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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: February 10, 2023
RE: Info Update

FEELING LITIGIOUS

Unfortunately, it appears the community's frustrations with the Post Office and USPS have continued. This issue is not new or unique to Parachute. Former Mayor Roy McClung and current Mayor Tom Rugaard have both participated in recent roundtable discussions with Senator Hickenlooper, Senator Bennett, and leadership staff at the USPS to discuss solutions and recommendations for improvement. However, these conversations appear to have yielded little to no results. The Town of Crested Butte recently reached out other rural communities in Colorado to explore possible litigation actions against USPS. In general, the Town of Crested Butte is proposing various communities pool resources to "undertake exploring the U.S. Postal Service's obligations for postal service under the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, including potential litigation against the U.S. Postal Service." We will be discussing this effort, and the possibility of Parachute participating, at the Town Council meeting on 2/16.

SEASON PREMIERE OF HOMETOWN HISTORIC HOUSE MAKEOVER – THURSDAY, 2/16

No, that is not the name of a new HGTV series – it is the latest initiative and project that Town will be undertaking with the Wasson McKay Place. On Thursday, staff will be presenting a draft solicitation to request letters of interest from community members, businesses, organizations, and entrepreneurs for innovative ideas for the historic Wasson McKay house. Pending Town Council approval of the process, Town staff will begin the tenant search. Meanwhile, we will begin the process of the remodel project, which was budgeted for 2023.

LAND USE CODE REWRITE

CPS and Staff presented the Code Assessment Report to Planning Commission this week, and the recommendation is to proceed with an extensive rewrite of Title 15 / the Land Use Code. In doing so, we will implement the recommendations that emerged from the Comprehensive Plan update and make the code more user-friendly for potential businesses and developers. This was a top strategic goal of the Town Council, and it won't be a quick process. The Planning Commission is planning on meeting on this subject monthly, and the recommended edits are expected to be ready in August or September. The

final version and any changes will ultimately be adopted by ordinance through public hearings. Stay tuned...

PARACHUTE PLAN JAM – Wednesday, February 22nd.

Save the date and don't miss Plan Jam on Wednesday, February 22nd from 4-7pm at the Drop In CoWork space – 135 E. 1st Street. Plan Jam will feature the two planning efforts that are currently underway – the Downtown Development Plan and the Trails Plan. We are combining both community engagement opportunities into one exciting evening. Our intent is to make it as easy as possible for members of the community to attend and provide feedback on both plans in one evening. It will be an open house format, so anyone is welcome to attend whenever works best for them. Ayres will be unveiling some initial design concepts for the 1st Street Corridor, and CPS will be there to present the ~90% version of the Trails Plan before it goes to Council for consideration and adoption. Please spread the word, and we'll see you there!

TID BITS:

- We submitted our Technical Assistance Grant for the Co Work space to AGNC this week. We have to present our proposal on February 22nd, and we expect to know the result sometime in March. Stay tuned.
- The newly appointment Planning Commission member, Cole Manupella, recently informed us that he has had some major changes and is unsure if he will be able to serve on the Commission after all. We will begin the recruitment process again. If you know of any candidates, please let us know.
- The Town Council meeting is next week – Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall Council Chambers. The packet is posted and available online.
- Public Works has been busy improving and cleaning out the drainage ditch along Railroad Ave.
- Speaking of being busy, we have been working with our Town Engineer to finalize a lot of plans for upcoming 2023 projects. On deck is the restroom project at the Parachute Adventures boat ramp.
- Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Flores Cruz will be representing the Town at the GVHS basketball games tonight. The High School is recognizing the Town as one of their sponsors.
- Discovery Café held a Meet & Greet at the Drop In Co Work space this week. There are also some private events that have reserved the space this month, so don't be surprised if you see activity in the space.
- Our new Public Works truck is operational and in service. Likewise, our new PATS bus hit the streets this week, and the smaller PATS bus is out of service for maintenance.
- We are working on getting quotes to repair the body damage on one of our police vehicles.
- Our very own Town Clerk, Lucy, once again made an incredible DJ on KSUN this week. She reported a lot of Town news, updates, and upcoming events.
- Bids for our two RFPs (Cardinal Way and the Fuel Station) are due Monday, February 13th. Details can be found online at parachutecolorado.com
- We also have an additional RFP on the streets for the water tank recoating project. An optional pre-bid meeting is on Thursday, February 23rd, and bids will be due on Monday, March 6th. All of the details are once again available on our website.
- We have teamed up with Align Media to help our local businesses improve their marketing game. If you know a local business owner that might be interested in Digital Marketing Assistance, have them complete a request form, here: [Local Business - Visit Parachute.](#)
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)

- Parachute Plan Jam – Wednesday, Feb. 22nd 4 – 7 p.m. – The Drop In | Parachute CoWork
- Chamber of Commerce ‘State of the Community’ – Wednesday, March 8th Rifle Grand River Health
- Parachute Pick Up – April 28 – 29, 2023 – Cottonwood Park
- Wasson McKay Park Grand (RE)Opening – Thursday, May 4, 2023
- Rockmageddon – June 1 – 4, 2023
- Summer TOP Staff Family Barbecue – Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 5:30pm – Cottonwood Park
- Grand Valley Days – August 18 – 20, 2023

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