



DATE: September 6, 2019
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

It's been a busy week, especially with the holiday on Monday. Staff has been busy getting the Council packet ready for Tuesday which is tough enough on a regular week. I think we were all grateful however, for the extra day off to enjoy the final weeks of summer.

On Wednesday night, I attended a great discussion led by Will Toor, Executive Director of the Colorado Energy Office. He discussed the progress being made in Colorado to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

TACKLING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL

Wednesday, September 4

6-7 PM AT LIMELIGHT HOTEL (DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM)

Colorado is kicking butt on climate and energy policy. The last legislative session saw the passing of a dozen related bills, and Colorado recently became the 10th state in the U.S., and the only one in the center of the country, to implement California's Zero Emission Vehicle standard. One of the people behind the curtain making progress happen is Will Toor, Executive Director of the Colorado Energy Office. Governor Polis appointed Toor from his job running transportation programs at the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, but he has a wide ranging and eclectic resume, which includes a PhD in physics, the mayorship of Boulder and service as a county commissioner, the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission, and also a background as a climber and river rat. He's been spotted recreationally solving differential equations while bored, and once, while hitchhiking, had all his clothes stolen. Will will dig into how states can address climate change at scale, influence the nation, and how local communities can participate.



Will Toor,
Executive Director of the
Colorado Energy Office

The debris flow mitigation projects are still progressing and the design has been completed for the Pinon/Cedar intersection. The state engineer is reviewing the plan and we are expecting to have an approval from him by early next week.

Staff continues to refine budget numbers and is looking forward to presenting those to Council in the next few weeks. According to our Charter, a draft budget must be delivered to Council by October 15th. Staff will deliver the budget to Council at the October 8th meeting.

This afternoon, Auden and I attended the Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting to discuss the Town's position on the gun range. We pointed out our short and long term requests for the range and cited the letter we had sent back in June. They indicated that they had not received it, though I am certain it was

sent as I personally stamped the envelopes and dropped them in the mail. Regardless, I resent the letter this afternoon via email to the Commissioners secretary.

Planning

Special Events – Here are the upcoming special events.

- **Fridays, September 20, and September 27** – events in Willits organized by TACAW from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
- **Sundays through September 29** – Basalt Sunday Market on Midland Spur 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Basalt Master Plan – The neighborhood meeting the Town hosted with Pitkin County on unincorporated areas east of Town to the Snowmass Conoco was held Monday August 26th. This included Holland Hills, Wingo Junction, and Lazy Glen. The meeting was very well attended. Numerous comments were gathered regarding mobility, affordable housing, and the effect of trails in the neighborhood.



Swimming Pool Project – Various members of the Consultant team met with Public Works and Planning Staff on August 28th and then had a productive meeting with POST.

Basalt River Park – Staff is still working on the date for a Worksession with POST, Council and P&Z. The purpose of the Worksession is for Connect One Design to present the two options and various board members to provide input. The board members would review the two options being prepared by

Connect One.

Sustainable Building Code Revisions – The working committee has been meeting weekly to continue to make progress on amendments to the Sustainable Building Regulations (SBR). The amendments are intended to provide clarification and to clean up areas of the SBR code as needed. More substantial amendments to the Town Code are proposed to be evaluated in 2020. First reading before Council is anticipated to take place on September 24th, and will also include amendments to the fee schedule.

Other Planning Items – The P&Z discussed the 10-acre PUD referral which is in unincorporated Eagle County across Willits Lane from the Willits single-family area. The TACAW final site plan approval was reviewed by the P&Z on Tuesday and is before the Town Council for first reading on September 10, 2019.

Police Department

The police department concluded their investigation regarding an alleged relationship between a Basalt High School teacher and a student. An arrest warrant was obtained for the teacher and she was taken into custody. The 9th Judicial District Attorney's Office will proceed forward with prosecution.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff gave the Basalt Police Department an appreciation award for our efforts during the Lake Christine Fire. The award was presented in Rifle before the State of Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission. The antlers in the photograph are naturally occurring spring sheds that were found in the Basalt State Wildlife Area. The words "Lake Christine Fire 2018" are inscribed on the antler".

