



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
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Re: Info Update

BUILDING 6 UPDATE

Over the course of the last week we have had several interior design oriented meetings with East West regarding Building 6. They are starting to work with a food and beverage operator that wants to offer a fast, casual, healthy kind of format. It sounds really delicious and it feels like it will fit really well in the building. They are not naming the operator yet because no one has signed on the dotted line. That said, it is fair to say that there is a high level of confidence and it seems like the partnership is off to a strong start. In addition to the F&B operator, the interior architect also met with groups to put together designs for the flex space, the game room, and the Discovery Center. Snowmass Discovery (the non-profit) brought in two professional exhibit folks to help put together a vision and plan for their allocated space. Knowing the importance of the interaction and melding between the different spaces within the building, these initial meetings are proving to be critical (and productive).

HOT AND COLD AT THE RECREATION CENTER

The current hydronic solar heating system at the Recreation Center is currently offline following our most recent failure of existing plumbing on the system. This occurred twice earlier this year. The current solar system utilizes incorrectly specified PVC piping in its system which is not rated for the high temperatures the system regularly achieves, as well as having leaks at two of the heat exchangers. If we wanted to keep the current solar system up and operating, it would require extensive maintenance to get it back into good working condition. Due to useful life expectancy of the existing solar panels, the repairs and maintenance necessary to bring them back on line in an efficient manner is likely not cost effective. The HVAC project for the Rec Center currently under design does not include any solar project. But as we explained during the budget overview, we may be able to utilize the roof space for the large scale solar project we are hoping to get underway next year.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

The bus stop lighting project is moving along. Some shelters are being hardwired and some will run off solar power. All the lights in the shelters are activated by motion sensors so they will only be on when someone is present. This project should be complete in the next couple of weeks. On a similar note, the street lights for the Town Park Station project are being delivered next week and are expected to be installed by the first (full) week in November.

TID BITS

- Soil testing and survey work is underway for the Coffey Place project.
- We found three little bears in/around the Villas trash dumpster this week. One was just right.
- All the teams fought hard; but in the end, the team of Ed Fuller and Sean LeeKing crushed the competition in the employee lunch time corn hole tournament. They were reported to be exceptionally relieved that I was in a budget meeting during completion time. Consider the gauntlet thrown!!
- We are taking all of the steps to put the ice rink on the tennis court this year. We are taking down the tennis nets now, getting the frost free hydrant installed, and making room for the Zamboni trailer. With any luck and if the rivers don't rise, we should have higher quality, better ice this winter.
- At the last POSTR Board meeting the proposed trail behind Mountain View was discussed. Some of the neighbors were there and able to get their questions answered. Evaluation for the project is still underway, but good progress is being made
- Speaking of progress, East West is continuing to work toward their requirement for substantial completion of the plaza and buildings 4,5, and 6 in Base Village. We expect them to meet their deadlines.
- Speaking of deadlines, making all of the edits to the draft Comprehensive Plan is taking a considerable amount of time. We may not have all of the edits made in time for a first reading of an ordinance on November 5. We are working hard, but we may need to change first reading to November 19.
- I don't want to start trying to predict elections or anything, but considering everyone is running unopposed; the Council may want to start thinking about when it wants to set a new goal setting meeting, what type of format works, etc, etc. The Staff heavily relies on these goals, so getting this meeting set will be helpful for everyone.
- Kudos to our PR coordinator Sara Stookey Sanchez for getting articles and coverage for Snowmass Village in everything from Men's Journal to National Geographic to 5280 to Travel and Leisure, to the Travel Channel and to Forbes. And that was just this summer. If we aren't careful, we may just get famous!
- The replacement of the bus stop railing on Brush Creek Rd and Faraway Road is still a work in progress. We are working with two steel fabrication shops to get bids because we had no responses to our RFP. If the bids come in within budget, we will move forward with the project this Fall.
- According to Stay Aspen Snowmass, an estimated 13,855 folks originated their travel from Aspen Airport this spring versus 5,322 last spring; an increase 160% for local passengers. The drop in fare prices was a likely major driver. Last spring the average one-way fare in or out of Aspen was \$481, this year it dropped to \$399; still a hefty amount but this drop in average fare helped to make the airport a lot more attractive to many more travelers.

CC: Department Directors