La Plata County Staff and Board Updates
- County Manager, Joe Kerby has accepted a position with Benton County Oregon.
  - Joanne Spina has been appointed Interim County Manager as of July 8.
- Planning Community Development Director, Damian Peduto has accepted a position with Eagle County Colorado.
  - Jason Meinzinger has been appointed County Planning Director.
- County Planning Commission is looking for a new Commissioner.
- BOCC is looking for a new member of the Long-Term Finance Committee.

La Plata County Growth and Planning
- Building Code will be released the week of June 26 and before the BOCC on August 8.
- La Plata Mesa Project and the Multi Event Center (new Fairgrounds) is in the public input phase.
  - Will be funded by Colorado Lottery funds, not the County Budget.
- La Plata County will experience a decline of $6.6 billion between 2016-2018.
  - BOCC is reviewing county fees and looking at revenue opportunities such as a marijuana excise tax, road impact fees and fairgrounds rental charges.
  - La Plata County staff is looking at cost savings through employee early retirement options and service level reductions.
- Gallagher Amendment adjustment will reduce residential property tax. This was an amendment to the Colorado Constitution enacted in 1982 concerning property tax. It set forth the guidelines in the Colorado Constitution for determining the actual value of property and the valuation for assessment of such property.
  - The Gallagher Amendment made many significant changes to property taxes in Colorado:
    - It simplified the assessor’s methodology for determining the actual value of property. Prior to this amendment, the assessor would consider some seven factors. The Gallagher Amendment established just three: cost, market, and income.
    - It established that the actual value of residential real property would be determined by the cost and market approaches to appraisal only.
    - It established that the actual value of agricultural land would be determined by the income approach to appraisal only.
    - It provided immediate relief to the tax burden on various types of property by reducing the assessments rates for 1983 and 1984.
    - It required the General Assembly to determine the percentage of the aggregate statewide valuation for assessment of various classes of property beginning January 1, 1985. Specifically, the General Assembly would be required to adjust the assessment percentage for residential property to ensure that the percentage of the aggregate statewide valuation for residential property in relation to other taxable property would remain the same as that in the prior year, except for increased valuation for assessment attributable to new construction and to increased volume of mineral and oil and gas production.
    - It exempted certain property from taxation. These exemptions included: household furnishings and personal effects not used for the production of income; inventories of merchandise and material and supplies held for business consumption or for sale; livestock; agricultural and livestock products; and agricultural equipment used on a farm or ranch in the production of agricultural products. Many of these classes of property had been considered a nuisance tax based upon the complexity of the valuation (and the time and resources which it required) and the marginal revenue produced by the tax.

City Permits Approved
- Single Family Building – May had 6, YTD had 19
- Duplex – May had 0, YTD had 1
- Residential Remodels, Repairs and Additions – May had 8, YTD had 23
- Commercial Remodels, Repairs and Additions – May had 4, YTD had 32

City of Durango Growth and Planning
- Several informative documents in the City Council Work Sessions folder.
  - Smart Growth and Fiscal Realities
  - Understanding Impact Fees

Meetings Attended May 18-June 15, 2017 (21 meetings)
5/18 6:00pm-8:00pm, Joint LPC & City Planning Meeting
5/22 6:00-7:00pm, City Planning Commission
5/23 10:00am-12:00pm, BOCC Business Meeting-CANCELLED
5/23 4:00-6:00pm, City Council Study Session
5/23 6:30-7:00pm, City Council Special Meeting
5/24 8:30am-12:00pm, BOCC BDT Meeting-CANCELLED
5/25 6:00-7:00pm, County Planning Commission
5/30 10:00-11:00am, BOCC Business Meeting
5/30 11:00am-12:00pm, Marijuana Licensing Board
5/31 1:00-3:00pm, BOCC BDT Meeting
6/1 4:00-5:00pm, Meeting with Chamber Executive
6/1 6:00-7:00pm, County Planning Commission
6/6 10:00-11:00am, BOCC Planning Meeting
6/6 11:00am-12:00pm, BOCC Business Meeting
6/6 6:30-10:30pm, City Council Meeting
6/7 8:30am-12:00pm, BOCC BDT Meeting-CANCELLED
6/8 6:00-7:00pm, County Planning Commission
6/13 10:00am-12:00pm, BOCC Business Meeting
6/14 8:30am-12:00pm, BOCC BDT Meeting-CANCELLED
6/15 3:00-4:00pm, Legislative Coalition Update
6/15 6:00-7:00pm, County Planning Commission

Looking Ahead at Next Week:
6/19 6:30-8:30pm, City Council Meeting
6/20 10:00am-12:00pm, BOCC Special Planning Meeting
6/20 4:00-5:00pm, GCC and King Coal Mine Community Meeting
6/21 8:30am-12:00pm, BOCC BDT Meeting
6/22 6:00-7:00pm, County Planning Commission