



## **JULY 2022 STAFF REPORTS**

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### **Police Department –**

- Officer Kat Sigala became certified in K-9 handling. Since officer Coscarella left us, Kat is the new officer in charge of Sarge. The transition has been smooth, and she is very excited to take on the new responsibility.
  - We had 724 calls for service in June. FIBArk was calm this year and we didn't have any major incidents.
  - We are currently down two police officer positions. We have been advertising for a month and only have one candidate. We are going to be working on a few creative ways to fill our open positions. This is going to take some time but might help us in the future.
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### **Finance Department –**

- City departments are hard at work on their 2023 budget requests.
  - Cross training within the department has been a priority as we plan for one employee retiring and one taking a temporary leave of absence (maternity).
  - Some work has been done updating the long-term plan to ensure the City stays on track in the long run. An update will be provided to council later in the budget cycle.
  - July is often a catch up month with the audit now behind us and the budget review work not yet starting. It tends to be a good month to purge dated files (we had a "shred day") and to take a vacation without negatively impacting the office.
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### **Community Development Department –**

- As of July 14, we've seen 105 total building permits, inc. a total of 49 new residential units. At the same time last year, we had reviewed 136 permits with 126 total residential units (48 of them were the Salida Ridge LIHTC project). In 2020, we had reviewed 87 permits with 37 total residential units.
- 5 RVs have been purchased from Holiday RV for use in the Open Doors RV Rental Program. 5 more are currently reserved. The RV Resort just got its final CO and the Housing Authority is working on matching applicants to units now, with the hope of moving them in sometime in the next week or so. Purchase of the remaining units will happen as soon as applications show the anticipated demand.
- River Ridge Inclusionary Housing units (built/managed by CHT) have been CO'd and all 8 units closed last week, to the glee of many.
- Salida Ridge Apartments (LIHTC project) now not anticipated to open until September due to some fire suppression system and supply chain issues.

- Staff is working on migrating more parcel information over to/into our GIS database to enhance our review processes, with the hope of eventually making more information available to the public via the City website.
  - Numerous updated documents inc. applications have been uploaded to the Community Development Department web pages.
  - We are reaching out to numerous entities with previous pre-annexation agreements and annexation agreements to follow-up on related requirements, now that several of them have the required contiguity with City limits. This will likely result in a number of annexation applications in the coming months.
  - Lots of pre-application meetings regarding Confluent Park, Angelview, and other locations. Still plenty of interest from the development community, esp. in regards to housing.
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## **Parks and Recreation Department –**

- See Attached.
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## **Public Works Department –**

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## **Arts and Culture Department –**

- The exhibit from a collective of artists in celebration of the month's Salida Art Walk debuted in the Paquette Gallery and an artists' reception was held during the Creative Mixer, which was attended by (50) people.
  - A sold-out performance by acclaimed historian and actor Clay Jenkinson depicting John Wesley Powell capped three successful events taking place during Salida Art Walk weekend. Additional highlights were the Mini Masterpieces Reception and Auction and High Country Bank's Art on the Rocks event.
  - A variety of musical concerts were held during the month which included classical music from the Walden Chamber Music Society, Americana sounds from Tony Furtado, classic rock stylings of Mo'Champipple, and bluesy tunes from Blue Recluse. The attendance for these events totaled (257).
  - TOTAL GUESTS Attending (47) Events/Meetings for May = 2,149
    - Number of free arts and culture events/no admission = 6
    - Number of attendees at free events = 367
    - Number of events paying rental fees = 41
    - Number of entities using the facilities = 27
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## **Fire Department –**

- The Collaborative Design Process with Neenan Archistruction went well. Lots of great ideas were presented that we hadn't even considered. We are looking forward to the next phase.
- Salida Fire was notified last week that we will be re-evaluated by ISO in 2022. Our last visit was in 2014. We have already begun the process by completing the pre-survey forms

- We are working diligently on the 2023 budget for the fire department.

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### **Clerk's Office –**

- No Report



## Parks and Recreation Department report

Date: 7/19/22

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### Aquatics

- **Hired** two new P&R Representatives- training will start this week
- Five kids completed their certifications in our **babysitting program**.
- **Swim Lessons** are going swimmingly
- **Secal Swim Meet** held on July 29, 30, and 31. The pool will close at noon on July 29 and be closed all day on July 30 and 31.
- Busy at the pool, especially when the weather is bad.
- **Adult Soak** has had little to no participation this summer. We are pausing this program for the remainder of the summer and will revisit it in the fall.
- **July discounts and free days:** \$2 off adults/\$1 off youth with any Ark Valley commercial rafting receipt (within 1 week of rafting excursion). Free entry to all Nonprofit and Volunteer Program workers.
- **Family game night** at the Aquatic Center Thursday, Jul 21, 2022 , 5-8pm
  - New amenities, pool games
  - Testing out the new amenities with an employee party this Friday, 7/15 from 7-8pm. You're invited! Please join us.
  - Will host monthly Family game night moving forward

### Facilities

- Maintenance:
  - Worked with Budget Plumbing to get plumbing up and running at the FibArk building.
  - Responded to the Fire Department citation of fire egress light not functioning properly on battery backup at Fleet Bay in the Public Works Facility.
  - Coordinated getting genie lift to Touber Building to fill holes in bricks on PD exterior.
  - Had United Roofing come take a look at the west wing roof that was leaking. It is hail damage and they recommend getting CIRSA involved
  - Remove pools at the source
  - Updated electrical service at Riverside and Centennial Park
  - Cleaned bottom of the warm pool chlorinator. replaced the piston valve, replaced an overflow float.
- Improvement:
  - **SHSAC Boiler replacement project** - pre-con meeting
  - **Splash pad project** - Pre con for splash pad
  - Installed new **drinking fountain/bottle fill** station at Centennial Park restrooms
  - **Attended trainings** - Hazardous Operations Seminar & Confined Space training
  - **Hot springs line replace project** - had to get a private company to locate the line, Surveyor marked the location, city staff entered the location into GPS database, locations sent to Engineer
  - Let Aquatic Resources know that the quote for the **pumproom controls** was approved and they can get moving on the project. All parts and equipment have been ordered.



- Called and got info on **cedar tubs** from Northern Lights Hot Tubs and Saunas

#### Recreation

- **Adult Drop-in Basketball:** Drop in basketball will start July 15th at the Salida High School. Ages 16 and up and the cost is \$5/person.
- **Thursday Night Light's Youth Football Camp:** 1-8th graders can drop in on Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 for free at the Salida High School football field to learn about the fundamentals of Football.
- **Rafting and River Safety:** July 22 and August 1st still have room for kids ages 8 -14. They will learn how to raft safely on the Arkansas.
- **Line Dance Class started June 9:** Betty Scofield is hosting line dancing classes at the american legion on mondays and thursdays. The cost is \$5/ person cash at the door and 9:30 - 11 is the advanced class and 11:00 - noon is the beginner class.
- **Youth Tennis Lessons:** Sign up for kids between the ages of 6 and 14 is available at cityofsalida.com. Kids 6-14 can drop in for only \$5!
- **Kickball Starting:** Starts Aug 10. more information to come soon!
- **Mobile Recess:** Every wednesday in July from 10am - 1pm in Alpine Park. This program is free! There is a bounce house, lawn games and a slack line!
- **FIBArk:** Saw good participant numbers and satisfied participants. 49 participants answered the post race survey and gave the running races a 94% satisfaction rate overall. We're already looking forward to next year!
- **Softball:** Men's women's and girls softball are all underway. Girls softball ends this week and mens and womens continue into the beginning of August. We have a great staff this year and they're doing an amazing job umpiring, setting the field and working with the teams.

#### Parks

- **Riverside Park tree mulching project** has been underway. Staff has been working on mulching all the smaller diameter trees at the park. The mulch adds protection from mower damage, retains soil moisture and breaks down into organic material that feeds the tree.
- **Centennial Park Irrigation:** Staff have been working on getting all the irrigation at the park up and running on automated controls.
- Staff has been building a **new section of designated trail** to connect to rise and shine trail in the S-Mtn area. Will be open very soon!
- Installed new **SOS BETCH informational signage** at Centennial Park.
- Trenched for new electrical service for a **digital marquee sign at the Chamber of Commerce Building.**
- Ran multiple event deliveries for fencing, cones and barricades.

#### General

- July is NPRA Month.

# **Public Works Department Report**

## **July 2022**

### **Planning/Engineering/Construction**

#### ➤ Planning and Construction

##### Streets

- Continue meetings with CDOT/Engineer on Oak and 291 improvements
- Draft concepts for Poncha Blvd Streetscape. Plan Council review in August
- 2022 Street Reconstruction: 12<sup>th</sup> Street underway
  - Several contractor delays related to their work schedule and material availability. Additionally, the work has shifted focus to the area of New St. to complete a significant portion of this work prior to school reopening
- 2022 Concrete Maintenance: underway
- 2022 Asphalt Maintenance Project: chip sealing underway
- Oak St / Safe Routes to School: Design underway
  - Met with Crest admin and Fire Dept design team for interface of streetscape and those projects.

##### Utilities

- Contracting on DOLA grant award for Pasquale Project
- 2022 Sewer Reconstruction
  - Started on US-50 in Poncha
  - Next section to be along Holman Ave near 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- Pasquale WTP Project: preconstruction items underway
- Harrington ditch piping: Survey and due diligence underway
- Poncha Trunk line: Survey and due diligence underway

#### ➤ Other CIP Items:

- Nothing new at this time

### **Operations**

#### ➤ Streets

- Complete trainings for flagger cert, CIRSA confined space and others (2 day onsite)
- Thermo pavement markings at various places around town, finish curb/pvmt markings
- Concrete repairs
- Entryway monument cleanup and hardscaping
- Install solar LED sign on Crestone intersection (high complaint area)

#### ➤ Utilities

##### Field Utilities

- Continue sewer line cleaning and inspection for east 1/3 of collection system
- Smart meter upgrades (dealing with some supply chain issues)
- Inspection and new development assistance

##### Water Treatment

- Telemetry/radio replacements for communication security upgrades

##### Wastewater Treatment

- Work with consultant and director on process control data collection
- Additional testing for compliance and plant operational trending



*Figure 1 - 12th Street Reconstruction and New Sidewalk*