

TO: Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator
DATE: May 11, 2023
ITEM: Administrator's Report

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2023 Legislative Session: The State legislative session ended this week with several bills passing that affect local governments. Attached is CAMU's legislative review for utility issues.

SB 23-213 failed to make it through the session. https://www.cml.org/docs/default-source/news-releases/20230508_release_cml-hopeful-for-future-talks-as-sb23-213-fails-to-pass.pdf?Status=Temp&sfvrsn=6c06ed5c_2http://

SB 23-183 was signed into law allowing all local governments to apply for and receive funding for broadband projects – no longer requiring a vote of the people.

Honeywell Special Meeting/Executive Session: The Board of Trustees hosted an executive session with legal counsel and staff to prepare for mediation with Honeywell, Inc. and partners who designed, engineered and build the existing wastewater treatment plant. Mediation is currently scheduled for May 22 and may 23rd. Mayor Rogin and Mayor Pro Tem Farrell will be representing the Trustees.

240 2nd Avenue Update: Bonita Yoder has completed the work required of the nuisance order that was issued on this property. The old deck was removed and replaced with a new deck in the same location. The work passed final inspection.

Update on Outstanding Court Tickets: At the May 1, 2023, BOT meeting, the trustees requested the outstanding amount of court tickets. There are four pages of parking tickets totaling around \$12,000 and \$43,092 in outstanding default cases. If the Board chooses to move forward with Ordinance 1146, the town would seek to claim default funds through a third-party collection firm.

Visitor's Center: The Visitor's Center will be open for the first time since the pandemic! The town has made offers to three people who will be covering weekend shifts between Memorial Day and Labor Day. At this time, the Center will be open from 10 am to 2 pm Saturdays and Sundays. We are hoping to expand those hours to include Fridays and Mondays.

Lyons Ditch: On May 2nd, the Lyons Ditch was opened for the season. Thank you to the residents and staff who assisted with cleanout and preparation.

Raul Vasquez Stage: Mr. Vasquez is expanding the Sandstone Park stage to allow for more performance space without a column dividing the group. We want to thank him for his continued support of our community and his generous donation of materials and labor. The project will be completed in time for the summer season.

Boulder County Collaborative on “Natural Cooling”: Boulder County is requesting that all of the municipalities enter into a multijurisdictional application for the IRA Urban and Community Forestry Grant. Boulder County will be contributing \$500,000 and Lyons’ portion would be \$5,000 over the next three years. We can use a portion of our annual sustainability grant toward it.

Colorado Resiliency Office offering “Climate Change Series”: The purpose of the series is to equip local governments with the tools, resources, and knowledge aimed at addressing climate change in Colorado. There will be four webinars with different themes. See link for more information or to register: [Colorado Resiliency Office Events webpage](#)

Apple Valley Water Tank Purchase: Due to personal issues, Gil and Kay Sparks have requested that the closing date for the purchase of the tank be moved to December 31, 2023. Attorney Dittman said that there is nothing in the current ordinance that would prevent that from occurring and that a contract amendment to the buy and sell agreement is within the authority of what was previously granted.

Availability of Narcan: After several recent mental health crises in the area, the Sheriff’s Office is recommending that town hall obtain and train on the use of Narcan. The town attorney has indicated that it is now extremely common for local governments to have Narcan and to be trained on administering it. Unless there is an objection from the trustees, the town administrator will pursue making this available, in case it is needed.

Tax Increment Financing: Staff met with owners of Mayama Dance Studio to discuss submitting an application to Lyons Urban Renewal Authority for assistance in funding their upcoming expansion. The LURA board is scheduled to hear their presentation on May 22nd.

Beyond Word: The first Beyond Word event occurred over the weekend of May 5-7th. Several activities occurred on public property; no problems were reported.

Sidewalk Assessment: Now that US 36 / Broadway project and street paving and striping bids are awarded, staff will be working on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a sidewalk assessment for the town. Town Engineer Justin Doles will be drafting the document for release in the next couple of weeks.

What is Chip Sealing? Chip sealing operations are part of the Town’s primary roadway rehabilitation plan. The process is intended to extend the lifespan of the roadway and postpone larger reconstruction efforts that would require more expensive work and longer travel restrictions. Primary Town roads are chip sealed based on the available budget and according to the Town’s pavement assessment plan.

Chip sealing work consists of applying asphalt to a road surface followed by a layer of one-quarter-inch chips that essentially create a new layer on top of the road. A week after the chips are applied, crews return to the area to apply a sealant designed to help the chips adhere to the road. Finally, the sealant is followed by any roadway striping operations, if needed.

Community Development Updates:

- The first meeting of the PCDC Short-term rental (STR) subcommittee met. Megan Kram will be the lead commissioner, assisted by Neal Evers. They will be inviting a member of the HHSC and EVC, as well as code compliance, to give input as well.
- Staff is working collaboratively with Bo Co Housing and Human Services in regard to Shady Lane Mobile Home Park and resident engagement.
- 926 4th Avenue is seeking an encroachment license for its driveway
- Working with HPC on a story map for documenting historic properties
- Met with DRCOG regarding planning and transportation issues in Lyons
- Working with CDPHE on Brownfield assessment grant
- Continued involvement in North Foothills Bikeway Project
- Attended webinar for Safe Streets and Roads For All – federal grant available
- Coordinated the second Town blood drive with Vitalant. The next drive will be June 29th
- Numerous resident / business inquiries and assistance with planning processes.

Recreational Sport Shooting: The USFS has sent out an announcement about a public comment period on the 2019 Recreational Sport Shooting Management decision. Anyone in the mountain areas of Boulder County is encouraged to submit comments.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/arp/landmanagement/projects/?cid=FSEPRD1101984>