Legislative Affairs Coalition Update

May 14, 2019

**Durango City Council Update**

* Councilor Kim Baxter is pushing the city council to establish job descriptions and performance evaluations for City Manager, City Attorney, and Municipal Judge.
* Baxter requested contracts, job descriptions and performance evaluation on April 17 and was surprised to learn none existed.
* Baxter called it “inexcusable” and urges the Council to handle it immediately.

**Durango Sales & Use Tax Update**

* See the monthly sales tax snapshot here: <http://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/13720/March-2019-Sales-Tax-Snapshot-Report?bidId=>
* The Sales & Use Tax history report is here: <http://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/13706/Sales-Tax-History-Report?bidId=>

**Homelessness Update**

* La Plata County has hired a consultant, the Athena Group, to craft a strategic plan for handling local homelessness.
* The kickoff meeting was mid April and initial interviews are underway.
* The county will be receiving bi weekly updates from from Athena Group and a final report is expected in November.
* A local faith-based initiative is also in the works.

**La Plata County Water Code Updates**

* The LPC Attorney’s office lead a discussion about updates to the Water Code (82-186) May 14 at 1:30 pm at the County Administration Building.
* The purpose of the updates to the Code are:
  1. reorganize §82-186 to provide a more logical progression through the code section;
  2. define previously undefined terms;
  3. resolve existing ambiguities in requirements; and
  4. implement the recommendations of the Water Advisory Commission (WAC) and Water Policy Priorities adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2017 (adopted water priorities).

**La Plata County District Plans Update**

* [Vallecito](http://lpccds.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1942050&pageId=12496566) kicks off the District Plan process on May 29th, from 6-8 pm at the Vallecito Community Events Center located at 17252 CR 501.
* District Plans for [Southeast](http://lpccds.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1942050&pageId=12496534), [Bayfield](http://lpccds.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1942050&pageId=12495936), [Animas Valley](http://lpccds.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1942050&pageId=12493420), [Ft. Lewis Mesa](http://lpccds.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1942050&pageId=12496366), and [Florida Mesa](http://lpccds.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1942050&pageId=12496177) are currently underway.
* District Plans are on the Planning Commission agenda the first Thursday of the month. The meeting is held at 6 pm at the County Administration Building. Visit the [District Plan Update webpage](http://lpccds.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1942050&pageId=9149762) for an overview of the update process.

**Bayfield Broadband Study Update**

* The Town of Bayfield is looking to get high-speed, high quality broadband service and is asking the community to provide input.
* Bayfield has two online surveys — one concerning residential services and one about business services
  + Residential Survey:          <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bayfield-Residential2>
  + Business Survey:               <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bayfield-Business2>
* The results of the survey and more about the project will be discussed at a public meeting on June 4, 4-6pm at the Bayfield Town Hall.

**Southern Ute Update**

* The Southern Ute Indian Tribe announced on May 6  the selection of the new Operating Director of Energy for the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Mr. John Stafford.
* Stafford will supervise ventures related to energy resource exploration and development, gas gathering, processing, petroleum refining and transportation, and alternative energy.
* Prior to joining the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Stafford was the President of Laris Oil & Gas, LLC, a private oil and gas exploration company which he founded in 2002.

**Ignacio Opportunity**

* The Town of Ignacio is seeking qualifications from interested firms or individuals who can provide contract Building Inspection and Code Enforcement services. For more information go to: <https://www.colorado.gov/ignacio>

**Volunteer Applicants Wanted**

* La Plata County seeks volunteers to serve on the Board of Adjustment. For more information and to apply, visit <http://co.laplata.co.us/cms/one.aspx?pageId=1633876>.
* Ignacio seeks volunteers to serve on the Board of Adjustment. An application is here: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/ignacio/atom/71981>

**Durango Subdivisions Approved**

* On April 22, Durango Planning Commission approved a Planned Development conceptual Plan for development by Mountain Trace Timber Trails (250 Metz Lane and 1711 Florida Road.. The properties consist of a total of 47 residential dwelling units to be configured as a mixture of multi-family townhome units, single family residential units, and duplex units.
* On April 22, Durango Planning Commission approved the East Village (CR 238)  Preliminary Plan. Tracy Reynolds, the applicant, plans to build 10 patio homes.

**Meetings attended April 9 - May 14**

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| 4/9 - 10 am BOCC Meeting  4/9 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session  4/10 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time  4/11 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission  4/16 - 10 am BOCC Meeting CANCELLED  4/16 - 1:30 pm BOCC Special Meeting  4/16 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting  4/17 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time  4/18 - 6 pm Joint Planning Commission CANCELLED  4/22 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission  4/23 - 10 am BOCC Meeting  4/23 - 2 pm BOCC Work Session | 4/23 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session  4/24 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion TIme  4/25 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission  4/30 - 10 am BOCC Meeting CANCELLED  4/30 - 4 pm City/County Work Session  5/1 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time  5/2 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission  5/7 - 10 am BOCC Meeting CANCELLED  5/7 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting  5/8 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time  5/9 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission  5/14 - 9 am LAC meeting |