



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager *OK*  
Date: January 15, 2016  
Re: Info Update

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#### AND THEN THERE WERE 10

As a condition of the December 21 approval of the Base Village PUD Ordinance, the developer is required to submit about 10 different documents and/or agreements for review and approval. The documents range from the Development Agreement, to the Services Agreement, to the Parking Management Plan, to the Funding Agreement to the Plaza Agreement. Drafts of the majority of these agreements have been submitted and we are in the review and comment process. We are planning to have our comments back to the developer in short order so they can make the required changes and finalize these documents. As the Council is well aware, the execution of these agreements (once they are in satisfactory form) is one of the first conditions of approval that the developer must meet. Stay tuned.

#### OUT TO BID

We have a couple of significant projects either out to bid right now or soon to be out to bid. With phase 2 of the housing renovations project scheduled for this spring, we have put out an RFP looking for a general contractor for the project. Those bids are due back in about 2 weeks. We are also looking for a new parking management system; one that will help us better issue permits to hotel/condo guests and residents alike while at the same time improving our enforcement capabilities. Finally, we have received proposals from a number of advertising agencies to help drive our marketing efforts in new, innovative ways.

#### FOLLOW UP

At the January 4 Town Council meeting the question was asked about the energy prize (that Tom Goode mentioned) from Georgetown University. Essentially the question was asked; why is Aspen in this contest and not Snowmass. We found out that Aspen is one of 50 communities competing, which was only available to communities with a population between 5,000 and 50,000. The goal of the competition is to find best practices that any size of a community can implement. It's a two year competition; 2015 – 2016, and they use data collected in 2013 – 2014 as a baseline comparison. Georgetown released initial results on December 21<sup>st</sup>. As of then, Aspen was in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The other issue mentioned at the meeting was the \$500,000 grant award from CORE to award APCHA (the city/county housing authority) to support Aspen in the competition. This grant is not final but the \$75,000 we received from CORE for our 2015 housing renovation project is final. That was the largest award given at that time.

#### TID BITS:

- Speaking of grants, we wrapped up a little one this past week. The town will be receiving \$600,000 in grant funds in 2016/2017 to help offset the cost of bus

replacement purchases. Congrats to the Transportation Department for putting together a winning application in this very competitive state-wide grant process.

- Through the budget process, the Council approved a rate increase for Town solid waste pick up service. The rate was largely predicated on the expected increase of fees at the County land fill. A longer story shorter, the fee increase at the Landfill was smaller than expected. While our analysis is still underway, we are thinking we likely will not need to increase trash rates as predicted this year. At the risk of stating the obvious, that is good news!!
- The Mardi Gras theme has been set: Beignet, Done That! On February 9, Snowmass Village will celebrate 34 years of Fat Tuesday revelry with the biggest Mardi Gras bash in the mountains. From a midafternoon parade to a fireworks show on Fanny Hill; all the cool kids will be there. And one of the best parts, our very own Joe Coffey will be this year's King of the parade!!
- There is currently a special review land use application in process to install a Verizon antenna on a light pole in Town Park. The administrative hearing is scheduled for 10:00 am on Wednesday January 27.
- Both Reed Lewis and Michael Sura will be available for a Marketing Board interview at the February 8<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.
- The Finance Advisory Board met this week and saw the first review of the analysis for the School District's funding request. We are planning to present this information to Town Council at the February 8 Work Session.
- The first "Trash Can Art Project" is completed. Take a look at the transit depot or the picture attached.
- Since we always hear complaints, it is nice to also receive the well-deserved compliments such as this one we received on line this week: "Would like to compliment the Council and Staff on the Recreation Center classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays offered at no additional cost (HIIT classes from 6-7 pm). This has been great for our family as kids and adults have been welcomed and coached in a fun atmosphere! These classes have been best offering at the recreation center for our whole family, and outside of the Thanksgiving Potluck has given us the best opportunity to meet other members of the community. Great job! Thanks to the Council, Staff, and our instructor for providing such a great family/community program -- hope they continue!"
- It's cold and the ice rink is open! Not much of a skater? Well, don't forget we have open broomball games on Tuesday and Thursday nights!
- The POSTR Steering Committee is meeting January 20 in the Council Chambers at 3:00.
- With the Snowmass Mall now listed for sale, Town Staff is receiving phone calls from a variety of folks interested in the property.
- The Community Connectivity Plan Open House is scheduled for January 27 in Town Hall. Stop by anytime between 5:00 and 7:00, and be sure to tell your friends and neighbors.

CC: Department Directors