

Appendix: Chapter 3—Community Arts

Synopsis of Public Input

A sense of community is highly valued in the Town of Snowmass Village. Participants expressed a desire for liveliness and energy. Snowmass Village was envisioned as a place where residents, guests, and employees could work, retreat, and exist; a healthy place with diversity of age. Services, facilities, and amenities build the framework for a healthy, energetic community. Participants supported local-oriented services such as medical and dental offices and more gathering places where our residents can encounter the same people consistently and serendipitously. The expansion of cultural offerings was also strongly expressed.

Vitality and age diversity can be created by meeting other goals of this plan. One prime method is allowing the workforce to live in the community. This brings a broader, younger group into the village to support retail businesses and restaurants year-round.

Below are community values and key issues conveyed during the public process for this update:

Vitality:

- Lively place to live, work, retreat, and exist,
- Promote health
- In town/on-site employee housing,
- Gathering places (errands, events, recreation) provided with development or by the Town
- Create a “Snowmass fun” identity

Culture:

- Multipurpose facility (for movies, concerts, conferences, theater, other cultural events)
- Increased cultural opportunities—music, arts, film
- Increased and expanded educational opportunities
- Establish Snowmass Village as the “Arts Education Center of the Valley”

Cohesiveness:

- Small population
- Safe
- Social involvement/know your neighbor
- Family friendly
- Community events

Performing Arts Venues: Facility Inventory

Facility	Location	Seating Capacity	Condition	Comments
Aspen HS Black Box Theatre	Aspen	100	Excellent	
Anderson Ranch Meeting Hall	Snowmass	100	Good	
Theatre Aspen Tent	Aspen	150	Fair	Improvements possible
Snowmass Chapel	Snowmass	200	Good	New sanctuary = 300
The Cabaret Room	Snowmass	250	Good	Status questionable
Paepcke Auditorium	Aspen	350	Good	Renovations planned
Belly Up Nightclub	Aspen	450	Excellent	
Harris Concert Hall	Aspen	500	Excellent	State of the art
Wheeler Opera House	Aspen	500	Excellent	Addition in discussion
The District Theatre	Aspen	550	Good	
Conference Center Ballroom	Snowmass	1,100	Fair	Status questionable
Benedict Music Tent	Aspen	2,085	Excellent	
Town Center Park	Snowmass	8,000	Good	