



DATE: August 3, 2018
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

Good afternoon, there has been a number of items that staff is working on as it relates to the Lake Christine Fire. As you might imagine, this has been our main focus for the last month. I met with a group yesterday that included representatives from Basalt Fire, Town of Basalt, Eagle County and State Forestry to discuss fire mitigation. We have some tentative dates and an outline of a program to be initiated in the next several weeks. This will start with property inspections that can be done starting now by appointment. We will also have a “Community Inspection Day” where residents of the hill district can RSVP to have an inspection done. Following the inspections, we will have a chipper and crew to pick up piles and chip them and take them to the landfill. There are more details to come but I think we have a good timeline and initial outline for a successful mitigation effort in the hill district.

The following press release is going out today and is part of our continuing effort to address flooding:

Aug. 3, 2018 – Personnel from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will begin conducting flood assessments in areas affected by the Lake Christine Fire during the week of Aug. 13. The assessments will help determine potential problem areas and recommend mitigation actions.

Residents and business owners in Basalt and El Jebel who wish to have their home or property assessed as part of the process are asked to complete the form found at

<https://goo.gl/forms/EfyvCvyQg4wNnMcx1>.

The Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife submitted a sponsorship agreement with the NRCS to request assistance for flood assessment and mitigation through their Emergency Watershed Protection Program. The sponsorship will provide financial and technical assistance in reducing damage and impacts from flooding following the Lake Christine Fire.

Eagle County Government and the Town of Basalt are partnering with CDPW and NRCS in completing the project.

I participated in an agenda planning meeting today to discuss the shooting range. There are two meetings tentatively planned for August 21st and 27th. The format for the initial meeting will be to gather public input. Given that there will likely be too many in attendance to hear everyone speak, there will be a coordinated approach for those that represent a constituency or group as well as opportunities for individuals not associated with any group. The second meeting will be to discuss

solutions and outcomes and will likely be in smaller work group format. There is a professional facilitator that will lead the discussions.

As you will see below, we have two community events coming up that will offer an opportunity to connect with first responders as well as our neighbors. These are the **National Night Out (August 7th) and Community Picnic (August 11th)**

Public Works

East Valley Road is still on schedule. The contractor has been down the west (Linear Park) side removing asphalt and preparing for the concrete curb, gutter and crosswalks. United companies will be moving to the residential side to repeat the process in preparation for the concrete contractor.

The tank reconditioning contractor arrived on Monday and went to work on the Million Gallon tank. They are doing site preparation and will start with structural repairs.

The Roaring Fork Club is continuing to install water infrastructure. A Public Works employee is involved in the inspection and testing as they progress.

The Public Works Forestry Department has been busy trimming trees along streets and right of ways. Public Works has also been involved with other agencies identifying town assets that might need some mitigation to make the facilities more fire resistant.

Planning

River Park Development LLC – Sketch Plan for CDC parcel - The Council is scheduled to start its review on Tuesday, August 14th. P&Z reviewed the Basalt River Park Development Application on Tuesday, July 17th and recommended approval by a vote of 5 to 1.

RFTA Recreational Trails Plan (RTP) Update – Watkins Fulk-Gray attended the First Stakeholder meeting on the RFTA Recreational Trails Plan (RTP) Update. The plan mostly deals with the Rio Grande corridor. The bulk of the update is adding to, changing, and reaffirming a list of 14 goals, which are mostly improvements, maintenance, and messaging related to the Rio Grande Trail. They would also like to undertake, possibly in conjunction with Pitkin OST and its trail system, an education campaign to reinforce trail safety and courtesy principles that are already in place. The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for September before the adoption of the RTP Update is ratified on November 8th according to RFTA's schedule.

Basalt Childcare – Ryan Mahoney, Sara Nadolny and Susan Philp met with the Eagle County Manager, Eagle County Finance Director, Housing Director and Human Services Director on August 3rd to introduce ideas about partnering to build a child development center on Parcel 2E.

Ryan and Susan met with Tamara Tormohlen, Executive Director of the Aspen Community Foundation (ACF), to talk about the work they do for the Town in administering the Town's contribution toward Childcare. The discussion expanded into the effort that ACF is doing as part of the Lake Christine Fire recovery efforts.

Ryan Slack, Sara Nadolny and Susan attended the monthly Child Care Coalition meeting on Thursday, July 19th. Eagle County presented the key findings from a survey of Eagle County residents regarding their views of the County and assessing funding priorities. One of the biggest takeaways was that the majority of Eagle County residents view the numbers of early childhood education programs as lacking but did not offer support for a tax increase to fund these and other early childhood learning projects at this time. Staff asked if a breakout of this specific area of the County could be provided. Eagle County anticipates revisiting the tax issue in 2020. The group also discussed effective ways to use the amount budgeted for quality improvements and created a subcommittee to explore the potential of utilizing the funds for a regional speaker/training event.

Sustainable Building Regulations (SBR) - The Town's SBR Regulations became effective on Thursday July 19th. The SBR team held its first informational workshop on the regulations on July 25th and a second one is scheduled for August 6th at 5:30 pm. Meeting information has been posted on the Town's webpage, on Jim Wilson's door, and distributed by Amanda Poindexter, Chair of the United States Green Building Council, Roaring Fork Branch, to all members. CORE has included the information on the sessions in their monthly newsletter, and Sara Nadolny has sent the information to various planning and architecture firms in the valley.

Planning for Basalt River Park and Two Rivers Road – the contracts for consulting services are currently scheduled to be on the Council's August 14th agenda for the Council's consideration.

Development Review items - Work continues on Roaring Fork Club, Basalt Vista, and Willits Developments with construction management and approval documents.

Regional Climate Action Collaborative – Facilitated by CORE, the group met at CMC's Aspen Campus on Monday, July 16th. The group was comprised of planning Staff, public works, administration and others in sustainability positions from the City of Aspen, Town of Basalt and Snowmass Village. The purpose of the collaborative was to gauge interest in the communities collaborating on climate action goals as they impact the entire valley. The major takeaways include 1) the group was generally in favor of collaborating so long as it involved a specific project; 2) there may be some opportunities to meet for educational purposes with a speaker on a specific relevant topic; 3) Some communities may choose to participate in specific projects while others do not, depending on what is deemed important to each community; 4) There may be opportunities to get favorable discounts on essentials such as fleet vehicles; and 5) Any new work resulting from this group would remain a part of each government's relationship with CORE. The group discussed the solar farm that Holy Cross is proposing in Woody Creek, and the potential for each community to buy into the solar project. Other topics of discussion included on-site renewables, hazard mapping and resiliency planning, and a regional information database.

Regional Housing Task Force – Sara and James attended two meetings for the Regional Housing Task Force, spearheaded by David Mylar and Bill Lamont. They are expecting to receive the results of the regional polling within the next couple of weeks. Monday's meeting was attended by land use planners from Carbondale and Glenwood Springs to learn about Basalt's inclusionary housing/mitigation requirement, projects, financing, etc. (A similar meeting took place two weeks ago to discuss Carbondale.) Wednesday's meeting was attended by the same parties plus a realtor who works primarily in Garfield County and deals with the sale and rental of affordable housing. She provided

insight into anticipating long-term consequences of financing and getting lenders involved in the discussion of financing of affordable housing units prior to final approval.

Intermountain Transportation Regional Planning Region (IMTPR) – Susan attended the July 20th meeting of the IMTPR. Most of the meeting was spent trying to explain the various potential November State ballot issues. Regardless it looks like an additional modest amount of funding will be coming to the Town of Basalt for transportation.

POST – POST met on July 25th and discussed the input POST received from the Council at the June 26th Council meeting. They are looking forward to hearing more direction from the Town Council. POST also talked about the status of projects on the Council's current adopted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for park, open space and trails projects and proposed projects for the upcoming update. POST also received an update on RFTA's Recreation Trails Plan.

Events – Planning has been participating with meeting organizers and processing several special event activity permits, including National Night Out (August 7), 2nd Annual Starwood Reunion (August 8), the Roaring Fork Conservancy Ribbon Cutting (August 10); River Center Open House (August 11), Basalt Community Picnic (August 11), Ragnar Relay (August 11), Basalt Half Marathon (August 18), and Art Base Gala (August 18).

Police

The Police Department applied for and received a \$9607 grant from the Colorado Peace Officers Standards and Training Board. These grant funds will be used to pay for all Roaring Fork Regional Range costs and Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins that each of our Police Officers participate in.

Chief Greg Knott is a Co-Chair for the Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valley Law Enforcement Immigrant Advisory Council. The Immigrant Advisory Council hosted a wage theft educational training presented by Towards Justice. Members of the Eagle Valley Law Enforcement Immigrant Advisory Council, several nonprofit and governmental agencies attended this training.

The Police Department hosted visits from Camp Chip-A-Tooth and Roaring Fork Club kid camps. We were able to personally visit with several area youth.

An incident management team has been working together to host our 2018 National Night Out. Staff members from the Basalt Chamber of Commerce, Basalt and Rural Fire Protection District and the Police Department are working to host this large event. National Night Out will take place on August 7th, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Triangle Park. We hope to see you there.

Officer Nino Santiago attended a three day child passenger safety certification training. This training provides national certification to Officer Santiago and our Police Department. Expecting parents or parents with children who use car seats can meet with Officer Santiago to make certain their car seats are properly installed.