



DATE: March 17, 2023
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

The Town's logo update process is continuing to make progress. The consultants, Slate Communications, have completed their Discovery Report and Vision Boards that will be used by the artists to guide them through the creative process. The Brand Committee scored submissions from seven local graphic designers and the top two designers will now move forward and create 3 – 5 logos each along with the logos that Slate Communications will produce. These logos will be vetted by the steering committee and will be available on [Let's Talk Basalt](#) for public input. The remainder of the process is as follows:

- Week of 4/3 – Brand Committee Meeting to review 1st draft of logo options.
- Week of 4/10 – Brand Committee completes online form to evaluate 2nd draft of top logo options.
- Week of 4/17 – Top logo options will be shared with the community for their input and feedback online using the Let's Talk Basalt website.
- Tuesday, 4/25 – Basalt Town Council Meeting. Committee and Slate co-present final logo or top logo design options with Committee's recommendation for approval. Council formally approves a final logo.

Police

All Officers are attending handgun and arrest control training through our collaborative Roaring Fork Range training group. Instructors from the Basalt Police Department, Aspen Police Department, Snowmass Village Police Department and Pitkin County Sheriff's Office train departmental staff on a quarterly basis. These trainings exceed mandated training requirements implemented by the State of Colorado.

The Pitkin County Regional Emergency Dispatch Center Board met this week. Chief Greg Knott serves on this board. We discussed plans to move operational oversight of the Dispatch Center from the Sheriff's Office to the County Managers Office. This change is expected to occur over the next three months.

Planning for our 6th Annual Community Police Academy continues. The academy will be held over 12 Saturdays where attendees will learn about police department operations and participate in practical skills training that our officers must be proficient in. We currently have 15 people signed up to attend. A total of 30 spots are available. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sergeant Nino Santiago at (970) 927-4316 or by email at nino.santiago@basaltpolice.com.

Police Chief's and Sheriff's throughout the 9th Judicial District met to discuss current law enforcement trends, upcoming legislation, issues in our respective jurisdictions and how we can continue to assist each other in the future.

Over the past year, agencies in Pitkin County have been updating the Pitkin County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The plan is federally required to be updated every five years. We have been advised our plan has been approved by the State of Colorado and the Federal Emergency Management Agencies. The 2023 HMP will be brought to Town Council on April 25th for review.

Public Works

Public Works replaced a cracked chlorine injector this week. The injector is part of the system that measures and injects chlorine into the Town's water supply to make sure it is sanitary. Every system in the State of Colorado is now required to use chlorine in their water treatment process.

We worked with a contractor who completed trenching and conduit installation to connect better telemetry equipment that monitors tank levels and will also provide a power source for heat tape to protect pipes from freezing at the water treatment plant.

Public Works, Engineering and the Administration met with representatives from Loctic Hydrological and the Roaring Fork Conservancy to discuss the possibility of installing a stream gauge in the Frying Pan River on the Pueblo Bridge. It was a good meeting with every party agreeing to contribute some effort and funding to the project. The purpose of the new gauge is so our Police Department can monitor the potential of a Frying Pan flood threat, especially during releases when Rudi Reservoir is full. Another benefit of the sensor is that the information may also be available to the public to monitor the water levels for recreation purposes.

Public Works had contracts approved this week for road maintenance, including crack sealing and chip sealing as well as long line stripping.

Town Hall will be getting some much needed maintenance on the building's exterior, including fascia boards, roof and gutters.

Town staff met to discuss the plans for improving Swinging Bridge Trail improvements. The plan is to add solar pedestal lights and improve the landscaping along the trail. The Trail will be a major corridor during the construction of Midland Avenue for additional parking at Basalt Elementary School.

Public Works and Planning are working with We-Cycle to improve a location at the El Jebel Park and Ride. We-Cycle is wanting to upgrade from peddle bikes to e-bikes and they need help creating a better surface area due to the bigger footprint of a e-bike station.

Planning

Basalt Center Circle (BCC) Application – The Application received second reading approval on August 23rd. Town Staff and the Applicant reviewed the "lightning bolt" sanitary sewer line concept and cost sharing proposal with the Basalt Sanitation District Board -- deal points were established for the Council's review. Town Council reviewed and approved the presented deal points on the cost sharing proposal at the September 27th Council meeting. The Town approved deal points were provided to the Sanitation District's attorney for further discussion with the Sanitation District Board and potential formulation of an

agreement. The Sanitation District Board reviewed a draft cost share agreement, and the Council approved the agreement on October 25th.

Basalt Sanitation District Sewer Main Project (the Lightning Bolt) – The lightning bolt improvements were put out to bid by the Sanitation District and one bid was received from Stutsman-Gerbaz. The contractors have mobilized and work on the project has begun. The Town's watermain was raised to accommodate the new sewer main as part of the project. The project now focuses on the installation of the new sewer main. Stutsman-Gerbaz completed the overnight Two Rivers Road closure on March 9th and traffic is back open on Two Rivers Road and Midland Avenue.

Basalt River Park Improvements – Staff has been working with the architects, structural engineer, and FCI on the shelter/restroom facility project to meet the Town's budgetary requirements. Council approved a contract with FCI for the construction of the restroom and bus stop. Construction is expected to start in early April.

Staff has also been working with the bandshell design team to create a design within budget. Council approved a contract with Burlingame Construction for the construction of the bandshell. Construction is expected to start in early April.

Midland Avenue Streetscape Project – The Design Team and Town Staff have been working diligently to complete the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project design. Public relations consultant, Mitzi Rapkin, continues to promote public outreach for the Project, which included her attendance at an open house for the project at Heirlooms on Thursday afternoon. Below are a few pictures from the community-initiated event.

Staff brought a contract for Phase I of the project to Town Council on March 14th. Council approved a contract with Stutsman Gerbaz for the construction work. Council also approved a contract with Ground Engineering for materials testing services for the project, and a contract for construction administration services with the design team. Construction will start on Midland Spur next week, and the Midland Spur will be closed to public parking starting March 27th.



Green Initiatives and the Town of Basalt Photovoltaic and Energy Storage Project (*No update.*) –Staff and McKinstry continue to work with Holy Cross Energy, the school district, CORE and members of the Green Team on the project. McKinstry completed the final report summarizing the site analysis and preferred options. McKinstry issued an RFP seeking qualified firms to provide installation services for each of the solar arrays, which includes one fixed-tilt ground mount and four pitched rooftop arrays, two proposals were received. It was announced that the project received a DOLA grant for 50% of the project construction costs.

Whitewater Park Construction (*No update.*) - Pitkin County has been working on improvements to Fisherman’s Park and the area around the Whitewater Park. The improvements being made include improving the condition of the Fisherman’s Park Boat Ramp, constructing a boardwalk between the Whitewater Park and the boat ramp, and improving the shoulder of Two Rivers Road by the boat ramp for better access to the boat ramp. Additionally, Pitkin County will be clearing sediment from the Whitewater Park structures and making slight adjustment to the in-river wave structures. A video of the new boardwalk between the Whitewater Park and the boat ramp can be found at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/pitkincountyrivers/videos/what-a-difference-a-week-makes-here-is-another-sneak-peek-of-the-new-healthy-riv/504409401702012/>.

Stott's Mill Daycare Space – Staff published a Request for Proposals for interested daycare providers and for interested youth service providers to rent the Stott's Mill Daycare space. Proposals will be due on April 10th. A selection committee will be formed to review the submissions and recommend a selection to Town Council. Staff provided Town Council with an update at the March 14th Council meeting.

Early Childhood Education – Staff attended the virtual Regional Mountain Early Childhood Coalition (RMECC) meeting. The Basalt Early Childhood Coalition has decided to handle more of the regional conversations and updates through RMECC, and they meet every other month to discuss more local needs and initiatives. RMECC discussion centered around high-level discussion of current efforts, unmet needs and opportunities.