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TOWN MANAGER REPORT - Feb 19th TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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CC4CA

The CC4CA Steering Committee met in Lafayette City Hall on February 1st. It was a good meeting - the first conducted under the Vail leadership. Subsequent to the meeting, a few items to report. First, the City of Longmont has become the 24th member jurisdiction, greatly bolstering our representation. Also noteworthy, and with testimony provided by the CC4CA Executive Director, Senate Bill 53 was soundly killed in committee on February 13th. The bill was a token attempt to prohibit the AQCC (Air Quality Control Commission) from adopting air quality control standards for motor vehicles that are more stringent than the federal standards.

Finally, CC4CA also advocated in favor of Rep. Chris Hansen's securitization bill (HB1037), which passed out of committee this past week. This bill, if it becomes law, will allow publicly owned utilities to retire coal plants without huge upfront costs for Colorado ratepayers or the utilities, while also providing assistance to the communities most impacted by the loss of coal-related jobs.

The Town of Vail will be hosting, again, the annual retreat for CC4CA in late June. Stay tuned for details.

Parking Task Force

The group met on February 8th to continue reviewing summer parking programming. It was an excellent meeting, well attended, and both Greg Hall and Mayor Chapin will be providing details at the Council meeting.

Vail Recreation Subcommittee

We will meet the morning of February 19th to review a number of topics. A verbal update will be provided during the Council meeting under the agenda item regarding this Report.

CML

The CML Legislative Workshop occurred in Denver on February 14th. The next Executive Board meeting, of which I will be attending, will occur on February 22nd. Additionally, we will have representation from CML at the Legislative Meeting conducted by CAST (Colorado Assn of Ski Towns) on March 7th.

CAST

See above. The next meeting is on March 7th in Denver, and we are scheduled to have newly elected Governor Polis speaking, along with an array of other state officials, on a number of timely and relevant topics.

VEAC

The meeting on February 12th was well attended. We had an update from Inntopia, a progress report related to the Vail Guest Experience Collaboration (Kristin Kenney Williams), and other related items. The agenda is pasted below. Many thanks to Mia Vlaar and her team for putting it together.

Vail Economic Advisory Council

**February 12, 2019
Town Council Chambers
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

AGENDA

[February Meeting Link](#)

- **Town of Vail Financials**, Kathleen Halloran (15 minutes)
- **Town Manager's Report**, Greg Clifton (10 minutes)
- **Inntopia Update**, Katie Barnes (30 minutes)
- **Vail Guest Experience Collaborative Update**, Vail Mountain and Town of Vail, TBD (20 minutes)
- **Citizen Input** (5 minutes)
- **Other Business** (5 minutes)
- **Adjournment**
- **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, March 12, Vail Town Council Chambers – 8:00am

Transit Coordinating Team

We are meeting next on February 21st to discuss next steps on the Coordinated Info Hub contracting process.

I-70 Coalition

The Board met by phone (snow) on February 6th. There was a legislative update, a discussion on pending bills that speak to statewide transportation, and related business. The next meeting is on March 6th.

Reminder: Council Retreat

The Town Council retreat is scheduled for February 20th at the Grand View. The agenda will include updates about the Council's Action Plan and a presentation from CIRSA about quasi-judicial matters. Lunch will be provided at the end of the retreat, and we should conclude by 1pm.

Meet U.S. Congressman Joe Neguse of Colorado District 2 next Tuesday

Town of Vail is pleased to note that U.S. Congressman Joe Neguse will be in Vail on Thursday, February 21 at the Vail Public Library from 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Congressman Neguse and his staff are interested in meeting local officials to hear about any topics of interest and topics of mutual concern.

Congressman Neguse was sworn-in to the House of Representatives this

past January representing Colorado District 2 replacing the vacancy left by Governor-elect Jared Polis. Please access more information about U.S. Congressman Joe Neguse on his website: <https://neguse.house.gov/>

Budget Message

As previously mentioned, we have posted the Budget Book on the Town website, and Carlie Smith has forwarded pdf files to each of you. It is a very good read (link below), and quite comprehensive in scope. Please take a look. I would like to express our great appreciation to both Carlie and Kathleen Halloran for their efforts. We will have a short presentation at the next Council meeting.

<https://vailgovrecords.com/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=526572&dbid=0&repo=TownofVailLaserfiche>

Town Hall Renovations



We have been reporting on this recently. The project is now largely complete, and the staff is quite happy with the outcome. With the windowed doors, there is much more openness in the office area, and the new paint and flooring have helped warm up the place considerably. It all looks very professional and functions very nicely.



Of note is the updated conference room, no longer with exposed cinderblock walls, and now consisting of a new table and new chairs. Similarly, the offices have been updated with stand-up desks, more meeting space. Noticeably absent are the stacks of filing cabinets.



We are grateful to the hard work of the Public Works Facilities Team in performing much of the work (some specialty work has been subcontracted), and also Susan Mitchell with our Communications Department who has helped guide us in floor plan and furniture selection. When we have a final accounting, we will report that to the Council. This was a cost-effective undertaking that is paying big dividends in terms of work environment and efficiency.

Staff Updates

Saving \$\$\$

Telecommunications Audit: Carlie Smith, Financial Services Manager, initiated the project when approached by a third party company, Spyglass, who had been hired by a few other municipalities/counties in our region. While Carlie worked with SpyGlass and individual departments on cell phone use, Eric Olson (IT Systems Engineer) visited various town facilities to verify that unused lines could be disconnected. Steve Blair (IT Interim Director) also spent significant time confirming these details. This project spanned a full year from the time the agreement with Spyglass was executed.

The completion of the audit in January will result in annual savings of **\$148,000** to the Town of Vail. Spyglass is compensated with 50% of the first year's savings. Thereafter the entire savings are realized by the town. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of those involved in this process.

IT Department

On Dec 13th we began recruitment for our Director of Information Technology. We received over 185 applications for the position, including two very qualified internal candidates.

Similar to other department head recruitment processes, we utilized a two-panel format for review, comprised of some department heads and IT professionals (inside and outside the organization). Six semi-finalists were interviewed on Tuesday, February 12th and a decision has been rendered by the two panels. At this juncture, an offer has been accepted and the announcement will be forthcoming.

We are grateful for the interest of many qualified applicants and we look forward to what lies ahead with new leadership intact

Police Department

Chief Henninger participated in the media event on Feb. 14th at the State Capital for the introduction of this year's Extreme Risk Protection Order bill. This is a similar bill to the Red Flags legislation that Chief Henninger and the CACP (Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police) supported last year and was defeated in the Senate. The bill would give family members and law enforcement a tool to help keep individuals and families safe from gun violence when an individual is in crisis and has access to firearms, and further allows for safely holding firearms for up to a year only with judicial review and appeal opportunities.

The PD / Dispatch / IT Data Center generator project is complete. With a project value of just under \$200K, the upgrade for the existing 400 amp generator and transfer switch to a new 600 amp generator and transfer switch will ensure that the facility has adequate emergency power in the event of a power outage.

The installation of this new generator gives us all a big sigh of relief, as we have back-up capabilities that are desperately needed. The recent power outage in Summit County is all that needs to be referenced here to illustrate this point.

The older 400 amp generator and transfer switch will be repurposed and installed for back up power for the new data center at Fire Station 3 (2019 project).

Commander Ryan Kenney attended the CACP 2019 New and Aspiring Chiefs Orientation. The training was three days and included a variety of topics and trainers. Some of the topics included were: Media Relations, Controversial Issues, CORA/CCJRA Records, New Laws and Legislation, and Recruitment/Retention/Succession Plan. The training was very informative and beneficial.

The Orientation was followed up by the CACP mid-year meeting. This was a two-day event that also covered a myriad of topics. The conference was an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with other police chiefs and command staff from around Colorado.

Upcoming Events

10th Mountain Division Parade

I will be attending the parade and joining the VR Leadership Team on Friday, February 15th. Having seen the inaugural event, I am very excited to experience it once again.

US Open Burton

We are getting closer to the US Burton Open. The schedule and entertainment for this exciting event can be found at the following link: <http://events.burton.com>. The Town will also be hosting a Vail-Japan Friendship Reception during the US Open Burton; an invitation will be forthcoming.

The 37th Annual Burton U-S-Open Snowboarding Championships return to Vail, Colorado, February 25 through March 2, 2019. As the premier event of the competitive snowboarding season, the Burton U-S-Open showcases the most progressive riding from the world's top athletes in both slopestyle and halfpipe. In addition, the celebrated Burton U-S-Open Halfpipe Junior Jam presented by Clif Bar features the world's top 14-and-under riders vying for a chance to compete against the pros.

The Burton U-S-Open also offers a packed entertainment schedule including four nights of free concerts, daily après specials, and fun activities and events for all ages including the annual Chill fundraiser, a kids learn-to-ride Riglet park, athlete meet and greets, as well as the closing party at the Dobson Ice Arena.

We look forward to you joining us at the world's greatest snowboard event.

Powabunga

As reported in the previous Town Manager's Report, an event funded by CSE is coming to town March 22nd through the 24th, 2019. Powabunga is a new event that will bring live world-class music to Ford Park (ticketed), with large pop up art installations around town, and planned activities in Vail. A full update will be presented at the council meeting on March 5th.
