



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: May 28, 2021
Re: Info Update

LOOK MOM, WE'RE FAMOUS

Tourism hosted this writer here last summer..... its good to show off to people that write for Forbes.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/brittanyanas/2021/05/28/this-colorado-mountain-town-gets-even-better-in-the-summer/?sh=18eeacbf4407>

BACK TO THE NEW NORMAL

Next week, most all of the State-wide Public Health Orders will end and as of today, the County's PHO order is limited. The local PHO requires indoor mask wearing in public places- all other requirements have been removed. It is my understanding that the Health Board will meet next week to reconsider the local PHO and bring it more in-line with the State. All that said, while there are no longer capacity restrictions on buses, **masks are still required by federal law while riding the Village Shuttle and on RFTA**. Town facilities will all return to the new normal in the next few days. Town Park Station Info Desk opens today. Also as of today, the Recreation Center eliminated the requirement for reservations (except for classes and lap swimming) and opened up the locker room for use once again. Office staff for all departments will be in the Town Hall and most of the requirements for an appointment to enter facilities have been eliminated; back to the good ol' days. The Skittles will operate this weekend, turn off for a few days, and then be back to full operations by June 10. We still have our guard up and are doing what we can to keep people as safe as possible, as we inch back to the new normal way of doing business.

COFFEY PLACE

We have sold and closed on all 15 units at Coffey Place. We are continuing to work through punch list items inside the units, while landscaping and paving efforts continue outside the units. The asphalt is expected to be completed late next week, but landscaping won't be completed until weather permits. Once the landscaping is further along, we hope to have a "ribbon cutting" of sorts with the neighborhood.

MALL TRANSIT STATION

SEH is continuing with its design work on the Mall Transit Station. This last week the team has met with local utilities, taken core samples of the soil, completed survey work and continued its efforts enhance designs so the facility blends in with the architecture and landscape. The facility on the bus terminal deck will have adequate restrooms for riders arriving and departing and will have other perfunctory administrative type uses for parking permits, transit operations, guest

services, etc. The Town currently rents space on the Mall to undertake these administrative duties, so by building these facilities into the project, we plan to save at least \$50K a year in rent. Those savings are a cherry on top of the improved service experience riders will have getting to and from the Mall. We plan to be far enough along in design to present the concept(s) to the Council at your June 21 meeting. Much like we did with Coffey Place, the Council will (initially) be reviewing the project as the “Owners”. It won’t be a regulatory land use review; rather you will be reviewing the project to ensure it is meeting Council goals and the broader goals of the community. We are planning several meetings for this ownership-type review. Then with the feedback rolled into the project, we plan to start the formal land use review in August with a joint meeting with the Council and Planning Commission. Then assuming everything continues to come together, the Planning Commission would start its review in September. All of this in anticipation of an April 2022 groundbreaking for the project. Speaking of ground breaking, we interviewed potential contractors this week. After a very difficult decision, RA Nelson is the apparent front runner to receive the contract award. They put together an exceptionally good package. We are now developing the contract and starting the necessary coordination between the design team and the construction team. At the risk of stating the obvious, this is going to be a complex project to get out of the ground that is going to take an extraordinary amount of communication with all of the stakeholders (retail, hotels, RFTA, parking, etc, etc), so getting a contractor on early to facilitate this construction management plan was (is) critical.

TID BITS:

- WELCOME to our new Recreation Center Manager Dan Michiels who starts next week and Congratulations to long time employee Brandon Hawksley on his promotion to Parks, Open Space, and Trails Manager. We are in good hands.
- The escalating costs of (housing-type) building materials is hampering the design process for the Mountain View remodel project. We are working with the contractor to potentially change the scope of the project to bring it within the budget constraints. As we continue to work through the process, we are continuing to ensure that the critical infrastructure components such as roofing, siding, windows and ventilation are the top priority. Some sexy, but less critical components of the remodel project may need to be delayed. We will keep working the problem with refined designs and budget estimates so that project costs can be better dialed in.
- Summer is coming and the softball field is getting ready. The summer league is full with 8 teams. But never fear, there is still time to join the pickle ball league.
- Speaking of Summer, the summer bus schedule starts June 4.
- We are continuing to have conversation with lodges regarding implementing a summer parking program starting in summer of 2022. As you can imagine, some lodging really wants a program ASAP and others; well, not so much. We will continue to work through the issue.
- It is our understanding that we should not expect a submittal for Building 12 (next to Assay Hill) in Base Village until later this fall.
- The Planning Commission is continue their review of the Comprehensive Plan. Their recommendations will likely be to the Council in late June or early July.
- If you know someone looking for work, we are sponsoring a job fair on June 3 for Village businesses.

- CAST, CML and many other state wide organizations are recommending support for State Senate Bill 21-260 "Sustainability of the Transportation System", often referred to as the transportation funding bill. CAST has stated that this could be the last shot we have at a statewide funding solution. If this bill were to fail, and after multiple failed ballot initiatives, metro areas have made clear they will form their own RTAs and fund their own transportation needs, leaving rural areas with very limited options for new, significant funding for transportation. This is definitely a bill to keep our eye on and support.
- The SAAB is working with Tourism to develop an art walk this summer. The "Ice Cubes" sculpture continues to be created and the SAAB has once again reviewed where the "Beckerman" art piece will be installed later this summer.
- The big white bus you saw driving around Town was the full electric bus we were testing out. The results were promising.
- It is our understanding that the EOTC Flap Grant project at the Brush Creek park and ride is still anticipated to start in 2022.
- It should be busy this weekend with an 80% ish occupancy level.
- Get your dancing shoes ready, the first concert is June 10.
- We are continuing to work with Holy Cross on the fiber installation project. We are still working through the details of lead times and other issues, but it looks like installation will start in October.
- Public Works will be starting roadway "shouldering improvements" next week.
- The Brush Creek trail segment next to 20 mile an hour curve will be paved by June 7. In the meantime, it is open as a soft surface trail.
- A new speed hump will be installed on Snowmass Club Circle by mid June.
- The Snowmass Inn is still being managed by a third party on our behalf. It is booked full for the summer.
- We were made aware of a homeowner who encroached onto town-owned opens space/riparian area to erect some private backyard amenities such as stairs and a trampoline. Once we were made aware of the encroachment (i.e. trespass), a formal correction notice was issued to 464 Fairway Lane. We required them to remove all of the improvements and to go back to what was approved under the building permit.
- Town Rodeo Day is confirmed for Wednesday, June 30th. This goes without saying, but ATCKWBT. If you want to be cool and participate in the burro race, let me know.

CC: Department Directors