



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

PLANNING FOR A THANK YOU

With the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in December, we have been working on the final edits and getting the document “published.” Once it is (physically) created and delivered, we are planning to have a thank you event for all of the citizen volunteers and staff that were involved in the creation. We are working on dates for the event now. Be on the lookout for an e-mail from Barb Peckler so we can get a date set. Then we will celebrate the future of the community.

COLLECTIVE BUILD OUT

Design efforts for the Collective are continuing forward, led by East West Partners. The building will be shut down in early April so that the required tenant finishes for the Mix 6 Restaurant, the flex space and the eclectic game room in the basement can get underway. The entire building is expected to be complete in time for the 19/20 ski season. Per the Council approved agreements, the Town will be using \$440,000 of developer contributed funds toward the overall tenant improvements. The Town further committed to using the remaining \$350,000 of developer contributed funds toward the completion of the Discovery Center in the building. Because the Snowmass Discovery non-profit is still formulating plans for their fundraising effort, we will be working with East West to develop an equitable cost share agreement to complete the required mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and other required finishes in the basement. This will allow the Town to uphold our end of the agreement and ensure a finished facility. This will also keep all the options open for Snowmass Discovery to eventually implement their vision. We are currently coordinating with Snowmass Discovery and East West on this effort to ensure our respective goals are achieved and agreements honored.

WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS

As the Council knows, we are working to upgrade the boilers in Lot 2 and Parcel C that are used on Carriage Way from about Anderson Lane to Gallun Lane. The boiler system for uphill of Gallun will be replaced in the next phase of the project. There is a relatively new boiler system in Base Village that operates the Snowmelt Road downhill of Anderson Lane. The costs of this Base Village system are split 67% by the GID and 33% by the Town. At the risk of alarming anyone, this Base Village system had a significant failure this last week and lost all of its glycol. **Don't worry.** We have this under control and are currently limping the system through this storm. As I type, we are exploring repair/replacement options with the

manufacturer and will be addressing a long term fix ASAP. Once the long term solution is identified, I will keep you updated.

NOW SOME GOOD NEWS

We were able to change some project funding (i.e. made some cuts and changed some priorities) for facilities such that we can afford the Recreation Center HVAC replacement project without any Council required budget amendments. With the funds available, we will be awarding the bid and getting this project underway.

POSTR BOARD

At a recent Council meeting, a citizen brought up his desire/recommendation to make improvements for bikes and pedestrians along Brush Creek making a safer connection to the Mall. The POSTR Board will be looking at this potential project along with other critical connections in an effort to prioritize the options and to ensure available funds are spent in the best location (s). In addition to trail connections, the board will be looking at and prioritizing a number of other POSTR related projects. These recommendations will be made to the Town Council to inform the budget process. Obviously, there are a lot of good projects so this will be a good exercise and likely a difficult set of recommendation to make.

TID BITS

- We have announced our new large event that will replace Tough Mudder---Spartan Snowmass will be August 3-4 this summer. The race features a series of obstacle course races testing endurance and abilities of several thousand competitors of all ages and skill levels. Congratulations to the Tourism Team for landing this significantly sized event.
- For this summer, American will increase DFW-ASE service to twice daily through October 2 and will also be adding new daily summer nonstop flights from PHX-ASE from June 6 – August 20. Delta will continue to offer twice daily flights from their SLC hub, while United now plans to extend daily service from their Houston hub through October 2. United's Chicago and LAX service is now scheduled to continue through October 26 this year.
- According to Stay Aspen Snowmass the occupancy for summer months are collectively pacing up 17% due mainly to well-placed group business. One of the most notable changes is a very large group, Earth's Call, arriving in May taking over many hotels in both Aspen and Snowmass. Expect nearly 2500 people May 14-20 between both communities.
- We received 9 responses from firms wanting to assist the Town with our community survey this year.
- Spring break next week means the Recreation Center will be hopping with day camps and local kids.
- More good news, our negotiations for health care rates are going well. We are planning to lock into a rate for 18 months. This not only helps us financially, but it gets our renewals on an annual calendar which will help with future budgeting.
- Approval for Financing on 250 Carriage Way is prepared to go before the Council on April 8 and April 15.

- The Citizen Grant Review Board met this week and is prepared to make their recommendation to the Council in April.
- The Snowmass Art Advisory Board has received a number of really good submittal for the proposed public art project. They will be reviewing the submittals and making a recommendation to the Town Council in May.

CC: Department Directors