



DATE: April 6, 2018
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

It's been an exciting week with the election coming to a close and the news that two new Council members will join us. I put together some materials for both of them so they can familiarize themselves with our basic government functions. I think that will be a good entre to the training we have scheduled in May. In addition, I am offering that they attend an intensive two-day training for newly elected officials in Dillon on April 26th and 27th. I have also signed up and will join them in a support role as they go through the training.

In other good news, the tobacco tax passed by a big margin and I would like to thank Councilman Grauer for his support with that effort. Staff will bring a fines and fees schedule before Council in the near future which will be the final step before implementation on July 1st.

I attended the Mid Valley Planning Commission meeting last night which included a discussion among the Planning Commission and the Eagle County Commissioners. The Emma and Frying Pan areas were the main areas of focus. I made public comment based on the details in the recent Council letter that was sent to the Planning Commission. One bit of news coming from the meeting is that the timeframe for the master plan update will be extended by two months.

Today is the last day to submit proposals for the Town Attorney position. I have received two proposals and know of one other being submitted. Those that have submitted so far will be competitive and have extensive municipal experience.

I have scheduled a worksession between our Town Council and the Pitkin County Commissioners on May 22nd to discuss the Whitewater Park improvements. We will likely have the project consultant, Blue Green, in attendance to discuss the overall design concept. Councilmembers Riffle and Schendler have been involved with the preliminary discussion so I expect that they will speak to the progression of the design as well. We will only have an hour so I would like to make this a working dinner meeting. I know that some of you prefer to eat out of the public eye but I figured if we called it a "working dinner" that the public would not be surprised if we include food.

Planning

- Forest Service Upper Fryingpan Vegetation Management Project – Ryan Mahoney and Planning staff participated in the Objection Resolution Meeting on Thursday. The Town and others who had filed objections were invited to speak either in person or by conference phone. Ryan Mahoney had an opportunity to explain the Town's concerns. Representatives of the timber industry also explained their concerns with some of the present restrictions. Forest Service administrators informed that they will now review these comments along with the original objections and it will be a few weeks before we hear back from them.
- E-Bike on Regional Trails – As stated previously, RFTA is surveying the public regarding preferences on use of E-bike.

- Here is the link to complete the survey or to forward to others. <http://www.ebikesroaringforkvalley.com/survey.html>
- Real America Affordable Housing – Here are a couple pictures of the interiors of the units. Tenants will be moving in soon.



- East Valley Road Traffic Calming Project - Planning Staff participated in the pre-bid meeting on the East Valley Road Traffic Calming Project held on March 26th . Four contractors attended and also participated in the site walk. The Pre-bid meeting was not mandatory. Here is the remaining schedule.
 - Thursday April 12 - Bid opening at 2:00 pm at Town Hall
 - Tuesday, April 24 - Council Meeting where the Council would select contractor (and which of the alternates are included).
 - November 1st – the bid documents provide that regardless construction has to be completed by November 1st. Once the project starts there are limits for how long the road can be under construction.
 - For more information see the News section on the Basalt homepage. <https://www.basalt.net/>
- Mid-Valley Area Community Plan –. James and Ryan attended the meeting on Thursday April 5th which included comments from the Commissioners and additional information from CDOT. Following those discussions, the meeting focused on the Emma and Frying Pan Character Areas, including review of the master plan language and future land use map. Staff will continue to POST upcoming meetings so that the Council and P&Z can attend.

Police

- The Police Department submitted an application with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to permanently install a drug take-back box at the office. The application review and approval process takes approximately three weeks.
- Our local Daisy Girl Scout Troop (kindergarten and 1st graders) visited the Police Department to help fulfill requirements to obtain their Respect Authority and Respect Myself and Others Petals.

Public Works

- Public Works has been out with the sweeper and various brooms this week. We use brooms to get the sanding material off of the cobble, hard to reach corners and parking spaces and then pick it up with the large sweeper. We also have been able to incorporate the Ventrac, a machine used primarily for snow removal, into the spring/summer cleaning equipment.
- We put on our first seasonal this week. His name is Johnathan and comes with irrigation and turf experience. Johnathan has lived locally for a long period and has extended family in the area. He will be working with Trevor in the parks with irrigation and turf maintenance. Welcome aboard Johnathan!
- Public Works spent time this week to re-assess and update our asset inventory in preparation for the CIRSA insurance rate quote. We put actual cash values and replacement cost values on all the vehicles, facilities and identified liability exposures that may exist.
- The Roaring Fork Club water main project is on schedule. The contractor is out of the Two Rivers Road right of way and on CDOTs right of way. We are receiving bids on upcoming street improvements and concrete projects for the summer season.