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Good morning, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Members of the Board of Trustees. Here is your weekly update.

Elizabeth Stampede. On Monday I visited with Kevin Whitacre from the rodeo to discuss upcoming questions/concerns for this year's event. As previously mentioned, parking will be a bit of a concern but is manageable. The school district is looking towards running bus service again, and staff is working with EPD and Sheriff Norton to address traffic concerns. Kevin will be on the agenda for the March 25th meeting of the Board, so that he can provide an update.

Community Development Director. Staff have interviewed two (2) new candidates for the position since it was reposted. Both are good candidates, and I will be making a conditional offer on Monday regarding a candidate. The conditional offer will allow for background checks, etc. and to confirm the acceptance of the position. I will update the Board Tuesday.

Comp Plan Amendment. I had an opportunity to meet with Ross Tillman with the firm of Bolton & Menk. The firm deals with land use planning, surveying, engineering, assists in code revisions, and the creation and updating of comprehensive plans. Because the Board has discussed the prospects of updating or amending the plan, I wanted to start to make contacts.

CLAMS Meeting. The newest members of the Board may not know that the various administrators, chiefs, and executive officers meet monthly as a group to discuss operational and planning concerns. These meetings include the Town of Kiowa, the Elizabeth Fire District, the Elizabeth School District, the Pines and the Plains Library, the Elizabeth Park & Rec District, the Police Chief, the Sherrif, and the Elbert County Administrator. This month's meeting was in Kiowa and included Commissioner McDaniel. An interesting question arose regarding the possibilities of creating a "regional" building inspector type service to better serve the community. Additionally, we have revived discussions on whether it would be financially possible for the participating entities to jointly fund a full-time grant writer(s) to assist all of us in future grant opportunities.

Inquiry from the Independence Community. We have been contacted by a representative of the Independence Subdivision as to whether the Board would be interested in holding/hosting an event at their community. They are aware of the ice cream socials held last year and have

an interest in working to better connect our communities. We will be having some additional conversations with them to develop a working relationship, but in the meantime, I did want to bring this to the Board's attention.

June 24th BOT Meeting. The Colorado Municipal League's annual meeting will conflict with the meeting of the BOT on June 24th. It is my understanding that Corey, Mayor Ternus, and perhaps others will be at the conference. I am planning to be there the following day. Consequently, it is probably worthwhile for the Board to consider cancelling the meeting that evening and finding an alternative meeting date and time if necessary.

Have a good weekend and enjoy your retreat!

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