

May 20, 2021

Basalt Forward 2030 Capital Needs Committee begins work; Web site launched

The Town of Basalt's Capital Needs Committee began its work on the Basalt Forward 2030 project this past Monday with its initial meeting. At the meeting, members reviewed committee procedures, timelines and goals for helping the Town identify and prioritize capital improvements and seek community feedback on the projects.

The Capital Needs Committee includes a member from each of the Town's standing citizen committees, as well as participation from the business community. The committee will meet biweekly over the coming months and will use surveys, public meetings and other outreach to seek feedback from the community.

The next committee meeting is set for Monday, May 24, from 4 to 6 o'clock. The public is welcomed to view these meetings.

The Town launched a web page for the project on its Let's Talk Basalt site at <https://letstalk.basalt.net/basaltforward2030>. The web page will be update regularly and includes links to agendas for committee meetings, upcoming meeting dates, recordings of previous meetings and other key information and documents.

Basalt Forward 2030 is a Council-approved initiative to take recommendations from the 2020 Master Plan, as well as a professional Facility Needs Study, and work with the community to identify and prioritize capital improvements. The project may lead to Town Council asking voters in November 2021 to approve bonds and a property tax extension to help finance projects that are identified through the process and supported by the community. The Town has an opportunity to seek voter approval for bonding to complete projects, without seeking a tax increase.

The Capital Needs Committee and the Town's staff and consultants will provide a report to Council members in the summer on potential projects, cost estimates, public feedback and next steps. Council at that time can consider whether to ask voters to approve funding for all the recommendations, part of the package or to wait. The Capital Needs Committee members include:

Basalt Affordable Community Housing (BACH):

Mike Kosdrosky (Regular)

Doug MacDonald (Alternate)

Basalt Chamber of Commerce:

Sylvia Theisen

Basalt Emergency Management Committee (BEMC):

Leroy Durox

Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC):

Liz Bell (Regular)
Karyn Andrade (Alternate)

Finance Advisory Board:

Cheryl Ruppell (Regular)
Dieter Schindler (Alternate)

Green Team:

Pranav Lakhina (Regular)
Gerry Terwilliger (Alternate)

Planning and Zoning:

Eric Vozick (Regular)
Bill Maron (Alternate)

Parks, Open Space & Trails Committee (POST):

Paul Hilts (Regular)
Jason Groves (Alternate)

Victims and Witnesses Assistance and Law Enforcement Board (VALE):

Joe Bauer (Regular)
Ann Stephenson (Alternate)