



AGENDA
for the Board of Trustees
of the Town of Palisade, Colorado
341 W 7th Street (Palisade Civic Center)

May 28, 2024

6:00 pm WORK SESSION

7:40 pm Regular Meeting

A live stream of the meeting may be viewed at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3320075780>

- I. **WORK SESSION 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**
 - A. Sewer Project Update with J-U-B Engineers
- II. **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 pm**
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **ROLL CALL**
- V. **AGENDA ADOPTION**
- VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. **PUBLIC COMMENT REMINDER:** All emails sent to the Town Clerk for public comment on a specific agenda item prior to the day packets are published will be included in the staff report. Emails received after the packets are posted will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees. Any member of the public who wishes to have a statement or email read into the Minutes is required to appear in person and make said statements to the Board directly.
 - B. **GET INVOLVED WITH OUR COMMUNITY! UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (Palisade Civic Center 341 W 7th Street):**
 - 1. **Planning Commission** – Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm
 - 2. **Board of Trustees** – Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm
 - 3. **Planning Commission** – Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 pm
 - 4. **Tourism Advisory Board** – Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 11:00 am
- VII. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Grand Valley Arts Advocacy Award and Palisade Appreciation for Gary Hauschulz
- VIII. **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**
 - A. National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grant

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the Board to spend its time on more complex items. These items are generally perceived as non-controversial and can be approved by a single motion. The public or any Board Member may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

A. Expenditures

- Approval of Bills from Various Town Funds – May 10, 2024 – May 24, 2024

B. Minutes

- Minutes from May 14, 2024, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

X. CONTINUED BUSINESS

A. Fiber Expansion in Riverbend Park

The Board of Trustees will consider directing the Town Manager to enter into contract for the construction of fiber in Riverbend Park.

1. Staff Presentation
2. Board Discussion
3. Decision - Motion, Second, and Rollcall Vote to:

Approve, deny, or postpone (until May 28, 2024) directing the Town Manager to enter into contract for the construction of fiber in Riverbend Park at an expense of \$85,000.00.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

All those who wish to speak during public comment must sign up on the sheet provided outside the boardroom doors. Please keep comments to 3 MINUTES OR LESS and state your name and address. Neither the Board of Trustees nor staff will respond to comments at this time. The Board may direct staff to look into specific comments to bring back as an Agenda item at a future meeting; however, the Board reserves the right to clarify information from comments that are factually incorrect.

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

**TOWN OF PALISADE - MANAGER REPORT
MAY 2024**

TOWN OF PALISADE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

CDOT Roundabout Highway 6

Town involvement for landscaping, art work, multi-use path
Construction scheduled late fall 2025
CDOT openhouse presentation scheduled for June 2024 to show drawings to public

RIVERBEND PARK

Boat Ramp - working with landscape architect for drawings to present public for input
Demo of old restrooms east side - construct new restrooms in fall 2025
Cottonwood pruning - tree planting

FIBER

75% COMPLETE

50% Grant Funds - 50% General Fund

CNL Complete
Town moving its IT into new room
Fiber to Town facilities and parks still under construction
Last Mile Fiber under construction with private entity Clear Network

ELBERTA SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Construction - January - April 2025

80% Main St. Grant - 20% General Fund

\$1.8 million grant - \$200,000 general fund
RFQ posted for Design/Engineering - need interview panel

WASTEWATER CONSOLIDATION

Construction - Winter 2026

USDA Loan/Grant

\$24 million dollar project
Surveying & design has begun
Contacting land owners of project

TAP GRANT - SIDEWALKS

Construction - Spring 2024

80% Tap Grant - 20% General Fund

Design/Engineering complete
CDOT approvals complete
In land acquisition process - need land surveyed and complete purchase for sidewalk construction

LAND USE CODE UPDATE - CAPITAL PLANS

Starting in March with Planning Commission & CPS
Design Boards being created for Capital planning with the community

WATER METER REPLACEMENT

Complete - 2026

Purchased first set of new meters

OLD TOWN SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Creating map of missing sidewalks

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grant

- *Maximum award amount \$150,000*
- *Period of performance Up to two years*
- *Expected notification date December 31, 2024*
- *No matching funds required*

Cultural and Community Resilience

The Cultural and Community Resilience program supports community-based efforts to address the impacts of climate change and COVID-19 by safeguarding cultural resources and fostering cultural resilience through identifying, documenting, and/or collecting cultural heritage and community experiences. The program prioritizes projects from disadvantaged communities in the United States or its jurisdictions.

Projects should fall into one of two categories: community collecting initiatives or oral history programs. All projects must address the impacts of either climate change or the COVID-19 pandemic on one or more communities. The program welcomes both modest projects and larger ones and supports projects at any stage, from preliminary planning to final steps and implementation.

Project activities may take many forms, including but not limited to:

- Collaborative planning to identify cultural and historical resources;
- Documentation of cultural and historical resources through digital means;
- Recording oral histories;
- Preserving Traditional Knowledge, practices, or technologies, and memories of elders and community, including in languages other than English; or
- Establishing shared resources and protocols for rapid response collecting.

NEH welcomes applications at all stages of project development and encourages the use of inclusive methodologies. These might include folkloric, ethnohistorical, and ethnographic modes of inquiry; oral histories; participatory archiving; shared stewardship arrangements; and community-centered access. NEH also encourages leveraging open access online resources and using Creative Commons licenses, when possible and as appropriate.

Town Proposal

- *Projected budget \$80,000*
- *Grant Administrator Devan Aziz*

This project will be a partnership with the Town and the Palisade Historical Society. The project will document the impact of climate change on our agricultural community through oral histories and archival preservation including the potential impact on the Palisade watershed. The Historical Society will record interviews with local farmers and migrant workers about their experiences with extreme weather events, particularly freezes, and how they have adapted their practices. Additionally, the Historical Society will archive historical materials related to past agricultural & watershed management practices. This project will not only preserve valuable cultural heritage but also provide insights into building resilience for a future marked by climate fluctuations. The collected materials will be accessible online and through educational programming, fostering public understanding of the human dimensions of climate change and its impact on local food and water security.

Climate Change Threats to Palisade's Cultural Identity

Agriculture: Palisade's renowned peaches and other fruits are particularly vulnerable to climate change. Rising temperatures can lead to earlier springs, increasing the risk of frost damage to delicate blossoms. Warmer summers can create ideal conditions for pests and diseases, requiring increased use of pesticides that threaten the health of the ecosystem. Additionally, changes in precipitation patterns, with less rain and more intense storms, could disrupt irrigation practices and lead to water scarcity or crop failure, impacting yields.

Watershed Management: Climate change can significantly affect precipitation patterns, which plays a vital role in Palisade's agricultural practices. Decreased snowpack and earlier snowmelt could lead to reduced water flow during the critical summer months, making it difficult for farmers to maintain healthy crop yields and keep an adequate water supply for the town. Conversely, more intense storms could cause mud and rockslides, eroding topsoil and damaging infrastructure. These changes in water availability and flow threaten the sustainability of Palisade's agricultural way of life.

Desired Collaboration

Collaborating with Colorado Mesa University can help explore ways to build cultural resilience and collect data. The project could investigate traditional agricultural practices that might be more adaptable to changing conditions or explore innovative water management solutions that ensure the longevity of Palisade's watershed infrastructure.



PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Date: May 28, 2024

Re: Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda has been attached as a separate document for ease of reading.

Included in the consent agenda are:

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