

2018-09-12 LC Update

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The City of Durango Update

City Council approved the Durango Mesa Area Plan for a 1900 acre park with a special events venue, new fairgrounds, arts and culture park, recreational facilities and multiple other uses.

Question 2A will ask voters to increase sales and use tax by .55% and the mill levy by 5.4 mills (for 25 years) to pay for: construction, operation and maintenance of a Police station and other buildings. street improvements.

La Plata County Flooding following the 416 Fire

County staff is working with National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) and trying to get affected landowners involved in order to support long term recovery efforts.

The County is reaching out to various entities to find gap funding for flood mitigation and matching grants for the EWP effort.

County Land Use Planning/Zoning

The County Planning Department is in the process of updating all 12 LPC District Plans.

Several District Plan updates are completed, including the North La Plata County, Junction Creek and West Durango Districts.

The Florida Road District Plan is wrapping up.

The Florida Mesa District Plan is being drafted in preparation for the October 11th Planning Commission meeting.

On August 29th, the Planning Department presented the concept of Euclidian Zoning to the BOCC. Currently, the County's Comprehensive Plan and District Plans are advisory documents that offer guidance to the BOCC, which is the ultimate authority on proposed development. Under Euclidian Zoning, one is entitled to use the land as it is defined or petition to change the definition.

Subdivisions Approved

8/21 - Rivergate Medical Campus Expansion Variance and Final Development Plan (Lot 3 of Rivergate Planned Development)

Applicant: Capital Growth Medvest

A new medical office building and associated parking structure on Lot 3 in the Rivergate Planned Development. The building will contain offices for several medical practices, an onsite pharmacy, and a surgical center.

8/21 - Crader Lot 3R-PD-1 Minor Subdivision

Applicant: GRVP LLC

3 new lots out of the existing 28.7-acre parcel on the south side of the recently-constructed Wilson Gulch Road. The three lots will consist of a pocket park and two lots for future commercial or mixed use development.

8/23 - LPC Planning Commission approved The Meadows at Edgemont Ranch Unit 3A Phase 2 Preliminary Plat

Applicant & Owner: Highlands Holding Corp.

Agent: Russell Planning & Engineering

53 single family lots, 11.68 acres of open space and a 2.1 acre lot for a future picnic site on 29.778 acres located in the area generally bounded by CR 240, The Silver Queen and CR 234.

9/4 - Escalante Village Preliminary Plan (224 Baker Lane)

Applicant: Robert Lieb, representing Durango Threadworks, Inc.

A tiny home rental park for 22 units and associated uses on approximately 1.77 acres of land located at 224 Baker Lane. All of the homes will be less than 400 sf in size. www.escalantevillage.com

9/4 - Crites Property Planned Development Conceptual Plan (2605 Junction Street)

Applicant: Mark Williamson and Jim Phillopon

A Conceptual Development Plan for the property at 2605 Junction Street. The applicants plan to create a 10-lot development for single-family houses, with a private access drive off Junction Street.

The following citizen-led initiatives have made the Nov. 6 ballot – Ballots will be mailed on or about October 15, 2018.

- Amendment 73, formerly [Initiative 93](#), a constitutional amendment that would raise state income tax for people who earn more than \$150,000 a year to increase public school funding.

Favor - Great Education Colorado Issue Committee

Oppose - Don't Turn Colorado Into California

- Proposition 112, formerly [Initiative 97](#), by State Statute it would impose a 2,500' setback requirement for oil and gas development making 99% of La Plata County off limits for new wells.

Favor - Colorado Rising for Health and Safety

Oppose - Protecting Colorado's Environment, Economy, and Energy Independence (Protect Colorado)

- Amendment 74, formerly [Initiative 108](#) a constitutional amendment that would to require that property owners be compensated for any reduction in property value caused by state laws or regulations.

Favor -Committee for Colorado's Shared Heritage

Oppose - Save Our Neighborhoods

- Proposition 111, formerly [Initiative 126](#) by State Statute it would restrict the charges on payday loans to a yearly rate of 36 percent and would eliminate all other finance charges and fees associated with payday lending.

Favor - Coloradans To Stop Predatory Payday Loans

No registration of Opposition, yet

- Proposition 110 formerly, [Initiative 153](#), The State Statute measure would increase the states' sales and use tax rate by 0.62 percent from 2.9 percent to 3.52 percent for transportation: highway fund, local transportation priorities fund, and the multimodal transportation options.

Favor - Coloradans For Coloradans

No registration of Opposition, yet

- Proposition 109, formerly [Initiative 167](#), The State Statute would authorize \$3.5 billion in bonds to fund statewide transportation projects including bridge expansion, construction, maintenance, and repairs, and require that the state repay the debt from the general fund without raising taxes.

Favor - Fix Our Damn Roads

No registration of Opposition, yet

- Amendment 75, formerly [Initiative 173](#), a constitutional amendment regarding campaign contributions.

Favor - Stop Buying Our Elections

No registration of Opposition, yet

Also on the ballot are [six measures](#) referred by the Colorado General Assembly:

- [Amendment V](#), age requirement for legislators

No registered issue committees

- [Amendment W](#), election ballot format for judicial retention elections

No registered issue committees

- [Amendment X](#), industrial hemp definition

No registered issue committees

- [Amendment Y](#), congressional redistricting

Favor -Fair Maps Colorado

- [Amendment Z](#), legislative redistricting

Favor - Fair Maps Colorado

- [Amendment A](#), prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude

Favor - Abolish Slavery Colorado

Meetings attended 8/9/18 - 9/9/18 (16 meetings):

Aug 9	2:30 pm	Training session with Christi Zeller
Aug 14	10 am	BOCC Business Meeting
Aug 14	1 pm	BOCC Study Session
Aug 15	8:30 am	BOCC Discussion Time
Aug 21	10 am	BOCC Planning Meeting
Aug 21	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting
Aug 22	8:30 am	BOCC Discussion Time
Aug 23	6 pm	LPC Planning Commission
Aug 27	6 pm	City Planning Commission
Aug 28	10 am	BOCC Business Meeting
Aug 29	8:30 am	BOCC Discussion Time
Aug 29	1 pm	BOCC Study Session
Sep 4	10 am	BOCC Planning Meeting
Sep 4	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting
Sep 5	8:30 am	BOCC Discussion Time
Sept 6	6 pm	LPC Planning Commission