



DATE: May 3, 2018
TO: Mayor and Council
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RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

How about that rain! It will make for some perfectly tacky trails this weekend which for you skier types is equivalent to a big powder day. The stream gauge at Emma on the Roaring Fork shows the flow at about 500 CFS which is slightly below average for this time of year but every drop of water we get will help and the moisture this week was no exception. I have seen some kayakers in the Whitewater Park taking advantage of the improved wave but have not been able to get feedback on the quality. The hole upstream of the wave does not appear to be too dangerous at this level but I am curious to see what happens in the coming weeks as runoff picks up steam. I'll keep you posted.

Council member Infante and I attended new councilor training in Dillon last Friday and Saturday. There were a number of current and past council members, town managers and a town attorney who helped with the instruction. I think it offered constructive advice and highlighted several of the standard practices for council members. The class was taught by sharing stories which was a reasonable way to spark good conversation and provide for productive interaction with the attendees. I am always glad to participate in these classes as well because I always learn something new or get reinforcement for good council/manager relations.

The rain this week tested the upgraded drainage on Sopris Circle and it seems that the project was a success. I checked with an adjacent neighbor and she reported that there was no standing water as would likely have been the case prior to the improvement. We will keep an eye on it but should not see any issues with it moving forward.

Jacque and I had a phone conference with Elyse Casselberry to go over her council training program scheduled for Monday, May 14th. She has a great program set up for us and the format is intended to be interactive.

Town Department Heads held a half day retreat at RMI last Thursday to discuss organizational values. It was a productive session and I think that we came up with a great set of values that will allow us to hold each other accountable to a high standard of professionalism. I need to sit down with the information and distill it further but at least the first big hurdle of getting us together to concentrate on this task has been accomplished.

Planning

- Mid-Valley Area Community Plan – The Roaring Fork Regional Planning Commission (RFVRPC) met on Thursday, May 3rd where the RFVRPC discussed changes to parcels on the Future Land Use Map. They changed the titles to address concerns about the name urban/suburban, worked on their definition of smart growth, and identified parcels that they will want to talk more about. More information is on their webpage at http://www.eaglecounty.us/Planning/Documents/Community_Plans/Mid_Valley_Master_Plan_Draft1_2018/

- BACH – BACH members participated in a walk-through of several Real America affordable housing units on April 26th. The vacant units are filling up fast, so if Councilor's would like to see the inside of a unit, please give one of the planners a call and we will arrange it. BACH members were very pleased with the livability of the units, and in particular with the exercise room, ski storage lockers, and the optional storage opportunities.
- Southside Items – Davidco, LLC has a land development permit to begin installing their utilities and preparing the site for the approximate 80,000 square feet of mini-storage. There is significantly more dirt than the Developer or Staff anticipated. Staff met on site with the contractor and is working with the contractor to minimize disturbance from the construction. Also, in regards to parking over by Big O, Planning Staff worked with the Public Works Department, Police Department and Town Manager to add some signage along Southside Drive by Big O. The large lot can no longer be used for business parking, and Staff is trying to manage parking in this area.
- ArtBase/Planning Department Offices – Considerable work was undertaken last week on the 99 Midland Avenue Building as part of the Green Teams' efforts to make Town Buildings more energy efficient. The work included blowing in insulation and sealing cracks. Additional blower door tests will be done on Monday to determine if additional work is needed.
- POST – POST met on Wednesday, April 26th and heard a presentation from Toni Kronberg on her proposed "Endless Pool" she would like located in Arbaney Park. She will be attending POST's May Open House at Arbaney Park to solicit input and support. POST also prepared for their upcoming Worksession with the P&Z, which includes their ideas on the "Giving Garden". POST discussed the agriculture buildings being proposed on the Pitkin-County owned land in Emma and recommended the hoop-house and barn buildings that were off-set. POST selected the benches in Old Pond Park. They also discussed Mid-Valley Community Plan update. They had submitted comments to the RFVRPC and are discussing whether they should pursue their recommendations through this effort or more directly with the Mid-Valley Trails Committee.
- NWCCOG – Today NWCCOG is holding its Regional Economic Summit. Kris Mattera, Executive Director for the Basalt Chamber of Commerce, and Watkin Fulk-Gray, Basalt Staff Planner, are both attending. We plan on updating you on important outcomes from that meeting.

Public Works

- Public Works celebrated Arbor Day with the Basalt Elementary Fifth Grade Class. There are approximately 120 students in the fifth grade. We had two sessions and planted two trees. Aspen Tree Service sponsored the trees, gave a talk about trees and answered all type of questions from the students. Both Public Works staff and the students learned a lot. The most memorable question asked by one of the students was if he could put a tree in his house to help his mother breathe better because she has trouble breathing. This came after the arborist from Aspen Tree Services had stated that trees produce oxygen to help us breathe better. The Arborist was quick to say that a tree would help but a house plant would work better.
- The majority of Public Works staff attended flagger training with Pitkin County staff. The flagger training is required every two years to stay certified. The cost of the class and instructor is shared between each participating entity.
- The water main extension that was installed to service the Roaring Fork Club has been completed. This section is being charged, tested and flushed before opening it to the existing

water main. The asphalt that was removed during the construction on East Two Rivers Road will soon be replaced.

- The project in Two Rivers Road at the new Roaring Fork Conservancy is on schedule and the temporary traffic lights seem to be working well to maintain adequate traffic flow.

Police

- On Saturday night, marijuana dispensaries in Carbondale and Holland Hills were burglarized. A shared entry glass door at our dispensary in Southside was broken but the suspects did not gain entry into the dispensary. Video surveillance footage was obtained from all three dispensaries and our School Resource Officer, Thomas Wright, was able to identify one suspect. Our Police Department took the lead on these investigations and has been conducting interviews with possible suspects. Four juveniles male suspect have been identified. Several marijuana products and paraphernalia, that were stolen from the Carbondale and Holland Hills dispensaries, have been recovered from the suspects residences.. The Carbondale Police Department and the 9th Judicial District Attorney's Offices are assisting with criminal charging of the suspects. During the course of this investigation, these same four males have been linked to mail thefts that occurred in Elk Run and Missouri Heights over the weekend. The Police Department is consulting with the 5th Judicial District Attorney's Office for charging in these cases.