

2019-01-08 LAC Report

Notebook: 2019 Reports & Updates
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Legislative Affairs Coalition Update

January 8, 2019

Durango Sales Tax Update

Since the defeat of Ballot Initiative 2A in November, Durango City Councilors must address how to fiscally sustain the General Fund. This has been identified as the top priority for the City Council.

- Under consideration is whether to go back to voters in April, and if so what the question will entail.
- Another consideration is whether to reauthorize dedicated sales taxes for Parks and Recreation.
- The Council meets in a work session January 8, 4pm at City Hall to discuss the topic and give direction to staff.
- A work session to consider options is scheduled for January 15, 4pm at City Hall (949 E. 2nd Ave).
- See the monthly sales tax snapshot here: <http://www.durangogov.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/338>
- The Sales & Use Tax history report is here: <http://www.durangogov.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/112>

La Plata County Manager Update

- Joanne Spina's resignation as County Manager took effect January 2.
- Chuck Stevens' role as Interim County Manager took effect January 3.
- A nationwide search for a new County Manager is underway in 2019. Here is the [job description](#).

La Plata County District Plans Update

The La Plata County Planning Commission is working with community residents to update the county's 12 area/district plans. Find out more here: <http://lpcdcs.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1942050&pageId=9149762>

- District Plans are on the Planning Commission agenda the first Thursday of the month at 6 pm.
- Fort Lewis Mesa will be holding a Community Open house for their District Plan update from 1- 4 pm Saturday, January 19th, 2019 at the Breen Community Center. [Fort Lewis Mesa District Plan](#)
- The [Animas Valley District Plan](#) update kicked off on 12/10 and is expected to be completed in April.
- Next in line are the [Bayfield Plan](#) which kicks off in February, [Southeast La Plata Plan](#) which kicks off in March, and [Vallecito Plan](#) which kicks off in April.
- The Planning Commission intends to adopt the District Plans in July, August and September of 2019.

La Plata County Commissioners Update

- District 1 Commissioner Clyde Church sits in his first public Board meeting January 8, marking the first time one party has held the Board since 1940. All three commissioners are Democrat.
- Commissioners elected Julie Westendorf as the Board Chair and Clyde Church as Vice Chair on January 8, 2019. Clyde Church will become the liaison f
- As part of ongoing education on Land Use topics, the Board of County Commissioners will hold an overview work session at 1:30 on January 15 in the County Board Room (1101 E. 2nd Ave.) regarding 1041 Powers.
 - 1041 powers allow local governments to identify, designate, and regulate areas and activities of state interest through a local permitting process. The general intention of these powers is to allow for local governments to maintain their control over particular development projects even where the development project has statewide impacts.

La Plata County Building Permits

Month	Single Fam	Man-Mod	Commercial	Plbg-Mech	Other
October	11	5	2	18	17
November	15	5	1	14	15
December	7	6	8	7	17
TOTALS	33	16	11	39	49

Durango Building Permits

Month	Single Fam	Commercial	Plbg-Mech	Other
October	9	1	23	30
November	8	3	32	22
December	4	0	14	6
TOTALS	21	4	69	58

Bayfield Building Permits

Month	Single Fam	Commercial	Plbg-Mech	Other
October	0	1	0	1
November	1	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1	1	0	1

Ignacio Building Permits

Month	Single Fam	Commercial	Plbg-Mech	Other
October	0	0	0	1
November	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	0	0	1

Durango Subdivisions Approved

- Durango City Council approved El Rincon Preliminary Development Plan (2605 Junction Street). The 2.07-acre project by Mark Williamson and Jim Phillippon will have 10 single-family houses, along with safety improvements and a wider sidewalk on the east side of Junction Street.
- Durango City Council approved the Sugnet Preliminary Development Plan (821 East 32nd Street). The project by Paul Sugnet would contain 12 duplex units on six lots, an access drive with a sidewalk on the east side of the project, and an alley, all on 1.39 acres.
- Durango City Council approved the 2706 Junction Street Minor Preliminary Subdivision and 28th Street Right of Way Abandonment. The project by Tracy Reynolds and Sam McCulloch would subdivide one lot into three lots to be used for single-family houses, and would have a portion of the 28th Street right-of-way abandoned to the applicants to square footage needed for the new lots.

Meetings attended Nov 13 - Dec 11

12/11 - 9:15 am LAC meeting	12/18 - 10 am BOCC
12/11 - 10 am BOCC	12/18 - 6:30 pm Durango Council Meeting
12/11 - 3 pm Durango Council Study Session	12/19 - BOCC Discussion Time CANCELLED
12/11 - 4:45 pm Dgo Council Joint Study Session	12/20 - 10 am BOCC Business Meeting
12/12 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	12/20 - Joint Planning Commissions CANCELLED
12/13 - 3 pm BOCC Work Session	1/2 - BOCC Discussion Time CANCELLED
12/13 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	1/2 - 6:30 pm Durango Council Meeting