



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

NWCCOG Council Meeting

Colorado Mountain College Vail Valley, Room #261

150 Miller Ranch Rd., Edwards, Colorado

January 24, 2019

Council & EDD Board Members Present:

Aaron Blair, Town of Granby
Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village
Amy Kemp, Elevate CoSpace
Andy Miller, Town of Fraser
Anne McKibbin, Town of Eagle
Brian Waldes, Town of Breckenridge (phone)
Carolyn Skowyra, Town of Dillon
Chris Romer, Vail Valley Partnership
Corry Mihm, Summit Independent Business Alliance (phone)
DiAnn Butler, EDD Grand County (phone)
Health Sloop, City of Steamboat Springs (phone)
Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County
Jeremy Rietmann, Town of Gypsum
Karn Stiegelmeier, Summit County
Kristen Manguso, Grand County
Mark Hoblitzell, CO Dept. of Labor & Employment
Matt Langhorst, City of Glenwood Springs
Matt Scherr, Town of Minturn
Patti Clapper, Pitkin County
Patty McKenny, Town of Vail
Susan Fairweather, Kaiser Permanente
William Infante, Town of Basalt

Others Present:

Brian Meinhart, US Census Bureau
Cassie Heykeep, US Census Bureau
Ken Fellman, Kissinger & Fellman P.C. (phone)

NWCCOG Staff:

Elaina West
Jon Stavney
Rachel Lunney

Call to Order:

Karn Stiegelmeier, NWCCOG Council Chair at 10:09am. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the groups.

Approval of December 6, 2018 Council & EDD Board Meeting Minutes:

M/S/P Andy Miller/Jeanne McQueeney to approve the December 6, 2018 Council & EDD Board Meeting Minutes with a couple corrections.

Financials:

Preliminary Financials were postponed for the next meeting.

Election of 2019 NWCCOG Officers and Executive Committee Members

The current NWCCOG Officers are as follows: Karn Stiegelmeier serves as Chair, Patti Clapper as Vice-Chair, and Carolyn Skowyra as Secretary/Treasurer. All three individuals offered to serve another year.

M/S/P Kristen Manguso/Patty McKenny move to approve existing Executive Committee

For clarification, the Executive Committee consists of nine members; one member from each of the Region XII counties and four municipal members at large. The current members are as follows: Karn Stiegelmeier, Betsy Blecha, Patti Clapper, Jeanne McQueeney, and Kristen Manguso (Region XII County Members); Alyssa Shenk, Carolyn Skowyra, and Patty McKenny with one remaining vacancy (Municipal Members). Andy Miller offered to serve in the remaining

municipal member position. Betsy Blecha is no longer a County Commissioner in Jackson County, which creates one county member vacancy in the Executive Committee. All others offered to serve another year.

M/S/P Kristen Manguso/Patty McKenny move to approve existing Executive Committee with the addition of Andy Miller and one remaining vacancy designated to Jackson County.

CHP Representative:

Thomas Clark has served as the NWCCOG representative to the County Health Pool for the past 5 years with the NWCCOG Executive Director as alternate. As Thomas Clark is no longer on the NWCCOG Council, Carolyn Skowrya offered to serve as the County Health Pool Representation with Jon Stavney, NWCCOG Executive Director, as alternate.

M/S/P Patti Clapper/Kristen Manguso to appoint Carolyn Skowrya as the 2019 NWCCOG County Health Pool Representative with Jon Stavney as the alternate.

Alpine AAA Regional Advisory Council (RAC)

It was recommended to reauthorize Pitkin County Commissioner, Steve Childs, to continue to sit on the Alpine AAA Regional Advisory Council (RAC).

M/S/P Patti Clapper/Anne McKibbin move to reauthorize Steve Childs to sit on the Alpine AAA Regional Advisory Council (RAC).

MVR Policy & Background Investigation Policy & Procedures

The council recommended that Alyssa Shenk review the MVR and Background Check Investigation Policies before the council approves. NWCCOG will present these policies at the next meeting after receiving Alyssa's suggestions.

Approval of THOR Updates

NWCCOG has contracted with Ken Fellman for review of all contracts per request from Barbara Green at SGS. Contract approvals for Network Operator, CDOT, and up to 12 MMC Host entities have been delegated to the Executive Committee which will require a special phone meeting with the Executive Committee to keep the project on schedule (rather than waiting for periodic NWCCOG Council meetings—March may be too soon, May will be too late for project schedule).

M/S/P Patti Clapper/Kristen Manguso to approve modification of DOLA grant for CDOT IRU from 10-year request to a 3-year request (or 1 year if DOLA grant is not approved) and for final approval at special meeting if there are further changes.

M/S/P Patti Clapper/Patty McKenney to allow for contract approvals either by special phone meeting or special meeting of NWCCOG Executive Committee.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop

DOLA awarded NWCCOG funding to do the Disaster Preparedness Workshop again in 2019. See meeting packet for 2018 Disaster Preparedness Workshop evaluation. Sessions from 2018 Workshop are available on our website:

<http://nwccog.org/resources/nwccog-workshops/>.

HazMat Tunnel Bill

The proposed Hazmat Bill authorizes a public highway authority or a governmental partner in a public-private partnership to apply to the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) for a new or modified hazardous materials route designation for a road or highway that it directly or indirectly maintains. The bill also requires the department of transportation (CDOT) to conduct a study to assess the feasibility of allowing the transportation of hazardous materials through the Eisenhower-Edwin C. Johnson Memorial Tunnel, and prepare a study report that includes findings and recommendations and under what conditions the transportation of hazardous materials through the tunnel should be allowed. CDOT must solicit input from representatives of specified counties, town, communities, ski resorts, industries, organizations, emergency services providers, and the CSP regarding the scope of the study and must consider specified information and criteria, and conduct specified types of analysis when conducting the study. The Town of Dillon is opposed to this bill, because their water supply is directly adjacent to the tunnel road. If there is a hazmat spill or fire near the tunnel, it could jeopardize the water supply. If the council wishes to take a position on this bill, please email Jon Stavney (jstavney@nwccog.org). Jon will keep the council informed of any hazmat bill updates. Council declined to take an official position.

Member Updates:

***Note: Zoom Meeting recording did not capture the member updates due to a loss of connectivity.**

Summit County, Karn Stiegelmeier – Summit County replaced Commissioner Dan Gibbs who was appointed next Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Elizabeth Lawrence was elected as Summit County's newest Commissioner through a vacancy committee. The county successfully passed measure 1A as a property tax in the most recent election, which bundled a variety of important services: funding for mental health, preschool, fire mitigation, recycling, composting, and facilities. Mission is to implement in transparent way, so citizens feel good about their vote.

Town of Minturn – Minturn has started a housing plan. Throughout the past 60 years, Minturn has lost 5% of their population. Water decisions regarding upcoming growth change. Valley wide housing program and Minturn is looking to be a solution for the valley.

Grand County, Kristen Manguso – Grand County has vacancies for a County Manager and County Attorney. They have three interviews scheduled for attorney position and three interviews scheduled for manager position. The county is planning to build a new jail. Ideally, their goal is to erect a campus in Granby housing the sheriff's office, jail, and public service, but the county's seat is located in Hot Sulphur Springs.

Town of Fraser, Andy Miller – Fraser is currently battling traffic counts that are too high for US40, so are began a upgrade they aim to have completely by July 4, 2019. The town revised their development and zoning code. There is a large open space residing beside the Fraser River of which the town plans to utilize a section as a manicured park next to Safeway. The town will eventually devise a big loop trail in the area with a few river access points.

Town of Basalt, William Infante – Basalt is moving forward with plans to promote improved connectivity in the area. Basalt vista was the first to do road work to put in new cable MOU with cedar networks where current connecting is consistently poor.

Town of Eagle, Anne McKibbin – Eagle resolved a concern regarding fish passage at the water-park. They are currently rebuilding their land use code and are working on developing new housing units. Eagle has an opening for a new judge due to their longtime judge retiring. The town recently received an important mental health report from the chief of police, which supported mental health professionals' participation in mental health emergencies. With the Hope Center Eagle River Valley partnership, emergency responders are able to solicit a crisis team to the scene that is well versed in mental health assistance (Vail Daily article on the subject: <https://www.vaildaily.com/news/hope-center-eagle-river-valley-brings-mental-health-help-directly-to-people-who-need-it/>).

Pitkin County, Patti Clapper – The Basalt Vista project allowed nine qualifying households to purchase affordable-housing residences in the Vista community below-market prices. It is a three-party agreement among Habitat for Humanity Roaring Fork, Pitkin County, and the Roaring Fork School District. Basalt Vista is a model for energy-efficient construction as a net-zero project. The community is ecstatic about the project and the opportunity for qualifying locals to remain in the valley. Pitkin County increased their energy code and is examining issues with their land use code. A committee for airport project was approved. They may be discussing a whole new runway to accommodate a new generation of jets, the potential for a new terminal, etc. Multiple groups of interested people are helping with input. Pitkin County stepped up to support the community during the government shutdown by passing an emergency resolution allowing for the temporary hire of local furloughed workers. The resolution temporarily waives selection and recruitment personnel policies (Aspen Times article on the resolution: <https://www.aspentimes.com/news/pitkin-county-aims-to-hire-furloughed-workers/>). The Resolution is on the NWCCOG website: <http://nwccog.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Emergency-Reso.-Authorizing-a-Temporary-Waiver-of-the-Pitkin-County-Policies-Procedures-Manual-Policy-3.10-Recruitment-Selection-Reso.-007-2019.pdf>. The City of Aspen is looking for a City Manager and Assistant City Manager. The city election was changed to March with openings for mayor and two council seats.

Eagle County, Jeanne McQueeney – Eagle County has a County Commissioner vacancy with 8 interested and capable candidates. The vacancy committee consists of about 50 people who will make a selection on Tuesday, February 5, 2019: <https://www.vaildaily.com/news/eagle-county-democrats-vacancy-committee-convenes-to-choose-new->

commissioner/. Jeanne attended the US Mountain Communities Housing Summit in Vail and said the successful conference provided excellent resources for this community. RAFTA regional funding vote squeaked by to assist RAFTA 2040 to deal with transparency issues including improving a really good website in terms of communicating to the public times lines and being more transparent overall

Town of Dillon, Carolyn Skowrya – Ice Castles remain a success for the town and encouraged more winter visitation in Dillon. Due to a medical issue, Dillon's Finance Director is the current acting Town Manager. The town approved constructing a surgery and orthopedic center in Dillon in front of the movie theater.

City of Glenwood Springs, Matt Langhorst – The city has four council seats available for the upcoming April election. There is a tax measure on the ballot for more streets. The city started their 2017 bridge street project. They are continuing their work to revamp downtown. The Highway 82 project is anticipated to be completed in November.

Town of Snowmass Village, Alyssa Shenk – After two years of discussion, the comprehensive plan has finally been approved: <https://www.tosv.com/132/Comprehensive-Plan>. Snowmass is debating on raising the age of purchasing tobacco to 21. The town approved the addition of marijuana shops in Snowmass.

Town of Gypsum, Jeremy Riemann – hydro project coming down from main water line. Received generator and installing right now. Gypsum is starting a big roundabout project. The town has worked with neighboring land owner at the Interstate 70/Highway 6 corner that already has retail. The plan is to demolish properties and build new. For anyone interested in mental health issues in our society, Jeremy recommends Jonathan Haidt's book, The Coddling of the American Mind. Jonathan Haidt discusses the book on Joe Rogan's podcast, The Joe Rogan Experience, in episode #1221: <https://player.fm/series/the-joe-rogan-experience-142216/ep-1221-jonathan-haidt>.

Vail Valley Partnership, Chris Romer – The US mountain communities housing summit was really popular and well attended. Click following link to view Vail Daily article about the summit: <https://www.vaildaily.com/news/vail-hosts-4-day-summit-featuring-workforce-affordable-housing-leaders-from-26-mountain-communities/> or Colorado Sun article: <https://coloradosun.com/2019/01/18/affordable-housing-crisis-colorado-high-country/>.

Town of Breckenridge, Brian Waldes – Breckenridge has a short-term rental compliance program, which recently audited the town's short-term rentals: <https://www.summitdaily.com/news/audit-of-breckenridges-short-term-rentals-finds-65-violations-98-percent-compliance-rate/>. They now have a call center to field calls about parking, trash, and noise instead of those calls going to the police. Vail Resorts made plans with the town to develop a parking garage on resort-owned land in 2020: <https://www.summitdaily.com/news/breckenridge-reaches-an-agreement-with-ski-resort-on-parking-garage/>. Breckenridge is working on broadband infrastructure with the Foresite Group and NWCCOG's own, Nate Walowitz.

City of Steamboat Springs, Heather Sloop – Steamboat approved the first reading of the West Steamboat Neighborhoods (WSN) annexation with a 4-3 favor. The proposed WSN development is for about 450 homes: <https://www.weststeamboatneighborhoods.com/>. Steamboat is hosting Winter Carnival with Guinness Book of World Records largest fire work ever. The city is looking into a plastic bag ordinance. They also established a vacation home rental subcommittee.

New Business:

There was none.

Adjournment:

M/S/P Carolyn Skowrya/Kristen Manguso adjourned the NWCCOG Council meeting at 12:22pm.

Presentation: 2020 Census

Presentation by Brian Meinhart and Cassie Heykoop of the US Census Bureau is on the EDD website: <http://northwestcoloradoregion.org/DataCenter/Census-2020.aspx>.

Call to Order:

Patti Clapper, EDD Vice-Chair at 1:22pm. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the groups.

Election of 2019 EDD Officers

The current EDD Officers are as follows: Thomas Clark serves as Chair, Patti Clapper as Vice-Chair, and DiAnn Butler as Secretary/Treasurer. Patti Clapper agreed to serve another year as Vice-Chair, while DiAnn Butler offered to serve as Chair and Kristen Manguso as Secretary/Treasurer in 2019.

M/S/P Karn Stiegelmeier/Chris Romer move to approve DiAnn Butler as EDD Chair, Patti Clapper as Vice-Chair, and Kristen Manguso as Secretary/Treasurer in 2019.

EDD Program Update

Rachel reviewed the workforce housing update and passed out documents provided on the EDD website:

<http://northwestcoloradoregion.org/Live-Work/Housing/Housing-Options.aspx>. Specific materials for her update are on the NWCCOG website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>. The next Economic Summit is on May 4, 2019 at the Pavilion in Silverthorne, CO. Rachel is still gathering potential speakers and panels.

Presentation: How Granby bought land, made a deal for 1,100 Housing Units with Sun Communities; This isn't your Typical Affordable Housing Deal, Aaron Blair, Granby Town Manager

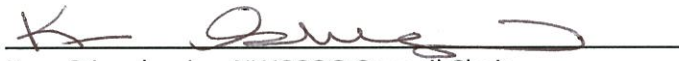
Aaron Blair's presentation is on the NWCCOG website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>.

New Business:

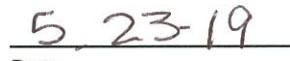
There was none.

Adjournment:

M/S/P Susan Fairweather/Karn Stiegelmeier adjourned the EDD Board meeting at 2:41pm.



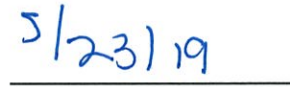
Karn Stiegelmeier, NWCCOG Council Chair



Date



DiAnn Butler, EDD Chair



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