

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 19, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Mikolai with Trustees present: Turner, Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, and Trustees Carlson and L'Hommedieu. A quorum was declared. Also, in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development Director Allyson Shellhorn, and Parks Recreation and Event Director Troy Ward.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee L'Hommedieu, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice Vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

The following questions were asked by Mayor Mikolai to all applicants:

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning Commission?
2. What experience and skills do you bring to the Planning Commission?
3. How would you describe the function of the Planning Commission and its relationship to the Board of Trustees?
4. Do you feel you will have the time to attend all or most Planning Commission meetings and the commitment to the preparation for those meetings (reviewing the provided packets, referencing the Land Development Code, etc.) that serving as a Planning Commissioner will require?
5. What do you see as the biggest challenges for Palisade?

The applicant was given remaining time to tell the board any additional information.

After a brief discussion, consensus of the Board was to hold a silent vote and appoint the Commissioners immediately.

Motion #2 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase to appoint Andy Hamilton, Chris Curry and David Hull to the Planning Commission.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner, Trustee Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L'Hommedieu

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

MESA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COVID-19 POLICY

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson and Trustee Chase spoke briefly about the documents and letter included in the packet.

After a brief discussion, consensus of the Board was to add North River Road improvements to the list of priorities for Palisade.

SUPPORT LETTER FOR MESA CTY VARIANCE REQUEST TO STATE FOR COVID-19

After a short discussion, consensus of the Board is to support and sign the proposed letter to the State as amended.

*NOTE: A copy of the final letter will be a permanent attachment to these minutes.

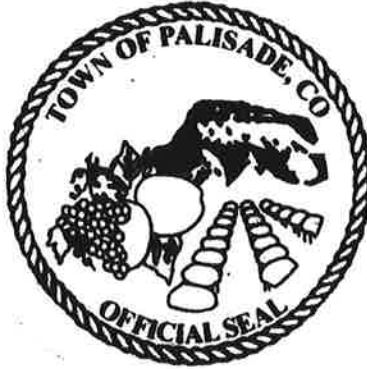
ADJOURNMENT

Motion #6 by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, seconded by Trustee L'Hommedieu to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

X 
Greg Mikolaj
Mayor

X 
Keli L. Frasier
Town Clerk





Town of Palisade

175 East 3rd Street, Palisade, Colorado 81526

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Dear Governor Polis,

Lisa Kaufman – Chief of Staff for the Governor

Jill Hunsaker Ryan, Director of CDPHE,

The Town of Palisade Board of Trustees is urging the state to **approve this week Mesa County Variance Request for Phase 2 that was submitted last Friday, May 15th 2020.**

We are requesting the variance because Mesa County has successfully executed its Phase One Reopening with no spikes or hot spots.

Businesses in Mesa County are in a fragile state and they grow weaker financially with each passing day. We support our businesses, safety and health, and recognize Mesa County has shown that it has managed the pandemic.

As of today, Mesa County has one individual with an active case of COVID-19. Our County has tested over 2000 people so far and of those tests completed less than 3% have tested positive.

Our businesses have shown active responsibility to protect employees and customers with safe distancing procedures.

Our county is an anomaly from others in the state in that COVID-19 cases are so few. We have a small and diverse economy that is struggling with continued restrictions from the state.

Sincerely the Palisade Board of Trustees,

Greg Mikolai

Mayor