

2019-08-13 LAC Report

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Legislative Advisory Coalition Update

August 13, 2019

La Plata County 1041 Powers

- The Board of County Commissioners is considering regulations governing "Areas and Activities of State Interest," also known as, "1041 Powers," regarding large-scale projects that have impacts beyond the local level.
- Public comment on the draft regulations closed August 9.
- Read the draft regulations here:
http://lpceds.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1323669/Image/Government/Departments/Planning/Chapter69_Areas_Activities_of_State_Interest_DRAFT.pdf
- The board will consider the regulations on Sept 17th.

La Plata County District Plan Updates

- The Planning Commission considered the District Plans for [North County](#), [Junction Creek](#), [West Durango](#), and [Florida Road](#) on Aug 8, but the plans were not ready to be pre-certified. They are currently undergoing attorney and staff review and will be circled back to District Planning Groups. Commissioners will consider the plans again at a work session on August 21, from 5 - 7pm at 1101 E. 2nd Ave.
- County attorneys will review the plans again in September and October. They will be certified in November.
- See the District Plans Legal Review Criteria here:
http://lpceds.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1323669/File/La%20Plata%20County's%20Community%20Development%20Services%20Department%20Migration/Plan_8779-4845%20v.2.pdf
- The plan is for the next group ([Animas Valley](#), [Ft. Lewis Mesa](#), [Florida Mesa](#)) to be reviewed by the PC on Sept 12, and the final group ([Bayfield](#), [Southeast](#), [Vallecito](#)) on Oct 10. All plans require Attorney review.
- All certifications are planned for the month of November.

Homeless Camping Site Update

- On July 11, La Plata County Sheriff Sean Smith put forth a suggestion to use a city-owned property near the Purple Cliffs for camping. The City of Durango staff evaluated the site but did not find it to be appropriate.
- City Councilors Kim Baxter and Barbara Noseworthy have expressed a strong desire to find a location as soon as possible for the homeless community to camp.
- City Councilors Chris Bettin and Dean Brookie have expressed that the main sticking point for any camping is a lack of experienced management of such a site.

Homelessness Strategic Plan

- La Plata County and the City of Durango have co-funded an effort to develop a strategic plan to identify short-, mid-, and long-term strategies to reduce homelessness in La Plata County, with a focus on areas within and around the City of Durango.
- The Planning and Action Team on Homelessness (PATH) meets regularly and is in the process of drafting strategies.
- On July 29 there was a State Housing Workshop on Affordable Housing to help local entities identify and prepare for State funding.

Durango-La Plata County Airport

- DRO experienced its busiest June of all time.
- Seasonal non-stop Saturday service to and from Chicago and Houston and continued seasonal non-stop Saturday service to and from Los Angeles helped boost June's passenger traffic by 8.1% over 2018.
- Year-to-date passenger traffic was up 2.6%.

Durango Water Rates Update

- Raftelis Consultants gave the Durango City Council two options for building a water treatment plant at Ridges Basin to pull water from Lake Nighthorse. Each option requires at least a 2% increase in water rates and the use of at least \$9 million of reserve funds from 2020 to 2025.
- City Councilors heard the draft water and sewer rate study at a work session on July 23 and did not make a decision on the proposal.

Durango Sales & Use Tax Update

- See the monthly sales tax snapshot here: <http://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/13720/June-2019-Sales-Tax-Snapshot-Report?bidId=>
- The Sales & Use Tax history report is here: <http://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/13706/Sales-Tax-History-Report?bidId=>

Durango Subdivisions Approved

- On 7/9/19, Durango City Council approved a subdivision at 875 E. 5th Street. The applicant, Brian Fredrick, will split the existing lot of approximately 11,289 square feet into two smaller lots. One of the new lots will be occupied by the existing house, and the other new lot will be used for future development of a single-family house and an ADU.
- On 7/22/19, Durango Planning Commission approved a subdivision of Lot 71 in the Phase 1 Filing 1B area of Twin Buttes. Applicants Todd Slater and Tim Bernardino propose to build one single-family home on each of the lots.

La Plata County Subdivisions Approved

- On 8/5/19, the BOCC approved the Blue Collar Preliminary Plat Subdivision. Bruce and Paula Berg proposed a seven lot subdivision to be created from three existing lots located in the vicinity of County Road 225A within the Florida Mesa Planning District. Location: 451 CR 510 Durango, CO 81303

Meetings attended July 9 - August 13

7/9 - 9:15 am LAC Meeting	7/24 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
7/9 - 10 am BOCC Business Meeting	7/24 - 1 pm BOCC Study Session
7/9 - 2:30 pm BOCC Work Session	7/25 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission CANCELLED
7/9 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	7/29 - 9 am Housing Meeting
7/10 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	7/30 - 10 am BOCC CANCELLED
7/11 - 7:30 am Joint City/County Meeting	7/31 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time CANCELLED
7/11 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	8/1 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
7/16 - 10 am BOCC Planning Meeting	8/6 - 10 am BOCC Planning Meeting
7/16 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	8/6 - 4:30 pm Durango Council Study Session
7/16 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	8/6 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
7/17 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	8/7 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
7/18 - 6pm Joint Planning Commission CANCELLED	8/8 - 5 pm Durango Budget Meeting
7/22 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission	8/8 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
7/23 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	