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QUARTERLY UPDATE for the TOWN COUNCIL and RIDGWAY COMMUNITY: January 2016

This Update is a supplemental report for inclusion in the Town Council agenda packet for the regular monthly meeting, distributing to the community, and for posting on the Town website. It is for informational purposes. Items herein may or may not warrant Council discussion, and do not require Council action unless noted on the meeting agenda.

CDoT/Town RAMP UP RIDGWAY! Project

Advertising now for a Primary Contractor with bids due on January 21st. The mandatory pre-bid meeting was held at Town Hall on January 5th. A number of companies signed into the meeting as potential to be the prime contractor. A number of local companies also attended looking to sub contract parts of the work.

The award is planned to be issued in mid to late February and a **public meeting in Ridgway** will follow the award to provide details to the community.

A project update was issued on January 11th and can be found at Town Hall, on the Town website and CDOT project website soon: https://www.codot.gov/projects/sh62rampupridgway

CDoT Enhancement Project

Under Advertisement with bids due February 4th. We are advertising the rebid of phase 5 of the enhancement project with the pre-bid meeting is scheduled for January 19th with bids due February 4th. The project includes:

- Sidewalk connections on the south side of Charles between Lena and Cora, on Cora between Charles and the alley to the south,
- Sidewalk connection from under the SH 62 bridge to the pathway by the pedestrian bridge,
- Pedestrian lighting on the Riverway trail from Sherman to Otto Streets,
- Pedestrian activated warning light at the SH 62 Amelia crossing.

Water and Sewer Utility Extension Project

On Hold for Winter Weather. We completed a significant amount of work in 2015 planning with property owners and extending and installing utility taps downtown in advance of the RAMP project. We will re-start as soon as the weather allows and work to finish the extensions before RAMP construction begins.

Wastewater

Lift Station Improvements are out to bid. We are closing in on a solution to replace the aged piping, wiring and pumps at the lift station east of Highway 550, and to also accommodate non-disposables impacting the pumps. The problem with wipes that are labeled flushable, not being very flushable continues to receive national attention and several different pump manufacturers are trying to address the problem using different solutions.

GIS Asset Management Database

Reviewing the Assessment and Preparing to bid. We are meeting with the City of Ouray staff in late January to work on a Request for Proposals, which we plan to release in February, for commencing Phase 1 of GIS Utility database development in 2016.

Parks Committee: Urban Forest Management and Tree Inventory

Memorial Donation Procedures and Completion of Tree Inventory for Urban Forest Management Planning. The Parks Committee met in January to finalize a draft of a Memorial Donation procedures for Council consideration. This is planned to be presented to the Town Council in February.

The Town's Tree Inventory, partially sponsored by the Colorado Tree Coalition and the US Forest Service office in Montrose, is now completed and will be reviewed by the Parks Committee for presentation to the Planning Commission and Town Council currently planned for May 18th.

Town Hall and Community Center

Flood renovations are done!

Town Hall and the Community Center now have new flooring and paint throughout! A HUGE thank you to our Public Works Department who moved all the furniture and office equipment and supplies for the work! The windows in the Community Center and some windows in other areas of Town Hall are planned to be replaced this winter.

Ridgway Main Street®

In 2016, from National Main Street through the States, the Main Street program is restructuring to a project-orientation, similar to how we have been working. The Four Points (Organization, Economic Vitality, Design and Historic Preservation, and Promotions) remain essential. Each point should be addressed within 2-3 annual "transformational strategies." Ridgway's for 2016 are: 1) Downtown Beautification (eg: RAMP project) and 2) Encourage/facilitate attainable housing (eg. revise Town policies, identify potential sites).

Ridgway Creative District

The Creative District Committee has selected a new logo, designed by Rick Bickhart, graphic designer and committee member. The new logo graphically demonstrates the Creative District's connection to the Town by utilizing the shapes and colors of the Town's logo while showing that Creatives and creativity move outside the bounds. The new logo also sports the RCD's new tagline which added the word "vibrant" to emphasize its connection to economic vitality.

The RCD Committee is developing its 2016 work plan and MoonWalks schedule and discussing what role it will play around the issue of attainable housing for Creatives. New committee members with implementation enthusiasm and energy are needed.

Job Classification and Compensation Survey

Reports are coming in! We will be reviewing these results in the coming weeks and presenting the results to the Town Council when completed.

THANK YOU KANE SCHEIDEGGER for the BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK DONATION to Town Hall!!