

## Dolores Colorado

To: MAYOR AND TRUSTEES  
From: Ken Charles, Dolores Town Manager  
Dt: September 27, 2021  
RE: Meeting Information Update

### **Monday/s Town Board Meeting**

The meeting agenda for the September 27 meeting is short and will be followed by a workshop to discuss important preliminary 2022 budget items. On the agenda for our regular meeting Monday night, the Trustees will review a resolution to hire Linda Robinson Studio to work with the town to produce a Master Plan for Flanders Park. Commissioner Candelaria will be requesting a letter of support for the county's application to the DOLA for a Rural Economic Development Initiative grant and the scope of the grant will include the Town of Dolores.

### **General Updates**

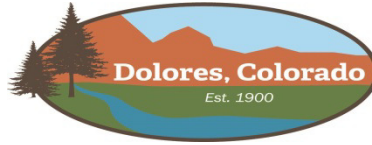
- The town applied for a small grant to the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) to assist the town with an affordable housing plan. The deadline was such that I was unable to present it to the trustees prior to the meeting. See attachment. The DOLA is offering a similar grant program for housing predevelopment and planning that we may apply for.
- Elizabeth Garvin will be in the area on other business October 11 and 12. P&Z and staff thinks this would be an opportune time to have a joint meeting with Elizabeth for a presentation on the Land Use Code sections on the draft Hazards and Procedures sections. We have our regular meeting scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> and will likely have a sizable amount of business including a public hearing for the 2022 budget.

I do recommend we meet with Elizabeth as the plan is to proceed and adopt the Hazards and Procedures sections prior to the rest of the document. The question is are the trustees available for a meeting the following evening from 6:30 to 8:30.

- Included in the packet are the latest Congressional and state house and senate redistricting maps. The Third Congressional District contains some changes. The district would place Garfield, Rio Blanco, Routt and Moffat counties in with the Third would pick up several new counties in the southeast.

At the state level the new state senate district boundary is quite different from the present district and Montezuma County would no longer be represented by Don Coram.

More importantly, the house district has the town separated from most of Montezuma County, Cortez and Mancos and keeps Dolores in the 58<sup>th</sup>. Cortez was initially split between the 58<sup>th</sup> and



59<sup>th</sup>, but the redistricting committee changed that approach, but while doing so they now separated Dolores.

I recommend we file a letter arguing for inclusion into the 59<sup>th</sup>. This would put Dolores in with La Plata, Archuleta, San Juan and most of Montezuma County.

### **Salter Y EA**

Mayor Wheelus, Trustee Wheeler and I represented Dolores in a meeting with the San Juan Forest Service Superintendent Kari Chadwick to discuss the town's objections to the Salter EA. The town's objections centered around Noise and Safety issues relating to the logging tuck activity.

### **“Safety, Noise and Impacts to Residents**

- We ask that more specific data on how speed limits and slow down signage will be posted and enforced for contractors and the public.
- The speed limit at the point where Montezuma County Road 31 and where it becomes a town road on 11<sup>th</sup> Street is 15 m.p.h. We request this information be made known to contractors and that contractors are notified that this speed will be enforced.
- We request that the Forest Service require contractors to have Jake Brake mufflers on all applicable trucks.
- To prevent project truck traffic from using town roads other than 11<sup>th</sup> Street, we request the Forest Service work with the town to designate a truck route.
- To alleviate disturbances to residents, we request the Forest Service work with the town to notify industry that truck traffic will be limited on town streets to certain times of the day. The Town will not be allowing commercial truck traffic on 11<sup>th</sup> street from 10 pm to 6 am throughout the duration of the Salter Y project”.

We are waiting on responses from the USFS.

The Forest Service scheduled a field trip to the Chicken Creek area to tour the harvest site and discuss an after-event report. I was unable to attend but feedback about the effects on the mountain biking environment were critical and we are thinking of drafting a letter from the town asking the FS to treat the Boggy Draw harvest area separately from the rest of the Salter Y project. SWCA will likely join with a letter of their own.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Farmers Market every Wednesday in Flanders Park
- Food Truck Fridays every Friday adjacent to the Kokopelli building
- October 2 Harvest Fest-JRP
- October 4 Local Government Coordination Breakfast 7:00am Ponderosa Restaurant
- October 12 Meet with Elizabeth Garvin, the town's consultant for the Land Use Code update project TBD?