

2019-03-12 LAC Report

Notebook: 2019 Reports & Updates

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Legislative Affairs Coalition Update

March 12, 2019

Durango City Council Election

Ballots will be mailed March 16. Election day is April 2.

Four Candidates are vying for 2 seats on Durango City Council.

- Kim Baxter - age 62, retired consultant and small-business owner, priority is cost of living, opposes Measure 1A
- Barbara Noseworthy - age 60, strategic planning consultant, priority is city's fiscal sustainability, opposes Measure 1A
- Jamie McMillan - age 51, financial adviser, priority is jobs and attracting new employers, opposes Measure 1A
- Marcos Wisner - age 31, small-business owner, priority is updating the land use code and supporting business, supports Ballot Measure 1A

Durango Sales & Use Tax Update

Also on the April ballot is measure 1A. If approved, the measure would raise sales tax by .5 % to fund street maintenance and improvements.

- Opposing 1A is a group called United for Durango's Future, registered by David McHenry.
- Supporting 1A is a group called Citizens for Making Durango A#1, registered by Christina Rinderle.
- See the monthly sales tax snapshot here:
<http://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/13720/January-2019-Sales-Tax-Report>
- The Sales & Use Tax history report is here:
<http://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/13706/taxhistory>

Sign Code Updates

Local municipalities are updating their sign codes due to a recent Supreme Court ruling requiring sign regulations to be

‘content neutral’.

- **Durango determined that it would still prohibit ‘sandwich board’ signs in the public right of way. But staff said they would continue to discuss the topic in March to see if a compromise could be developed.**
- New proposed regulations would allow sandwich board signs with some restrictions, including:
 - Must be located within 6’ of the business entrance and maintain 4’ of sidewalk clearance
 - Must be secured or anchored
 - Must be permitted and location must be approved by city staff.
- Newly proposed regulations will be considered at the Planning Commission on March 18 at 6pm at City Hall.
- **View Durango’s Current Land Use and Development Code regarding temporary signage here: <http://online.encodeplus.com/regs/durango-co/doc-viewer.aspx#secid-1454>**
- View the update to Bayfield’s sign code here: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/townofbayfield/sign-code-update>

Bonita Peak Mining District (BPMD) Update

- The BPMD Community Advisory Group (CAG) holds its next meeting March 28, location and time TBD.
- EPA has completed the Aquatic Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA), which suggests that aquatic ecological receptors in many portions of the BPMD are at risk from low pH and elevated metal concentrations.

La Plata County Land Use Code Update

- Following a BOCC work session on “1041” regulations, staff is drafting and developing regulations as a stand-alone chapter of the county code pertaining to the following areas & activities of state interest:
 - Domestic water & sewage treatment systems
 - Solid waste disposal sites
 - Airports

- Highways & interchanges
- Public utility major facilities
- New communities
- Municipal & industrial water projects
- Mineral resource areas
- Natural hazard areas
- The draft areas & activities of state interest regulations will be circulated for public input prior to adoption.

La Plata County District Plans Update

- [Fort Lewis Mesa District Plan](#) is currently underway. The group meets at 7pm at the Breen Community Building on March 18 and April 1.
- The draft for the [Animas Valley District Plan](#) is expected to be completed in April. The group will hold its next meeting on March 13.
- The [Bayfield Plan](#) will kick off on March 20 with an Open House at 6 pm at the Bayfield Senior Center (111 West South Street).
- District Plans are on the Planning Commission agenda the first Thursday of the month. The meeting is held at 6 pm at the County Administration Building.
- Visit the [District Plan Update webpage](#) for an overview of the update process.
- For details and background materials on all of the policy topics visit the [Land Use Code Revision project page](#).

Durango Subdivisions Approved

- **On 2/25, Durango Planning Commission approved Volunteers of America Senior Housing in Three Springs Preliminary Plan, Minor Subdivision and Major Site Plan Review.**
- **On 2/25, Durango Planning Commission approved Twin Buttes Lot #15 and Lot #16 Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plan.**
- **On 2/19, Durango City Council approved a Request from GRVP, LLC for a Preliminary Plan/Plat for Lot 62 of Three Springs Village One. GRVP LLC, plans to subdivide an existing lot into 18 single-family home lots, a culde-sac, and associated open space.**

Meetings attended February 12 - March 12

2/12 - 10 am BOCC Meeting

2/12 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session

2/13 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time

2/14 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission CANCELLED

2/19 - 10 am BOCC Meeting CANCELLED

2/19 - 6:30 pm Durango Council Meeting

2/20 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time

2/21 - 6 pm Joint Planning Commission CANCELLED

2/25 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission

2/26 - 10 am BOCC Discussion Tim

2/26 - 1:30 pm BOCC Study Session

2/26 - 4:30 pm Durango Council Study Session CANCELLED

2/27 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time

2/27 - 1:30 pm Meet & Greet with Clyde Church

2/28 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission

3/5 - 10 am BOCC Meeting CANCELLED

3/5 - 6:30 pm Durango Council Meeting

3/6 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time

3/7 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission