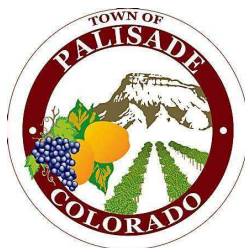


AGENDA
for the Board of Trustees
of the Town of Palisade, Colorado
May 19th, 2020
Meeting to begin at 5:30 p.m.
341 West Seventh Street

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 19TH, 2020 AT 5:30

- I. SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. AGENDA ADOPTION
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS
 - i. *Andy Hamilton*
 - ii. *Chris Curry*
 - iii. *David Hull*
 - iv. *Don Bosch*
 - v. *Sandy North*
 - vi. *Steve Klene*
 - vii. *Tyler Loy*
 - B. MESA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COVID-19 POLICY
 - C. SUPPORT LETTER FOR MESA CTY VARIANCE REQUEST TO STATE FOR COVID19
- VI. ADJOURNMENT



TOP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING:

Electronic Participation

Do to the COVID19 (coronavirus) social isolation mandates, the scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be held through the meeting program Zoom.

Time: *call in starts at 5:00 pm

Meeting: starts at 5:30 pm

To Join Zoom Meeting:

By Computer: Click on <https://zoom.us/j/93802359242> and follow the instructions. Participants from the audience will be able to speak during public comment. There is a hand symbol to push that will allow the meeting moderator to see who wants to speak and enable this feature. Please remember to state your name before speaking. The person has three minutes to speak.

***By Telephone:** Members of the public who wish to provide public comment on any specific agenda item or during general public comment must call the number provided below between 5:00 pm and 5:15 pm. During that time, the moderator of the call will ask your name and the agenda item or if you wish to speak to an item not on the agenda. Once that information has been provided, your line will be muted. When it is time to speak during the meeting, the moderator will unmute the line, state the person's name who will be speaking. The person has three minutes to speak. The line will be muted at the end of the three minutes.

To participate, dial the following phone number: 1 (253) 215 8782, then there will be a prompt to enter the meeting **ID 938 0235 9242**, and the User ID is the pound (#) sign.

By Electronic Mail: Members of the public may also provide public comment or comment on a specific agenda item by sending an email to ashellhorn@townofpalisade.org. The email must be received by 5:20 pm. Staff will read the email into the record during public comment or public comment for the agenda item.

Thank you for your participation in maintaining community health by following the social distancing regulations.



PLANNING COMMISSION INTERVIEW PROCESS TUESDAY MAY 19TH, 2020	
TIME:	NAME:
5:30 PM	ANDY HAMILTON
5:40 PM	CHRIS CURRY
5:50 PM	DAVID HULL
6:00 PM	DON BOSCH
6:10 PM	SANDY NORTH
6:20 PM	STEVE KLENE
6:30 PM	TYLER LOY

From: Andy Hamilton <hamtron5000@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Lydia Reynolds <lreynolds@townofpalisade.org>
Subject: Planning Commission Letter of Interest

Lydia,

Hello! My name is Andy Hamilton, and I'm writing to express my interest in possibly serving on the Town of Palisade's Planning Commission.

I work for the Mesa County Libraries as the Technology Services Manager for the district. I oversee budgets, staff, some programming, and the 970West Studio in that position. Currently, during the COVID-19 crisis I am coordinating the technical side of all of the library's virtual programming from home - a truly unique and interesting challenge!

I love living in the town of Palisade, and am interested in giving back to the community through service on a board such as the planning commission. While I am not a land use or development professional, I am a professional library worker and am able to conduct research, think critically, and draw conclusions based on data. Additionally, I'm familiar with and comfortable using a wide variety of technologies that might help someone on the Planning Commission, like GIS software, Zoom video conferencing, etc.

Personally, I live near Riverbend Park (979 Iowa Ave Apt. #4) with my partner Andrea. I enjoy hiking and spending time outdoors (when possible!), eating good food, and staying connected with friends. During these quarantine days, I am also quite a connoisseur of sci-fi TV on Netflix, Hulu, and etc!

If you feel that I might be a reasonable candidate for the Planning Commission, I can be reached via email at this address (hamtron5000@gmail.com), or by phone at 970-210-4725.

Thanks for your time!

Yours,

-Andy Hamilton

Dear Palisade Board of Trustees,

I would like to express my interest in becoming a Member of the Palisade Planning Commission where I can use my skills to help our community. This position is of interest and importance to me because it provides an opportunity to engage and listen to the diverse and colorful community of Palisade.

My family and I moved to the area almost three years ago and I am ready to further grow our roots here. Building relationships with my neighbors has been the foundation of my involvement in the Palisade community. Gaining these personal connections have enabled me to understand where I might be of the most use to this wonderful town. My experience as a building and code enforcement officer in another small Colorado town and my experience as a home builder has provided me an in-depth understanding of regulations and development. I would be honored to lend some of my expertise and work with the board and committee to support Palisade.

If selected to serve on the Planning Commission, I would interact with the lense that there are old values to uphold and new opinions to consider, change is inevitable, but sustainability and safety need to take priority. I see Palisade as a thriving place to grow food, pick up mail, go to the bank, see live music, grocery shop, ride bikes, walk, pick up a two by four, and raise a family. I will lean towards protecting and supporting these elements of our small town while representing Palisade on the Planning Commission. I get along well with others when working in a group setting and I have the ability to help others find common ground when they disagree on what actions to take.

I am committed to making the time to attend every meeting missing only when it is absolutely necessary. Regular attendance and engagement is essential for understanding the needs of our community. I am confident that I have the skills and experience to hold this position and to be a great benefit to Palisade.

Thank you for your consideration,

Christopher Curry

spiceboxhomes@gmail.com

970.759.6468

PO Box 532

Palisade CO 81526

Honorable Mayor and Trustees of Palisade,

By introduction my name is David Hull. I have lived at 204 W. First St. in Palisade for 25 years. I would like to be considered for an opening on the Planning Commission. I have the following experience pertaining to the Position;

1. Planning Experience – I was on member of the Planning Commission from 2004 to 2006. I was the ex-parte Board Member in 2006.
2. Board Experience – I was elected to the Palisade Town Board in 2006. I served 1 term until 2010.
3. Professional Experience – I have been in the Beverage Alcohol Industry for over 40 years. I have been with my present Employer for the last 22 years. I work with several local Wineries and a Cider producer as a Distributor Representative.
4. Building and Property Experience – I own several properties in Mesa and Gunnison Counties including a Peach Orchard that is directly adjacent to the Town of Palisade. I have built and remodeled several homes over the years. I have a first-hand experience in acquiring necessary permits and the Planning Process.

I'm very motivated to return to Town Government. My career advancement and business travel had to take precedence years ago. I'm now approaching retirement which gives me the availability of the time necessary to be effective in a Planning Role. I'm very concerned that we as citizens of Palisade maintain the quality of life we expect but also address the reality of controlled positive growth. The Town needs the ability to provide the funds to maintain and improve our infrastructure through healthy business growth. I would like to be involved in the long-term and short-term planning that insures the unique quality of life in Palisade is maintained for future generations. I'm available to sit with the Board in person or via electronic media at any time. I appreciate your consideration for this position.

Sincere Regards,

David Hull

204 W. First St.

Palisade, Colorado

970-433-3118

03/26/2020

Ms. Allyson Shellhorn.

Community Development Director.

Town of Palisade

175 East Third Street

Palisade, CO 81526

Allyson:

My term as a member of the Planning Commission is up in April.

I would like to request that I be considered for re-appointment to the Town of Palisade Planning Commission. I believe that I have made significant contributions to the community during my current term and would like to continue contributing.

I understand that the Board of Trustees has the final decision-making authority on any planning commission appointment and my reappointment is subject to their decision.

If there is anything else that you need from me during this process please contact me.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely:

Don Bosch

Chairman, Town of Palisade Planning Commission.

From: Sandy North

To: Lydia Reynolds

Subject: Palisade Planning Commission Vacancies

April 4, 2020

Dear Lydia,

I would like to express my interest in becoming a part of the Planning Commission of Palisade. I have found so much joy and contentment in this community - that giving back feels like the thing I want to do next. Thank you for this opportunity to share with you why I think I would make a good choice for The Board.

First would be my desire to protect the history and the feel of this unique community while embracing and guiding growth.

I have lived in many places in my life and when choosing where to spend my final days, I remembered long Spring and Summer days here in this valley as a young person. I was certain I had found heaven the first time I plucked a fresh peach from a tree and ate it right then and there. I knew there was something very special about this valley and it has grown up and expanded to meet even more grand opportunities.

It continues to be a very special place with a special set of challenges. The opportunities, I believe far out way those challenges. A community such as this that comes together in hard times with hard work, moves forward with compromise and rejoices in celebration, can make a united place for everyone to thrive. I want to be a part of that.

The demands of this position are somewhat daunting but my experience as The Deputy City Clerk and Records Manager for many years with the City of Boulder gave me a unique view into the workings of such Boards and Commissions. The key, I believe is understanding the balance of support

and working in coordination with the City Clerk, City Manager, City Attorney and Department Heads while always answering first to the public.

With sincere appreciation I put my name in the mix for consideration as a member of the Palisade Planning Board.

Sandy North

392 W. Fifth Ave.

303-875-0600

Letter of interest

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

I am interested in fulfilling one of the open vacancies on the Palisade Planning Commission. I moved to Palisade in 2017 and found it to be a beautiful and unique community which faces many challenges. I want to become more involved with my new town and perhaps help shape its future for generations to come. I would like to see our town flourish in all directions including economic, infrastructure, and tourism with a thoughtful growth plan. There is such a charm here that needs to be preserved but we also need to look ahead and manage our growth and our brand of "Palisade". I own and operate nine franchise with Frontier Adjusters in multiple states. I have successfully managed my business and staff for over 20 years. I feel my business experience and love for my new home town is invaluable. I think of myself as open minded and willing to listen to all sides of a situation prior to making any decisions. I look forward to serving on the Palisade Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Steve Klene

549 Cicero Dr.
Palisade, CO 81526
970 640-0065

To whom this my concern,

My name is Tyler Loy and this letter is to show my interest in joining the Town of Palisade Planning Commission. I am 28 years old and live and own a home in Palisade with my wife and 4-year-old son. We love our town and all the enjoyable events and activities it has to offer. We think it would be good to get more involved and give a younger out look on the new interest and developing of our little town. I am a superintendent for FCI constructors in Grand Junction. I have a great understanding of planning, development, and code. I have built buildings, tracks, housing developments, parking lots, schools and much more around mesa country and else ware. I believe I would be a great candidate and have knowledge that could help make decisions and give ideas to progress our great community.

Sincerely, Tyler Loy

3745 G Rd,

Palisade CO, 81526

970-822-3699

Mesa County Economic Development First Responders

List of Policy Priorities

Background:

The Mesa County Economic Development First Responders is a group of individuals representing 11 different government, quasi government, educational and non profit organizations in Mesa County dedicated to ensuring the continued vitality of the local economy through a number of economic development strategies. Impacts of COVID 19 on small businesses, local governments and educational entities will significantly impact our ability to continue our goal of a strong diverse economy. As state and federal lawmakers consider moving forward and as regulators look at how to safely reopen our businesses and schools the ED First Responders have established a list of five major priorities that will have the most impact in moving our economy forward.

Priority 1: Education and Workforce Development

While recognizing that there will be funding cuts to programs and institutions that prepare our students for the future of work and help upskill our current workforce, funding cuts to this sector at all levels of government should be minimized in order to maximize our future economic development efforts. These include:

- Minimize funding cuts to School District 51
- Minimize funding cuts to Colorado Mesa University
- Support Relaunching America's Workforce Act to fund workforce development activities through the Mesa County Workforce Center
- Support CMU infrastructure projects that will aid in developing a skilled workforce in health sciences
- Support and Advocate for safe avenues to reopen in person learning at all levels of education in

Priority 2: Infrastructure Development

It is anticipated that there will be funding for infrastructure in future federal legislation and the MC ED First Responders have developed a list of 20 projects that will assist us in making this area even more attractive for existing business expansions and new business locations. Specifically, our priorities will include:

- Advocating that as many of the 20 projects jointly compiled be funded as possible
- Supporting efforts to get those projects that are funded under construction as soon as possible to stimulate economic activity

Priority 3: Incentives and Regulatory Environment

There is no doubt that there will be significant cuts to cash incentives in the State of Colorado. Additionally, some regulatory relief issued under the Governor's Executive Orders should be continued in order to help businesses survive economically. Other efforts have also been identified that can aid in business recovery. Specifically, priorities include:

- Reauthorization of Rural Jump Start
- Maintaining and possible expanding tax credit programs that do not require cash to incentivize private investment in communities
- Support legislation that gives local counties more flexibility with deadlines in collecting property tax payments
- Examine potential for allowing voters to significantly amend the Gallagher Amendment
- Making alcohol takeout a permanent option for restaurants
- Oppose legislation that adds additional burdens on businesses at this time (i.e. HB 1025 requiring third party verification of utility usage in manufacturing in order to claim tax exemption)



MESA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FIRST RESPONDERS

Honorable Michael Bennet
United States Senator
261 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Cory Gardner
United States Senator
354 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Scott Tipton
U.S. Representative
218 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Senators Bennet & Gardner & Congressman Tipton:

Thank you for the work you are doing to represent and advocate for our communities during the unprecedented global COVID-19 pandemic. This is clearly a trying time and we greatly appreciate the open communication, overtures for information and accessibility you all have shown over the past number of weeks. We feel fortunate to be represented by you all in Washington, D.C.

During a recent meeting of our Mesa County Economic Development First Responders group, we discussed the likelihood of further legislative measures designed to stimulate economic activity and aid in recovery once we get through the COVID-19 crisis. As a coalition of organizations in Colorado's Grand Valley focused on enhancing economic vitality, expanding employment opportunities and improving workforce development, we see value in communicating in one voice with your offices about crucial capital and infrastructure projects we know will greatly enhance our region and State. Accordingly, our coalition has developed the **20 for 2020** list of crucial infrastructure projects we believe are vital to our success in the near and long term. While we understand how large this ask is, we wanted to clearly communicate the needs of our communities to ensure your offices are armed with shovel-ready projects as negotiations and legislative drafting efforts continue.

We would welcome the opportunity for a more in-depth conversation about each of these projects in the near future. Please let us know when we can convene such a briefing.

With thanks,

Tim Foster, President
Colorado Mesa University

Diane Schwenke, President & CEO
Grand Junction Area Chamber

Robin Brown, CEO
Grand Junction Economic Partnership

Greg Caton, City Manager
City of Grand Junction

Peter Baier, County Administrator
Mesa County

Mike Bennett, City Manager
City of Fruita

Jon Maraschin, Exec. Director
Business Incubator Center

Brandon Stam, Exec. Director
Downtown Grand Junction

Janet Hawkinson, Town Manager
Town of Palisade



MESA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FIRST RESPONDERS

Colorado's Grand Valley 20 for 2020 Capital & Infrastructure Priorities

Agency/Organization	Project Description	Estimated Cost	Shovel Ready Y/N
Colorado Mesa University	PA/PT/OT Academic Bldg	\$10,695,107	Yes
City of Grand Junction	Riverfront at Dos Rios	\$10,000,000	Yes
City of Fruita	K.4 Rd Improvements	\$1,500,000	Yes
Mesa County	MC Jail Pod Expansion	\$24,000,000	Yes
GJ Regional Airport	Customs Office/FTZ	\$2,500,000	Yes
Town of Palisade	Kluge Road Improvements	\$1,500,000	Yes
Business Incubator/RTC	Water Line Replacement	\$900,000	Yes
Downtown Grand Junction	Alley, Breezeway Improvements	\$500,000	Yes
Colorado Mesa University	Electric/Computer Engineering Academic Bldg	\$23,851,365	Yes
City of Grand Junction	24 Road Improvements	\$13,500,000	Yes
City of Fruita	Maple St Bridge	\$2,000,000	Yes
Town of Palisade	Water Line Replacement	\$3,000,000	Yes
Mesa County	E Road Expansion	\$8,000,000	Yes
Colorado Mesa University	Kinesiology Facility	\$28,886,536	Yes
City of Grand Junction	Street Maintenance	\$4,300,000	Yes
City of Fruita	Greenway Drive Bridge	\$2,000,000	Yes
School District 51	Grand Junction High School	\$95,000,000	Yes
Downtown Grand Junction	7 th Street Art Line	\$100,000	Yes
Colorado Mesa University	Brownson Arena Expansion	\$25,456,000	Yes
CDOT/City of GJ/ Mesa County	I-70 29 Road Interchange	\$60,000,000	Yes