

2020-06-09 LAC Report

Notebook: 2020 Reports & Updates

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Legislative Advisory Coalition Update for June 9, 2020

Reopening Update

- Last week, the state of Colorado allowed developed recreation activities, short-term rentals, and houses of worship to reopen with capacity restrictions and requirements for social distancing and cleaning.
- San Juan Basin Public Health has issued a public health order for La Plata County to require that these operations complete an infection prevention checklist and self-certify their compliance with state public health orders to SJBPH.
- Operations in La Plata County must self-certify by June 11th or prior to opening to the public.
- Self Certification: <https://forms.laplata.co.us/Forms/BusinessCert>

Virtual Meetings Update

- The city of Durango plans to continue to hold virtual meetings through July 15th.
- La Plata County was scheduled to discuss a resolution on Tuesday, June 9th that would allow some in person public comment during meetings while following strict guidelines related to room occupancy, social distancing and face coverings.
- Read the draft resolution here: <http://laplatacountyco.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=4&ID=20549&MeetingID=4138>

Durango Main Ave Update

- The city of Durango is considering a plan to open the public right of way on Main Avenue in downtown Durango. Any plan put forward has to be endorsed by the majority of businesses.
- The plan is to take the road from 4 lanes down to 2. The plan includes bump out platforms, which would take up about 60 parking spaces.
- With permitting, bistros would be able to expand on the sidewalk as long as they reach the ADA sidewalk requirements.

Durango City Manager Search

- Durango City Councilors received a packet of qualified candidates in late May with the task of ranking the candidates. Slavin Consultants will compile the rankings.
- The top candidates will undergo background checks in early June.

Durango Financial Update

- Sales tax in April was down 10.3% and 15% in May.
- Lodgers tax was down 51% in April and 15% for the year.
- Tax Snapshot for April: <https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/17333/April-2020-Sales-Tax-Snapshot-PDF>

La Plata County Land Use Code Updates

- La Plata County's Draft Land Use Code was released May 11th.
- The County has been hosting public workshops about the code. New highlights of the document include sections on Planned Unit Developments, uses by right under the Ag Plus designation, and new thresholds for review of home based businesses, among other changes.
- Additional workshops to discuss Commercial and Industrial Developments and Subdivisions are scheduled for 6pm on June 9th and 11:30am on June 10th.
- Road Level of Service Standards, Road Construction Standards and Drainage & Erosion Control Standards will be discussed at 2pm on June 12th.
- Other Special Topics will be discussed at 6pm on June 16th and 11:30am on June 17th
- The Planning Commission is hosting joint work sessions with the Board of County Commissioners June 11th at 6pm and June 18th at 6pm. There will be a 45 min listening session after each meeting for the public to give input.
- Comments and feedback is being taken. All feedback received by June 26 will be included in the next draft.
- Comment Portal: http://lpcdcs.org/planning/land_use_code_revision_project
- Email to comment: NewCode@co.laplata.co.us

Independent La Plata County Commission Candidate Update

- Registered voters of any affiliation, including Democrats and Republicans, can sign a petition to place Jack Turner (District 2) and Charly Minkler (District 3) on the ballot for La Plata County Commissioner. 600+ valid signatures are required.
- Saturday, June 13 - IGNACIO 8:00 – 10:30 AM Porky's Smokehouse; 85 Goddard Ave
DURANGO Noon – 4:30 PM Durango High School Parking Lot; 2390 Main Ave
- Saturday, June 20 - BREEN 8:00 – 10:30 AM Breen Community Building; 15300 Highway140
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LPC Projects Approved

- On 5/14/20, the La Plata Planning Commission approved the 2020 Buffalo Arena Temporary Use Permit. This was a request for a Temporary Use Permit to hold equestrian events May 23rd through September 19th, 2020 on a 65 acre site located at 664 High Lama Lane.
- On 5/14/20, the La Plata Planning Commissioner approved the Steward Gate Subdivision and boundary adjustment. The request by the Richard Wheeler Revocable Trust Proposed a boundary adjustment between two parcels totaling 42 acres and a subdivision to create two additional parcels resulting in a total of four parcels of 4.49, 4.89, 11.27, and 19.5 ac plus 1.84 ac dedicated for CR 207 located at 2497 & 2619 CR 207.
- On 5/14/20, the La Plata County Planning Commission approved the Range Subdivision Preliminary Plat. The proposal by Casey and Margo Lafferty is to subdivide a 40.79 acre parcel into 3 single-family residential lots (7.02 ac, 6.27 ac and 27.5 ac) located at 1139 CR 303.

Durango Projects Approved

- On 5/19/20, Durango City Council approved the Southfork Storage Expansion Planned Development Preliminary Plan and Conditional Use Permit. The planned expansion includes the relocation and slight expansion of the existing office, and the addition of approximately 48,700 square feet of additional structured storage space in the Grandview area.
- On 6/1/20, Rosemary Lane Re-Zone, Abandonment, and Conceptual Planned Development. The applicant, Jake Lavin, has proposed a Conceptual Planned Development, Re-Zone and right-of-way abandonment for the roughly 2.4 acre property along the western portion of Rosemary Lane. The proposal is for a new residential development that would include 16 single family lots, 9 of which may include Accessory Dwellings.

Meetings attended May 12 - June 9

5/12 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda	5/26 - 6 pm Land Use Code Workshop
5/12 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	5/27 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time
5/13 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time	5/28 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
5/13 - 1:30 pm BOCC Study Session	5/29 - 2 pm Land Use Code Workshop
5/14 - 6 pm LPC Planning	6/1 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission
5/15 - 8:30 am BOCC Study Session	6/2 - 10 am BOCC Special Business Agenda
5/19 - 10 am BOCC Planning Agenda CANCELLED	6/2 - 1 pm BOCC Work Session
5/19 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council	6/2 - 2 pm BOCC Work Session
5/20 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time	6/2 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
5/20 - 1pm BOCC Work Session	6/3 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time
5/21 - 6 pm Joint Planning Commission CANCELLED	6/3 - 11:30 am Land Use Code Workshop
5/26 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda	6/4 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission Work Session
5/26 - 3 pm Durango Council Study Session	6/5 - 2 pm Land Use Code Workshop

