



## **JULY 2023 STAFF REPORTS**

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### **Police Department –**

- We completed another FIBARK with only minor issues. We were able to get Sarge out to say hi to people and he was a hit.
  - We have been trying to do more foot patrol in the downtown area and have been meeting with business owners to see how the summer is going for them. Everyone seems to appreciate the extra effort.
  - Three new employees are in training at the moment. They are about halfway through the training program and are all doing great. We are scheduled to have them completed and on the road by the end of September.
  - We are less than 60 days away of finally getting our 2023 patrol cars that we ordered in October of 2023. The supply chain issues are really hurting the patrol car industry and we may have to look at other options for 2024. We have a meeting with our distributor in late July.
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### **Finance Department –**

- Department heads are busy getting their 2024 budget requests in order. Council will be provided a first look in mid August.
  - Colorado GFOA is coming to Salida to run training programs for finance professionals. Tyler software company (a platform used by the City) will also be in Salida for training.
  - Staff are starting to organize an auction of surplus inventory (i.e. heavy equipment, police cars).
  - Staff continue to keep up with daily workloads and meet important deadlines.
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### **Community Development –**

- Building Permits: Things continue to be quite busy on the building permit side of things—record-setting, in fact, for the first half of the year. As of July 12th, we've seen 145 total building permits YTD, inc. 76 new residential units (includes 20 townhomes at Salida Crossings). At the same time last year, we had reviewed 104 total permits, inc. 47 new residential units. In 2021, we had reviewed 125 total permits, inc. 115 new residential units.
- South Ark Neighborhood Master Plan: The discovery of additional (likely) jurisdictional wetlands out on the site (between the river and the spring) has added a twist to the site planning—primarily in areas previously anticipated for recreational uses/fields. This has required some reconfiguring of the site and further constrains the overall buildable area. Consultants from Studio Seed continue doing a variety of infrastructure, financial, and feasibility analyses that have changed with the morphing site plan. Following a June work session with Council, Studio Seed has created a draft preferred site plan with a few alternative options that will be presented at the July 31 work session along with the latest information from those analyses. Conversations continue with potential civic

and educational partners, especially as we gear up to pursue funding for installing future infrastructure on the site through a variety of grants that are or will be available through the state very soon.

- Land Use Code update: Staff is finishing up final review of Installment 2 of the Land Use Code update (districts, dimensional standards, and uses, etc.) and beginning review of Installment 3 (design standards). This new installment will be made public for review and feedback in the next couple of months prior to a consolidated draft code being created. Conversations with the Land Use Code Advisory Committee and Planning Commission will continue through the summer. This information will also be made available on the City's Community Development webpage.
  - Salida Crossings: Site work has begun, including on-site utilities, foundation prep, etc. in anticipation of building permits being issued in the coming weeks—first for the 20 townhomes and then for the first mixed-use building. The developers are still awaiting CDOT approval for work in the right-of-way (CDOT is very behind on issuing approvals), but that work is anticipated later this summer, as well. Activity on the site should increase over the coming months.
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## **Parks and Recreation –**

- See Attached.
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## **Public Works –**

- See Attached.
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## **Arts and Culture –**

- The exhibit from a collection of artists in celebration of Art Walk debuted in the Paquette Gallery and was recognized at the artist reception held during the monthly Creative Mixer, which was attended by (50) people.
- The first three Creativity Camps (six total are offered this summer) took place in the Annex, Ballroom, Plaza and Sculpture Garden. All camp sessions are full with up to (40) campers participating each week. All camp sessions are lead by local teachers and features local artists and creatives.
- The Community Read program, which was a partnership with Salida Regional Library, culminated in an evening talk with author Peter Heller (The Dog Stars) in-person at the SteamPlant Theater. The event was attended by (90) people.
- The Arts & Culture department programmed and partnered on several events during Art Walk weekend (June 23-25) that celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the event. Highlights included 1) five performances by the 101st Army Band throughout the Creative District; 2) Mini Masterpiece Preview and Auction; 3) History of Salida Artist Exhibition; 4) Art on Film screening of documentary on artist Mary Cassatt.
- The Summer Concert Series in Riverside Park kicked off on June 29 with local favorite Mo'champipple taking to the stage. The free concert was attended by more than (200) people. Seven more concert dates are slated for the summer.
- TOTAL GUESTS Attending (56) Events/Meetings for June = 3,891
  - Number of free arts and culture events/no admission = 14
  - Number of attendees at free events = 1,675

- Number of events paying rental fees = 22
  - Number of entities using the facilities = 31
  - From July through December, a booking by the Salida Markers' Market (Contact: Desiree Marceau) will hold multi-vendor markets at the Scout Hut (Dates – 7/22, 8/19, 9/16, 10/28, 12/10,12/17). Additionally, the Foodshed Alliance will hold multi-vendor markets at the Scout Hut (Dates – 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23).
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## **Fire Department –**

- A large portion of the staff attended a 3-day live fire training hosted by Gunnison Fire Department.
  - Spring runoff triggered several incidents on the river during June.
  - We are currently at 587 Incident responses for the year with 116 incidents in June.
  - We took delivery of my new Chief's Vehicle on June 12th. Defender supply did an outstanding job building the vehicle and the project came in under budget.
  - Drew, Christy, Kathy Rohrich, Neenan and I presented our EIAF Grant request to DOLA on June 28th in Denver. We are hoping to hear very soon if we are successful in being awarded money for the new firehouse.
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## **Clerk's Office –**

### **Municipal Court:**

- Preparing for July Court

### **Special Events**

- Working with event organizers on the upcoming event season and processing amplified sound permits for May
- Processing liquor licenses for Special Events

### **Short Term Rentals**

- Processed Short Term Rental Renewals
- Deputy Clerk negotiated with GOVOs for a refund on the new tax form due to delayed implementation

### **Liquor**

- Finalized and received Stoke BBQ new transfer liquor license from the state
- Finalized and received Fritz's new transfer liquor license from the state
- Preparing for Little Red Hen's liquor hearing

### **Election**

- Confirmed adequate signatures for a citizen initiative petition. Currently in the 40 day time period for final petition sufficiency
- Updated Election calendar to implement updated, additional campaign finance filing dates per HB 23-1245

### **Training**

- Deputy Clerk attended Colorado Municipal Clerk's Institute Training Conference

### **CORA**

- Processed 7 requests in June and 5 as of July 14.

# **Public Works Department Report**

## **July 2023**

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

- Planning and Construction
  - Streets
    - Oak Street Reconstruction and US-50 SRTS (now anticipated to be 2024)
      - CDOT sending out Access notice letters to citizens
    - Poncha Blvd
      - Construction underway (5<sup>th</sup> St. to Grant St.)
      - Reclamation of asphalt complete and prepping for paving and landscaping
    - 2023 Concrete Maintenance
      - ADA ramps and sidewalks repairs underway
    - 2022 Street Reconstruction:
      - 10<sup>th</sup> Street Construction underway (H St. to J St.)
  - Utilities
    - Pasquale WTP Project
      - Start-up complete and treatment plant online
    - Poncha Trunk line: Design complete
- Other CIP Items:
  - Caboose restoration in progress
  - Multi-use office space addition underway

### **Operations**

- Streets
  - Thermoplastic installation – crosswalks, sharrows, and other markings
  - Removal of dead trees and stumps
  - Sign and pole replacements, and other routine work
- Utilities
  - Field Utilities
    - Smart meter upgrades (see 2022 Annual Report)
    - Jetting and camera inspection of wastewater lines for 2023 underway
      - 2023 work area is 1/3 of system: Salida west of F St.
  - Water Treatment
    - Routine items
    - Involvement with WTP Pasquale Improvement Project
  - Wastewater Treatment
    - Work with consultant and director on process control data collection
    - Additional testing for compliance and plant operational trending



*Figure 1 - Pump Station Building*



*Figure 2 - Poncha Blvd. Asphalt Reclamation (FDR)*

**Aquatics**

- Swim Team continues to use the facility for practice.
- 5 sessions of summer swim lessons. Currently in Session 3.
- Promoted 4 staff from Lifeguard I to Lifeguard II.
- Cross-training lifeguards as P&R Representatives.
- Pop up library story time at Aquatic Center July 18 at 10am.
- Family Fun Night 7/20, 5-8pm.
- Adult Hot Soak 7/28, 7:30-9:30pm.

**Recreation**

- Beginner Tennis Lessons offered on Fridays from 10-11 am at the Salida Middle School Tennis Courts.
- Line dancing will continue through the summer at the American Legion on Mondays and Thursdays.
- FIBArk Paddle Program is full for our fall kayak program and rafting and river safety.
- Mobile Recess is available at Alpine Park every Wednesday from 10 am - 1 pm. There is a bouncy house for younger kids, and lots of fun yard games! This program will run through the end of August.
- Group and private skateboard lessons continue through mid-August.
- Kickball team registration is available now and closes on August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Drop in Mahjong will be available at the end of July.
- Salida Youth Football league registration is open until August 4th and goes up in price after that.
- Youth Football Camp will take place July 17, 18 & 19 from 6:00-7:30 pm.
- Youth Baseball and Youth Softball end July 14<sup>th</sup>. We had over 170 participants in youth baseball with over 20 volunteer coaches. In softball we had more than 50 participants with over 10 volunteer coaches.

**Facilities**

- Staff are out of the office. No report.

**Parks**

- Big landscaping improvements at Centennial Park and pool entrance.
- Started interviewing for 2 full time park positions.
- Thonoff park/ poncha blvd work is getting close to done and will need to look at any landscaping, seeding or planting.
- Continued efforts of trash removal, event and festival prep, and all the ongoing facility maintenance needs city wide.