

2019-09-10 LAC Report

Notebook: 2019 Reports & Updates
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Legislative Advisory Coalition Update

September 10, 2019

La Plata County 1041 Powers

- County staff has drafted proposed 1041 regulations. Read the draft regulations here: http://lpcds.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1323669/Image/Government/Departments/Planning/Chapter69_Areas_Activities_of_State_Interest_DRAFT.pdf
- The county is currently accepting public comment and will consider the proposed regulations on September 17, 2019.

La Plata County Land Use Code Updates

- La Plata county staff presented recommendations to the Board of La Plata County Commissioners on September 4, 2019. The recommendations are:
 1. Based upon public process to date, revised land use code will not pursue Euclidean zoning countywide.
 2. Improve performance-based zoning system that is currently in place.
 3. Land use classifications will not be included in this code revision.
 4. Create a process to identify and designate economic development areas.

La Plata County District Plan Updates

- There is tension between county staff and the public as the draft District Plans go through legal review by the County Attorney's office.
- Members of some groups that drafted the District Plans have expressed concern over redlining of the plans and added language.
- A primary concern is to maintain the intent and individuality of the plans as drafted.
- The plans are expected to be certified by the Planning Commission in November.

Durango City Manager Update

- City Manager Ron LeBlanc announced on August 20 that he plans to retire early in 2020.
- LeBlanc has been Durango's city manager since October, 2007.

Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Update

- Since a symposium in May, Durango city staff has been researching URA organizational models and communicating with other municipalities to determine the best approach for Durango.
- Staff plans to go to Montrose in mid-September to continue learning and moving forward with crafting a URA formation proposal.
- URA's are a vehicle for public/private partnerships to incentivize redevelopment and reinvestment.
- This will be a topic of Eggs and Issues on September 12 at 8 am at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel.

Durango Greenhouse Gas and Renewable Energy Goals

- On August 20, Durango City Council adopted a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80% from 2016 levels by 2050, with an interim goal of 30% from 2016 levels by 2030.
- The renewable electricity goal is to have 100% renewable electricity by 2050, with an interim goal of 50% renewable electricity by 2030.

- See the Draft Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory here: <http://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/15191/2016-Community-Inventory-FINAL-DRAFT?bidId=>
- According to the above document, the City will consider potential emissions reduction goals in line with comparable cities and use the inventory to inform Sustainability Action Plan update process.
- See the Sustainability Action Plan here: <http://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/5109/Sustainability-Action-Plan?bidId=>

Durango City Council Goals Update

- City Council adopted new policy goals for the first time in five years. The Five goals are:
 - Goal 1: Continue to address Durango’s affordable/attainable housing, including options for homeless population
 - Goal 2: Expand Durango’s unique identity as a driver of enhanced quality of life and sense of place
 - Goal 3: Improve environmental resiliency and encourage responsible stewardship of natural resources
 - Goal 4: Require & support effective utilization of resources to supply safety, sanitation, and mobility
 - Goal 5: Advance fiscal sustainability and resiliency

Durango Sales & Use Tax Update

- The Sales & Use Tax history report is here: <http://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/13706/Sales-Tax-History-Report?bidId=>

Bayfield Volunteer Opportunity

- The Board of Trustees for the Town of Bayfield is seeking a qualified resident to volunteer to fill a vacant seat on the Planning Commission. There is typically one meeting per month, on the second Tuesday of each month. The appointment is for a four (4) year term. For consideration, letters of interest are due at Town Hall by 5:00 PM, September 25, 2019. Please contact Town Hall at (970) 884-9544 with any questions.

Durango Subdivisions Approved

- On August 20, Durango City Council approved a Preliminary Minor Subdivision for Lot 71 in Twin Buttes Phase I Filing IB. The request is by Todd Slater and Tim Bernardino. The existing lot is 14,113 square feet and the subdivision would result in two smaller lots, with a single-family house planned for each lot. The two lots will be a 7,492 square foot northern lot with directly access onto Tipple Avenue, and a 6,578 square foot lot that will face Tipple Avenue but will access Arnica Court.
- On August 26, Durango Planning Commission approved a proposal from Gregg Boysen to subdivide the approximately .88 acre (38,333 square foot) lot containing an existing single-family residence at 780 Hidden Valley Circle into two smaller lots. The existing house will be on proposed Lot 1A which will be approximately .341 acres or 14,854 sf. The new vacant lot being created by this subdivision, proposed Lot 1B, will be approximately .539 acres or 23,479 sf in size and will be available for future construction of a single-family residence.

La Plata County Subdivisions Approved

- On August 22, La Plata County Planning Commission approved the Jividen Preliminary Plat Subdivision, a proposal to subdivide 29 acres into 11.8 and 16.9 acres. Location: Address TBD, S. Hwy 550

Meetings attended August 13 - September 10

8/13 - 9:15 am LAC Meeting	8/22 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
8/13 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda	8/26 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission
8/13 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	8/27 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda
8/14 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	8/27 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session
8/15 - 6 pm Joint Planning Commission CANCELLED	8/28 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
8/20 - 10 am BOCC Planning Agenda	8/28 - 4 pm BOCC Study Session
8/20 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	9/3 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda CANCELLED
8/20 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	9/3 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
8/21 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time CANCELLED	9/4 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time

8/21 - 2 pm BOCC Study Session

9/4 - 10 am BOCC Work Session

9/5 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission