, including nearly 75 acres of land that was preserved as

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Week ahead

Spring break

As parents are already very well aware, both the University of Colorado and Boulder Valley schools are on spring break this week. If you're heading for the slopes, be advised that you're going to have company.

CU Regents eye personnel issue

The University of Colorado Board of regents today is meeting

in a closed-door executive session in Denver to "discuss a personnel matter at CU Boulder and receive legal advice on specific matters." It comes as the school prepares to receive findings of an external investigation into CU's handling of domestic violence accusations against a former assistant football coach.

The session is set for 10:30 a.m. today at 1800 Grant St., Denver.

Boulder rebuttal to PUC on muni

Boulder is expected to file rebuttal testimony on Thursday in its pending case before the state Public Utilities Commission, which is presiding over the city's bid to form a municipal electric utility, and which has recently cast some doubt on key aspects of Boulder's proposal. The rebuttal testimony is expected to address some of those doubts.

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