

2020-07-14 LAC Report

Notebook: 2020 Reports & Updates

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Legislative Advisory Coalition Update for July 14, 2020

Land Use Code Update

- La Plata County has released Version 2 of the Draft Land Use Code to the public. Find it here: https://cms9.revize.com/revize/laplatacounty/planning/LUC%20new/DRAFT_La_Plata_County_Land_Use_Code_2020_V.2.pdf
- The LPC Planning Commission will hold public hearings on the Code Thursday, July 16th from 6-8pm and on Thursday, July 23rd from 6-8pm.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold public hearings August 4 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm and on August 11 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm.
- Public comments may be made any time online using the [Comment Portal](#) or via email to NewCode@co.laplata.co.us. Comments may also be during the hearings via Zoom or in person at La Plata County Administration Building in the Board Room.
- All public comments received by August 14, 2020 will be considered for Version 3 of the draft land use code.

Durango Financial Update

- Interim Finance Director Devon Schmidt said the Durango is about \$2m short in revenues year to date (Jan - May). Sales tax is down 15% in May and 4.3% for the year. Use tax is down 40% in May.
- See the report here: <https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/17497/May-2020-Sales-Tax-Snapshot-PDF>
- The Sales Tax History Report is here: <https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/16282/Sales-Tax-History-Report?bidId=>

LPC Financial Update

- Finance Director Adam Rogers reported to the BOCC that LPC Sales taxes are doing better than anticipated. Sales tax collections for May show an increase of 42.78% in comparison to the same period in 2019. Year to date, Sales tax has increased 23.12% over the same period in 2019. However, it has been identified that a significant one time sale of assets occurred in March 2020 resulting in a one-time collection of \$627,156. Severance tax came in higher than anticipated.
- See the Tax Collection Report here: <https://cms9files.revize.com/laplatacounty/finance-procurement/Tax%20Collection%20Reports/2020/2020%20Historical%20Tax%20Collection%20-%20May%202020.pdf>

La Plata County Commissioners Election Information

- Charly Minkler (I), District 3 candidate: www.minklerforcommissioner.com

- Total contributions \$11,773.99
- Matt Salka (D), District 3 candidate: <https://www.mattsalka.com/>
 - Total contributions \$8,372.28
- Marsha Porter-Norton (D), District 2 candidate: <https://www.marshaporternorton.com/>
 - Total contributions \$33,336.00
- Jack Turner (I), District 2 candidate: <https://electjackturner.com/>
 - Total contributions \$15,621.85

Volunteer Opportunities

- The Durango City Council is seeking volunteers interested in serving on the following City Boards and Commissions:
 - Creative Economy Commission
 - Durango Local Licensing Authority
 - Land Use and Development Code Board of Adjustment
 - Community Relations Commission
 - Mayor’s Youth Advisory Commission
 - Infrastructure Advisory Board
- Applications are due by close of business at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15. For more information, contact Amy Phillips at Amy.Phillips@DurangoGov.org or (970) 375-5015.
- The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners are seeking La Plata County residents who wish to serve on the following county boards and commissions:
 - Planning Commission
 - Durango-La Plata County Airport Commission
 - Community Corrections Board
 - Pine River Library District Board
- Board descriptions and an online application are available at www.co.laplata.co.us/apply. For additional information, please contact Carly DeLong at (970) 382-6219, or by email at carly.delong@co.laplata.co.us.

LPC Projects Approved

- On 6/16, the BOCC approved The Range Subdivision Preliminary Plat, a proposal to subdivide a 40.79 acre parcel into 3 single-family residential lots (7.02 ac, 6.27 ac and 27.5 ac). Location: 1139 CR 303
- On 7/7, the BOCC approved The Steward Gate Subdivision and Boundary Adjustment Preliminary/Final Plat, 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. It is located at 2497 & 2619 CR 207.
- On 7/7, the BOCC approved the Woodchuck Tree Services Class 2 project, for a tree cutting service with outdoor storage of equipment and office on 1.01 acre lot. Location: 29639 US Hwy 160 E.

Durango Projects Approved

- On 6/29, the Durango Planning Commission approved the Cummins Annexation, Initial Zoning and Conceptual Development Plan. The Cummins property is a 4.18-acre vacant lot at the western corner of the intersection of Florida Road and Colorado Avenue. The property will have an initial zoning of PD. Up to 37 units are planned, with a mix of single-family homes, patio homes and townhouses.
- On 6/29, the Durango Planning Commission approved a lot consolidation and boundary adjustment replatting between the Barker and Quiet properties located at 7 Carol Drive and 405 W 28th Street and rezoning of the Quiet property from RA, Rural Agriculture to EN4-B.
- On 6/29, the Durango PC approved the Wehmeyer Rezone and Boundary Adjustment, moving the common property line between 915 and 1000 Hidden Valley Circle 15 feet to the west.
- On 6/20, the Durango PC approved the Walecki-Hamill Boundary Adjustment moving the common property line between 2305 and 2303 Hermosa Avenue.
- On 7/7, Durango City Council approved a request from developer Jake Lavin for review and approval of an Abandonment, Rezone, and Conceptual Development Plan for a new residential subdivision along the western portion of Rosemary Lane. The concept is a 16-lot subdivision with single family homes, at least 9 of which may be eligible to include Accessory Dwelling Units.
- On 7/7, Durango City Council approved the Proposed Crader Lot 2R-B (Southfork Gateway) Preliminary Minor Subdivision. The project would result in three commercial lots for future development on 38.45 acres.

Meetings attended June 9 - July 14

6/9 - 10 am BOCC Business Meeting	6/23 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda
6/9 - 3 pm Durango Council Study Session	6/23 - 4 pm Durango City Council Study Session
6/9 - 6 pm Land Use Code Workshop	6/24 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time
6/10 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time	6/25 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
6/11 - 6 pm Land Use Code Workshop	6/29 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission
6/12 - 2 pm Land Use Code Workshop	6/30 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda
6/16 - 10 am BOCC Planning Meeting	7/1 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time
6/16 - 10:01 am BOCC Business Meeting	7/2 - 11 am DAAR Government Affairs Committee
6/16 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	7/7 - 10 am BOCC Planning Agenda
6/17 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time	7/8 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time
6/17 - 11:30 am Land Use Code Workshop	7/9 - 3 pm Joint Durango Council/BOCC Study Session
6/18 - 6 pm LPC/BOCC Work Session & Listening Session	7/9 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
6/19 - 2 pm Land Use Code Workshop	7/14 - 9:15 am LAC Meeting