



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

DISCOVERY UPDATE

Snowmass Discovery has recently made a lot of progress on developing their vision for an end product to be built in the bottom floor of the Collective. They have put together a couple of options for consideration. They are planning to make a presentation to the Town Council on January 7 showing the potential layouts. In the meantime, East West is continuing their design process for the remainder of the building. Because a number of Discovery's dimensional and financial needs are still unknown, all of the stakeholders involved are working to protect as much flexibility as possible in the basement space. (On a related note, we continue to work with East West to finalize the necessary paperwork to convey Building 6 to the Town. Official conveyance is expected in January.)

MALL TRANSIT CENTER

Representatives from the Town, the Mall ownership, and RFTA interviewed a number of very highly qualified firms for the Mall Transit Center design project. This design effort, paid for with EOTC funds, has the goal to redesign the Mall RFTA Stop such that it better serves all transit riders in appearance and functionality. One larger goal we are reaching for is to have enough space such that both RFTA and the Village Shuttle could operate from the same location. Of course, making this goal happen with the allotted budget is going to be a (very worthy) stretch. With the interviews now over, we are working to finalize a contract with the selected firm.

SALES TAX RECEIPTS

October sales tax receipts were up a whopping 26% over last year. Year to date, the town is up 6.6% through October over last year. Not surprisingly, construction related retail is the segment with the highest growth rate, followed by general retail and lodging. In absolute terms, lodging remains our primary source of sales tax revenue. Lodging tax was up 24% for the month and is up 4.2% for the year.

RECREATION

Activities at the Recreation Center continue to crush it. Fitness classes continue to grow; November had 715 participants, a record number. And, of course, next to the Recreation Center is the new and improved public ice rink. Skating hours at the rink are everyday 9am – 9:00pm. Guests do not need to check in at the Recreation Center, but if you need to borrow a pair of skates (for free) those are located in the Center.

TID BITS

- A 3 bedroom affordable employee unit is available at Sinclair Meadows.
- The Town officially grew this week by a couple of hundred acres. The Pope Annexation was signed, sealed, and delivered.
- Construction activity on the pond near the entryway and Recreation Center continued this past week. The dam was breached (further) in order to undertake the repair. Representatives from Colorado Division of Wildlife were on hand to escort all of the red fish, blue fish, old fish and new fish down Brush Creek. The fish were thankful for the help. The dam should be repaired by the end of January.
- Occupancy numbers for this past summer continue to be reviewed. For the first time, occupancy for hotels in the Village for May through October was over 50% . Snowmass also recorded a record November occupancy of 14.5%, 23% over last year. A noticeable trend is the large amount of last minute bookings.
- New restaurant rumor alert; Grub Thai Restaurant (in the old Rocky Mountain Chocolate space) is expected to open around Christmas time.
- Also new on the Mall this winter, a co-working center will be opening in the office space above Gene Taylor.
- We are continuing to make good progress on our proposed micro-hydro project. The Water and Sanitation Project remains a strong supporter of the project. The FAB is expected to review the financials of the solar project at their meeting in January.
- We have at least two Boards and Commission for which we have more volunteers to serve than we do spaces available. As such, we are working with the Mayor and Council and applicants to set up interview times for these boards and commissions the week of January 7.

CC: Department Directors