



DATE: August 10, 2018
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

There continues to be plenty to do relating to the Lake Christine Fire. I met with a group of citizens that were interested in the upcoming public process related to the shooting range. As you know those meetings are scheduled for the 21st and 27th of August. The main concern of these residents is that they be given a voice during the process and that the process be designed to come up with actual solutions. It was suggested that two meetings would not be sufficient to come up with real solutions and that Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) may need to plan for additional facilitated meetings. Town staff will continue to work with CPW to ensure a comprehensive solution can be achieved.

We continue to discuss the post fire flooding risk and have been awaiting the arrival of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). They will be here on Monday and will be available to inspect private property, as well as the state lands on the lower slopes of Basalt Mountain. Related to this effort, I am in contact with Eagle County staff and two non-profit groups that have experience with post fire mitigation related to river and stream health. The information from the NRCS will help to inform solutions both for flooding risk to homes and private property and to the rivers and streams.

We will be following up with more information on the fire mitigation strategy for the hill district. I am working with Town staff, Basalt Fire, State Forest and Eagle County on this effort. Basalt Fire has committed to providing \$10,000 which I have indicated we would match to establish a fire mitigation program. We will need to iron out the details but it will allow us to move forward this fall with our program in the hill district.

Planning

- River Park Development LLC – Sketch Plan for CDC parcel - The Council is scheduled to start its review on Tuesday, August 14th.
- Development Review items – Considerable planning staff time was spent on reviewing minor amendment requests, reviewing approval documents, and construction management on the Roaring Fork Club, Basalt Vista, Basalt Mini-storage and Willits Developments. We are also coordinating with Public Works on a number of drainage issues, ADA and street issues.
- Events – Planning has been participating with several events which occurred this week and are ongoing during the weekend including National Night Out, 2nd Annual Starwood Reunion, and the Roaring Fork Conservancy Ribbon Cutting. Saturday is the River Center Open House and Basalt Community Picnic. Each large event is a learning experience about how best to manage crowds.
- P&Z – P&Z met on Tuesday and recommended approval of a minor PUD amendment for the Mid Valley Design Center. They also worked on organizing for their presentation and discussion with the Council on their aspirations for the Master Plan Update. P&Z supported having their presentation after the Council's retreat. They thought it would be a good idea for the Council to

read some background about where they are coming from. See attached document entitled P&Z Aspirations for Master Plan Update.

- Other Committees – POST met with Ryan and Susan and offered feedback about how to communicate with the Council and meet the Council’s expectations. The Green Team and the Basalt Childcare Coalition meet next week.
- Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) – Planning worked with Ryan, Boyd and Greg on updates to the 5-year CIP
- Basalt Avenue Entrance Sign - The Basalt Avenue Entrance Sign that the Council approved a contract with Myers Steel to fabricate is scheduled to be completed and installed in late August.

Police

- The Police Department would like to thank the Basalt Chamber of Commerce, Basalt Public Works and Planning Department Staff and the numerous volunteers who assisted with National Night Out. This year’s event was a wonderful evening of relationship and community building.
- Chief Greg Knott and Officer Curt Donaldson attended an eight-hour training on Procedural Justice. Procedural Justice focuses on the way police interact with the public and how the characteristics of those interactions shape the public’s views of the police, their willingness to obey the law, and how these interactions and perceptions influence actual crime rates. Mounting evidence indicates that community perceptions of Procedural Justice can have significant impacts on public safety. Procedural justice is based on four central principles: fairness in our processes, transparency in our actions, opportunities for voice by the public and impartiality in our decision making. All Officers will receive training on Procedural Justice as our Department continues to identify and implement ways to better serve our Community.
- Our Lake Christine Mud and Flood Incident Management Team continues to evaluate and plan for potential flooding and debris flow from the fire area. The Incident Management and Response Plan was updated this week and will continue to be revised as information becomes available.

Public Works

- Public Works is busy cleaning the Willits underpass adjacent to Whole Foods. During a recent rainstorm some debris washed out of the garden beds. We are cleaning out the debris and power washing the tunnel portion.
- Work on the million-gallon tank is ongoing. This week the contractor was sand blasting all the surfaces. We had an inspector review the exposed metal and he said we are in good shape.
- The concrete contractor is on site at the East Valley Road project and is making good progress. The general contractor has been able to keep the project moving efficiently due to the cooperation of the community in accepting the one-way traffic configuration. Thanks Neighbors!
- Public Works, with the help of the Rifle Correctional Facility inmates are cutting dead trees and vegetation from the Town’s Skateboard and River Parks. The cutting not only makes the parks safer but reduces the fire fuel load going forward.
- Public Works is working with the Basalt Chamber to help with National Night Out and the Community Picnic. We have supported the Chamber with personnel, supplies and equipment.