



*Critical to our success is an engaged community and knowledgeable and experienced staff.*

**Town Council Values**

- *Preserve our high quality of Life*
- *Resource Efficiency/  
Environmental Stewardship*
- *Support a sustainable and healthy business climate*
- *Maintain a “real” community*
- *Fiscally Responsible*
- *Historic Core*

**AGENDA**  
**Town of Crested Butte**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, January 4, 2016**  
**Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall**

**6:00 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR OR MAYOR PRO-TEM**

**6:02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**6:05 CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Approval of December 21, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.
- 2) Approval of Resolution No. 1, Series 2016 – Resolutions of the Crested Butte Town Council Designating the Town of Crested Butte’s Three Official Public Places for Posting Town Council Meetings and Other Important Items.
- 3) Approval for the Town Planner to Issue a Letter of Authorization on the Town’s Conservation Easement for the Lower Loop Property Reception #496220 for a New Trail to Lead to the Fairy House Project Proposed by the Trailhead Museum.
- 4) Approval of Letter of Support to be Signed by the Mayor for RE1J for Safe Routes to School Educational Program.

*The listing under Consent Agenda is a group of items to be acted on with a single motion. The Consent Agenda is designed to expedite Council business. The Mayor will ask if any citizen or council member wishes to have any specific item discussed. You may request that an item be removed from Consent Agenda at that time, prior to the Council’s vote. Items removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered under New Business.*

**6:08 PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Citizens may make comments on item not scheduled on the agenda. Those commenting should state their name and physical address for the record. Comments may be limited to five minutes.*

**6:15 STAFF UPDATES**

**6:30 NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Authorization of the Town Manager to Amend the Scope of Services to the Consulting Services Agreement with JVA, Incorporated dated August 18, 2015 for an Additional \$2,500.00 for the Completion of Final Design Work for the Red Lady Intersection.

**6:45 LEGAL MATTERS**

**6:55 COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**7:05 OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

**7:20 DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

- *Tuesday, January 19, 2016 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council*
- *Monday, February 1, 2016 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council*
- *Tuesday, February 16, 2016 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council*

**7:25 ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES**  
**Town of Crested Butte**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, December 21, 2015**  
**Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall**

Mayor Michel called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Council Members Present: Jim Schmidt, Erika Vohman, Chris Ladoulis, Roland Mason, Laura Mitchell, and Paul Merck

Staff Present: Town Manager Todd Crossett and Town Attorney John Belkin

Building Director Bob Gillie, Parks and Recreation Director Janna Hansen, Town Planner Michael Yerman, and Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford (all for part of the meeting)

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Consent Agenda item number 3, Approval of Fat Bike World Championships, was moved to item number 2 under New Business.

Belkin mentioned that a topic concerning U.S. Energy could be discussed under Legal Matters. Instead, Schmidt requested an Executive Session for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b). Mason agreed, and it was added to the agenda.

Schmidt moved and Mason seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the Fat Tire World Championships added under New Business and with the addition of an Executive Session to the end of the meeting. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes."  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Approval of December 7, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.**
- 2) Approval of Arbor Day 2016 Proclamation and 2015 Tree City USA Application for Certification.**
- 3) Approval of the Fat Bike World Championships Special Event Application and Special Event Liquor Permit at the Town Ranch and Gravel Pit areas on Saturday, January 30, 2016.**
- 4) Approval of Resolution No. 39, Series 2015 – Resolutions of the Crested Butte Town Council Certifying the Final Plat of Block 52 Minor Subdivision.**

Mason moved and Mitchell seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with item number 3 moved to New Business. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, “Yes.”  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Valerie Jaquith – Reported to live in Town

- Wanted to discuss public access to trails and winter travel.
- Felt there was limited access to trails for walking in the winter.
- Requested pressure from the Town to allow walking on the Nordic trails, specifically Town Ranch and the Lower Loop.

Laurel Walker

- Was at the meeting for the same reason as Jaquith.
- Access to trails was the reason she moved to Crested Butte.
- Didn’t understand how the Nordic Center gained control with tax dollars.

Skip Berkshire – 29 Butte Avenue

- On behalf of the Nordic Center, he looked forward to an in-depth discussion. He welcomed the opportunity to drill into issues.

Ali Fuchs – Owner of Big Al’s (Bicycle Heaven)

- Raised the question addressing the Rec Path and Town Ranch. She thought they were supposed to be public rights of way.
- Recognized that fat biking was new.
- Said they had been working with the Nordic Center for the past couple of years.
- She asked how one user group could be required to purchase passes.
- Said they were at the tipping point where they needed more support beyond that of the TA and the Chamber.

Skip Berkshire

- The Nordic Center felt they were doing a good job. The issues were more complex. The ultimate solution depended on the fair exchange of information. They were not out to fight bikers, dogs, or walkers, and they made concessions and accommodations.

## **STAFF UPDATES**

Lynelle Stanford

- Requested an application from event organizers for the Alley Loop.
- Received an update on the voter roll project and would have an update for the Council at the next meeting.
- Reported to be working on the MOU with Judge Eden.
- The Coal Creek Grill liquor license transfer was approved by the state. The public hearing would be held the second meeting in January.

- The Cemetery Committee would be presenting at the meeting on January 19.

Janna Hansen

- Had been working on an avalanche mitigation plan. It started at Big Mine, and it became Town-wide.
- Was sending out a letter to homeowners in Trappers Crossing South to let them know about the avalanche mitigation.
- The sledding hill had been closed so far this season because there wasn't enough snow. People still had been using it despite the closed signs. She hoped it would be open tomorrow after the Nordic Center groomed it.

Todd Crossett

- Intended to provide an update on the status of trail access. He suggested a work session could be a good place to have a conversation.
- Crossett reviewed the access to Town Ranch/Riverbend Connector; Green Lake Trail via Big Mine Park; the Deli Trail; Old Kebler Pass Road; the Rec Path; and the Slate River Trailhead.
- He explained that dogs and fat bikes created more of a grooming need, hence the charge for them to access certain Nordic trails.

Michel acknowledged that trail access and access for fat bikes were emerging issues. He suggested they could be leaders, help an emerging sport, and could enhance existing sports. There were great ways to collaborate. Michel thought they could schedule a work session. Ladoulis agreed, but he wanted to clarify the scope of the work session. Michel didn't think the discussion should be about the Nordic Center itself. Crossett said it would need to be a high-level policy discussion; the Town did not govern the Nordic Center. Schmidt wanted the work session sooner rather than later. Merck and Vohman agreed.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **1) Transfer of the Tavern Liquor License Located at 127 Elk Avenue From JAV Enterprise LTD DBA Kochevar's Bar and Saloon to Kochevar's Saloon LLC DBA Kochevars.**

Michel confirmed proper public notice had been given, and there were no changes from the time the staff report was written. The applicant, Mike Knoll, introduced himself. Knoll owned the Eldo for 14 years. He stated Kochevar's was the oldest bar in the history of Crested Butte. He thought it could be successful, and he was looking forward to the opportunity. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed. There was no Council discussion.

Schmidt moved and Ladoulis seconded a motion to approve the transfer of a Tavern Liquor License for Kochevar's Saloon LLC DBA Kochevars located at 127 Elk Avenue; Crested Butte, Colorado for the reasons stated in the staff report. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

**2) Ordinance No. 14, Series 2015 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Amending Chapter 2 of the Crested Butte Municipal Code to Include a New Article 8 Establishing a Creative District And Corresponding Creative District Commission and Including Regulations Relative Thereto.**

Michel confirmed proper public notice was given. Yerman explained that getting the Creative District Commission seated was one of the first steps. If the ordinance passed, he would be advertising for commissioners. The applications would be posted on the website, and there would be seven appointments. There were no public comments, and the public hearing was closed.

The hearing was opened to Council discussion. Merck asked who Yerman was looking for to be a commissioner. Yerman said they wanted a diverse cross-section. Merck also asked about the time commitment. Yerman said sub-committees would be more active, but there would generally be one meeting a month.

Schmidt moved and Mitchell seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 14, Series 2015. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1) Request from High Country Conservation Advocates for the Town Council to Submit a Letter to the Forest Service on the Forest Service's Proposal to Re-instate an Exemption Allowing Road and Well-pad Development Associated with Coal Mining in Gunnison National Forest Roadless Areas.**

Crossett gave a context overview. He said the letter was the request of High Country Conservation Advocates (HCCA), and it had to do with the North Fork Coal Mining Area. The area was a part of the Colorado Roadless Rule, and it was largely seen as a compromise. There was an exception created for the North Fork Mining Area. In 2013, conservation groups challenged the Forest Service's consent decision modifying two existing coal leases. The Forest Service was coming back with an updated supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with three recommendations. Crossett said HCCA would advocate for no action, and they would want to get rid of the exception entirely (Option A). Crossett described Option C as in the middle. The County supported Option B, the exception to the roadless rule, as it previously existed. They felt it was a good balance, and they thought coal provided economic benefit to the County. Crossett said that the coal that was mined there was considered clean.

Michele Simpson, Executive Director of HCCA, wanted to reiterate that Town supporting the no action alternative would allow coal mining. Comments were required to be submitted to the Forest Service by January 4. Simpson cited climate implications and concerns related to coal mining. Sandy Shea, President of HCCA, showed a map of the Somerset area, which included temporary roads. He also pointed out the high density of pads and said they would see similar concerns happening in roadless areas. Shea also

showed a graphic with the density of existing development. He specified concerns about wildlife migration. Shea asked the Council to support Option A. He said Option C still caused development in wildlife areas.

Simpson said the methane gas byproduct of coal mining was 80 times more powerful than that of carbon dioxide as a heat trapping gas. She said that North Fork's coal's lower sulfur content emissions were not less. Also, Arch Coal had a decade of coal left to mine. HCCA wanted to move the community to climate sustainability and protecting the snow pack. She said that if the Council didn't support A, then she would request them to support C with modifications. Crossett said the Council could write to support any of the three options, or there was an option to not write a letter at all.

Mason wondered what the original compromise was if Option B was a compromise. Crossett said that Option C was the compromise; they saw the original exception as having been a compromise. The industry wanted a lot more and they saw shrinking it down to what was as a compromise. Merck said it was the loss of jobs versus the loss of habitat. Simpson countered there were jobs provided by renewable energy. Ladoulis said that most of the energy came from coal today.

Michel drew the Council's attention to the fact that they must be leaders in protecting the community. He asked if they would be pro-active, or if they wanted to look at jobs and revenues Town would receive. Schmidt supported sending the letter as written. Vohman agreed. Mason recognized a lot of work went into the original compromise. He liked Option C with the pilot knob carve out. Mitchell supported the letter as it was written, and Merck agreed. Ladoulis thought that if they took a stand against coal, they had to look at how much they used. He could see going for Option C as well. Michel said that at some point they needed a strong philosophical discussion.

Vohman moved and Schmidt seconded a motion to direct the Mayor to sign a letter of support as presented by HCCA to the Forest Service after review by the Town Attorney. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

## **2) Approval of the Fat Bike World Championships Special Event Application and Special Event Liquor Permit at the Town Ranch and Gravel Pit areas on Saturday, January 30, 2016.**

Dave Ochs was present on behalf of the Chamber, the group organizing the event. He explained the event had grown, which was why he wanted to discuss it with the Council. He thanked the Nordic Center for their recent efforts. Ochs stated it was the fourth year they were doing a fat bike event. He described the group as ahead of the curve. He also stated that Warren Miller was coming to film the event, and they were trying to provide amazing and unique venues. They wanted to roll out the red carpet on Saturday (January 30). They wanted to add music to the event. Lez Zeppelin would play and would be done by dark. He cited great support for obtaining generators, and he was confident they could pull it off. They would rely on Town in helping to provide snow infrastructure and in creating a boundary. They would use vendor and sponsors to create the perimeter.

They were planning on ten security guards and eight porta potties. Town would need to donate trashcans, and they would take care of the dumpster.

Mitchell asked if they had considered enlisting the help of an event planner. She also wondered if the electricity would be reliable. Ochs described using an industrial generator. He also said they had hired a production crew to handle the concert portion of the event. Vohman voiced concerns with the trash. She implored Ochs to consider a zero waste option or to commit to keeping trash to a minimum. Ochs explained efforts they would make to minimize trash. Michel and Crossett also mentioned a possible policy that would be applied uniformly to all events.

Schmidt questioned if they had talked to the school, considered the number of people, and if they should arrange for transportation to the event. He thought they should have a bus connection between the 4 Way and the area of the event. He said there could be a lot of cars. Ochs said there was parking around the school, and the volleyball game would be over in the afternoon. He also said they would utilize the Chamber parking lot. Schmidt reiterated that he was concerned.

Vohman moved and Merck seconded a motion to approve the special event application and the special event liquor permit for the Fat Bike World Championships. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, “Yes.” **Motion passed unanimously.**

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

None

## **COUNCIL UPDATES AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Paul Merck

- Attended a Cold Harbor meeting. They were granted a large property on Hwy 114, and they wanted to conduct a study. They wanted to help Town with affordable housing, particularly with sustainable and affordable to maintain homes. Michel asked Merck what his role was. Merck said he had asked for bullet points from them, and they were glad to hear from him.
- Went to a One Valley Prosperity Project (OVPP) meeting. He was on a subcommittee concerning social services and health care.

Laura Mitchell

- Attended a Chamber meeting. Their banks accounts were in good shape.
- The Chamber wanted the Town to take care of the Chamber bathrooms, which would cost about \$12K per year, in exchange for storage in the women’s bathroom.
- The Chamber wondered who was responsible for liability on the building. They had concerns of snow falling on people (from the roof).
- They discussed vouchers for people who had missed flights.

- They wanted to change the Chamber's bylaws, so there would not be term limits for board members who desired to serve.
- They also wanted more support from the Town for Butte Bucks, and they wanted to obtain kiosks for after-hours visitors to use.

#### Roland Mason

- Attended a RTA meeting. There was a push to get a CNG, natural gas fuel station, because there was funding from the state. However, the fuel station hinged on RTA buying busses. There was uncertainty that CNG would not work in this climate.
- Michel added that it didn't make business sense, but RTA could be leaders in the valley. At the end of the day, they needed to provide service to customers. Mason said they could be looking at it for the future.
- They also talked about figuring out alternative transportation during the spring when United stopped service. They had talked about a small, boutique airline, or paying Alpine Express to run between Montrose and Gunnison.

#### Jim Schmidt

- On December 8, Michel and Schmidt met with representatives from Mt. Crested Butte on the Growing Winters program. The committee did not fund the Avalanche Center or the Santa Ski event. They did fund the Nordic Center, Two Planks for Big Air on Elk, and the Mountain High Music Fest.
- Attended the Gunnison Housing Committee meeting. They highlighted projects going on in Gunnison. The Anthracite Place roof was supposed to be done by Thanksgiving. They were behind on the roof but ahead on utilities, so they felt semi-confident they could finish by June. Their main problem was they couldn't get help.

#### Erika Vohman

- Attended a Gunnison Valley housing meeting. Representatives from Gunnison, Crested Butte, and Mt. Crested Butte were there.
- They talked about the Gunnison Rising annexation. They felt they would have future needs for affordable housing.
- In 2016, they would consider the feasibility of Brush Creek for affordable housing.
- A private landowner in CB South about affordable housing had contacted the County. There was no land officially set aside for affordable housing in CB South.
- It was mentioned that the Town of Crested Butte had a robust affordable housing program.

#### Chris Ladoulis

- Saw a car being charged at the charging station.
- They were collecting donations at the Stash for the people whose house burned down.

Glenn Michel

- Attended RTA, OVPP, and Growing Winters meetings.
- Had been meeting with executive directors of non-profits around Town.
- Was on the Center for the Arts board, and he reported they had a good meeting. They were scaling back on the scope and the funding of their project, and it would be constricting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

Ladoulis moved and Schmidt seconded a motion to appoint Laura Mitchell as the Town Council's Chamber representative. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes."

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Schmidt volunteered to be appointed to the Creative District Commission.

Merck moved and Vohman seconded a motion to appoint Jim Schmidt to the Creative District Commission. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

- Monday, January 4, 2016 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council
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Crossett mentioned a retreat in early January. They would discuss strategies and priorities. He suggested confirming a date at the next meeting. Merck questioned the retreat, and Michel explained the logistics. Michel said they would also need to schedule the Town Manager's and Town Attorney's reviews in January.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Schmidt moved and Mitchell seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b). A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Council went into Executive Session at 9:39PM. Council returned to open meeting at 10:26PM. Mayor Michel made the required announcement before returning to the open meeting. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Michel adjourned the meeting at 10:27PM.

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Glenn Michel, Mayor

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Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk      (SEAL)



## Staff Report

January 4, 2016

**To:** Mayor and Town Council

**Thru:** Todd Crossett, Town Manager

**From:** Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

**Subject: Resolution No. 1, Series 2016 – Resolutions of the Crested Butte Town Council Designating the Town of Crested Butte’s Three Official Public Places for Posting Town Council Meetings and Other Important Items**

**Date:** December 29, 2015

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### **Summary:**

Ordinance No. 2, Series 2010 amended the Town Code by deleting the list of the three designated posting places in the Code, and it stated that designated posting places shall be approved by resolution of the Town Council. Staff wishes to officially designate the following three locations: 1) outside the reception office in the Town Offices, located at 507 Maroon Avenue; 2) the Crested Butte Library, located at 504 Maroon Avenue; and 3) the lobby of the Old Town Hall, located at 132 Elk Avenue in Crested Butte, Colorado, as the official public posting places for the purposes of posting notices announcing Town Council meetings and other important items and for posting copies of ordinances after adoption.

### **Recommendation:**

To approve Resolution No. 1, Series 2016 designating the three official public places for posting notices announcing Town Council meetings and other important items and for posting copies of ordinances after adoption.

### **Recommended Motion:**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 1, Series 2016 as a part of the Consent Agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**SERIES NO. 2016**

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE CRESTED BUTTE TOWN COUNCIL  
DESIGNATING THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE'S THREE  
OFFICIAL PUBLIC PLACES FOR POSTING TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado (the "Town") is a home rule municipality duly and regularly organized and now validly existing as a body corporate and politic under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado Revised Statutes, section 24-6-402 (2) (c) requires that each Colorado municipality annually designate an official public posting place for notices announcing Town Council meetings and other important items; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 4.11 of the Town Charter requires that, after adoption of an ordinance, copies of the ordinance shall be posted in three public places within Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to officially designate the following three locations: 1) outside the reception office in the Town Offices, located at 507 Maroon Avenue; 2) the Crested Butte Library, located at 504 Maroon Avenue; and 3) the lobby of Old Town Hall, located at 132 Elk Avenue in Crested Butte, Colorado, as the official public posting places for the purposes of posting notices announcing Town Council meetings and other important items and for posting copies of ordinances after adoption.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CRESTED BUTTE,  
COLORADO:**

That the Town's official public posting places for posting notices announcing Town Council meetings and other important items and for posting copies of ordinances after adoption, are hereby designated as: 1) outside the reception office in the Town Offices, located at 507 Maroon Avenue; 2) the Crested Butte Library, located at 504 Maroon Avenue; 3) the lobby of Old Town Hall, located at 132 Elk Avenue in Crested Butte, Colorado, as the official public posting places for the purposes of posting notices announcing Town Council meetings and other important items and for posting copies of ordinances after adoption.

**INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS 4TH DAY OF  
JANUARY, 2016.**

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glenn Michel, Mayor

ATTEST

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Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

(SEAL)



**To:** Mayor Michel and Town Council

**From:** Michael Yerman, Town Planner

**Thru:** Todd Crossett, Town Manager

**Subject:** **Trailhead Museum Fairy House Trail Lower Loop Request**

**Date:** January 4, 2016

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**Background:**

The Trailhead Museum has requested to create a Fairy House Trail on the Land Trust's Lower Loop parcel. The Town holds the Conservation Easement reception #496220 which requires Town approval for new trails on the property. Attached to this memo is an explanation of the project and the request from the Trailhead Museum.

The Town is required to issue written permission to allow a new trail on the property. If the Council elects to allow this request to proceed, a final scoping meeting will be conducted this spring with the Land Trust and Trailhead Museum representatives to review the final location of the proposed trail. Once a final alignment is delineated, Town staff will issue a notice to proceed.

**Recommendation:**

A Council member make a motion to authorize the Town Planner to issue written permission for a new trail to lead to the Trailhead Museum's Fairy House project on the Lower Loop Conservation Easement Reception #496220.

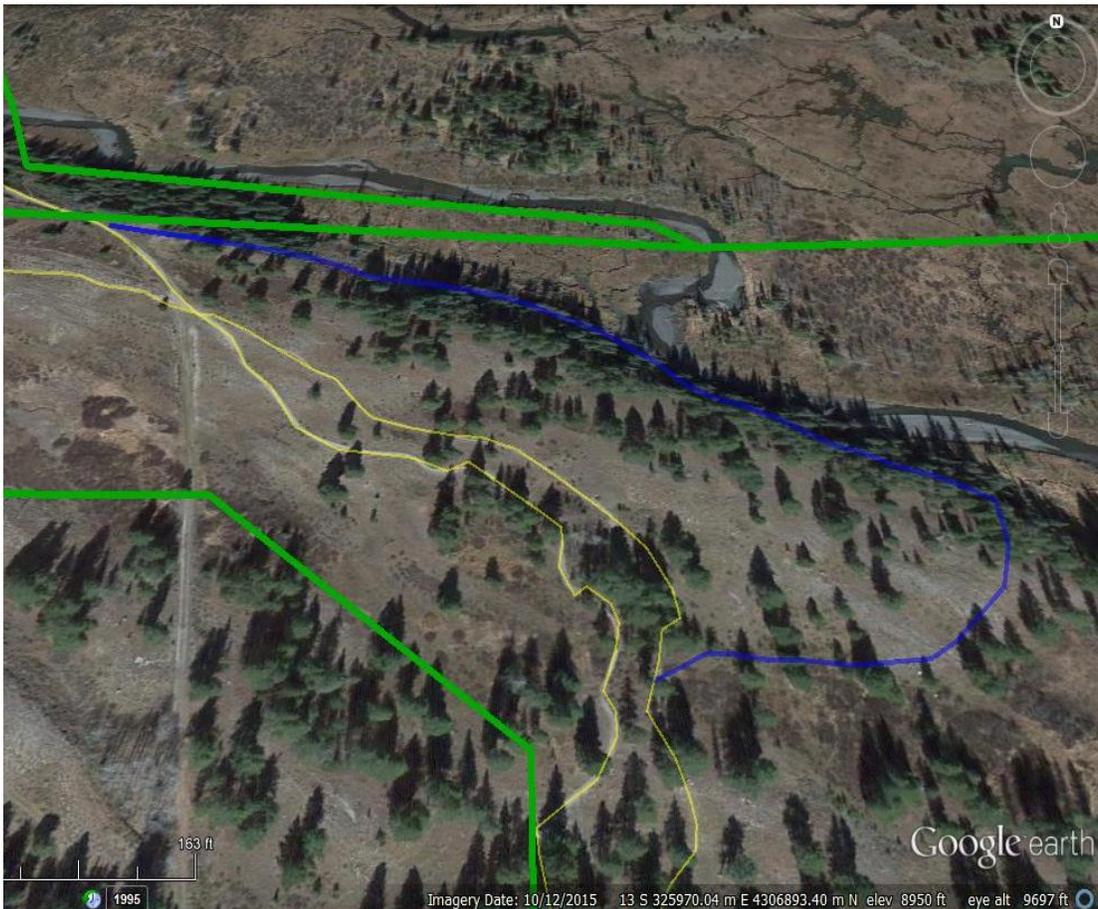
## Fairy House Project

**Project description:** In partnership with the Crested Butte Land Trust, the Trailhead Museum is proposing a Fairy House project on the Land Trusts Lower Loop parcel. Fairy Houses are artistic creations made of natural materials with whimsical flair no larger than 2'x2' tucked into nooks in the natural environment where they can be discovered by children and adults. This project would bridge recreation and the arts and offer a creative activity similar to the Land Trusts very popular letterboxing program.



**Management details:** The Land Trust would allow no more than 10 fairy houses in 2016. We would also work closely to design and build the pedestrian only trail, much of which already exists as a use trail but not an official part of the trail system. The Land Trust would manage this project similar to all other uses ensuring that guidelines are followed to protect all the properties conservation values including natural habitat, open space, recreation, education and agriculture as well as other existing uses.

**TCB approval:** As the Conservation Easement holder, the Town of Crested Butte must approve all new trails on the property. Therefore, we are seeking permission to construct and maintain this roughly 1/3 mile trail on the property which connects to the Lower loop single track at the south end and the Lower Loop wide path to the north.



**Map:** The green lines indicate the Lower Loop property boundaries.

The Lower Loop single track and wide path are shown in yellow. Where they meet up, the wide path continues down to the Slate River and the Upper Lower Loop climbs.

The blue line shows the approximate location of the Fairy House trail.



## Staff Report

**To:** Mayor Michel and Town Council  
**Thru:** Todd Crossett, Town Manager  
**From:** Michael Yerman, Town Planner  
**Subject:** **Safe Routes to School Letter of Support**  
**Date:** January 4, 2015

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### **Summary:**

The Gunnison Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council has requested a letter of support for their safe routes to School grant application. The grant will fund education programs for bicycle and pedestrian safety at the Community School. This grant will also promote the use of safe routes infrastructure that has been installed by the Town.

### **Recommendation:**

A Council member make a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Gunnison Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council Safe Routes to School Grant.

January 4, 2016

Safe Routes to School  
Colorado Department of Transportation, DTD  
4201 East Arkansas Avenue, Shumate Bldg  
Denver, CO 80222

Dear Colorado Department of Transportation,

Please accept this letter of support from the Town of Crested Butte in support of the Gunnison Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council's safe routes to School grant application. The Town of Crested Butte has been committed to this program and implementing the necessary infrastructure to ensure the safety of our students in the Gunnison Valley. The continued education programs funded by this grant are critical to the success of this established program moving forward.

The Town, along with its partners in the Gunnison Valley, strive to increase the health and safety for our children through the promotion of non-motorized transportation facilities and education. With assistance from CDOT, the Town has created pedestrian and bike corridors throughout the Town to allow safe passage to the Community School. These facilities are maintained for year round use and provide a transportation alternative for our students.

With funding assistance from the Safe Routes to School grant, we can continue education programs that promote bicycle and pedestrian travel to and from the school within the community.

Thank you for considering this grant request.

Sincerely,

Glenn Michel  
Mayor of the Town of Crested Butte



**To:** Mayor Michel and Town Council

**From:** Michael Yerman, Town Planner

**Thru:** Todd Crossett, Town Manager

**Subject:** **Award of Transportation Design Services Red Lady Intersection-JVA**

**Date:** January 4, 2016

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**Background:**

During discussions with the Town Council regarding recommendations for the Town's Transportation Plan, the Red Lady intersection was identified as a priority moving forward. Town staff meet with CDOT officials in June to discuss improvements to the Red Lady intersection. At this meeting, CDOT agreed to assist the Town in a peer design review of possible intersection improvements at the Red Lady intersection.

In August, the Town executed a professional service contract for \$8,975 with JVA for the preparation of plans for the Red Lady intersection. JVA worked with the Town staff, CDOT, and the Valley's utility providers to create two options that CDOT found acceptable. Early this month the final meeting with CDOT was conducted and the concept designs were approved to be presented to the public.

At this time, the scope of services as outlined in Resolution 24, Series 2015 has been substantially completed. Two designs have been prepared and are ready to be presented to the Town Council and the community on February 1<sup>st</sup>. However, there are several additional tasks that the staff would like to have completed including: having JVA conduct a public meeting in coordination with CDOT on February 1<sup>st</sup>, possible revisions (from the public meeting) to the preferred plan, and the preparation of a final design and budget. Town staff will use the final design and budget to lobby for Federal and State funds in the coming years.

At this time, there is \$8,000 remaining in the Transportation fund for the Transportation Plan. Town staff recommends an additional \$2,500 be allocated towards finalizing the Red Lady intersection design project. This will leave \$5,500 to compile a final report that would include the intersection design for the Town's Transportation Plan. This intersection improvement project is anticipated to break ground in the next 4-8 years.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Town Council approves authorization of the Town Manager amending the Consulting Services Agreement with JVA for the Preparation of Concept Intersection Improvement Design for the Red Lady Intersection for an additional \$2,500.



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December 16, 2015

Mr. Michael Yerman  
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Town of Crested Butte  
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Crested Butte, Colorado 81611

www.jvajva.com

Reference: Town of Crested Butte Transportation Engineering Services  
Red Lady Intersection Conceptual Design  
Additional Services Letter

Dear Michael:

JVA, Inc. has provided civil engineering services for the scope of services outlined in the original scope for Task 1, 2, and 3 for the above reference project. We are requesting additional fees for services outside the original scope. These services include providing additional design alternatives, additional meetings with the utility companies and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). This project is substantially complete but further steps are necessary to complete this phase and provide additional documentation to support a plan for this project in the near future.

JVA is proposing to provide an Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC), and to produce a presentation to the Town Council at a future Work Session to outline the developments of the alternatives and make a final recommendation to the Town on moving forward. For this effort, we have estimated that JVA will expend fees over our original agreement amounting to \$2,500 with the following detail:

Project Manager: Coordination, Presentation and Review OPC: 6 hrs @ \$124/hr = \$744  
Project Engineer: Refine Alternatives and Develop OPC: 12 hrs @ \$112 = \$1,344  
Expenses: Travel, printing and deliveries = \$412

TOTAL Additional Services: \$2,500

Please modify our current lump sum fee of \$8,975, by the additional service amount of \$2,500. The above total will billed on a time and material basis in addition to our current total lump sum fee agreement of \$11,475. Please authorize this work by signing below and returning a copy to JVA. We look forward to continuing our work with the Town of Crested Butte on this project. Please call with any questions regarding these additional services.

Sincerely,  
JVA, Incorporated

Accepted By:  
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE

By: Joel Price  
Joel Price, P.E., LEED AP  
Infrastructure Director

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Title Date



December 11, 2015

Lois Rozman, Finance Director  
Town of Crested Butte  
PO Box 39  
Crested Butte, CO 81224

Dear Lois,

The Growing Winter's Grant support of \$4,000, directed toward our marketing to further promote and advertise our Winter Season regionally will help sustain and expand our Winter Season marketing at the Center for the Arts; enabling us to further our mission to offer engaging opportunities and educational experiences to enrich and expand the life of our community.

Because of your generosity, we believe that Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte will benefit from the influx of visitors from other areas who will stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants, participate in activities, and take a ski vacation in Crested Butte.

It is clear that you understand the importance of driving our local economy through increasing the number of visitors, keeping them in town longer and providing opportunities for our visitors to spend more while they are here.

Further, you are making a difference in the lives of our community members through helping us to provide and continue to bring in talented high quality performers, instructors and programs.

We respectfully request the funding of our grant, in the amount of \$2,000, to be distributed on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Again, thank you for your meaningful support!

Sincerely,

Erica Daugherty, Development Director  
Center for the Arts  
PO Box 1819  
Crested Butte, Colorado 81224  
erica@crestedbuttearts.org



December 22, 2015

Town of Crested Butte  
ATTN: Finance Department  
P.O. Box 39  
Crested Butte, CO 81224-0039

Dear Lois and Members of the Town Council:

All of us at Six Points were delighted to receive notice of your 2016 Community Grant Award in the amount of \$1,000. On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and especially the clients of Six Points, bless you for partnering with us to help us be better stewards of the environment by recycling more of our unsalable merchandise and waste. We also thank you for your efforts in supporting vocational training for the adults with developmental disabilities that we serve. We continue to look for way to expand our programs, so this funding will be so helpful!

As requested, I have attached a completed, signed copy of the service "Community Grant Disbursement Request" form for 2016. I have also enclosed our final report for 2015 along with the "Use of Funds-2015" form. If you should require anything further from us at this time, please don't hesitate to contact me at 641-3081.

In closing, please let everyone on the Town Council know that their continued support helps us better serve our clients and improve our outreach to the entire valley. We have now been in our new permanent home for a year at 1160 N. Main Street, between the Auto Corral and Gunnison Rec Center, so please stop in to say hello! We'd love to thank you in person and being the new Executive Director, I would like to meet you.

Happy Holidays,

*Daniel Bruce*

Daniel Bruce  
Executive Director

# ~ Thank You ~

To the town of CB personnel:

We are ever so grateful for the generosity of the town grant award committee! Our grant will service so many wonderful local dancers and families. Thank you for the support. We appreciate our ever-growing relationship with town staff and resources. Thank you so very much for everything!

Sincerely,  
Adge Marz & Lindsay  
School Dance Board Directors

Molly Murfee  
124.5 Maroon Avenue (P.O. Box 1067)  
Crested Butte, CO 81224  
(970) 349-0947  
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To the Crested Butte Town Council, Michael Yerman and Karl Fulmer:

I am writing today to express some thoughts about the upcoming proposed Affordable Housing Guidelines. As someone interested in the lottery for blocks 79 & 80 I have been watching the process closely and feel I can provide some feedback from the perspective of someone looking to live within these guidelines for potentially the rest of my life.

I first want to commend all of the efforts that have occurred up to this point and express my profound gratitude for the Town Councils of both past and present, as well as town and county employees, in recognizing the importance of this issue and by taking enormous steps in assuring local housing becomes a reality in Gunnison County.

I respectfully submit the following suggestions to help broaden the discussion and solutions of this topic:

### **General Approaches**

- I believe we must first shift our approach to the overall concept from “workforce housing” to “workforce / community *homes*.” I do believe and agree with the stipulations set out that mandate a person be a working member of the community for the initial qualification. The definition must be expanded to “community homes,” however, for reasons I outline below.
- Owning a home is a lifelong commitment – both emotionally and financially. I believe we need to have Affordable Housing Guidelines that reflect and recognize residents who intend to commit themselves to the community even as they age, broadening our concept of their contributions to the community beyond their ability to work by additionally honoring their longevity in the community.
- To diversify our approach to not only providing more affordable housing opportunities for working locals (this including the proposal of the Town building units for residents at cheaper prices than they could potentially otherwise construe), but additionally working to assure these opportunities create a realistic and positive living and working space for individuals, while simultaneously allowing them to exercise their dreams of home ownership and how that might look to them.
- Bringing into recognition that even though deemed “affordable,” the price many will spend on a lot and a constructed building is still more money than they will likely spend in their whole life, and are indeed still exponentially higher than “normal” housing prices in other locations.
- To look at who our “target audience” is in affordable housing. One is the potentially temporary worker who may move on in a few years and is not looking to “age in place” in this home. Another is the committed community member that will continue to invest in the community through philanthropic and political (i.e. voting or otherwise) involvement, among others, even beyond their working years. A third is the rental market. All are important in our approach.

- I would like to make it clear that I agree with and understand the guidelines that limit the sales prices of affordable homes so that these homes may be kept in a realistic affordable housing pool. I understand that things like maximum valuation and sales price caps help keep the homes affordable for residents in the future.
- I also understand why guidelines such as being a working member of the community, absence of ownership of other residential properties, and residing in the county nine months out of the year exist and what they are trying to prevent at the time of application.
- I do have some comments, however, on how these guidelines become a potentially unnecessary burden to someone who has demonstrated longevity in the community long after the purchase / build of an affordable home and residence within it. With my comments below I support allowing a greater freedom of expression for individuals who demonstrate longevity in the community, especially as they grow older, in recognition that they have “paid their dues” to the community at this point and served the greater intent and purpose of the Affordable Housing Guidelines by helping to maintain a strong local population in the community.

## **Retirement and aging in place**

### *Considerations*

- It is my understanding that addressing retirement has only appeared in the most recent drafts of the affordable housing guidelines. Because of this, I believe that further work and consideration might be warranted in this section.
- Before a person approaches the stated official retirement age of 65, many things can happen. For example, if one is financially prudent and has been able to pay off their mortgage early, they might not have the need to work 1500 hours per year to support themselves until they officially retire.
- Evaluating the current cross-section of our local society, it becomes apparent that aging in this high altitude, cold climate is difficult. It is common for many approaching or beyond retirement age to choose to spend the colder months in warmer climes. This could potentially necessitate ownership of an additional residential structure.
- I do not believe that someone who has made the substantial investment of a home, and has resided in that home for substantial time while working in the community, should run the risk of losing that home should certain situations occur as they age that release them from needing to work 1500 hours per year in the community; or call them to live more than three months outside of the county; or if because of reduced expenses they find they can support an additional residential structure during the cold months.
- Currently, if the above did occur, the person runs the risk of losing a home they have occupied for years. However, with the sale of an affordable housing unit (Part V), the income derived from that sale would not be enough to then purchase a free market home in the same area. This thereby holds the serious potential that the person – after having invested time, money and heart and soul into the community – would have to leave the community for lack of housing. This would occur at a time when they most need the support of the long-standing community in which they have built a relationship over years of time. I believe at a certain point a home should be “theirs” and while guidelines such as price caps, maximum valuation, and the service of the town as the sales agent in order to keep the home in the affordable housing pool make sense, my suggestions below would simply allow greater freedom of choice for the homeowner.

### *Potential Solutions:*

- Much like with BOZAR, have an individual review process on a case-by-case basis for variances on requested requirements (including but not limited to the points above) that take into consideration longevity both in the community and the home. A review process is allowed in “Part VI: Special Review.” These are deemed for “unusual hardship,” however, which may not always apply in every situation. I suggest a broader definition of how a Special Review may be called to honor longevity and prior commitment to the community.
- After occupancy in a home for a set number of years (5? 10? 15? 20?) allow for benefits of: not working 1500 hours per year; living outside the home for greater than three months; and owning another residential structure – all to honor longevity, prior commitment to the community, and financial and emotional investment in the home.
- Listing “retirement age” as 59 ½ to correspond more closely to when retirement savings accounts can be accessed and therefore an individual might be able to reduce their workload to below 1500 hours per year
- Allow for benefits of: not working 1500 hours per year; living outside the home for greater than three months; owning another residential structure for those that may not have “officially retired” at 65, but may choose to work part-time to supplement their retirement and social security incomes beyond that age.

### **Bedrooms**

#### *Considerations:*

- As I understand it, allowable bedrooms are determined to be one person = one allowable bedroom. I do not feel this provides an optimal, realistic and positive living and working space for individuals.
- For one example - the phenomenon of the home office has escalated in popularity over the years. Home offices are not just used by telecommuters making incomes in other locations. Self-employed individuals, local non-profit organizations and local business owners, among other examples, all use home offices. Studies have shown them to allow workers a greater degree of productivity than in a standard work environment.
- Home offices are an allowable tax write off but *only* if the office occupies a separate room in the house. It cannot be a desk in a kitchen or bedroom, for example. These write offs allow someone to receive deductions based on the utilities and costs of the percentage of that room in proportion to the rest of the house.
- I feel we must allow individuals the option of a greater division of space for such purposes as home offices, storage, and other uses.
- Currently living in a 725 square foot home, I have a visceral experience that being able to divide spaces into different uses is essential in long-term livability. And since smaller homes are more affordable, allowing someone greater division of space inside the square footage is subsequently also a potentially desirable option.

#### *Potential Solutions:*

- One person may build or own a unit with two bedrooms; two people can own three; etc
- A review process can be established for the number of bedrooms allowed when one or both working members of a household work from home

- Appraisal of the home determines the maximum valuation – not number of rooms. This would take into account the full package of square footage, rooms and other details and is more in line of how real estate is traditionally valued.

### **“Driveway Easements”**

- I understand that there are some lots that are being considered to allow a “driveway easement” through that lot in order to give some of the micro lots access from the back of the lot rather than the front, thereby mandating any type of “garage” is placed in the back of the lot as opposed to the front.
- I feel this is a bad idea. Someone’s lot should be their own and I believe this idea sets the lot owners up for potential confusion and subsequent disagreements in the future.
- If the concern is not having garages on the front of a house I think this design issue can be better addressed through good and creative design on those lots. There are many historic instances of sheds right alongside the front of a house. These don’t have the appearance of garages and such “shed presence” could actually further the personality of the historic nature of town.

### **Future Affordable Housing Development**

- I feel that one of the greatest strengths in the Affordable Housing designs of the past have been the allowance of diversity in availability. Having a variety of options – from building to your own design, to choosing a pre-determined building plan, to building on your own, to having a structure built for you, to mutual self-help builds – are important. Home dreams can be deep and what is good for one person might not behoove the other. This would include the balance of home ownership and rental possibilities.
- For this reason I would strongly encourage you to continue to offer this kind of variety in further development in the future, rather than have all future structures built by the Town and then sold.
- I personally support the continuance of the selling of lots whereby an owner can construct a home of their own design.
- I would warn against moving to a concept of “quick build for cheap” as the *only* option of future affordable housing units, rather than just a part of the mix.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration in my suggestions. I welcome any contact if you would like to discuss any of this with me.

Sincerely,  
Molly Murfee

**January 19, 2016**

**Work Session**

Cemetery Committee

**Consent Agenda**

Letter of Support and Authorization for CBLT for State Weed Grant

**New Business**

Silent Tracks

Award of Design of Wastewater Treatment Plant

Affordable Housing Guidelines

**February 1, 2016**

CDOT Intersection

Alley Loop

Sam Light – attorney focusing on local government referred by Tami Tanoue and covered by CIRSA

Elyse Ackerman – DOLA

Both Sam and Elyse will be presenting on Council roles and responsibilities.

**Future Work Session Items:**

- Vending at the Four Way
- Camping @ Town Ranch (allow? Not allow? Allow camping in other places?)
- BLM and OBJ Campground/Seasonal Housing Shortage (this could be combined with others – especially the Affordable Housing item at the bottom of this list)
- CBMBA and Trail priorities/signage (basically – what is the future plan for new trails/existing trail completion in the valley? What should be our priorities as a Council?)
- Perimeter Trail – Update, timelines, costs, what does this look like when finished
- Land Trust and Town Preservation Priorities – basically a joint planning/discussion with the CBLT (maybe in Exec Session if they would like) to confer on the priority parcels identified by the CBLT and the priorities of the Town (for planning future open space acquisitions). Maybe even a discussion about purchasing trail easements.
- Elk Avenue Rule Set re: Private Clubs – the whole “private clubs on Elk Avenue” concern that was raised when Irwin obtained a private liquor license for the Scarp Ridge Lodge.
- Affordable Housing/Density/Workforce – Blk 79/80
- Double Basements
- Sidewalk Seating Fee Discussion
- Nordic Trail Access and Fat Bikes