

2020-09-08 LAC Report

Notebook: 2020 Reports & Updates

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Legislative Advisory Coalition Update for September 8, 2020

Durango Hiring Update

- At the September 4, 2020 Special Meeting, Durango City Council voted to approve the employment contract to hire Jose Madrigal as the City Manager. Madrigal will start September 14th at a salary of \$210,000.00 per year.
- At the August 25, 2020 Study Session, Interim City Manager Amber Blake said she will pause the search for a new Finance Director. Amber said she will move forward in selecting finalists but will leave the final choice to the new City Manager.

Durango Homeless Camp Update

- Durango City Council directed staff to draft a lease for a managed, homeless transitional camp near Greenmount Cemetery.
- The lease will be introduced at the next City Council regular meeting on September 15th.

Durango Financial Update

- Sales Tax in July was down 5.9% and down 4.9% year to date.
- Lodgers Tax in July was down 51.4% and down 43.7% year to date.
- See the July snapshot here: <https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/17818/July-2020-Sales-Tax-Snapshot-PDF>
- The tax history report is here: <https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/16282/Sales-Tax-History-Report?bidId=>

Land Use Code Update

- On August 20, 2020, the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners gave direction to staff for the 3rd and final draft of the Land Use Code.
- Read Version 3 here:
https://cms9files.revize.com/laplatacounty/Draft_La_Plata_County_Land_Use_Code_2020_V.3.pdf
- The BOCC will consider adoption of the draft Code on Tuesday, September 15 at noon.

- Once adopted, the new Code would likely become effective early or mid October.

LPC Financial Update

- Sales tax collections for July show an increase of 11.45% in comparison to the same period in 2019. Year to date, Sales tax has increased 17.02% over the same period in 2019.
- Lodger's tax collections for Quarter 1 show a decrease of -18.05% from the same period in 2019.
- Highway User's tax payments for June 2020 are down by -39.02% compared to the same period in 2019. Year to date, Highway Users Tax is down by -16.71% over the same period in 2019.
- Historical Tax Collection report is here: <https://cms9files.revize.com/laplatacounty/finance-procurement/Tax%20Collection%20Reports/2020/2020%20Historical%20Tax%20Collection%20-%20July%202020.pdf>

Bonita Peak Volunteer Opportunity

- The Bonita Peak Community Advisory Group (CAG), a voluntary advisory group to EPA and their agency partners regarding the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund site is currently looking for one new member.
- Members must live in the area affected by the site (the Animas River watershed). Appointments are generally for three years. Meetings occur monthly and are open to the public.
- Please send an email by Sept. 14th to bonitapeakcag@gmail.com .

Bayfield Volunteer Opportunity

- Bayfield Board of Trustees is seeking letters of interest to fill a trustee vacancy. Interested individuals must be a registered voter of Bayfield, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of Bayfield for a minimum of 12 consecutive months. First review deadline is September 10, 2020
- Applicants should include a description of interest in serving as a member of the Bayfield Board of Trustees, brief resume, and contact information in their submissions. Submit to Town Manager Katie Sickles via email, ksickles@bayfieldgov.org ; mail to PO Box 80, Bayfield, CO 81122; or deliver to Town Hall, 1199 Bayfield Parkway. Call 970-884-9544 ext 101 with questions.

LPEA Volunteer Opportunity

- LPEA is now accepting applications for a director seat in District 4. The successful director candidate will fill the position vacated by Director Jack D. Turner upon the conclusion of the LPEA Board of Directors Meeting on September 16th, 2020 and will hold the position until the expiration of Director Turner's original term, occurring at the Annual Member Meeting in 2022.
- To be eligible, candidates must: be a member of LPEA for at least one year immediately prior to becoming a director; be a bona fide resident of District 4 (North & East La Plata County) for at

least 120 days prior to becoming a director; not be employed by, or have a spouse or child employed by, LPEA in any position.

- To apply, candidates must submit an application form together with a cover letter, resume, and signed Qualifications Affidavit by 12pm Friday Sept 11th, 2020. Applications must be emailed to Board President Britt Bassett at bbassett@lpea.coop , with the subject line: Board Vacancy Application

Ignacio Building Permits

	Single Fam New	Redmodel/Add	Commercial New/Remodel	Mechanical/ Plumbing	Other
April	0	1	0	0	0
May	0	1	0	0	1
June	0	2	0	0	1
	0	4	0	0	2

Durango Projects Approved

- On August 24, the Durango Planning Commission approved the Larkin Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plan, Abandonment and Rezone. The owners proposed purchasing adjacent property from the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and combining it with their existing lot.
- On August 24, the Durango Planning Commission approved the Maverik at Southfork Gateway Preliminary Plan. SEH Incorporated plans to construct a new gas station and convenience store in the Southfork area, just west of Three Springs.

La Plata County Projects Approved

- On August 18, the BOCC approved the Kroeger RV Park Class II, a 19 space RV park with office and laundry services.
- On September 1, the BOCC approved the Grigsby Subdivision Preliminary Plat and Final Plat. This is a subdivision of a 3.14-acre tract into 3 single family lots of 1.497, 0.829 and 0.812 acres located 124 Wild Rose Ln.

Meetings attended August 11 - September 8

8/11 - 10 am BOCC Business Meeting	8/20 - 12 pm BOCC Work Session
8/11 - 2 pm LUC Hearing	8/20 - 6 pm Joint Planning Meeting
8/11 - 4 pm Durango City Council Study Session	8/21 - 2 pm Special Durango City Council Meeting
8/11 - 6 pm LUC Hearing	8/24 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission
8/12 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time	8/25 - 10 am BOCC Business Meeting
8/13 - 11 am DAAR Govt Affairs Meeting	8/25 - 4 pm Durango City Council Study Session
8/13 - 6 pm La Plata County Planning Meeting	8/26 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time
8/18 - 7 am LPC/Archuleta/SJBPH Meeting	8/26 - 5 pm Durango Budget Workshop
8/18 - 10 am BOCC Planning Meeting	9/1 - 10 am BOCC Planning Agenda
8/18 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	9/1 - 10:05 am BOCC Special Business Agenda
8/19 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time	9/1 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
8/19 - 1:30 pm BOCC Work Session	9/2 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time
8/19 - 5 pm Durango City Manager Candidate Interviews	9/8 - 9:15 am LAC Meeting