

# ***AGENDA***

## **TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2016**

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Town Council Chambers  
130 Kearns Road, Snowmass Village, CO.

**ITEM NO. 1:** Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2016

**ITEM NO. 2:** Consideration of Resolution No. 7, Series of 2016 finding that the Draft 2016 Community Connectivity Plan (CCP) is consistent with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and recommending the adoption of the Draft CCP to the Town Council

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE**

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 11, 2016**

10 Members Present:

11 Jamie Knowlton, Chairman  
12 Jim Gustafson  
13 Patrick Keelty  
14 Doug Faurer  
15 Tom Fridstein  
16 Jim Anathan

Staff Present:

Julie Ann Woods  
Cindy Ford  
Clint Kinney  
John Dresser  
Chase Anderson  
Jim Wahlstrom

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18 Members Absent:

19 Teri Hooper

Others Present:

None

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22 Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Jamie Knowlton,  
23 Chairman.

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25 Item 1: Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2016: The Minutes of the 4/27/16  
26 meeting were brought up for approval. With one amendment, Jim Anathan  
27 made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Doug Faurer and approved  
28 by a vote of 6-0.

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30 Item 2: Discussion of an Update to the Comprehensive Plan: There was a  
31 discussion of the Planning Commission's feeling that the Comprehensive Plan  
32 needing to be updated. Each commissioner gave his thoughts as to why they  
33 thought it necessary and it was felt that while the 2010 Comp Plan was a good  
34 document, it is now outdated in places, for example the emphasis on Base  
35 Village throughout the document as seen by the community in 2010. Six years  
36 have gone by and it was thought that the community would have a different  
37 view than they did back then. It was felt that there was a general need to  
38 gauge the feelings of the community as it currently stands, therefore, an  
39 update is necessary.

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41 The Planning Commission also discussed how frequently they should conduct  
42 a State of the Comprehensive Plan Report. Current code has the review taking  
43 place every 2 years, but the commission thought that it should be changed to  
44 within 5 to 10 years. The process of reviewing and making recommendations is

45 a lengthy one and takes time to create, so there should be more time between  
46 Reports.

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48 There was a discussion of how the process should proceed, how the  
49 consultants would be selected and the public input gathered. It was felt that  
50 the process should be started as soon as possible so as to meet Public Hearing  
51 noticing requirements by the time the summer residents are here and able to  
52 participate.

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54 It was pointed out that some of the data that a consultant would be required to  
55 compile is already available from the Base Village Final PUD hearings  
56 conducted last summer. Both the applicant and the Town hired consultants at  
57 that time to deal with data related to such things as traffic, housing,  
58 economics, etc. and that data is recent enough to be relevant.

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60 It was also felt that input from Town Department Heads such as Housing,  
61 Public Works, Transportation, etc. would be helpful during the review.

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63 Tom Fridstein made a motion to pass Resolution No. 6, Series of 2016  
64 recommending to Town Council that the 2010 Comprehensive Plan be  
65 Updated, second by Jim Gustafson and approved by a vote of 6-0.

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67 Staff will begin the noticing procedures. The Planning Commission will have a  
68 joint meeting with Town Council regarding the Comp Plan Update on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

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70 Miscellaneous: The Community Development Director advised the Planning  
71 that at their next meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Public Works Director will be  
72 presenting the Draft CCP, which the Town Council has asked them to consider,  
73 as it relates to the Comp Plan.

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75 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

MEMORANDUM  
COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY PLAN

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TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Julie Ann Woods, FAICP/MLA, Community Development Director 

DATE: May 18, 2016

SUBJECT: Community Connectivity Plan Consistency with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan

ATTACHMENTS: 2010 Town of Snowmass Village Comprehensive Plan (By Reference)  
Draft 2016 Community Connectivity Plan (Provided at the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and included here by Reference)

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**A. BACKGROUND**

In 2015, Snowmass Village Town Council adopted a goal of taking the necessary steps to improve the overall connectivity of the community. The Community Connectivity Plan (CCP) was developed to recommend strategies and projects to improve overall connectivity and safety to key destinations within the Town for people biking, walking and taking transit. Specifically, the Community Connectivity Plan identifies projects relating to: crossings of Brush Creek Road, connectivity-related trails and walkways, transit, the Sky Cab (Skittles), parking and traffic calming.

**B. COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY PLAN PROCESS**

The CCP process was kicked off last fall with a series of stakeholder meetings, public open houses, steering committee meetings, and opportunities for web-based input. Anne Martens, Public Works Director, has led the project and made a presentation to the Planning Commission at their regular meeting on November 4, 2015.

The draft CCP was presented to the Town Council at their April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and again at their May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Some Town Council members expressed concern that the crossing lights, trails and attached sidewalks called for in the draft CCP may not be consistent with the “*rural character*” advocated for in the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The Town Council requested that the draft CCP be reviewed by the Planning Commission to ensure the plan direction, policies and projects are consistent with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. Anne will present the draft CCP and will provide an overview of its recommended projects and priorities for consideration by the Planning Commission.

## **C. CONSISTENCY WITH THE 2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Scattered throughout the 2010 Comprehensive Plan are references to connectivity and improving the pedestrian experience and safety, as well as maintaining our rural character. Staff has culled these references as outlined below for the Planning Commission's consideration. Page numbers refer to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

### **P. 9 Chapter 2 Community Character and Vision, Section 2.2 Vision: Snowmass Village in 2025**

"The completion of Base Village has successfully linked activity areas with pedestrian trails and transit and enhanced pedestrian connections to the Mall and the Snowmass Center."

"Our road system is safe and efficient while remaining mostly rural in character. On entering and leaving Snowmass Village, the understated, open feeling of the Brush Creek Valley continues to be preserved and enhanced."

### **P. 10 Chapter 2 Community Character and Vision, Section 2.4 Character and Goals**

"A strong connection to the natural environment"

### **P. 11 Chapter 3 Community Arts, Section 3.1 Background, Art Walk**

". . .An Art Walk Master Plan was adopted in 2002. The Walk's purpose is to showcase local and national artists and their work; to establish places of beauty, stimulation, and reflection throughout the village; and to provide connectivity between existing and proposed physical amenities. "

### **P. 14 Chapter 4 Regional and Community Economics, Section 4.2 Existing Conditions and Guiding Principles**

"Connectivity, providing a level of highly convenient mobility between the nodes, has been and continues to be seen as critical within a bi/multimodal system. TCI (Thomas Associates International) as well as the Marketing Strategic Plan introduced and reinforced this necessity."

### **P. 16 Chapter 4 Regional and Community Economics, Section 4.3 Policies**

"Strengthen the Town's commercial base through differentiating the identity of the three nodes, then uniting them through cooperative strategies and convenient physical connections."

### **P. 19 Chapter 6 Environmental Resources, Strategic Objectives**

"The natural environment is a primary asset to the community and positively influences continued success of the resort."

### **P. 23 Chapter 7 Built Environment, Strategic Objective**

“The Town of Snowmass Village values the open, natural, and rural character of the Brush Creek and Owl Creek Valleys. The Town seeks to preserve the beauty of the landscape by ensuring that the image, scale, and development patterns of the Town are harmonious with its natural setting.”

**P. 25 Chapter 7 Built Environment, Section 7.2 Comprehensively Planned Areas, The Town Core**

“Effectively connecting Base Village, the Snowmass Center, and West Village will create a functional Town Core serving the community and its visitors.”

“Important to the effective integration of these three nodes is the circulation and access to, through and from the area for mass transit, private vehicles, pedestrians, and skiers.”

**P. 26 Chapter 7 Built Environment, Section 7.3 Existing Conditions and Guiding Principles, Commercial Nodes**

“Easy pedestrian or mechanical connections between nodes.”

**P. 26-28 Chapter 7 Built Environment, Section 7.3 Existing Conditions and Guiding Principles, Comprehensively Planned Areas**

“The key objectives for the Faraway Ranch South include:

- “Enhancement of skier and pedestrian trails”
- “Faraway Road/Brush Creek Road intersection improvements”
- “Connections to the Town Core, specifically the Snowmass Center and the Base Village area”

“The three key objectives for the Town Core include:

- Effectively integrating the two resort commercial nodes and community commercial node (Base Village, West Village, and Snowmass Center) through improved transit and pedestrian connectivity and mobility”

“Key objectives for the Snowmass Center CPA include:

- Improved mass transit/pedestrian connectivity and mobility to Base Village and the Mall as well as surrounding properties”

“Key objectives for West Village-Mixed use CPA include:

- Integrate with Base Village and the Snowmass Center via seamless pedestrian and transit connections
- Expand the Town’s Artwalk”

“Key objectives for the Base Village CPA include:

- Enhanced connectivity to other commercial nodes

**P. 28 Chapter 7 Built Environment, Section 7.4 The Future Land Use Plan**

“Development of the Town Core should include an easy and effective way for people to move to, from, and within the area.”

“For the remaining areas subject to development, our intention is to find an appropriate balance between the impact of growth and quality of life and community character; to protect the integrity and character of the community while accommodating some level of growth within our carrying capacity.”

**P. 29 Chapter 7 Built Environment, Section 7.7 Policies**

“Minimize the negative environmental and visual impacts of development and preserve open space for scenic, recreational, and wildlife uses.”

“Preserve the community character of Snowmass Village through intelligent land use; sensitive design; compatible mass, scale, and density; and full evaluation and mitigation of impacts caused by new development.”

**P. 31 Chapter 8 Transportation, Strategic Objectives**

“The Town of Snowmass Village supports continued improvements to an integrated mobility system that minimizes vehicle traffic, increases pedestrian options, and links land use and urban form with sustainable transportation. The goal is a transportation system that serves residents, guests, employees, and visitors quickly and effectively with minimum impacts on the quality of life. . .Sustainable land use, urban design, and employee housing strategies that create vibrant, mixed-use nodes that encourage walking and transit use are design elements for achieving these goals.”

**P. 31 Chapter 8 Transportation, Section 8.1 Background**

“More designated pedestrian commuting means and walkways are needed (topography and other constraints aside) along with grade-separated crossings when feasible”

**P. 33-34 Chapter 8 Transportation, Section 8.3 Policies**

“Comprehensively link land use/employee housing decisions with mobility options.”

“The use of personal vehicles may be lessened by providing effective transit, intercept parking, traffic demand management, courtesy van service, enhanced pedestrian/bicycle opportunities, and/or improved amenities such as skier lockers near transit stations.”

“Develop a fully integrated commuter-oriented trail, bike, and pedestrian system for year-round use that connects to regional trail systems and transit stops.”

“Maintain the village feel and character of Brush Creek Road from Highway 82 to the Town Core, but plan for future premium transportation technologies in the Brush Creek corridor.”

“Develop seamless transportation links between Base Village, Snowmass Center, and West Village so guests and workers will be able to travel back and forth without cars. Ensure that the capacity and speed will meet expectations.”

“Reduce conflicts between pedestrians, buses, and delivery services.”

#### **D. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Planning Commission should discuss and evaluate if the draft Community Connectivity Plan is consistent with the policies and objectives put forth in the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. If there is adequate “consistency”, then the Town Staff recommends that the Planning Commission act on draft Resolution No. 7, Series of 2016 (**Attachment A**), finding that the draft CCP is consistent with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan, and recommend that the Town Council approve the plan.

Attachments:

A. Draft Resolution No. 7, Series of 2016

**Attachment A**  
**Resolution No. 7, Series of 2016**  
**Recommending the adoption of the CCP to Town Council**

**TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 07**  
**SERIES OF 2016**

**A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE DRAFT 2016 COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY PLAN (CCP) IS CONSISTENT WITH THE 2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT CCP TO THE TOWN COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, the draft Community Connectivity Plan (CCP) was developed to recommend strategies and projects to improve overall connectivity and safety to key destinations within the Town for people biking, walking and taking transit; and

WHEREAS, the CCP identifies projects relating to: crossings of Brush Creek Road, connectivity-related trails and walkways, transit, the Sky Cab (Skittles), parking and traffic calming; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council requested that the Planning Commission review the draft CCP to determine if it is consistent with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the draft CCP against the policies and objectives set forth in the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and determined that there is general consistency with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Planning Commission of the Town of Snowmass Village, as follows:

**Section One: Action.** The Planning Commission hereby finds that the draft 2016 Community Connectivity Plan is generally consistent with the policies and objectives put forth in the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and recommends that the CCP be adopted by the Town Council.

READ, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the Town of Snowmass Village on May 18, 2016 upon a motion by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, the second of Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon a vote of \_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_ against.

TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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Jamie Knowlton, Chairperson

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39 Cindy Ford, Planning Commission Secretary