



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: March 3, 2023
Re: Info Update

MALL TRANSIT CENTER

Wednesday was the 7th meeting the Planning Commission held to review the Mall Transit Center. Through feedback received from the process, the deck was shrunk considerably, the appearance was softened and made to closer resemble Town Hall and the Recreation Center, retaining walls were shrunk, grades were addressed to make safe access to Daly Lane, more landscape buffering was added, the building was reduced in size, construction impacts were reduced and the overall parking count was held pretty steady (only reduced by 10 (ish) spaces). After considerable discussion, the Planning Commission passed a motion recommending denial of the project. The Resolution is still being finalized, but essentially the majority of the Planning Commission was concerned about the visual impacts, the scale and mass of the project, the length of construction, safety and general compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. The project was scheduled to start the Public Hearing process in front of the Council on Monday March 6. After receiving the recommendation for denial, I asked for a formal continuance of the Hearing. The Council will consider this request and potential next steps at the March 6 meeting. Yeah for Democracy!

FUNDING REQUESTS

- As the Ice Age Discover Project 2 Point Ohhh continues forward, we applied for \$20,000 from the Colorado Tourism Office Tourism Management Grant to help offset the costs of some of the proposed physical improvements.
- The West Mountain Regional Housing (the new regional not-for profit organization which TOSV Staff helps lead) officially submitted a grant application to the Department Of Local Affairs for \$3 Million worth of ARPA money to create a “Buy Down program”. This continues to be a regional effort to help bring at least some housing stock back to being sort of attainable. If the grant is awarded, these dollars will help with down payment to qualifying applicants in exchange for a deed restriction. There is considerably more detail than that, which will be developed once the grant is approved (yes that is what optimism looks like).
- Speaking of money, we also plan to apply for Congressionally Directed Funding through both Senators Hickenlooper and Bennett’s offices. This congressionally directed funding program is relatively new and certainly a long shot, but we think the continued renovation of the Snowmass Inn is a prime candidate for such an award. Details to come, but we will likely apply for a million bucks.

HARD PASS

Earlier this week, we were offered the chance to buy an undevelopable piece of property on the north side of the Wood Bridge for the low, low prices of \$1.1 million. After some legal review of the development restrictions in place, we thought the value would be nominal at best. I politely passed on the opportunity.

PARTY ON

Apres with the Town Council will be Wednesday March 22 from 4-6 PM at the Collective. This goes without saying but all the cool kids will be there to mingle with the PTRAB and other members of the community. Mawita's will be catering this community event. All are welcome.

CC: Department Directors