



DATE: May 27, 2022
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

The Police Chief and Town Manager attended a regional discussion regarding the Ride the Rockies event that is scheduled to come through Basalt on Monday, June 13th. Several required submittals from the ride promoter are still being requested by local, state and federal agencies. This may impact the ride, but we are hopeful they will quickly turn this around.

As detailed below, the 8th grade class had their annual run to the High School. It was a perfect morning and everyone made it with big smiles on their faces.



The Public Works crew set the “river pigs” this morning in front of the Brick Pony. Pam Schilling did some gentle prodding to her colleagues at the state and was able to get the temporary liquor license approved. The outdoor dining should be open this weekend.



Police

On Saturday, 5/21, the Police Department assisted with the Basalt High School Graduation. Later that evening, SRO Hegberg attended the Project Graduation, which is a party held at the High School for all the graduating seniors.

On 5/25, SRO Hegberg was in attendance for the 4th Grade Graduation and their transition to Middle School.

On 5/26, the Police Department, along with Public Works employees, were able to assist in closing streets for the 8th Graders run to the High School. This is a yearly event, as a way for the 8th Graders to 'unofficially' get to High School.

On Monday and Tuesday, Officer Hegberg attended an armorer's course for our patrol rifles and shotguns. Having this certification will assist in keeping our equipment functioning well.

We are currently working on a background investigation for an applicant who applied for one of our open positions. We are hoping this turns out successfully and can send the applicant to the fall CLETA Academy.

Planning

Basalt Center Circle Application – The Applicant has submitted a final plan application and Staff has referred it out to the Town's referral agencies for review. The Planning and Zoning Commission started their review of the Application on May 17th and is scheduled to continue the review on June 7th. The Basalt Affordable Community Housing Commission (BACH) also reviewed the Final Plan Application this week.

Basalt River Park Improvements – The architects on the bandshell and bus station/restroom continue to work on the designs for those elements of the park. Work on Phase II of the Basalt River Park by RMCL has begun, top soil is being delivered to bring the site to final grade, irrigation is being installed, and we hope to receive the first shipment of trees within the next 2 weeks.

Midland Avenue Streetscape Project – the Design Team and Town staff, have been moving the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project forward. The Design Team has been meeting with various stakeholder groups, and the owners/managers of the properties along Midland to gain their input. The Design Team has formulated 3 conceptual plans which were presented to POST, P&Z and Council. An open house for the project was also held in conjunction with Motors on Midland on Saturday, May 14th. A second community survey has been published to gain additional input. A link to the 2nd community survey can be found on the Town's website or on <https://letstalk.basalt.net/>

Green Initiatives and the Town of Basalt Photovoltaic and Energy Storage Project – Staff and McKinstry continue to work with Holy Cross Energy, the school district, CORE and members of the Green Team on the project. McKinstry has provided a cost/benefit analysis on a handful of sites for review. McKinstry made a presentation to staff and representatives of the School District this week to discuss two preferred options, and to begin selecting which option is preferred and should be taken to design.

Other Basalt Forward 2030 Support – Town Planning Staff also provided support to the Manager for the Basalt Forward 2030 projects.

Mid-Valley Center Lot 4 – Phase 1A of the Project has been completed, and the landscaping has been installed. Town Staff and Gould are moving forward with final design of the foundation and building. The building construction will occur later this summer. Staff met CTL Thompson on site this week to dig some test pits to verify soil conditions onsite.



Basalt River Park Development LLC – A full building permit was issued on the Gallery Building which includes commercial, apartments, and the affordable housing units.

Parcel 5, Sopris Meadows Application- The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the Parcel 5, Sopris Meadows Preliminary Plan Application on May 3rd and made a recommendation. The Council did an initial review of the Application on May 24th and continued the review to June 14th.

Development Review/Applications – Staff also spent time on responding to administrative reviews, complaints and working on land use applications and building permits.

Green Team – the Green Code Committee met to discuss changes to the proposed amendments, clarify items, and update language. The Committee is meeting next Friday to continue its work with the plans to bring an ordinance to Council for first reading on June 27th.

Basalt Sunday Market – Planning for the Basalt Sunday Market is well underway, with over 60 vendors accepted into this year's market. Staff is currently working with the Manager on this year's market needs, which includes an advertisement for a part-time Market Assistant to help out at seven of this season's markets. More information can be found at the Town's webpage under the Jobs section.

Public Works

Public Works excavated some test holes for the contractor CTL Thompson to check the condition and depth of the upper layer of fill material this week at the new Public Works lot. We are getting closer to starting the concrete foundation and drainage system.

Staff did a site visit to the Stotts Mill development. The developer is to the point of having the curb and gutter installed and will soon pave the street which we will eventually be responsible for. We are also asking for a height adjustment on the streetlights.

Public Works Parks and Forestry Departments met with the contractor Rocky Mountain Custom Landscape (RMCL) who is hired to do phase two of the River Park Project. They were able to work out some logistics and scheduling.

Public Works and the Recreation Department were able to get the shade sails up at the pool for the summer. It takes a special lift and a lot of pulling. Public Works assisted the Police Department with the annual 8th grade run to the high school. We blocked intersections and followed behind with our lights on.