

Ridgway Town Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado

5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Councilors Robb Austin, Tessa Cheek, Ninah Hunter, Beth Lakin, Russ Meyer, Mayor Pro Tem Eric Johnson and Mayor John Clark

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council will enter into a closed session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 24-6-402(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding the following matters: (i) temporary access at Railroad Street; and (ii) waste water utility maintenance; and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of determining position relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations: Tri-County Water Conservancy District emergency interconnection.

6:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered to be routine by the Town Council and enacted by one motion. The Council has received and considered reports and recommendations prior to assigning consent calendar designations. Copies of the reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and are available to the public. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is requested, that item will be removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2019.
2. Minutes of the Joint Workshop Meeting on June 26, 2019.
3. Register of Demands for July 2019.
4. Renewal of liquor store license for High Spirits.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Established time for the public to address the Council regarding any item not otherwise listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

5. Request from the Ridgway Library District to use Town property north of the library for construction staging – Dickson Pratt, Member, Ridgway Library District Board of Trustees.
6. Presentation and request for letter of support for the preliminary draft of the Grand Mesa Uncompahgre Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests Plan including the Community Conservation Proposal – Robyn Cascade, Leader, Great Old Broads for Wilderness.
7. Presentation of results from the Ouray Hydro dam study conducted in March 2019, and discussion of what content would be most useful in a watershed guide being created by UWP for Ouray County visitors and residents - Tanya Ishikawa and Ashley Bembeneck, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership.

8. Request to use Hartwell Park south parking lot on Friday evenings from approximately 6:00 - 9:00 pm for car and motorcycle events through October 15th, 2019 - Justin Fagan, Car and Motorcycle Society (C.A.M.S.).

PUBLIC HEARINGS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; hearings may be limited to 20 minutes.

9. Transfer of restaurant liquor license at 146 N. Cora Street; Applicant: Thai Paradise Ridgway Inc.; Sole Member: Patcharin (Patty) Lawler - Town Clerk.
10. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2018-07 Which Prohibits the Use of Certain Plastic Bags, to Allow an Exemption for the Use of Small, Locking, Plastic Bags up to Two Gallons in Size - Town Manager.

LAND USE MATTERS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; hearings may be limited to 20 minutes.

11. Reciprocal Agreement for purchase of project infrastructure easements of approximately 1512 square feet, and Town conveyed land of approximately 1601 square feet, to Lena Commons LLC and Lena Commons, LLC utility easement of approximately 1250 square feet to Town - Town Attorney.

POLICY MATTERS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; overall discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

12. Agreement for receipt and use of private donation for the purpose of designing and constructing a pavilion and storage building in the Ridgway Athletic Park - Town Manager.
13. Presentation and approval of Heritage Park / Visitor's Center Strategic Plan - Community Initiatives Facilitator.
14. Update on Dark Skies ordinance discussions at the Planning Commission - Town Manager.
15. Update from CC4CA June Retreat and Ratification of CC4CA Policy Document - Councilor Lakin.

MANAGERS UPDATE

Planning Commission
Removal of tree in Hartwell Park
Budget process update
General Town Hall updates

STAFF REPORT Written report may be provided for informational purposes prior to the meeting updating Council on various matters that may or may not warrant discussion and action.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS Informational verbal reports from Councilors pertaining to the following committees, commissions and organizations:

Council Appointed Committees, Commissions, Task Forces:

Ridgway Parks, Trails & Open Space Committee - Councilors Austin and Mayor Pro Tem Johnson
Ridgway Planning Commission - Councilor Cheek and Mayor Clark
Ridgway Creative District Creative Advocacy Team - Councilor Hunter

Ridgway Scholarship Committee - Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark

Council Board Appointments:

Ouray County Weed Board - Councilor Lakin; alternate - Town Engineer

Ouray County Joint Planning Board - Councilor Meyer, citizens Rod Fitzhugh & Tom McKenney;
alternate-Mayor Pro Tem Johnson

Sneffels Energy Board - Councilor Lakin and Public Works Services Administrator; alternate -
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson

Region 10 Board - Mayor Clark

WestCO Dispatch Board - Town Marshal; alternate - Town Manager

Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region - Town Manager; alternate - Public Works
Services Administrator

Ouray County Transit Committee - Public Works Services Administrator; alternate - Town Manager

Ouray County Water Users Association - Councilor Meyer

Council Participation and Liaisons:

Chamber of Commerce - Councilmember Hunter

Communities That Care Coalition - Mayor Clark

Ouray County Fairgrounds - Councilor Austin

ADJOURNMENT

Deadline for agenda items for next regular meeting, Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.,
Town Clerk's Office, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado.

Consent Agenda

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. In attendance Councilors Austin, Cheek, Hunter, Meyer and Mayor Pro Tem Johnson. Councilor Lakin and Mayor Clark were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Attorney requested entering into a closed session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S) 24-6-402(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding the following matters: (i) Tony Girard and Sherman Herran LLC v. Town of Ridgway; (ii) Ridgway Municipal Code Violation - Jacob and Stacie Veatch dba Stacie's Apothecary; (iii) waste water utility maintenance; (iv) process regarding municipal code amendment(s) for water utility rates and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of determining position relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations regarding Lena Street Commons Development Agreement.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor Meyer, seconded by Councilor Austin and unanimously carried to enter into closed session.

The Council entered into executive session at 5:35 p.m. with the Town Attorney and Town Manager.

The Council reconvened to open session at 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Interim Marshal Shane Schmalz presented an update on the Marshal's Department and addressed staffing, victim assistance program, calls for service, and officers "out in the community" performing "community oriented policing".

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2019.
2. Minutes of the Joint Workshop Meeting of May 22, 2019.
3. Minutes of the Special Meeting held May 23, 2019.
4. Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of May 23, 2019.
5. Minutes of the Joint Workshop Meeting on May 30, 2019.
6. Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 5, 2019.
7. Register of Demands for June 2019.

8. Renewal of liquor store license for Ridgway Liquors.
9. Renewal of fermented malt beverage liquor license for Ridgway Shell.
10. Renewal of fermented malt beverage liquor license for Ridgway Texaco.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor Austin and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Renewal of tavern liquor license for Sherbino Theater.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Hunter to approve renewal of the Sherbino Theater liquor license, seconded by Councilmember Meyer, the motion carried with Councilors Austin and Cheek abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Falk explained a children's baseball team has formed with 50 students throughout the County participating, 44 from Town. It is hoped to practice at the Athletic Park baseball field, but the infield has "over grown". He requested the Town look into maintaining the area.

The Mayor Pro Tem read a letter from resident Candida Gold expressing concerns regarding dogs off leash on the Uncompahgre River Trail, and requesting more signage and enforcement.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

12. Request for second amendment and five year extension to the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to annexation of Ouray County property on Mall Road

Email dated 5-22-19 from Ouray County Administrator Connie Hunt requesting the Council consider a second amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning annexation of the property on Mall Road.

Ouray County Commissioner Ben Tisdal explained the County owns a 37 acre parcel on Mall Road, which is adjacent to Town limits. The property houses County offices, and a number of years ago the Council and Commissioners discussed the County desire to expand uses on the property and acquire more Town water taps. The request for water taps will trigger annexation of the property into the town boundaries. He reported the County is currently undertaking a number of large projects and will not be addressing the proposed expansion for a number of years. He requested the Town issue a five year extension to the MOU which expires next month.

ACTION:

Councilor Hunter moved to approve an extension to the MOU for five years, to be completed by June of 2024. Councilor Meyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

13. Request from Weehawken Creative Arts to use Town property for parking during the annual Ridgway Rendezvous

Councilmember Cheek stepped down due to a conflict of interest.

The Town Clerk presented a Special Events Permit Application from Weehawken Creative Arts to use the Town parking lot north of Hartwell Park in August for overnight parking by vendors at the annual Ridgway Rendezvous. She explained the non-profit organization is proposing to use the fairgrounds for attendee parking, and shuttle people to the event which is held in the park. The vendors would have parking adjacent to the park, facilitating easy access.

ACTION:

Councilor Meyer moved, and Councilmember Hunter seconded to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Weehawken Creative Arts for the Ridgway Rendezvous.

Councilmember Cheek returned to sit with the Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. Preliminary Plat for RiverSage Phase 2; Location: Outlot RiverSage PUD Plat; Address: TBD River Sage Drive and Chester Court; Zone: Residential; Applicant: Rick Weaver; Owner: RiverSage Ridgway LLC

Staff Report dated 6-7-19 from the Town Manager presenting a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve with conditions, the preliminary plat for the second phase of RiverSage PUD.

Town Clerk's Notice of Public Hearing dated 6-3-19.

Town Manager Coates explained the Town has received an application for Phase Two of the current RiverSage Subdivision. The first filing was completed in 2008-09 and included eight residential lots. The development was originally planned with three filings for a total of 20 lots; with the third filing to be located on the north end of the property. The developer is now proposing to reduce the total number of lots to sixteen, eliminate filing three and dedicate the property to the Town for park space. The area will connect to the current trail system. In exchange the developer is seeking release of requirements in the Subdivision Improvements Agreement to construct a pedestrian bridge and place lighting on the vehicle bridge.

Applicant and developer Rick Weaver addressed the three conditions of approval. There is currently an access agreement with the adjacent Dallas Meadows Subdivision over the north end of the property, and there are discussions to terminate the agreement. Both broadband and dedicated phone lines are being brought into the subdivision. The homeowners association is unanimously opposed to installation of lights on the vehicular bridge. He explained there are existing reflectors on the bridge which the homeowners feel are as bright as lights; additionally they are concerned that lighting the bridge may encourage visitors to the park after hours.

SPEAKING FROM THE AUDIENCE

Martin Kemp, representing the RiverSage Homeowners Association spoke in support of the Phase Two plat and “adding 20 acres to park and open space”. He explained the association is “not in favor of lights on the bridge” and noted “the reflectors show a 100 foot approach”. He noted we are “opposed to adding an easement” for “Dallas Creek” noting “they have an access” to the water tank from the “north side” and “cutting a road half mile through park space”, “would be a shame”.

Homeowner Kelvin Kent stated “we agreed with the comments Marty made” and noted regarding the bridge lights, no other bridge in the county is lite, and “as a user I don’t feel it’s a necessity”.

Lacy Young stated she “wholeheartedly agrees” with Marty and Kelvin.

Sara Marreno stated “we support fully what Marty and Kelvin said” and “appreciate the Weavers donating the land for a park”, and “we ask for you to agree with the plan the Weavers are proposing”.

There were questions and comments from the Council. Consensus was to remove the requirements for lighting the vehicular bridge and constructing a pedestrian bridge.

ACTION:

Councilor Austin moved to approve the preliminary plat for RiverSage Phase Two with the exception to remove the requirement of placing lighting on the bridge, and eliminate the pedestrian bridge, Councilor Meyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

15. Minor Subdivision; Location: Solar Ranches Filing 1, Lot 39; Address: 520 Chipeta Drive; Zone: Residential; Applicants and Owners: Paula James and Don Rogers

Staff Report dated 6-6-19 from the Town Planner presenting a Planning Commission recommendation to approve the request for minor subdivision of the duplex at 520 Chipeta Drive.

Town Clerk’s Notice of Public Hearing dated 5-9-19.

Planner Coburn explained the Planning Commission reviewed the request at the May 28th meeting and recommended Council approval with conditions. She presented an overview of the project and the recommended conditions. The subdivision will allow for two separate owners, and she noted, adjacent properties on both sides of the subject property, are duplex subdivisions.

Applicant Don Roger explained fire walls where installed between the units during construction in preparation of future subdivision.

ACTION:

Councilor Meyer moved, with Councilmember Hunter seconding to approve the minor subdivision of the condominiums on Lot 39, Solar Ranch Filing 1, with conditions as recommended by the Commission. On a call for the vote the motion carried unanimously.

16. Adoption of Ridgway Master Plan in accordance with C.R.S. § 31-23-206

Staff Report from the Town Manager and Planner dated 5-24-19 presenting edits to the draft master plan dated 4-30-19.

Planner Coburn reported there have been numerous meetings over the last year regarding development of the master plan. At the recent Planning Commission meeting a formal public hearing was held and the Commission unanimously approved the plan with a few additions, which were presented to the Council in the memorandum dated 5-24-19; and are recommending the Town Council approve the document as presented.

The Town Planner noted a full presentation was made at the Council's April meeting, and explained the document is a statement of policy and intent on future growth and development, "a big picture document" and "guiding document for land use decisions and future policy updates". Development of the document included three public surveys; focus group meetings; reaching out at community events; two community meetings to receive input; outreach to the schools; attendance at Planning Commission and Town Council meetings to present updates. The plan includes a community vision; community values with supporting goals, policies and actions; growth framework; and future land use map.

There were questions from the Council.

SPEAKING FROM THE AUDIENCE

Attorney Cody Knifer, representing Strength LLC noted "concerns regarding uncertainty for sensitive natural areas", and "costs for building" and that it could "hurt property values".

Ben Jackson, co-developer of Ridgway River Park Business Park PUD, stated "we've been sitting on filing three for twenty years", and "without live work you're not going to see this" development "happen as planned". He asked for the Council to "just clarify and say housing may be considered in this area", and "add a simple sentence" to the master plan.

Ellen Hunter stated "nothing needs to be changed", this is "a great document" which has been "edited, changed and scrutinized by the community". She said "I encourage Council to adopt it as it is".

There were questions from the Council to staff. Responding to a question the Town Attorney stated the document is "non-binding" and "advisory in nature only".

ACTION:

Moved by Councilmember Hunter to adopt the Master Plan as presented. Councilor Cheek seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Council took a recess at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

POLICY MATTERS

17. Discussion regarding process for review of water rates

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson noted at a recent workshop and special meeting the Council discussed and adopted an ordinance to temporarily reduce water rates for commercial

users. He suggested the Council schedule a workshop to present the information used to develop the established rate structure. The Council agreed to meet in August.

SPEAKING FROM THE AUDIENCE

Business owner Jack Young noted there were discussions at the previous meeting in relation to creating a committee to “compile” suggestions to the Council.

Business owner Adam Dubroff noted he had suggested meeting with Tri-County Water, and the district has indicated they would make a presentation to the Council.

18. Introduction of an Ordinance allowing an exemption to the prohibition of use of plastic bags to allow for the use of small, locking, plastic bags up to two gallon in size

Town Manager Coates reported in December of 2018 the Council enacted a ban on the use of plastic bags by businesses. After a number of discussions with business owners it was determined that there is not a suitable replacement for small plastic locking bags needed for consumable products. At the prior meeting a draft ordinance was presented and staff was directed to amend the document and define the word small and include non-consumable use. She presented a draft document which allows for the use of “small locking plastic bags up to two gallons in size”.

SPEAKING FROM THE AUDIENCE

Linda Burns with Second Chance Thrift Store stated the use of locking plastic bags is “integral” and “makes items saleable” for the business. She noted allowing the use would “really be a benefit for us” and stated “if you can do this for us, we would really appreciate it”.

Krista Meyer supported allowing the reuse of plastic bags.

Ellen Hunter stated she disagrees with adding the exemption noting there are “other options”. She spoke in opposition to “reuse of plastic bags” and stated the original ordinance should not be changed.

Torben supported making an “exception for the thrift store”. He noted “they recycle everything”, and a “brown paper bag does not work for what they need”.

There were comments from the Council. Councilor Hunter moved to introduce the ordinance as presented, the motion died for lack of a second. There was further discussion and it was agreed to remove use of small, locking, plastic bags from the draft document.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor Meyer to introduce the Ordinance Allowing an Exemption to the Prohibition of Use of Plastic Bags to Allow for the Use of Small, Locking, Plastic Bags up to Two Gallon in Size without Section (B) (2), Councilor Hunter seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

19. Application for Department of Local Affairs Main Street Mini Grant

Manager Coates noted the Town has been applying for Main Street Mini Grants with the Department of Local Affairs since 2012. Staff is proposing to apply for \$5000 to match Town funding, for the \$10,000 budgeted this year for improvements at Heritage Park. This

would include phase one improvements of landscaping and signage at the park and visitors center.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Hunter, seconded by Councilor Austin and unanimously carried to approve the application for the Department of Local Affairs Main Street Mini Grant.

20. Review and recommended changes to the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) Policy Statement

The Town Manager reported at a previous meeting the Council agreed to join the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA). She presented the CC4CA Policy Statement for 2019-2020 and explained the organization is seeking direction and unanimous support from members, and requesting any changes the Council may have and approval of the statement.

There was discussion by the Council. It was agreed if any members have proposed comments or changes they will send them to the Town Manager to be included in a response.

21. Appointment of steering committee member to CC4CA

Manager Coates noted CC4CA is requesting representation from the Town on the steering committee. There was discussion and the Town Manager was directed to inquire if Councilor Lakin might be interested in the appointment.

22. Letter requesting prioritization to secure sustainable funding for the Colorado Water Plan

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson presented a letter to Representative McLachlan and Senator Coram supporting funding the Colorado Water Plan during the 2020 State Legislative Session.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Austin, seconded by Councilmember Cheek and unanimously carried to authorize the letter dated June 12th to Representative McLachlan and Senator Coram as written and presented.

23. Request to apply for victim advocate grant funding

The Town Manager reported the Town is in the second year of receiving funding for victim assistance, sharing in the program with the City and County of Ouray. The agencies are requesting approval to apply for funding for the 2020 fiscal year through a grant from VALE. She noted the agreement with the agencies in the county is created through a memorandum of understanding; the Town administers and processes the grant, and houses the victim advocate contract employee.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilmember Cheek, seconded by Councilor Hunter to authorize staff to apply for any and all grants for victim advocacy for Ouray County. On a call for the vote the motion carried unanimously.

24. Request to purchase a tractor as budgeted within the 2019 fiscal year

The Town Manager explained staff has received a quote to purchase a tractor for \$36,000, lower than the amount budgeted for the fiscal year.

ACTION:

Councilmember Hunter moved to approve the purchase of a tractor from Massey Ferguson. Councilor Meyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

25. Priorities for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Statewide Plan and Grand Valley Transportation Planning Region (GVTPR) Regional Transportation Plan

The Town Manager explained CDOT prepares statewide highway planning every five years and local priorities and approval of projects for the region are established by the GVTPR. She asked if there are any items the Council would like to see placed on the plans, and presented proposed items from staff. These included prioritizing a park and ride area; an over or under pass at Highway 550 and 62 or on Highway 550 past the Weaver Park.

There was discussion by the Council and it was noted perhaps the underpass should be by County Road 10; include a left hand turn land from 550 on to County Road 24; and the misalignment of Railroad Street. The Council agreed to inclusion of all the items into the regional plan.

26. Appointment of member to the Ouray County Housing Advisory Committee

Councilor Austin volunteered to serve on the Ouray County Housing Advisory Committee.

27. Letter of support for the Bustang Bus Service

The Town Manager presented a letter of support for the Bustang Bus Service. The Council agreed it should be sent to the Colorado Department of Transportation.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Hunter, seconded by Councilmember Cheek and unanimously carried to send the letter dated July 13th congratulating Bustang program on their fourth anniversary.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Coates reported on the Space to Create project; Storm Water Master Plan public meeting on July 9th; Building Code Task Force; CML Conference; dark skies regulations will be presented at the next meeting; and two aerators from the wastewater treatment plant are currently being repaired.

STAFF REPORTS

The Town Engineer addressed set backs from the wastewater plant.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
& PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JOINT WORKSHOP

JUNE 26, 2019

The Town Council convened for a joint workshop with the Planning Commission at 6:00 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. Councilors Hunter, Lakin, Meyer and Cheek were in attendance. Councilor Austin, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark were absent. Chairperson Canright was in attendance representing the Planning Commission.

Town Clerk's Notice of Workshop dated June 13, 2019 to meet with the Ridgway Creative District volunteer committee to discuss goals, objectives and direction, and receive training on community initiatives.

Community Initiatives Facilitator Diedra Siebert reviewed the 2019 Ridgway Creative District (RCD) Work Plan and the Ridgway Main Street 2019 Work Plan. She provided a brief history of how RCD and Main Street were formed in conjunction with former Governor Hickenlooper's Bottom Up economic development process. She explained the role of the Town Council, the Creative District and the Creative Advocacy Team (CAT). Silbert clarified that RCD is a geographic place and the creative people and assets in it; it is a Town initiative and concept to re-energize and revitalize the area, as well as a group of dedicated citizens and volunteers. She expounded on the goals and objectives of the 2019 RCD Work Plan that includes addressing the creative needs of the community, supporting and engaging in the community process to develop affordable live/work space for Creatives, show casing how the community values creativity; strengthen partnerships with creative organizations and explore the potential for RCD to become a nonprofit in the future.

Ms. Silbert reviewed the 2018 accomplishments for RCD, Main Street, and Space to Create. The accomplishments included coordination of the Master Plan process in collaboration with the Town Planner, coordination of the Space to Create predevelopment with Art Space (non-profit builders), wayfinding signage implementation, coordination the downtown parking assessment, receiving a 5-year re-certification as a creative district from Colorado Creative Industries, collaboration in establishing the Colorado Creative Corridor; organizing six community events, professional and volunteer development via trainings, and successful collaboration with the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce.

Silbert noted that funding is received through the Department of Local Affairs and Main Street America but community support and involvement is essential for success. She informed the Council that in 2018 1,659 volunteer hours were tracked which equates to a value of \$42,188. She also explained that the Creative District Committee has transitioned into an advocacy team in order to enable Creatives to achieve their goals and eliminate competition with the town.

The Ridgway Main Street 2019 Work Plan Draft encompasses developing an inviting, thriving downtown community and retail environment through six objectives that include reimagining Ridgway's east gateway in collaboration with the Ridgway Area Chamber, implementing recommendations from the 2018 Downtown Parking Assessment, promoting the Colorado Creative Corridor, developing/implementing a communications strategy to better inform citizens,

communication with businesses in conjunction with the Chamber about potential benefits of business license requirement and applying for a Graduate Main Street status. The second strategy to develop models that inspire desired downtown housing and economic development are anticipated to through two objectives: achieve scope of work for the Ridgway Space to Create pre-development phase, and by participating in the completion of the Master Plan process and implementation.

CAT members Betsy Baier, Brenda Ratcliff, Amanda Gabrielson and Joan Chismire participated in the discussion. They explained the advocacy role with businesses, the Moonwalk, Heritage Days, First Fridays, Noel Night, and other community events. Chairperson Betsy Baier described the success of the Creative Corridor which advertises what Ridgway has to offer along with four other state certified creative districts. Co-Chair Brenda Ratliff explained the how owner of the Tree House located on Clinton Street has allowed the CATs to use the facility for many successful events such as First Fridays, art exhibits, outreach and meetings.

There were questions and comments by the Council during the presentation. There was agreement with the direction and objectives of the Ridgway Creative District.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Christian
Deputy Clerk

Town of Ridgway
Register of Demands
July 2019

Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
J. David Reed, PC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Lena St Commons (to be reimb)	511GOO · Town Attorney	-787.50
	RiverSage (to be reimb)	511GOO · Town Attorney	-247.50
	Vista Commons (to be reimb)	511GOO · Town Attorney	-225.00
	sign code violation	511GOO · Town Attorney	-444.00
	June 2019	511GOO · Town Attorney	-1,147.00
	June 2019 - TC	511GOO · Town Attorney	-1,572.50
	June 2019 - PC	511GOO · Town Attorney	-92.50
	Space to Create	511GOO · Town Attorney	-74.00
	June 2019	911WOO · Legal Services	-185.00
TOTAL			-4,775.00
The Paper Clip LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
		541GOO · Office Supplies	-63.82
		841GO3 · Office Supplies	-11.19
		941WOO · Office Supplies	-36.79
		941SOO · Office Supplies	-36.79
		541GOO · Office Supplies	-78.29
TOTAL			-226.88
Ouray County Road & Bridge		Alpine-Operating Account	
	June 2019	660GO2 · Gas & Oil	-164.16
	June 2019	760POO · Gas & Oil	-219.27
	June 2019	960WOO · Gas & Oil	-205.95
	June 2019	960SOO · Gas & Oil	-297.31
	June 2019	860GO3 · Gas & Oil	-470.30
TOTAL			-1,356.99
UNCC		Alpine-Operating Account	
		915WOO · Dues & memberships	-14.20
		915SOO · Dues & Memberships	-14.20
TOTAL			-28.40
Grand Junction Pipe & Supply ...		Alpine-Operating Account	
		988WOO · Taps & Meters	-3,030.16
TOTAL			-3,030.16
True Value		Alpine-Operating Account	
		632GO2 · Supplies & Materials	-11.09
		661GO2 · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-2.11
		732POO · Supplies & Materials	-129.13
		734POO · Safety Equipment	-43.57
		781POO · Events & Festivals	-78.80
		732PO1 · Supplies - community center	-38.95
		961SOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-8.10
		932SOO · Supplies & Materials	-11.08
		932WOO · Supplies & Materials	-27.08
		961WOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-2.10
TOTAL			-352.01

Town of Ridgway
Register of Demands
July 2019

Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Rocky Mountain Aggregate & C...		Alpine-Operating Account	
		635GO2 · Gravel & Sand	-728.64
TOTAL			-728.64
Deeply Digital LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Aug 2019 maintenance	556GOO · IT Services	-210.65
	Aug 2019 maintenance	615GO2 · IT Services	-19.15
	Aug 2019 maintenance	729POO · IT	-19.15
	Aug 2019 maintenance	820GO3 · IT Services	-95.75
	Aug 2019 maintenance	917WOO · IT Services	-19.15
	Aug 2019 maintenance	917SOO · IT Services	-19.15
	Aug 2019 maintenance	917WOO · IT Services	-21.25
	Aug 2019 maintenance	917SOO · IT Services	-21.25
TOTAL			-425.50
Caselle Inc		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Aug 2019	914SOO · Consulting & Engineering Servs	-159.50
	Aug 2019	914WOO · Consulting & Engineering Ser...	-159.50
TOTAL			-319.00
Hartman Brothers Inc		Alpine-Operating Account	
		661GO2 · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-2.20
		961SOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-2.20
		961WOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-2.20
TOTAL			-6.60
Clarion Associates LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	May 2019	513GOO · Planning Consulting	-1,072.50
TOTAL			-1,072.50
Sunset Automotive		Alpine-Operating Account	
	brake pads - F350	961SOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-68.41
	mount tires - Durango	861GO3 · Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	-132.00
	install expansion valve - dumptruck	961WOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-215.00
	install expansion valve - dumptruck	961SOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-215.00
	install expansion valve - dumptruck	661GO2 · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-215.00
TOTAL			-845.41
CDC Janitorial		Alpine-Operating Account	
		732PO1 · Supplies - community center	-36.79
		732POO · Supplies & Materials	-193.96
TOTAL			-230.75
Mesa County HDR Laboratory		Alpine-Operating Account	
		990WOO · Testing - water	-20.00
TOTAL			-20.00

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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Valvoline Instant Oil Change		Alpine-Operating Account	
	oil - 2018 Explorer	860GO3 · Gas & Oil	-58.63
	oil - Fusion	860GO3 · Gas & Oil	-52.69
TOTAL			-111.32
San Miguel Power Assoc, Inc.		Alpine-Operating Account	
	5/19/19-6/19/19	542GOO · Utilities	-71.02
	5/19/19-6/19/19	638GO2 · Street Lighting	-309.21
	5/19/19-6/19/19	642GO2 · Utilities	-52.14
	5/19/19-6/19/19	742POO · Utilities	-214.08
	5/19/19-6/19/19	742PO1 · Utilities - community center	-71.02
	5/19/19-6/19/19	842GO3 · Utilities	-71.02
	5/19/19-6/19/19	942SOO · Utilities	-3,290.30
	5/19/19-6/19/19	942WOO · Utilities	-616.17
TOTAL			-4,694.96
Black Hills Energy-Town Hall		Alpine-Operating Account	
		742PO1 · Utilities - community center	-25.67
		842GO3 · Utilities	-25.67
		542GOO · Utilities	-25.66
TOTAL			-77.00
Black Hills Energy-Hartwell Park		Alpine-Operating Account	
		742POO · Utilities	-36.75
TOTAL			-36.75
Black Hills Energy-PW Building		Alpine-Operating Account	
		742POO · Utilities	-16.16
		642GO2 · Utilities	-16.17
		942SOO · Utilities	-16.17
		942WOO · Utilities	-16.17
TOTAL			-64.67
Black Hills Energy-Lift Station		Alpine-Operating Account	
		942SOO · Utilities	-27.73
TOTAL			-27.73
Black Hills Energy-PW Office		Alpine-Operating Account	
		642GO2 · Utilities	-12.25
		942SOO · Utilities	-12.25
		942WOO · Utilities	-12.25
TOTAL			-36.75
Straight Edge Striping LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	stripe pickleball court (to be reimb)	731POO · Maintenance & Repairs	-1,014.00
TOTAL			-1,014.00

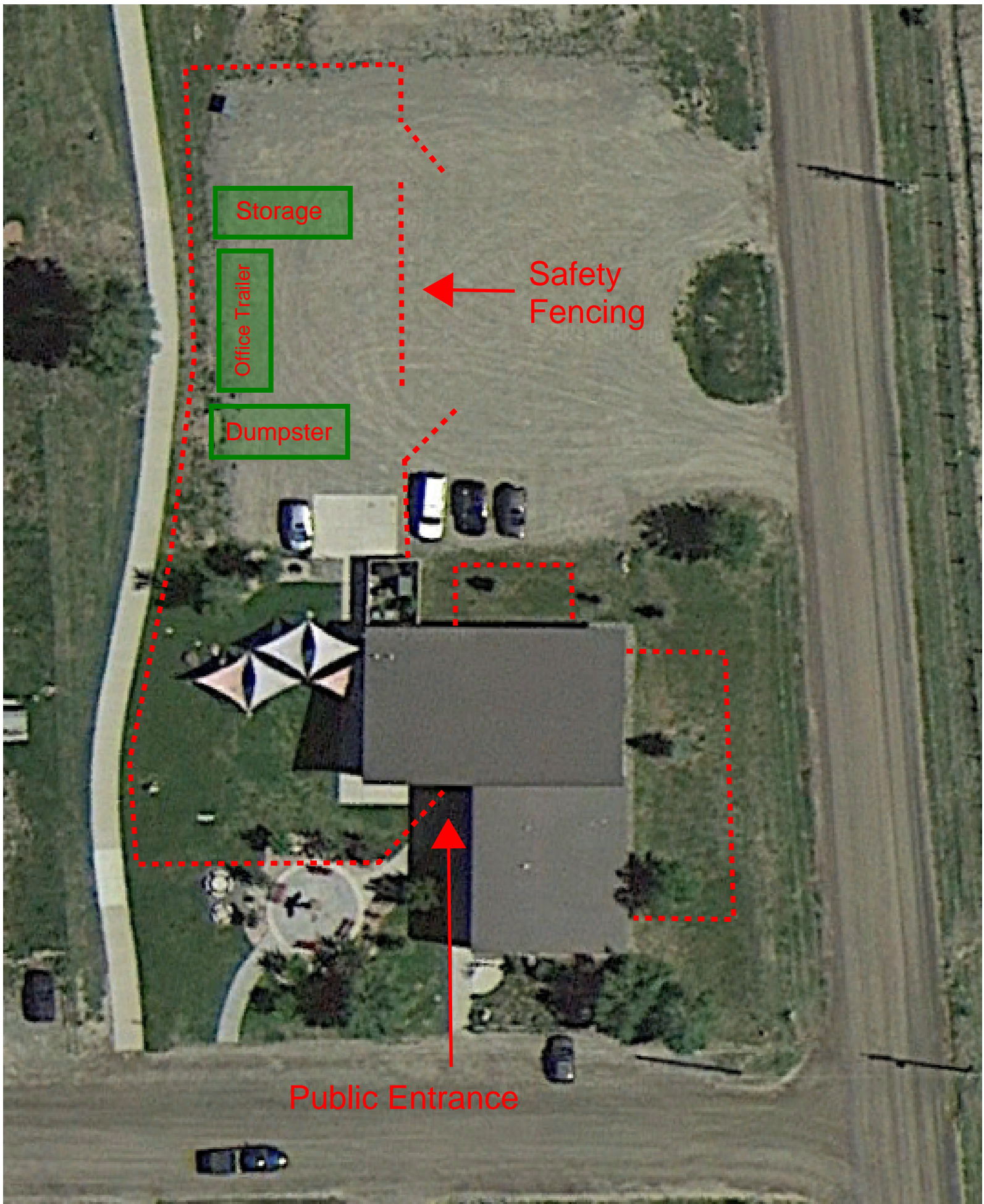
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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Federal Express		Alpine-Operating Account	
		990WOO · Testing - water	-251.03
TOTAL			-251.03
Electric Motor Service LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	aerator rebuild	931SOO · Maintenance & Repairs	-2,165.00
	aerator rebuild	931SOO · Maintenance & Repairs	-2,485.00
TOTAL			-4,650.00
Verizon Wireless		Alpine-Operating Account	
		943WOO · Telephone	-35.04
TOTAL			-35.04
Clear Networx, LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	July 2019	543GOO · Telephone	-56.00
	July 2019	643GO2 · Telephone	-56.00
	July 2019	843GO3 · Telephone	-56.00
	July 2019	943WOO · Telephone	-56.00
	July 2019	943SOO · Telephone	-56.00
	July 2019	556GOO · IT Services	-165.00
	July 2019	615GO2 · IT Services	-15.00
	July 2019	729POO · IT	-15.00
	July 2019	820GO3 · IT Services	-75.00
	July 2019	917WOO · IT Services	-15.00
	July 2019	917SOO · IT Services	-15.00
	July 2019	917WOO · IT Services	-50.00
	July 2019	917SOO · IT Services	-25.00
	July 2019	615GO2 · IT Services	-25.00
	July 2019	843GO3 · Telephone	-55.00
TOTAL			-735.00
Wagner Equipment Co		Alpine-Operating Account	
	step - backhoe loader	661GO2 · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-63.54
	step - backhoe loader	961WOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-31.76
	step - backhoe loader	961SOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-31.77
TOTAL			-127.07
Consolidated Consulting Servi...		Alpine-Operating Account	
	engin - Capital Assessment	914WOO · Consulting & Engineering Ser...	-11,495.00
	engin - Capital Assessment	914SOO · Consulting & Engineering Servs	-8,470.00
	engin - Capital Assessment	519GOO · Contractual Services	-440.00
TOTAL			-20,405.00

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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Verizon Wireless		Alpine-Operating Account	
		943SOO · Telephone	-74.19
		943WOO · Telephone	-122.33
		843GO3 · Telephone	-210.34
		543GOO · Telephone	-115.20
		643GO2 · Telephone	-52.60
		552GOO · GIS Mapping - admin	-10.00
		952SOO · GIS Mapping - sewer	-10.01
		952WOO · GIS Mapping - water	-10.01
		819GO3 · Contractural Services	-160.10
	phone - Barnes	932WOO · Supplies & Materials	-89.99
	phone - Barnes	932SOO · Supplies & Materials	-89.99
TOTAL			-944.76

AGENDA ITEM #5



Storage

Office Trailer

Dumpster

Safety
Fencing

Public Entrance

AGENDA ITEM #6



July 10, 2019

Dear GMUG Planning Team,

Thank you for accepting these comments regarding the GMUG Forest Plan Working Draft.

First and foremost, we wish to express our ardent support for the Community Conservation Proposal submitted to your office by numerous conservation organizations that have worked diligently with diverse local stakeholders to ground truth the landscapes and determine boundaries. This Conservation Proposal protects watersheds, wildlife habitat and corridors, plant biodiversity and forest health while continuing to provide access for recreation and agricultural uses that drive our local economy. In these times of expanding population, increased recreation use and climate change, crafting a forest management plan that ensures ecosystem integrity and resiliency into the future is essential and something we urge you to consider throughout the planning process. We feel the Community Conservation Proposal aims for this goal and we encourage you to incorporate it into your preferred alternative. We commend you for recommending as wilderness those lands already identified in the CORE Act (and previously the San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act,) however we ask you to also include the landscapes within Ouray County included in the Conservation Proposal that you have not recommended in the working draft namely:

1. Baldy addition to the Uncompahgre Wilderness,
2. Bear Creek addition to the Uncompahgre Wilderness,
3. Hayden Mountain Wilderness and
4. Abram and Brown Mountains Special Management Area.

We also request that you consider Bear Creek eligible for Wild and Scenic River designation along with Cow Creek that you did find eligible.

Residents and visitors cherish these areas for their scenic beauty, recreational opportunities, cultural and historic values, and opportunities for solitude and personal renewal. These same landscapes support diverse wildlife populations including, but not limited to Canada lynx, bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, and black bear. Sportsmen and women come from all over the US to hunt in these areas and many people who enjoy wildlife watching make Ouray County their travel destination or home for this reason.

Bear Creek, Hayden Mountain and the Abram/Brown Mountain complex were not evaluated during the 1970s Forest Service Roadless Area Review and Evaluation (RARE) processes because they were within the Uncompahgre Primitive Area administratively designated in the early 1930s. An administrative process of review and reclassification of primitive areas as "wilderness" later in the



30s was never completed. As a result, when the 1964 Wilderness Act was made into law and these reclassified “wilderness” areas were automatically designated as Wilderness by Congress, the Uncompahgre Primitive Area landscapes were left out. The Uncompahgre Primitive Area was dissolved in 1980 with the enactment of the Colorado Wilderness Act, which designated the Uncompahgre Wilderness (then Big Blue.) Since Bear Creek, Hayden and Abram/Brown were not roadless areas, they were overlooked.

In summary, these three landscapes have been valued for their wild and primitive character since the 30s, but never received any formal recognition or designation beyond the Uncompahgre Primitive Area, which is unknown to most people. The classification of these landscapes as “general forest” in the Working Draft provides no specific protection for natural resources that we strongly believe are deserved. Please reevaluate these polygons for wilderness qualities using the boundaries proposed in the Community Conservation Plan. We urge you to find Bear Creek, Hayden and Baldy (which is a Roadless Area) worthy of wilderness recommendation. Given that Abram/Brown Mountains do not meet the 5000-acre minimum for wilderness, we ask that you consider them some type of special management area.

In addition to our strong support for the Community Conservation Proposal, we offer the following comments regarding the overall Working Draft:

See Talking Points for GMUG Working Draft.

In gratitude for your efforts,

Mayor John Clark and the Ridgway Town Council

Talking Points for Commenting on the GMUG Working Draft of the Forest Plan

On June 17 the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) released the [Working Draft of the Forest Plan for public comment](#). The GMUG is specifically asking for feedback on “what direction works, and what needs improvement.” **If you care about the future of your local national forests, today is a great day to help shape their long-term sustainability by commenting to the agency.**

Why Comment?

The [Working Draft](#) is an early taste of the direction the Forest Service will be heading with their more comprehensive Draft Forest Plan, which will be released sometime this coming winter. The revised forest plan will set management direction for 15 years or more, so it is critical that it provide a conservation-prioritized, science-based foundation for future uses. The forest plan makes decisions for where new wilderness areas may be recommended, where commercial logging will and will not be allowed and how much volume can be cut, the intensity of recreation use on the forest, how the forest will contribute to climate change avoidance and adaptation, how wildlife will be protected, and so much more. **Simply put, if you care about the GMUG, and want it to be ecologically sound for generations to come, you should comment!**

How to Comment

Submit comments by July 29 to the GMUG on what’s working, and what needs improvement, in their Working Draft [by clicking this link](#). Please consider raising some or all of the following points in your comment:

Overall, the plan provides very weak, and in some cases non-existent, direction for protection of important resources. More standards, i.e., mandatory limits on action, need to be in the plan.

Management Area Direction

Wilderness and Areas Where Natural Processes Dominate (MA1)

- Frustratingly, only 22,400 across the entire GMUG are recommended for wilderness, all of it in areas contained within the San Juan Wilderness bill. Let the agency know that you support new wilderness areas, including those in the [Community Conservation Proposal](#).
- Page 59: MA-STND-WLND-09 has a good limit on party size in wilderness. However, it would allow exceptions if it “will benefit the wilderness character, or ... is necessary for public health and human safety”. We do not see how a larger party size could possibly benefit wilderness character; in fact, with increased impacts from more humans in one area, it would degrade such character. Similarly, it is hard to imagine that a larger party size would ever be necessary for health and safety. Please remove these exceptions from this otherwise good standard. Recommended Wilderness (MA1.2)
- Page 59: we like STND-WLDN-10, which would ban drones from wilderness areas. Drones would degrade the wilderness experience for visitors, and violate the concept of wilderness, where recreation is “primitive and unconfined”¹. It is entirely appropriate to ban drones. The GMUG needs to initiate outreach to recreationists about the need to not use drones in wilderness.

CO Roadless Area (MA3.1)

- The plan creates Management Area 3.1, which integrates the Colorado Roadless Rule’s direction into the draft revised plan. However, it is not clear how well almost 197,000 acres of roadless lands will be protected under the Wildlife Management Area designation where the two overlap.

Wildlife Management Area (MA3.2)

¹ From the definition of wilderness in The Wilderness Act, 16 U.S.C. 1131.

- We like the concept of a Wildlife Management Area (MA 3.2), especially one that has “[l]arge blocks of diverse habitat [that] are relatively undisturbed by routes” and one where “[h]abitat connectivity is maintained or improved as fragmentation by routes is reduced”. MA-DC-WLDF-01. However the one component under this MA besides the above-quoted desired condition would not accomplish the reduction in fragmentation and increase in connectivity. STND_WDLF-02 would only prevent new routes if a route density of one mile per square mile was exceeded. There need to be more standards.
- What was the process/rationale for identifying these areas? Are there key places on the forest that you know should be identified as Wildlife Management Areas, but are not included? If so, provide detailed information about that.
- Page 61: MA-STND-WLDF-02: “To provide security habitat for wildlife species by minimizing impacts associated with roads and trails, there shall be no net gain in system routes, both motorized and nonmotorized, where areas are already in exceedance of the 1 mile per square mile limit as calculated within this management area boundary. Within the Flattops Wildlife Management Area on the Gunnison Ranger District, there shall be no new trail development. Exception: this does not apply to administrative routes.” This stated density is not very low. Impacts from motorized use are noted at a density of around half of that, i. e, 0.5 miles of roads open to motorized use per square mile. To truly protect wildlife, a much lower route density standard will be needed. The standard should also say that existing densities, where below whatever density standard is adopted, shall not be increased. As it reads now, it would allow all areas within this management area to have a route density of one mile per square mile.
- This MA must also protect roadless lands, as 196,700 acres of Colorado Roadless Areas would be managed under this MA. Draft Plan at 56, Table 8. More plan components are needed for this MA to ensure roadless lands are protected, as required by the Colorado Roadless Rule.

High-Use Recreation Areas (MA4.2)

- High Use Recreation Management Area – Give the GMUG credit for attempting to address the issue of recreation resource damage, but we’re still trying to determine the right approach.
- PMA-DC-HIREC-01: “To improve recreational experiences and curtail natural resource impacts, recreation management is focused in these areas.” – How is that actually implemented, and what does it mean for the rest of the forest?
- MA-OBJ-HIREC-02: “Within 5 years of plan approval, accomplish management actions in at least 10 noticeably degraded dispersed recreation areas (rated as an Overall Impact Rating of 6 to 8 using the National Minimum Recreation Site Monitoring Protocol), as detailed in Recreation FW-STND-REC-06. The standard REC-06 will be applied to determine when thresholds have been reached and more active management is needed. Priority areas include: Crested Butte, Taylor Park, and Existing campsites within the riparian management zone.”
 - Are there areas near Ridgway that should be identified as priorities?

Forestwide Direction

Riparian Management Zones

- P. 19. STND-RMGD-09 would prohibit clearcutting in riparian management zones (RMZs). Additional restrictions are needed on logging in RMZ, not just clearcutting.
- P. 19, GDL-RMGD should be a standard. Mining for common variety (salable) minerals or mineral materials is within the Forest Service’s control, so mines should never be located in RMZs.
- P. 19: GDL-RMGD-12 should be a standard. Storage of fuels and other toxic chemicals, and refueling and maintenance of equipment should never occur in RMZs.
- P. 20: GDL-RMGD-20 should be a standard. Projects should always be designed to avoid “ditching, damming, dewatering, [and] flooding” fens and wetlands.

Native Species Diversity

- Species (General)
 - FW-GDL-SPEC-07: To minimize habitat impacts and direct disturbance of raptors and migratory birds during nesting and winter periods, utilize buffers and/or timing restrictions based upon best available scientific information. – Should be mandatory.
- Big Game Species
 - GDL-SPEC-17, restrictions on activities in big game production areas and winter ranges, is good, but it should be a standard.
 - Page 27: STND-SPEC-15 would require the separation of bighorn and domestic sheep on active allotments of the latter. This is a good and necessary standard, as one of the biggest threats to wild sheep is transmission of disease from domestic sheep.

Watersheds and Water Resources

- Under the Planning Rule, each national forest/grassland unit is required to “[i]dentify watershed(s) that are a priority for maintenance or restoration”. 36 CFR 219.7(f)(1)(i). In the working draft plan, the GMUG only identifies one priority watershed. It is more than a little hard to imagine that there is only one watershed that should be prioritized for maintenance and/or restoration on a national forest unit the size of the GMUG.
 - Are there any that you would recommend in the Ridgway/Ouray/San Juans area?

Recreation

- High Use Recreation Management Area – Give the GMUG credit for attempting to address the issue of recreation resource damage, but we’re still trying to determine the right approach.
- The plan contains dispersed camping standards, which is good. It also contains standards for responsive management actions in day-use areas. Sites damaged by heavy dispersed use might be rehabilitated.

Climate Change

- Climate change direction is lacking in the Working Draft Plan. We see little direction on responding to climate change in the draft plan. Under the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, the Renewable Resources Program (the Program) must include recommendations which “account for the effects of global climate change on forest and rangeland conditions, including potential effects on the geographic ranges of species, and on forest and rangeland products.” 16 U.S.C. 1602 (5)(F). The Program should be reflected in forest management plans like the GMUG

What Next?

Later in the review period, a series of public open houses will also be held in local communities from 5:00-7:00 p.m.:

- July 9- Hotchkiss, Heritage Hall, 403 East Bridge Street
- July 10- Palisade, Community Center, 120 West 8th Street
- July 11- Montrose, Event Center, 1036 North 7th Street
- July 16- Norwood, Lone Cone Library, 1110 Lucerne Street
- July 17- Ridgway, 4H Center and Fairgrounds, 22739 US-550
- July 18- Gunnison, Fred Field Western Heritage Center, Van Tuyl Room, 275 South Spruce Street

If you don’t have a device to use the link <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=51806> to comment, you can

- email: <mailto:gmugforestplan@fs.fed.us>
- Fax to 970-874-6698
- postal mail:

Grand	Mesa,	Uncompahgre	and	Gunnison	National	Forests
Attn:		Plan		Revision		Team
2250		South		Main		Street
Delta, CO 81416						

Forestwide Direction

- Air Quality
 - FW-AQ-GDL-08 says that large projects should not result in critical load exceedances for Class I areas. Preventing exceedances must be mandatory, so this must be a standard.
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- Invasive Species
 - P. 22: GDL-IVSP-05 should be a standard. Reseeding in the first year after disturbance decreases the chances that non-native plant species will become established.
- Native Species Diversity
 - Species (General)
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 - Boreal Toad
 - GDL-SPEC-19, which limits heavy equipment use near boreal toad breeding sites is good, but should be a standard.
 - Canada Lynx
 - Lots of bad stuff. Under a proposed standard, timber harvest would be allowed in high-quality lynx habitat.
 - Conservation Watershed Network
 - Page 33: we like the concept of conservation watershed networks, which have "high-quality habitat and functionally intact ecosystems that contribute to and enhance conservation and recovery of specific target species". (DC-SPEC-55) However, without more plan components, especially standards, it is hard to see how such networks will be maintained to achieve this desired condition. Standards, i. e., mandatory constraints on management actions and/or required actions to protect resources, will especially be needed to ensure these networks

are maintained. Objectives and guidelines would also likely be helpful in this regard.

- The plan proposes to establish conservation watershed networks to protect watersheds and sensitive species like trout and boreal toad, but provides no detail on how these networks would be applied and maintained.
- 11 streams are identified. Is this a complete and accurate list of possible streams?
- Watersheds and Water Resources
 - Why only one priority watershed?
 - Under the Planning Rule, each national forest/grassland unit is required to “[i]dentify watershed(s) that are a priority for maintenance or restoration”. 36 CFR 219.7(f)(1)(i). In the working draft plan, the GMUG only identifies one priority watershed. It is more than a little hard to imagine that there is only one watershed that should be prioritized for maintenance and/or restoration on a national forest unit the size of the GMUG.
- Recreation
 - Page 46: OBJ-REC-04 states an ambitious objective of maintaining 500 miles of trail annually. Given expected budgets, can the GMUG ever hope to meet this objective? The GMUG should not promise the public more than it can deliver.
 - Page 47: We appreciate the GMUG’s efforts to address the issue of unacceptable ecological impacts resulting from recreation use and unsustainably high use levels, as expressed in STND-REC-06 and -07.
- Timber and Other Forest Products
 - We note with some concern that areas likely to be economically infeasible to harvest are included in the suitable timber base if they otherwise meet the criteria. DWP at 175. Note that the National Forest Management Act requires consideration of economic factors in determining the suitability of lands for timber production: “In developing land management plans pursuant to this subchapter, the Secretary shall identify lands within the management area which are not suited for timber production, considering physical, economic, and other pertinent factors to the extent feasible, as determined by the Secretary, ...” 16 U.S.C. 1604(k); emphasis added.
 - If land is unlikely to be harvestable during the foreseeable future because it is “un-economical to harvest due to low volume per acre or long haul distance” (DWP at 175), it should not be suitable for timber production.
 - We are even more concerned that land likely to be inoperable due to slopes of 40 percent or greater will be considered suitable. Ibid. It is very doubtful that such areas could be cut commercially and not violate NFMA’s provision of assurance that harvest can be conducted “without causing irreversible damage to soil, slope, or other watershed conditions”. 16 U.S.C. 1604 and 36 CFR 219.11(a)(1)(iv).
 - Englemann spruce stands with no viable, fully stocked spruce understory¹ should be considered unsuitable. Such stands will not be able to produce any commercial timber for at least 100 years, and probably considerably longer than that, because: a) spruce

¹ Many stands hit by spruce bark beetle have an understory mainly composed of subalpine fir. Our understanding is that this tree species is essentially worthless for commercial timber products because of its poor strength and its proclivity toward warping when kiln-dried.

does not regenerate well, if at all, in fully sunlit areas; b) regeneration cannot be assured even with planting; and c) even fully stocked stands will grow very slowly with a short growing season found at the altitudes typically hosting spruce.

- Including such lands as suitable would distort the long-term sustained yield quantity, the projected timber sale quantity, and the amount of timber that can be removed from the GMUG annually or decadally. annual timber sale program quantity.
- Page 52: Under STND-TMBR-02, clearcuts in aspen could be 100 acres. The provision for 100-acre clearcuts in aspen is not legal under the Planning Rule. We recommend that it be deleted. Openings larger than 40 acres should seldom if ever be needed. Sudden aspen decline has not affected new aspen stands on the GMUG since 2009. Revised Draft Assessment for Terrestrial Ecosystems: Integrity and System Drivers and Stressors at 49. Thus there is no urgent need to clearcut aspen to regenerate it before the root systems die. Clearcuts of up to 100 acres would not simulate the disturbance caused by fires because the effects of logging are much different than those of fire.

CLIMATE CHANGE DIRECTION IS LACKING IN THE WORKING DRAFT PLAN

- We see little direction on responding to climate change in the draft plan. Under the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, the Renewable Resources Program (the Program) must include recommendations which “account for the effects of global climate change on forest and rangeland conditions, including potential effects on the geographic ranges of species, and on forest and rangeland products.” 16 U.S.C. 1602 (5)(F). The Program should be reflected in forest management plans like the GMUG

MONITORING

- Generally, this section is incomplete. The full draft revised plan will need additional elements, especially potential adaptive management actions.

AGENDA ITEM #7

From: [Tanya Ishikawa](#)
To: [Jennifer Coates](#); [John Clark](#); [Ninah Hunter](#); [Beth Lakin](#); [Eric Johnson](#); [Shay Coburn](#); [Chase Jones](#); [Robb Austin](#); [Tessa Cheek](#); [Russ Meyer](#)
Subject: input for local watershed guide and schedule of presentation about hydrodam release
Date: Friday, May 24, 2019 1:13:52 PM
Attachments: [Ouray County Watershed Guide Questions.docx](#)

Hello, Jen, Shay, Chase and Town Council,

I am writing to ask if you have time in your July 10 agenda to put UWP on it for (1) a presentation of results from the Ouray Hydrodam study conducted in March 2019 (and partially funded by the county), and (2) discussion of what content would be most useful in a watershed guide being created by UWP for Ouray County visitors and residents. We believe the hydrodam presentation with Q&A time would be 20-25 minutes, and the watershed guide discussion would be about 10 minutes.

Please let me know if you have that time available on the July 10 meeting and could schedule us in.

Thank you, Tanya Ishikawa
UWP Communications Coordinator

P.S. Below is information that will help with our discussion about the watershed guide.

UWP is looking for stakeholder input on what information would be valuable in a guide about our watershed to be made available around our community. The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership received a grant from the Ouray County Community Fund to produce a watershed guide to Ouray County, to provide access to accurate, useful information to all water users in our area including those who drink it, recreate in it, water their fields and livestock with it, and everyone with an interest.

This guide, which will be compact with less than 8 pages, will be published this fall and available online through UWP as well as in a printed version distributed around the community where the public can find it. We would like it to become a valuable resource for residents and visitors including recreationalists, guides, farmers, ranchers, restaurant and hotel employees, real estate agents, middle and high school students, teachers of all grades, and anyone who uses water from local sources.

To ensure the guide contains the most wanted and helpful information about the watershed, we are asking for input on what types of content you would like to see in it. We would like to know what you are most interested in knowing about the watershed, and what questions are you most often asked about the watershed and struggle to answer (or get tired of answering repeatedly and wish you could give printed answers to the questioners).

I have pasted a few questions below, as well as putting them in an attached MSword document to give you an idea of what kind of input we hope to get.

Ouray County Watershed Guide Content Questionnaire
(Please send answers to uwpcommunications@gmail.com
or UWP, P.O. Box 392, Ridgway, CO 81432 by May 31)

Watershed plants 1 2 3 4 5

Water rights laws/regulations 1 2 3 4 5

Watershed wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

The uses of the water in each creek, river, reservoir, etc. 1 2 3 4 5

Recreational activities on each creek, river, reservoir, etc. 1 2 3 4 5

Recreational access locations 1 2 3 4 5

Tanya Ishikawa
UWP Communications Director
303-819-7784

Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership

– protecting and improving the upper Uncompahgre River Watershed

Upcoming UWP Events

Sat., June 29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. – 12th annual Ridgway RiverFest, Rollans Park
Sat., Sept. 21 – 2nd annual Love Your Gorge volunteer event, co-sponsored by the Massard Trust, at the Ouray Ice Park
Tue.-Thu., Sept. 24-26, San Juan Mining & Reclamation Conference and Innovation Expo, Silverton



Mission of the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership: to help protect the economic, natural and scenic values of the Upper Uncompahgre River Watershed, by informing and engaging diverse stakeholders to ensure collaborative efforts in the watershed.

Ouray County Watershed Guide Content Questionnaire

(Please send answers to uwpcommunications@gmail.com
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1. What would you like to know about the Upper Uncompahgre Watershed, especially as it relates to water quality and watershed health?
2. What questions about the local watershed are you asked most frequently by members of the public?
3. Do you feel there are misconceptions about the Upper Uncompahgre Watershed? If so, what are they? Where did these ideas originate from?

Continued on next page

4. Do you have anything else to add about how UWP can make the guide content informative and useful (as well as concise)?

Please rate the importance of having each topic in the guide: (1= most important; 5= least important)

General water quality	1	2	3	4	5			
Impacts of water contamination		1	2	3	4	5		
Water quantity	1	2	3	4	5			
Watershed geology	1	2	3	4	5			
Watershed geography	1	2	3	4	5			
Watershed history	1	2	3	4	5			
Watershed plants	1	2	3	4	5			
Water rights laws/regulations	1	2	3	4	5			
Watershed wildlife	1	2	3	4	5			
The uses of the water in each creek, river, reservoir, etc.				1	2	3	4	5
Recreational activities on each creek, river, reservoir, etc.				1	2	3	4	5
Recreational access locations	1	2	3	4	5			

Thank you very much for your time and input!

We hope to see you at UWP's big summer and fall events:
Ridgway RiverFest, Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Rollans Park, Ridgway
Love Your Gorge, Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ouray Ice Park, Ouray

Information on UWP and our events at uncompahgrewatershed.org

AGENDA ITEM #8

STAFF REPORT

Subject: Special Events Permit Application - C.A.M.S.

Initiated By: Pam Kraft, MMC, Town Clerk

Date: July 1, 2019

BACKGROUND:

The Town has received an application for use of Town right-of-way from Justin Fagan, on behalf of C.A.M.S. - Car and Motorcycle Society.

The request is to use the parking lot at the south end of Railroad Street for a weekly gathering on Fridays from approximately 6:00 to 9:00 pm through October 15th. The use would not exclude other persons from using the lot, just to allow the weekly event to be held there. Mr. Fagan has noted there will probably never be more than twenty vehicles at an event.

The application also requests permission to place on the lawn, at the west end of the parking lot, a BOSE Mini-Stand from which to play music. The speaker will be pointed east, into the parking lot. He explained a band has expressed interest in playing at the event, but this is only tentative. If this were to happen the musicians would be placed on the lawn, in the same location as the BOSE system.

Additionally, he will be requesting from the Town Clerk a special event liquor license, and beer will be served from a table set up next to the music.

The event has been held at the 4H Center for a few summers now, and C.A.M.S. is seeking to become more visible and invite more participation and interest in the weekly event, which is the reason he is seeking approval of holding the event at this location.

ATTACHMENT 1. Special Event Permit Application.



Special Event Permit Application

Private Use of Public Property (RMC 14-3-3):

Parks, Facilities, Rights-of-Way, including the Hartwell Park Stage

Application Date:	<u>7-1-19</u>	Event Name:	<u>C.A.M.S. EVENT</u>
Applicant Name:	<u>Josh R. Fagan</u>	Event Date:	<u>Every Friday</u>
Applicant Phone:	<u>914-469-1329</u>	Event Time:	<u>6-9</u>
Applicant Email:	<u>DR.FAGAN@hotmail.com</u>	# Attendees:	<u>TBD</u>
Organization Name:	<u>C.A.M.S.</u>	# Participants:	<u>TBD</u>
Mailing Address:	<u>1950 Baldwin Rd. ^{Yorktown} NY 10598</u>	Entry Fee(s):	<u>None</u>
Contact Name (Event Day):	<u>Josh Fagan</u>	# of Vendors:	<u>1</u>
Contact Mobile #:	<u>914-469-1329</u>	# of Spectators:	<u>TBD</u>

IMPORTANT: Inaugural and second annual events, must receive the express approval of the Ridgway Town Council. Subsequent annual events will be permitted administratively and include all conditions of approval and other Town Council requirements.

All event sponsors are required to provide proof of insurance listing the Town of Ridgway, officers and employees as additional insured and indemnifying the Town of Ridgway and its officers and employees.

Specify park, facility and/or public right-of-way for the event (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Cottonwood Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Weaver Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Rollans Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Street Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Ouray County Fairgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way (specify below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>PARKING LOT RAILROAD ST & HIWAY 62</u>		

If use of Right-of-Way (streets, alleys, sidewalks) specify exact location(s):

Parking Lot (south) on end of Railroad St
& Hiway 62, permission to use, but not
exclude other vehicles to park.
Event Type (check all that apply): Also use lawn to west side for tables.

<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Concert	<input type="checkbox"/> Filming/ Production
<input type="checkbox"/> Run/Walk Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Art Show
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Market	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>car & motorcycle gathering</u>	



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Describe in detail the proposed use and activity for the park, facility and/or right-of-way:

Not for profit CAR + Motorcycle Club gateway on
FRIDAY nights. Was at Rodeo Fairgrounds last
year.

For assistance in completing the application please contact the Town of Ridgway 970-626-5308.

Applicant Signature: 

Date: 7-1-19

TOWN STAFF WILL COMPLETE THE FEE SCHEDULE and REQUIREMENTS BELOW

Permit Application Fee (\$50): (Due at time of application)	\$ 50 -	Date Paid:	Check #:
Large Event Fee (\$50 - if more than 100 people):	\$	Date Paid:	
Filming/ Production Fee (\$250 per day):	\$	Date Paid:	
Parks Department Assistance (\$25/hr)	\$	Date Paid:	
Performing Arts Stage Use Fee (\$300 permitting, stage preparation and breakdown):	\$	Date Paid:	
Electricity Use Fee: (\$15/day)	\$	Date Paid:	
Law Enforcement Fee: (\$30/hr/officer)	\$	Date Paid:	
Performance Security (Damage Deposit) up to 100 people: \$100 101-500 people: \$150 >500 people: \$200 Hartwell Park Stage Deposit: \$500	\$	Date Paid:	
Release of Deposit (Yes/No):	\$	Date Paid:	
Local government & special districts: 50% fee waiver			

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (check all that apply):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town Council Approval (Date: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance/ Indemnity
<input type="checkbox"/> Sign Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Event Liquor License
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Event Vendor License	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sales Tax License(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



Vicinity Map/Site Plan

Attach a vicinity map and site plan. List all parks, trails, open space, facilities, roadways, bridges and other Town property proposed for use with the event. The following questions include items which, if applicable, should also be included on the site plan.

Checklist for Vicinity Map/ Site Plan:

- ☐ Event site (park, trail, open space, facilities, roadway)
- ☐ Parking plan and traffic flow
- ☐ Locations of security personnel
- ☐ Locations of first aid and emergency services
- ☐ Routes for EMS and Fire Crew
- ☐ Water stations
- ☐ Location and number of sanitation facilities
- ☐ Food and merchandise vendor booths
- ☐ Temporary road closures
- ☐ Location of liquor sales and consumption (must match special event liquor license)
- ☐ Electrical and lighting sources
- ☐ Sound and amplification plan
- ☐ Trash Receptacles
- ☐ Signage type and location
- ☐ Proposed locations for staking or any penetration of the ground

Parking/Traffic Flow

Indicate the number of parking spaces, locations, traffic flow, personnel directing traffic, and traffic signage.

APPROX 20 CARS

Name(s) authorized personnel to direct traffic: N/A

Are you planning event parking on-site?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you planning event parking off-site?

☐ Yes ☐ No

How will you be moving people to/from the event site?

Security/Law Enforcement

N/A

Describe the emergency communications plan [e.g.: radio channels, cell phones, etc.]:



Do you anticipate utilizing uniform deputy services for ground security or traffic direction?

If so, what are the event needs?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Will a private security company be used?

☐ Yes ☐ No

How will the security personnel be identified?

Will your event interrupt the normal traffic flow on any roadway?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Will your event need authorization to park vehicles on any roadway?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does event need Ouray County Sheriff's Department or Ridgway Fire Department services?

If yes, please list and explain:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Emergency Medical Care

N/A

Describe Emergency Medical Services arrangements/plan:

Potable Water

N/A

Are participants/vendors providing their own drinking water?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe water source, estimated amount and method of distribution:

Sanitation

Are you planning to use Town restroom facilities?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

Porta Potties @ location

Will portable sanitation facilities be rented?

☐ Yes ☐ No



If yes, describe portable sanitation plan, including company name and phone number:

N/A

Sanitation Drop Off/ Pick Up Dates and Times:

Drop Off: ____/____/____ est. time
mm / dd / yy

Pick Up: ____/____/____ est. time
mm / dd / yy

Food Service & Merchandise Vendors

N/A

Will food service and/or merchandise vendors be present at the event?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Searching for a food truck

If yes, an application for a Special Event Vendor License must be submitted to Clerks Office, including a detailed list of all vendors. The Clerk's Office will issue sales tax remittance forms to each vendor.

Describe plan to remove hot coals and grease generated by food vendors: _____

Alcohol Use

No alcoholic beverages may be possessed, consumed or provided on any public property unless the permit holder has been issued a Town of Ridgway Special Event Liquor License from the Town Clerk. All provisions of the Colorado Liquor Code and local law related to liquor apply to all public properties.

Electricity

Is electricity needed for the event?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe what electricity will be used for:

Power a speaker (use of stand adjacent to parking lot)

What type of service is needed:

160

Sound and Amplification

Will sound amplification be used for the event?

☒ Yes ☐ No



Describe sound/ amplification to be used:

Bose Mini STAND

Trash Collection/Removal

Will event use Town park trash receptacles?

only need what is currently @ park gazebo

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will event have dumpsters be rented?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe trash collection plan, including company name and phone number:

Collection Container Drop Off/ Pick Up Dates and Times:

Drop Off: ____/____/____
mm / dd / yy

N/A

est. time

Pick Up: ____/____/____
mm / dd / yy

est. time

Road Closure

Are temporary road closures needed for the event?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe the road closure, signage and safety plan:

Signage

None

Indicate the date and time the temporary signage will be placed:
(contact Town Staff for applicable regulations)

Signage Up:

____/____/____
mm dd yy

Signage Down:

____/____/____
mm dd yy

Staking (ground penetration – eg: tents, signs, fencing, etc.)

Are any ground penetrations needed for the event?

☐ Yes ☐ No



Describe the staking plan: _____

Please list any other special requirements or potential impacts of the event:

No impacts No special Requirements
Provides Entertainment for Auto + Motorcycle
Enthusiasts - Worked well last year No issues.

*** Please Note:** Town equipment and furnishings cannot be removed from Town Hall for use outside of Town Hall.

Not For Profit To Raise \$ for local 9th
Second Chance Animal Rescue

AGENDA ITEM #9

STAFF REPORT

Subject: Transfer of Restaurant Liquor License - Thai Paradise
Initiated By: Pam Kraft, MMC, Town Clerk
Date: July 1, 2019

BACKGROUND:

The Town has received an application for transfer of restaurant liquor license for the premises at 146 N. Cora Street. The current license is held by Thai Paradise LLC, sole member Kulanee Monthaven, and the new applicant is Thai Paradise Ridgway Inc. sole member, Patcharin (Patty) Lawler. The trade name of the establishment will remain Thai Paradise.

State law (CRS 12-47-303 (C) (I)) does not require a public hearing before the local jurisdiction for transfer of a liquor license. In the past we have held a public hearing for a transfer, and as such I have processed the request in the same manner. Notice of the hearing has been posted on the premises and public notice boards; all State requirements for transfer of the license have been met, all forms filed and all fees paid. Additionally a background check has been conducted.

To determine whether to permit transfer of ownership State Statutes limit the jurisdiction to consider only the applicants age and moral character (as described in 12-47-307).

State liquor law allows the transferee to request the local jurisdiction issue a temporary permit to continue to conduct business and sell alcohol under the existing license, during the period in which the application to transfer ownership of the license is pending approval by the state licensing authority.

The new applicant is seeking issuance of a temporary operating permit and has remitted the appropriate fee.

ANALYSIS:

Kulanee Monthanven as sole member of Thai Paradise LLC has held the restaurant license since June of 2009, at which time it was transferred from Siam, which held the license for two years prior.

The transfer of license will be held by Thai Paradise Ridgway Inc, the sole member of the corporation is Patcharin (Patty) Lawler. The premises is being leased from Sherman Herran LLC.

REQUEST:

Approve the transfer of ownership for the restaurant liquor license for Thai Paradise to Thai Paradise Ridgway Inc. and approve the issuance of a temporary operating permit.

NOTE: All documents are on file with the Town Clerk and open to Council inspection

AGENDA ITEM #10

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-07, WHICH ORDINANCE PROHIBITS THE USE OF CERTAIN PLASTIC BAGS, TO ALLOW AN EXEMPTION FOR THE USE OF SMALL, LOCKING, PLASTIC BAGS UP TO TWO GALLONS IN SIZE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway (the “Town”) is a legally created, established, organized and existing Colorado municipal corporation under the provisions of Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Colorado and the Home Rule Charter of the Town (the “Charter”); and

WHEREAS, the Town is governed by its Home Rule Charter (“Charter”) as authorized by Article XX § 6 of the Colorado Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Town Council to attempt to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town adopted Ordinance 2018-07 in December 2018 prohibiting the use of certain plastic bags and encouraging citizens to curtail their use of single-use plastics; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council discussed changes to Ordinance 2018-07 during the May 8, 2019 regular meeting of the Town Council to allow for small, locking bags limited to a specific size; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to amend Ordinance 2018-07 for the purpose of exempting specific plastic bags.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO, THAT:

SECTION 1. RECITALS.

The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed and incorporated herein by this reference as findings of the Town Council.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CODE CHAPTER 12, SECTION 3 BAG RESTRICTIONS.

The following subsection shall be added to Chapter 12, Section 12-3-1(B)

* * *

(B) *Disposable Plastic Bag* means a bag made from non-compostable plastic provided by a Business to a customer at a point of sale or inside the business for the purpose of transporting goods.

Disposable Plastic Bag does not include:

- (1) Newspaper bags, laundry/dry cleaning bags, or bags sold in packages containing multiple bags for uses such as food storage, garbage, pet waste or yard waste.

* * *

SECTION 2. ORDINANCE EFFECT

All Ordinances of the Town, or parts thereof, inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, replaced and superseded to the extent only of such inconsistency or conflict.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

The Provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and the invalidity of any section, phrase, clause or portion of this Ordinance as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after adoption.

SECTION 5. PUBLIC HEARING.

A public hearing on this Ordinance was held on the _____ day of _____, 2019, in the Town Council Chambers, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, CO 81432.

INTRODUCED, READ AND REFERRED to public hearing before the Town Council of the Town of Ridgway, Colorado, on the _____ day of _____, 2019.

TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO, A HOME
RULE MUNICIPALITY

By: _____
JOHN CLARK, Mayor

ATTEST:

PAM KRAFT, Town Clerk

HEARD AND FINALLY ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Ridgway, Colorado, this _____
day of _____, 2019.

TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO, A HOME
RULE MUNICIPALITY

By: _____
JOHN CLARK, Mayor

ATTEST:

PAM KRAFT, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form:

BO JAMES NERLIN, Town Attorney

AGENDA ITEM #11



DONATION AGREEMENT: Regional Athletic Park Pavilion

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into as of this _____ day of _____, 2019, by and between the Town of Ridgway, State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as "Town" and Dave Bohl, hereinafter referred to as "Donor".

In consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations herein expressed, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

WHEREAS, Donor desires to donate funds to the Town of Ridgway for the purpose of designing and constructing a pavilion/storage building in the Ridgway Regional Athletic Park located at Outlot A, Solar Ranches Filing No. 2B; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to receive and expend the donated funds for the agreed upon purpose and to also fundraise additional funds for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgway Regional Athletic Park is a town-owned park and upon completion, the Town will also own the improvements funded under this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the improvements are planned to include an area for concessions, equipment storage for park users, a shelter area, and lighting; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Athletic Park Pavilion is to serve the community at large and have as broad and frequent use as possible to enhance the public's experience at this park. The pavilion is not intended to be used solely by a particular user group; and

WHEREAS, the Donor will provide the Town with a \$200,000 donation; and

WHEREAS, the Town will work to raise an additional \$100,000 in cash and in-kind donations; and

WHEREAS, the Donor will match the additional funds raised, dollar for dollar, up to a maximum amount of an additional \$100,000.

Purpose:

The donated funds are to be used exclusively for the Town's project as described in this Agreement. Any changes to the planned use of funds shall be communicated, discussed and agreed between the Town and the Donor.



Scope of Work:

The Town of Ridgway plans to perform the following scope of work in the targeted timeline. Significant changes to the scope and timing below will be communicated in a timely manner by the Town to the Donor.

Task	Town Responsibilities	Donor Responsibilities	Start Date	Completion Date
1	Fundraising			
a	Finalize fundraising plan		May 2019	6/30/19
b	Initial stakeholder meeting		-	6/18/19
c	Develop outreach materials		-	6/30/19
d	Launch public fundraising campaign		7/1/19	12/31/19
e	Receive, track and give receipts for donations		-	Ongoing
f	Complete fundraising	Establish final project budget with Town based on fundraising efforts	-	12/31/19
2	Design			
a	Create and publish Request for Bids (RFB) documents per Town Procurement Policy		6/13/19	8/1/19
b	Review bids and award design contract	Provide input on bids, if desired	8/2/19	8/15/19
c	Finalize design agreement		8/16/19	8/30/19
d	Prepare and submit conceptual design	Provide input on conceptual design, if desired	9/1/19	9/30/19
e	Design development, including public input	Provide input on design, if desired	10/1/19	11/15/19
f	Final design delivered with construction and engineering documents	Review design and construction documents, if desired	11/16/19	1/31/20
3	Construction			
a	Create and publish RFB per Town Procurement Policy		1/2/19	2/14/20
b	Review bids and award construction contract	Review bids, if desired	2/15/19	3/13/20
c	Finalize construction agreement*		3/14/20	3/27/20
d	Mobilize and commence construction; monitor construction**		3/30/19	Dec. 2020
f	Finalize project		-	Dec. 2020

*During task 2.b or c the Town may begin construction, like digging the foundation, depending on weather.

**Town will send Donor photographs as the project progresses and is constructed. Donor may ask for project photos and information at any time. Donor may inspect the project at any time.

Town agrees to notify Donor if any significant problems arise during the project that will change the scope, schedule, or budget of the project.



Deliverables

1. Athletic Park Pavilion inclusive of an area for concessions, equipment storage for park users, a shelter area, and lighting, as funds allow.
2. Plaque on the building – exact content to be developed by the Donor.
3. As a government entity, the Town will provide Donor with a donation letter signed and dated by the Town Clerk or Town Manager.
4. Donor will deposit into a dedicated Town bank account a minimum of \$200,000 and maximum of \$300,000 for the project.

Time of Completion

The Town of Ridgway make every effort and perform with diligence to complete the above scope of work no later than December 31, 2020.

Funding

The Donor agrees to donate \$200,000 minimum for this project and up to \$300,000 depending on funding and in-kind donations secured and committed by the Town.

The Town is committed to the project and will work to fundraise up to \$100,000. Up to \$25,000 may be provided by the Town as in-kind contributions for the project. The Donor will match this fundraising effort dollar for dollar. For example, if the town raises \$50,000, the Donor will donate an additional \$50,000 to this project. Fundraising efforts may continue until such time the funds are raised or at the latest, until it is time to bid the project. If additional funds are raised after this time, Town and Donor shall communicate and agree on any additional work that may be completed with the funds, up to the maximum \$400,000 budget or however much funding is available, whichever is less.

Town may apply for grant funds to enhance the project. Any grant funds will not count toward the Town's fundraising efforts and do not qualify for matching funds.

The Town will keep complete and accurate books and records of the funds received and expenses incurred under this Agreement and will make such information available to Donor at reasonable times.

Distribution Terms

The Town of Ridgway will set up a dedicated bank account specific to this project and project funds. The Donor will deposit funds directly to this account at two key milestones. First, before the agreement for design work is finalized – Task 2c in the scope of work above. And second, before the agreement for construction is finalized – Task 3c in the scope of work above. The Town will provide donor with the drafted



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contracts for work and/or bid documents, which will indicate the cost of design and construction for the deposit.

Town will maintain a full record of receipts and in-kind hours/equipment/materials used to reconcile payments.

TOWN OF RIDGWAY

John Clark, Mayor

Dave J. Bohl, on behalf of unnamed donor

ATTEST

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

AGENDA ITEM #12

AGENDA ITEM #13



Staff Report

Regarding: Heritage Park Site Plan and the Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee

Written by: Chase Jones

Date: July 5, 2019

Background

At the Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee meeting on May 7th the group was briefly introduced to the proposed Heritage Park Site Plan through a review of the “Colorado Main Street – Request for Proposals for the Ridgway Heritage Park and Visitor Center Construction and Bid Documents”. Unfortunately, the Town Staff and Chamber team leading this project was not present at this May meeting, however, the committee was able to provide some feedback. A formal presentation of the project was planned for the committee during the July 2nd meeting. A quorum was not formed during the July 2nd meeting so an informal discussion was held with those present. Staff has also discussed plant selection, water use, and maintenance concerns.

Input and Discussion Summary from May 7th and July 2nd

After reviewing the RFP for the Heritage Park Site Plan on May 7th the committee developed the following comments:

- The project would likely be ideal for a GOCO grant
- In the height of ski season there are roughly 30 cars per day parking at that location
- Consider moving the landscaping strip to the middle to help maximize parking spaces
- Recommend to maximize parking
- Certain members were not in favor of the larger tourist-oriented structures, such as the “picture frame”, but acknowledged there is a visitor’s center so there will need to be a balance between providing for local residents and tourists
- Incorporating Ute and Native American history should also be explored

These comments were passed on to relevant Town Staff for discussion with the contractors. On July 2nd additional comments were formed and included:

- Desire of a physical barrier to divide the playground from the highway
- A sign illustrating visible peak names
- Concern over lead or asbestos being present in the current visitor’s center building
- Ensuring a restroom facility is available before major improvements regularly attract people
- Possibly creating a sponsorship group to assist with funding

Overall, the Parks Committee seems to be in favor of the plan and is excited to have an aesthetically appealing park at the location in the future.

Strategic Master Plan for RIDGWAY VISITOR CENTER & HERITAGE PARK

PREPARED BY DHM DESIGN MAY 2019

DHM DESIGN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
LAND PLANNING
URBAN DESIGN
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Town of Ridgway

Diedra Silbert - Community Initiatives Facilitator

Ridgway Chamber of Commerce

Hilary Lewkowitz - Marketing Director

Erin Stadelman, Ouray County Fairgrounds & 4H Event Center - Secretary

Others

Ridgway Railroad Museum

Public Meeting Attendees

DHM Design

Walker Christensen, RLA - Principal

Cammie Willis, RLA - Landscape Architect



Ridgway Visitor Center: Heritage Park holds the Ridgway Railroad Museum. The railroad museum plans to be completely moved to a new location by the summer of 2020 leaving the building open for use by the Chamber of Commerce.

PROJECT PURPOSE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Strategic Plan for Ridgway Visitor Center & Heritage Park summarizes the public and design processes involved in determining proposed future park development. A public process was conducted in the format of two public meetings where community members were able to give input on the precedent images and designs that were displayed by the design team. The community input was utilized to create two plan designs for the park and visitor center that compiled the community members' ideas; these preliminary options featured one design with a new visitor center building and one that focused on outdoor kiosks which would not need volunteers to staff them. Community members commented on these preliminary site design options, which in correlation with the Town of Ridgway and Chamber of Commerce representatives' ideas, was used to create the final Preferred Site Plan and Long Term Option 2 - New Visitor Center site designs that will act as a guide for future park and visitor center development. The primary difference between these site plan options is that the Long Term Option 2 design features a new visitor center building that would need staffing to be open to the public, while the Preferred Site Plan does not have a new visitor center building and relies on information kiosks (which could be staffed or unstaffed) to welcome park visitors. The cost of the Long Term Option 2 plan is higher than that of the Preferred Site Plan. Phasing the construction of different park elements may vary as funding is acquired. A list of potential funding sources is also included in this Strategic Plan document.

BACKGROUND

Ridgway's Heritage park is located at the intersection of Highway 550 and Sherman Street/Highway 62—acting as the entrance into town from the east side. This site, which is owned by the Town of Ridgway, has most recently been used by the Ridgway Railroad Museum for their outdoor displays of railroad cars and indoor historical information. Currently, the Railroad Museum has been moving out of the site to a new location (200 North Railroad Street). A majority of the train cars have already been relocated to this new site. The remainder of the train museum information (the historical photos and documents) on display in the Visitor Center are planned to be moved to the new location by the summer of 2020. This will leave the current Visitor Center and Heritage Park as a blank slate for new park and visitor information uses.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this project was to obtain community input regarding the vision and direction of Heritage Park and Visitor Center—a critical gateway area to the Town of Ridgway and surrounding region. With the Railroad Museum moving out in 2020, the park will be empty and the Ridgway Chamber of Commerce will occupy the Visitor Center. The park site itself is in a key and highly visible location for the Town, although it is currently sparsely vegetated and is in need of maintenance and cleanup. Due to these changes happening with the park and visitor center, there was a clear need to get additional direction on determining future goals for the site. Therefore, with the goal of developing a strategic plan for the park and visitor center, the Chamber secured state grant funding to use towards re-imagining and redesigning this space. The funding was used to hire a team of design professionals to conduct a public process in order to gain community input on wish list items to incorporate in the strategic master plan design for the site. The public process consisted of several public meetings where precedents and concept plans were displayed and discussed with meeting attendees. (Refer to page 10 for a detailed description of the public process.)

DESIGN PROCESS & GOALS

The design process involved using community input to guide the site plan layout until a Preferred Site Plan and Long Term Option 2 were developed. (See these plans on pages 12-15.) The plan features site elements, such as signage, information kiosks, play features, planting areas, picnic areas, walks, and restrooms. These park elements were determined to be important and were edited based on the community feedback at the public meetings and the final versions of these are reflected in this document. Precedent images and photomontages of these elements are featured on pages 18-29. The site plan and these features comprise the Strategic Plan for Ridgway Visitor Center and Heritage Park. The primary goal of this strategic plan document is to outline a cohesive and achievable site master plan for the Town of Ridgway that can guide future park developments and improvements as funding is acquired. (Refer to page 30 for a preliminary cost estimate of the preferred site plan and to page 34 for a list of funding options.)

Goals that the community, Town of Ridgway, and Chamber of Commerce had for this project include the following:

- Attract visitors to stop year-round
- Develop visitor center options that feature self-guided informational signage so that volunteers do not have to be present for the visitor center to function
- Improve park amenities and aesthetics
- Develop a plan for ADA restrooms that can be accessible from the exterior so that the visitor center doesn't have to be open for passers-by to use these facilities
- Develop a parking organization plan for the gravel lot
- Determine park purpose and amenities needed in order to be successful
- Develop ideas for small play features and other desired community resources
- Offer visitors rest area amenities such as picnic space, restroom facilities, dog walk, play opportunities, etc.



Ridgway Visitor Center: The current Visitor Center building was historically used by the Fairgrounds as a hog barn.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Heritage Park features the museum building, a gravel parking lot, a large empty linear gravel area that was recently being used to hold railroad cars on display for the Ridgway Railroad Museum, and an existing gateway sign and plantings near Highway 550. There is also a small wooden pergola located near the Visitor Center. Numerous railroad ties that would be removed and replaced with new, non-toxic, pressure-treated railroad ties in the overall park master plan. There are two small structures between the parking lot and the fairgrounds—an old kiosk sign and a small storage shed; these site elements are in poor condition and may be in need of replacement. The parking lot holds about 30 cars and is currently functioning as a bus “park and ride” drop-off/pick-up and carpool location for workers commuting to and from Telluride. The Ouray County Fairgrounds are located directly to the south of Heritage Park and can be accessed through the main entry location off of Highway 550 or by passing into and through Heritage Park via Race Course Road. Event parking for the Fairgrounds may fill up the Heritage Park parking lot on occasion.

Much of the site has piles of debris and weeds and is in need of some clean up. There are several trees that have grown to block visibility of key locations on site; these may need to be trimmed or removed to open up site views.



Park Entry - Park users may enter the site by passing beneath the old Fairgrounds sign via Race Course Road.



ADA Parking - The parking lot features a designated ADA parking space sign close to the Visitor Center building.



Gravel Parking Lot - The park has a gravel parking lot with undefined parking spaces and usually holds about 30 vehicles.



Old Structures - An old storage shed and information kiosk have been placed in Heritage Park near the Fairgrounds.



Trestle - Railroad ties have been shaped into a trestle feature near the east end of the park next to the Fairgrounds.



Train Car - The Ridgway Railroad Museum left one of its train cars in the park, which could be used in the new park plan.



Debris - Small piles of debris are located in Heritage Park. These spaces are in need of some cleanup and weeding.



Visitor Center - The interior of the visitor center building is small and tight in its current layout. The restroom is not ADA.



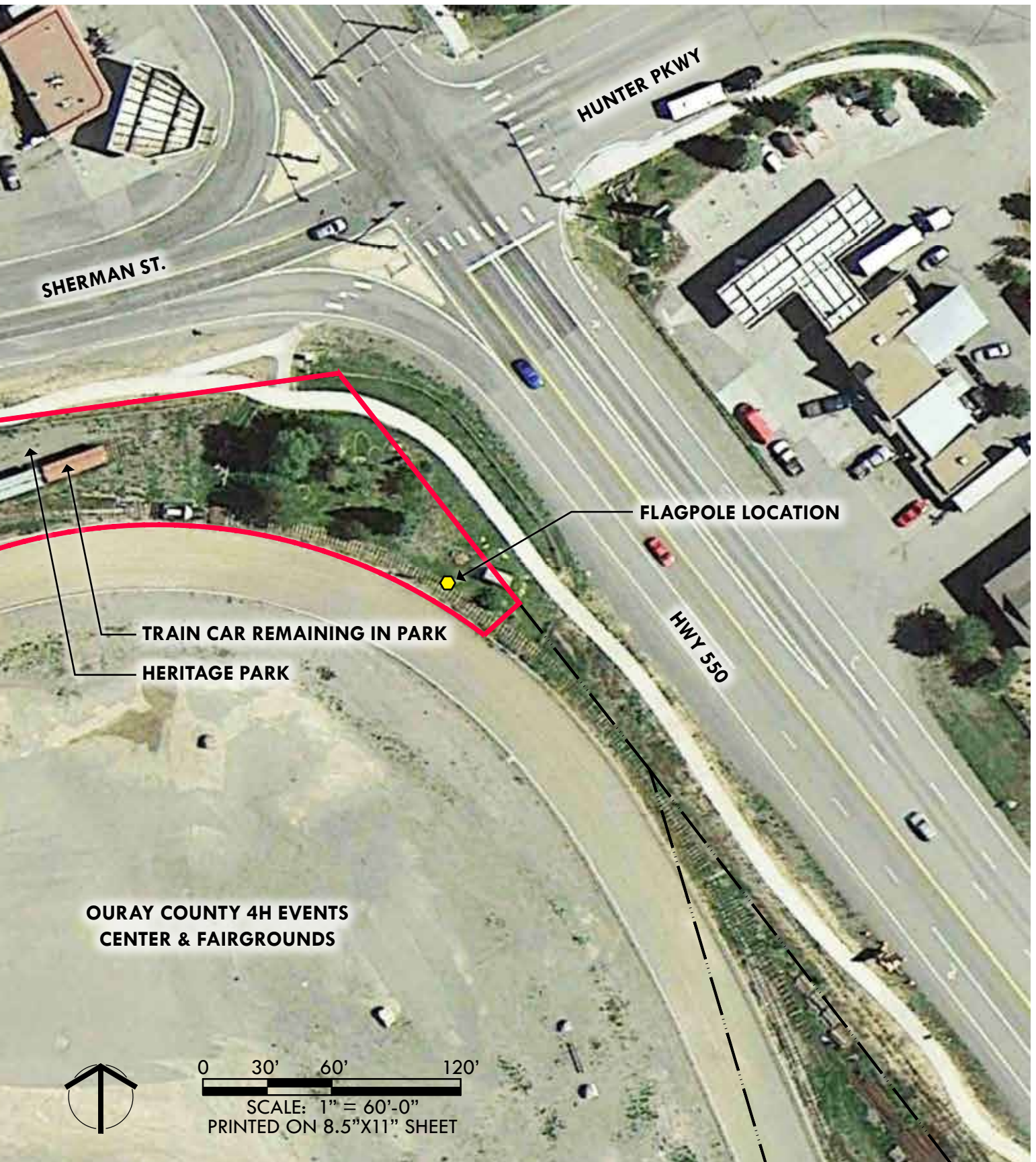
Planting - Some of the existing park vegetation has grown to screen key site elements—such as this gateway sign in the park near Highway 550.



Gateway Sign - A current Ridgway sign is located in the park near the 550 & Sherman St. intersection. This sign is undersized and outdated—featuring the old Town catchphrase.

EXISTING SITE BASE MAP





PROPOSED DESIGN

USING PUBLIC PROCESS TO GUIDE DESIGN

The proposed Master Plan Design was created with the input provided at the Public Meetings held in the Ridgway Town Hall Community Center on Thursday, March 28th, 2019 and Monday, April 29th, 2019. The initial public meeting showcased precedent image boards that were discussed by the community members in attendance to determine likes and dislikes. The Design Team then took this input to develop two schematic design options (in plan view) and their associated site element precedent images and photomontages that were presented at the second and final public meeting held on April 29th. Community members were able to express their concerns and ideas for the two schematic design options as well as the proposed site element designs. This input was then discussed with Ridgway Chamber of Commerce members in order to develop a proposed design that fit the community goals expressed by public meeting attendees with the Chamber's budget goals for renovating Heritage Park and the Visitor Center. The design team used this input to create the final Preferred Master Plan Design Option and Long Term Option 2 shown on pages 12 - 15 of this document. Precedent images and photomontages of the proposed site elements found in the Preferred Master Plan design are featured starting on page 18 of this document.

The precedent image boards and meeting notes showcased at these public meetings can be seen in Appendix A of this document. The two schematic master plan designs can also be viewed in Appendix A.



Public Meeting Input: The images above show comments made during the Public Meeting held on March 28th. Meeting attendees were able to place green dots on images they liked and red dots on images they disliked.

PREFERRED MASTER PLAN DESIGN DESCRIPTION

The Preferred Site Plan uses site features reminiscent of Ridgway's history such as the car already present on site and new railroad ties to organize the park layout. Also, the site itself is more linear from East to West, which necessitates a more path-oriented design. As a result, the proposed design features several interweaving paths to guide users through the space. Key park features are listed in the bulleted list below; they are listed the order they progress through the site from East to West. Images of these features can be seen starting on page 18 of this document.

KEY PARK FEATURES

- A new Ridgway **Gateway Sign** is located near the Highway 550 and Sherman St. intersection in a demonstration xeric garden area with berms, bollards, and crusher fines pathways.
- A **Photo Opportunity Area** with ADA access is located on top of the existing railroad trestle; this photo area has the mountain range including Mount Sneffels in its backdrop. There is also a platform for the camera person taking the photo. Stone benches are included in a crusher fines plaza nearby.
- A series of **Containers Retrofitted for Visitor Center Information** are located along the railroad tie pathway and would feature the existing train car along with additional storage containers that have been retrofitted to include visitor information, seating, and interactive displays. There are several ornamental xeric planting areas in between the railroad ties located at either end of the containers.
- Lawn Spaces will be located along Sherman Street to provide some grassy areas in the park for locals and passers-by to enjoy.
- A **Planting Bed of Rabbitbrush, Sage, Wildflowers, and Ornamental Grasses** will act as a xeric buffer along the west side of the site along the Fairgrounds. This buffer will help stabilize the steep grades occurring in this area.
- **Themed Informational Signage** is also located along the railroad tie pathway in line with the retrofitted containers. An aspen tree grove would create a scenic backdrop for these signs. These signs feature the five themes that were developed to capture the unique attractions of the Ridgway area; the themes include: Arts and Entertainment, Culinary Experiences, Health and Wellness, Outdoor Adventure, and History and Heritage. The signage will match the aesthetics of other signs in place around town.
- Play areas in the park will include an iconic **Climbing Boulder** with safety surfacing for older children and adults and a **Tot Lot** with smaller natural climbing features such as stepping logs and smaller boulders.
- The existing **Visitor Center** building would remain in place for several years in order to bridge the gap between acquiring funding and needing something in the short-term to accommodate for visitors now. This building is plumbed for up to two restrooms and has one functioning restroom now. In the short-term, the Ridgway Chamber of Commerce is considering small renovation options to open the restroom up to the outside so that people could access the restroom even when volunteers aren't available to staff the visitor center.
- A large **Visitor Center Sign** featuring icons for other park amenities including the photo opportunity area and restrooms would draw people into the site and inform visitors of the park amenities available. Other park amenities include a picnic area and water fountain.
- In order to maximize parking, the unpaved gravel **Parking Lot** should have the spaces delineated in some way, whether by using seasonal painting of stripes in the summer or some other means. If parking was organized in this lot, there would be parking spaces for up to 39 vehicles, 5 motorcycles, and two trailers/RVs. Trees could be planted in the parking lot to aid in delineating spaces and to add shade and improve aesthetics. The Fairgrounds has also mentioned the option to accommodate some parking within the center of the track. The Town of Ridgway may have to annex a portion of this area within the fairgrounds to offer more spaces for the Park & Ride.
- The site furnishings used throughout Heritage Park would match the style of site furnishings used in Downtown Ridgway, such as the bollards, bike racks, and natural-toned benches.

*Another site element that was desired at the public meetings for Heritage Park was informational signage describing the Ute tribe's history and influence on the area. Such signage would require design input and approval from Ute tribal members prior to installation.

PREFERRED SITE PLAN





LONG TERM OPTION 2 - NEW VISITOR CENTER



Long Term Option 2 - New Visitor Center was presented at the April 29th public meeting. This option was well-liked by community members in attendance; they were favorable of a new Visitor Center building. (See additional information about this on page 17 of this document.) A precedent image of a visitor center building that was well-liked by public meeting attendees can be viewed on page 19. The cost estimate for this option can be seen on page 32.



PHASING & PRIORITIES

PHASING

The below list groups park elements based on importance of installation. Priorities or phasing may change as funding is acquired or as grants for various items become available. Initial site cleanup, creating accessible restrooms, and signage were some of the items that were identified as being key features needed in the short term. Other items that would add to the overall park experience—such as the climbing boulder area and other signage and plantings—would be phased in later as the funding and resources for those items becomes available. These items are explained in further detail with associated images starting on page 18 of this report.

PHASE 1 - HIGH PRIORITY

- Initial Site Cleanup; trim and remove vegetation
- Landscape and Irrigation along Highway 62/Sherman St. for initial site beautification
- Temporary signage on current Visitor Center Building; made to be movable as more permanent signage structures are installed
- Themed Informational Signs
- Photo Opportunity Area
- Parking Delineation in unpaved gravel parking lot
- Accessible Restrooms (ADA accessible and accessible from the building exterior for public use when there are no volunteers at the Visitor Center)
- New Gateway Sign

PHASE 2 - MEDIUM PRIORITY

- Demolition of old Visitor Center Building
- Install new Restroom & Picnic Area - includes new pergola/shade structure, tables, and trash/recycling receptacles
- Installation of New Visitor Center Kiosks (Retrofitted Containers) - includes any seating in the kiosks, water fountain, and informational signage and interactive displays in new kiosks. See precedent images on page 18.
- Install new Railroad Ties to create park layout framework
- Install pathways through site
- Install sod areas
- Visitor Center Sign with park amenity icons such as the restroom, picnic, and camera symbols

PHASE 3 - LOW PRIORITY

- Remove existing pergola and replace with Climbing Boulder & safety surfacing
- Nature Play-Themed Tot Lot play area
- Crusher fines plaza area and secondary crusher fines pathways
- Site Furnishings (bollards, benches and stone benches, bike racks, etc.)
- Xeric planting areas & demonstration gardens

A NEW VISITOR CENTER BUILDING (LONG TERM OPTION 2)

Another item that the public meeting attendees identified as a wish list item is the addition of a new Visitor Center building—see this option on pages 14 and 15. This is not included in the phasing list on page 16 and below because planning for a new community building would require additional long-term visioning, public process, and fundraising efforts before such an addition could be made to the site design. The desired Visitor Center, as expressed by community members, would feature local meeting space as well as visitor and museum information. The Chamber's vision of this new visitor center building is for a 1,700 SF building (proposed in Long Term Option 2 - New Visitor Center Building) that is a suitable fit for a low-staff visitor center building with bathrooms accessible from the outside. (Refer to page 19 for a precedent image of a visitor center structure that was well-liked at the public meetings held in Ridgway.) Due to budgetary and space constraints, we will need to find a compromise to fit the desires of community members that want a state-of-the-art building that can also be used as community space. (If the new visitor center were not built, new ADA accessible restrooms would still be constructed in this option.)

*If a more iconic and eye-catching building were desired, then the space constraints at Heritage Park would be prohibitive from locating this new Visitor Center building on the current park site. If funding was acquired to develop such a large-scale facility, then a more extensive space would need to be acquired by the Town of Ridgway at a similar high-visibility site location along primary access routes. More public process is needed to align on a design and plan for a new visitor center building.

PHASING DIAGRAM KEY

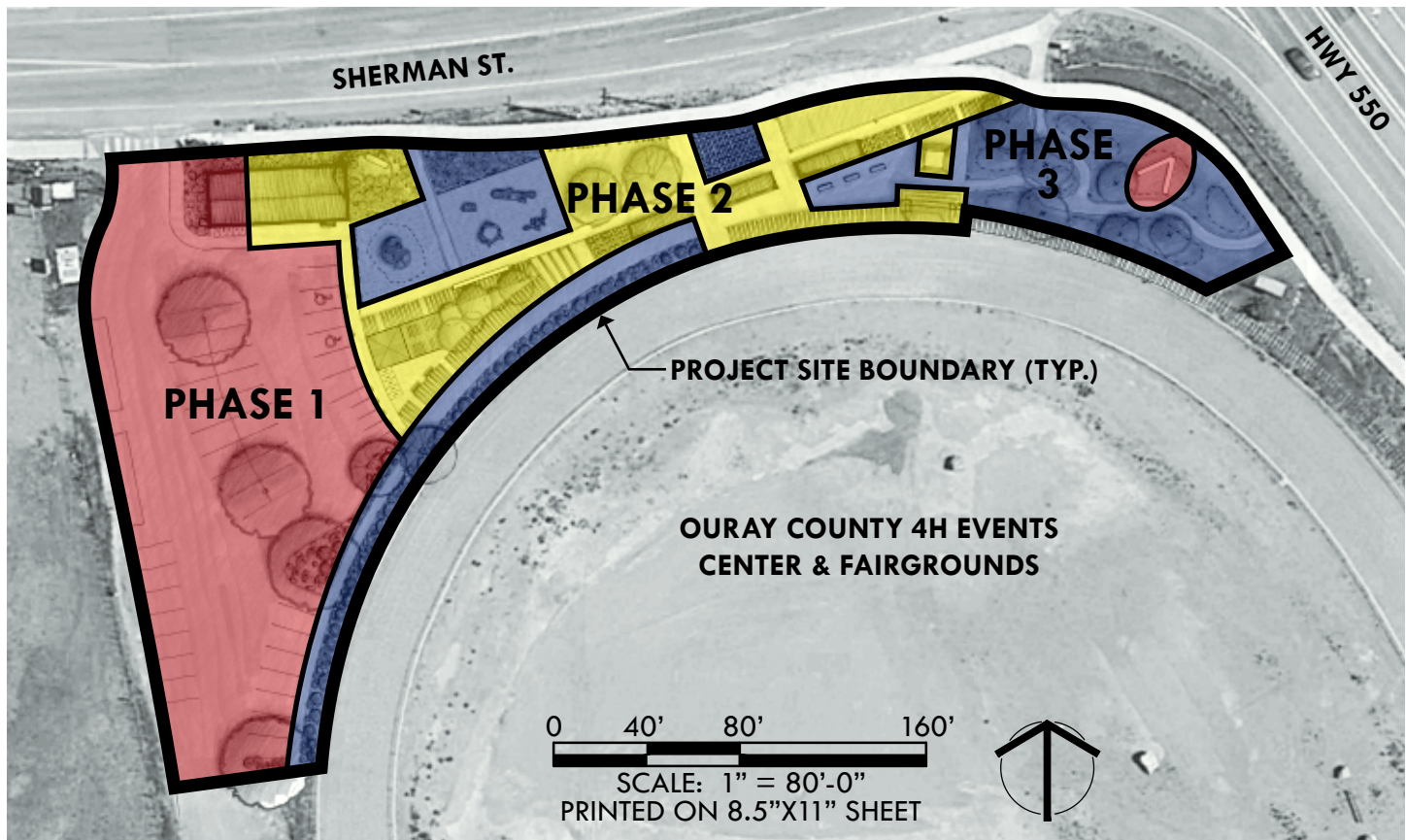
DESCRIPTION

PHASE 1/1ST PRIORITY

PHASE 2/2ND PRIORITY

PHASE 3/3RD PRIORITY

The Phasing Diagram is a graphic representation of the order in which the new design components of Heritage Park would be installed. The phasing order is based on the priorities shown on page 16 of this document that were determined with public input. Some items may be moved as funding is acquired or as community priorities change.



Phasing Diagram: The above diagram features the proposed implementation order of park elements. These elements can be interchangeable as funding is acquired or grants become available or as community priorities shift.

PROPOSED SITE ELEMENTS - PRECEDENTS

Precedent images and photomontages of the proposed site elements found in the Preferred Master Plan and the Long Term Option 2 - New Visitor Center designs are featured on pages 18-29 of this document. The numbers on these features relate to the numbers locations shown on the plan renderings on pages 12-15. Refer to the plan sheets for the proposed site locations of site elements.

NEW VISITOR CENTER KIOSK



19 CONTAINERS RETROFITTED FOR VISITOR CENTER INFORMATION

A series of containers would act as kiosks to serve as the new Visitor Center in the proposed design. These containers could be retrofitted to host seating, shade areas, informational signage, and interactive displays. They could function with or without staff.



19 INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS IN VISITOR CENTER

Interactive displays, such as this topographical map would be on display in the Visitor Center kiosks.



22 EXISTING RAILROAD CAR TO REMAIN

The Railroad Museum has offered to leave this car to supplement the Visitor Center storage container kiosks.

NEW VISITOR CENTER BUILDING



35 ALTERNATE: LONG TERM OPTION 2 - NEW VISITOR CENTER BUILDING

The above precedent images of existing visitors centers were shown on a precedent image board at the April 29th public meeting and were the most well-liked images by meeting attendees for the overall architectural style of the proposed structure. The New Visitor Center building would feature accessible restroom facilities. (If the new visitor center was not built, new ADA accessible restrooms would still be constructed in this option.)

ADAPTIVE REUSE OF EXISTING VISITOR CENTER

CONVERTED TO OPEN-AIR PERGOLA SLATS IN MIDDLE SECTION

One of the design ideas shown at the public meetings was to remodel the existing visitor center building to become an adaptive reuse restroom and picnic area structure. The concept for this adaptive reuse design is shown in the images adjacent and below on this page. The meeting attendees agreed that removing the structure and replacing it with information kiosks or a new visitor center building would be preferable to renovating the existing structure. However, the idea of creating a designated picnic area with shade was considered as important to feature in the Heritage Park master plan. The picnic area could have a slatted pergola-type roof or a full-coverage roof. Both of these options are shown below in the adaptive reuse sketches. A new picnic area structure would be constructed once the existing pergola is removed to make room for the large Climbing Boulder feature shown on page 25 of this document.

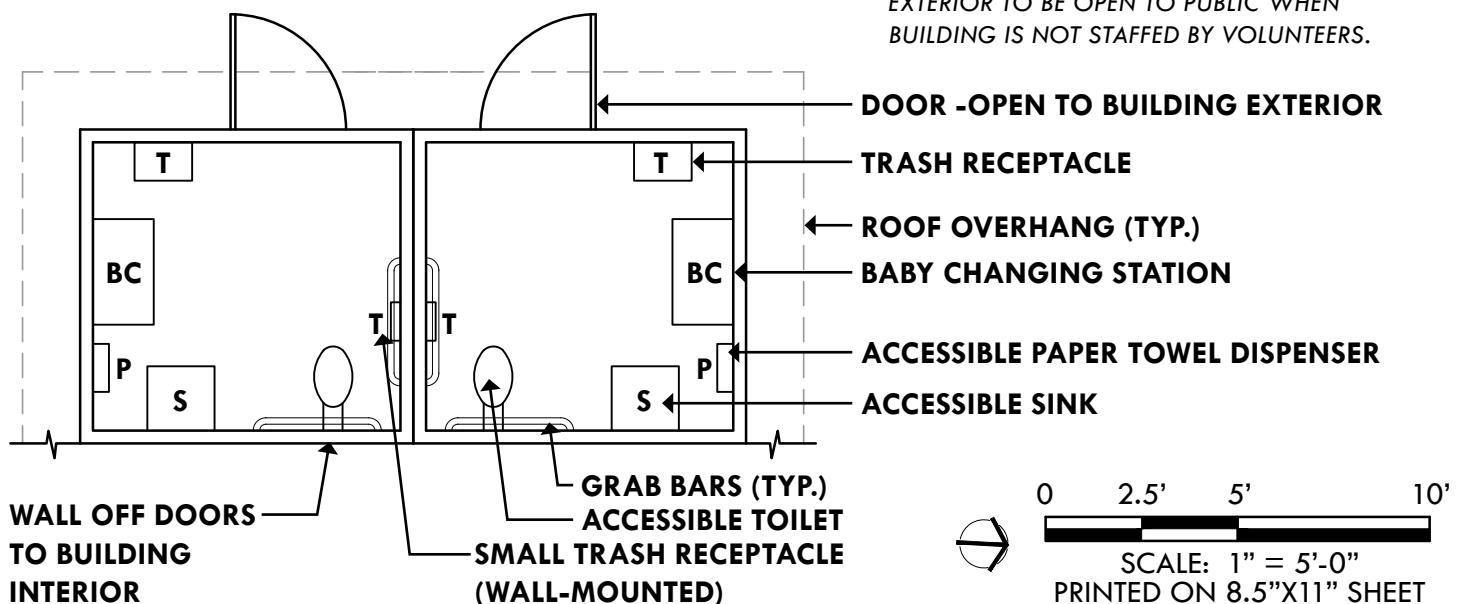


3D MODEL OF CONVERTED VISITOR CENTER



ADA ACCESSIBLE GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOM PLAN

*NOTE: MAKE RESTROOMS ACCESSIBLE FROM EXTERIOR TO BE OPEN TO PUBLIC WHEN BUILDING IS NOT STAFFED BY VOLUNTEERS.



② ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS - PLAN VIEW

The current Visitor Center building has a functioning restroom. However, this restroom is not ADA accessible, nor does it open to the exterior of the building. The above plan features a layout of two ADA accessible restrooms that could aid with the renovation of the current restroom as shown in the "Preferred Site Plan" option to improve accessibility.

SIGNAGE



10 THEMED INFORMATIONAL SIGNS

This sign, which is based off of the existing banner pole sign frame located near the Town Hall Community Center in Ridgway, features the (5) themes identified by the Chamber of Commerce as capturing the unique attractions of the Ridgway area. The themes include Arts & Entertainment, Culinary Experiences, Health & Wellness, Outdoor Adventure, and History and Heritage.



12 NEW VISITOR CENTER ARROW SIGN

This sign would be located near Sherman Street/Highway 62 and would feature "Visitor Information" text as well as park amenity icons (including parking, restroom, camera, playground, and picnic table symbols) to attract passers-by to stop at Heritage Park.



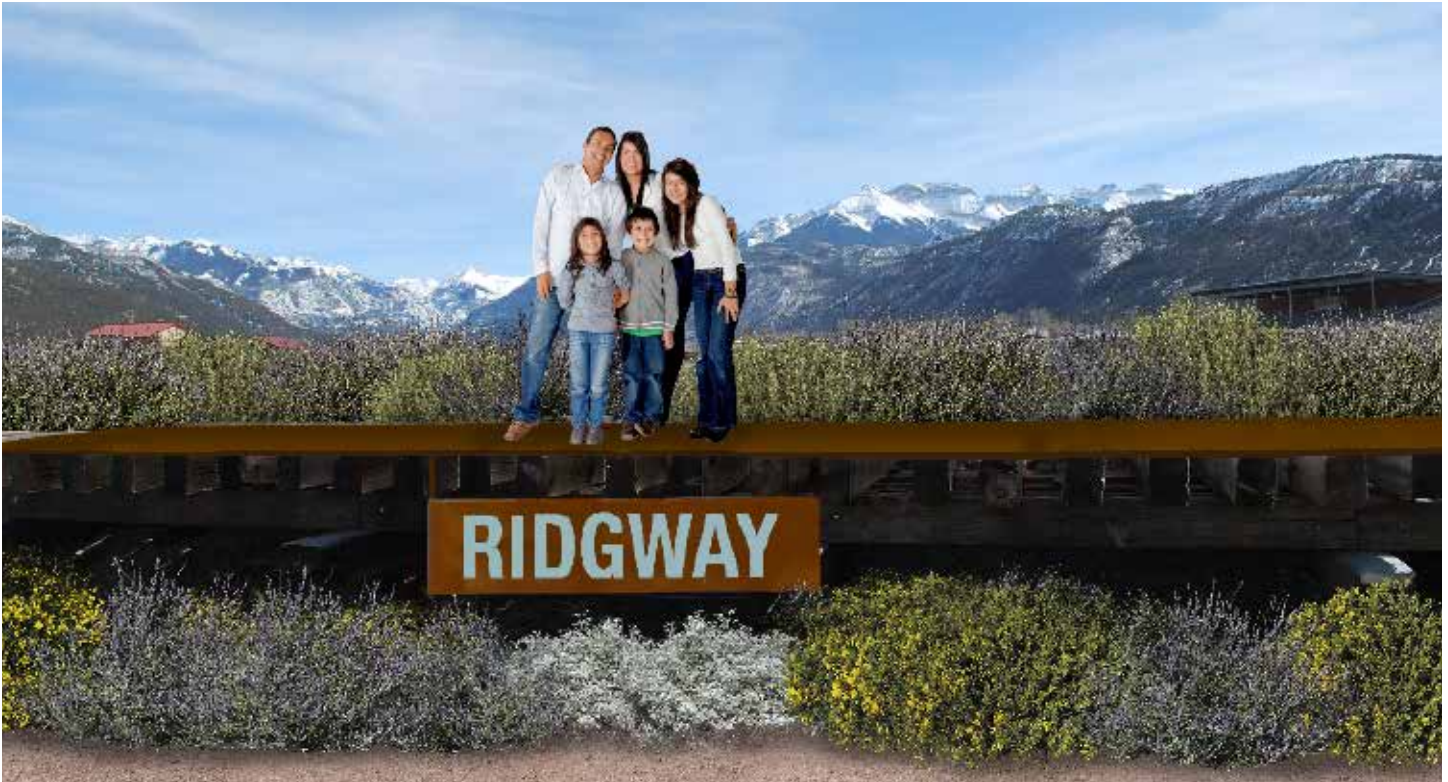
PLAN VIEW

Making an angled version of the Gateway Sign will allow for the ideal viewing angles to be used for traffic approaching from different directions.

29 NEW RIDGWAY GATEWAY SIGN

This sign would replace the current Gateway sign located near the Highway 550-Sherman St. intersection; it could be a simple front-back sign or triangular (see plan above). The sign would be approx. 20'-0"W x 10'-0"HT. with 30"HT. Ridgway letters.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AREA - OPTION 1



26 RAILROAD TRESTLE PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AREA

The existing trestle made of railroad ties near the northeast side of the fairgrounds in Heritage Park was identified as a great location for a photo opportunity with a mountain backdrop in the park. This frame-less option lets the background have the focus.



27 PHOTO PLATFORM & CAMERA SIGN

A raised platform will allow the person taking the photo to get a good angle of the scene. A photo symbol sign directs park users to the photo opportunity area—since without the frame outline it is less visible to passers-by.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AREA - OPTION 2



26 RAILROAD TRESTLE PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AREA - OPTION 2

Option 2 features a full frame for the photo opportunity and is large enough in scale to attract motorists from the road to stop and check out the park feature. This high visibility design would encourage increased usage of the Photo Opportunity Area.



27 PHOTO PLATFORM & CAMERA SIGN - OPTION 2

The framed option directs the camera person to center the image with a specific view of the background scenery; this makes it easier on the photographer to take a quick picture.

RAILROAD TIES



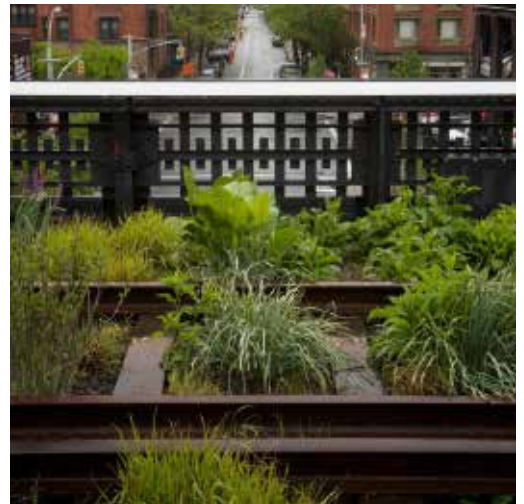
8 RAILROAD TIE PATHWAY IN CRUSHER FINES

In the proposed site design, new pressure-treated, non-toxic railroad ties would be acquired to form pathways through the site that are reminiscent of Ridgway's railroad history.



13 VERTICAL RAILROAD TIE FENCE -30" HT. MAX. (TYP.)

One potential idea for the park is to install some of the new railroad ties vertically to form a fence that creates a buffer between site features and Sherman Street.



24 ORNAMENTAL GRASSES PLANTED BETWEEN RAILROAD TIES

Planting between the railroad ties can also add visual interest to the preferred design's railroad tie pathways.

PLAY FEATURES - CLIMBING BOULDER



11 LARGE CLIMBING BOULDER PLAY FEATURE

A large climbing boulder feature was identified in the public meetings as a key site element that would be useful to both residents and park visitors. The boulder should match the local rock formation aesthetic in terms of colors and shapes.

PLAY FEATURES - TOT LOT



⑨ NATURE-THEMED PLAY AREA (TOT LOT)

The Tot Lot play area would be natural in its appearance to match the Large Boulder play feature. A series of smaller boulders, logs, and stumps can be used to create this look. Public meeting attendees expressed a desire to see “no plastic play equipment.”

SITE FURNISHINGS & PLANTING ELEMENTS



3 BIKE RACKS

Bike racks, matching those in Downtown, are utilized in the proposed design to encourage bike use and parking.



15 BENCHES

Park benches would match those in Downtown. Meeting attendees expressed concern with hot metal benches.



16 STABILIZED CRUSHER FINES PATHWAY

Stabilized crusher fines is ADA accessible and will be utilized in pathways throughout the site and in a small plaza area with stone slab benches.



17 RABBITBRUSH, SAGE, WILDFLOWERS, & ORNAMENTAL GRASSES PLANTING BED

These plantings are xeric and would act as a buffer between Heritage Park and the Fairgrounds.



20 BLUE AVENA ORNAMENTAL GRASS PLANTING BED

Blue avena grass is xeric and only grows to an 18" height. These plants will be incorporated near the retrofitted containers to emphasize their importance in a subtle way.



25 STONE BENCH

Stone benches would be located in the crusher fines plaza by the photo opportunity area and the retrofitted container kiosks. They are natural in appearance and would complement the style and aesthetic of the park.

SITE FURNISHINGS CONTINUED...



31 BOLLARDS

Light bollards are incorporated along pathways in the preferred design plan to improve park safety; they would match those found throughout Downtown. By keeping site furnishings in a similar look with Downtown, the whole Town will feel more connected.



Pet Waste Station & Dog Etiquette Sign Information:

Dogipot features a range of pet waste station items and offers an entire pet station including a pet waste bag dispenser, a trash receptacle, and a directional sign.

The sign enlargements feature different graphic options for asking pet owners to clean up. The green sign is from SafetySign.com and the white sign is from ComplianceSigns.com. Such signs encourage pet owners to be responsible on the Town's park property.

32 PET WASTE STATION



Water Fountain Information:

The provision of a water fountain was identified at the public meetings as an important site feature to include in the preferred site plan design. Both of these Elkay fountain options include an ADA accessible drinking fountain and dog bowl. The left most water fountain is from Restroom Direct.com. The right water fountain also includes a bottle-filling station and is from PlumbersStock.com.

33 WATER FOUNTAIN

COST ESTIMATES

PRICES MAY ESCALATE WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME

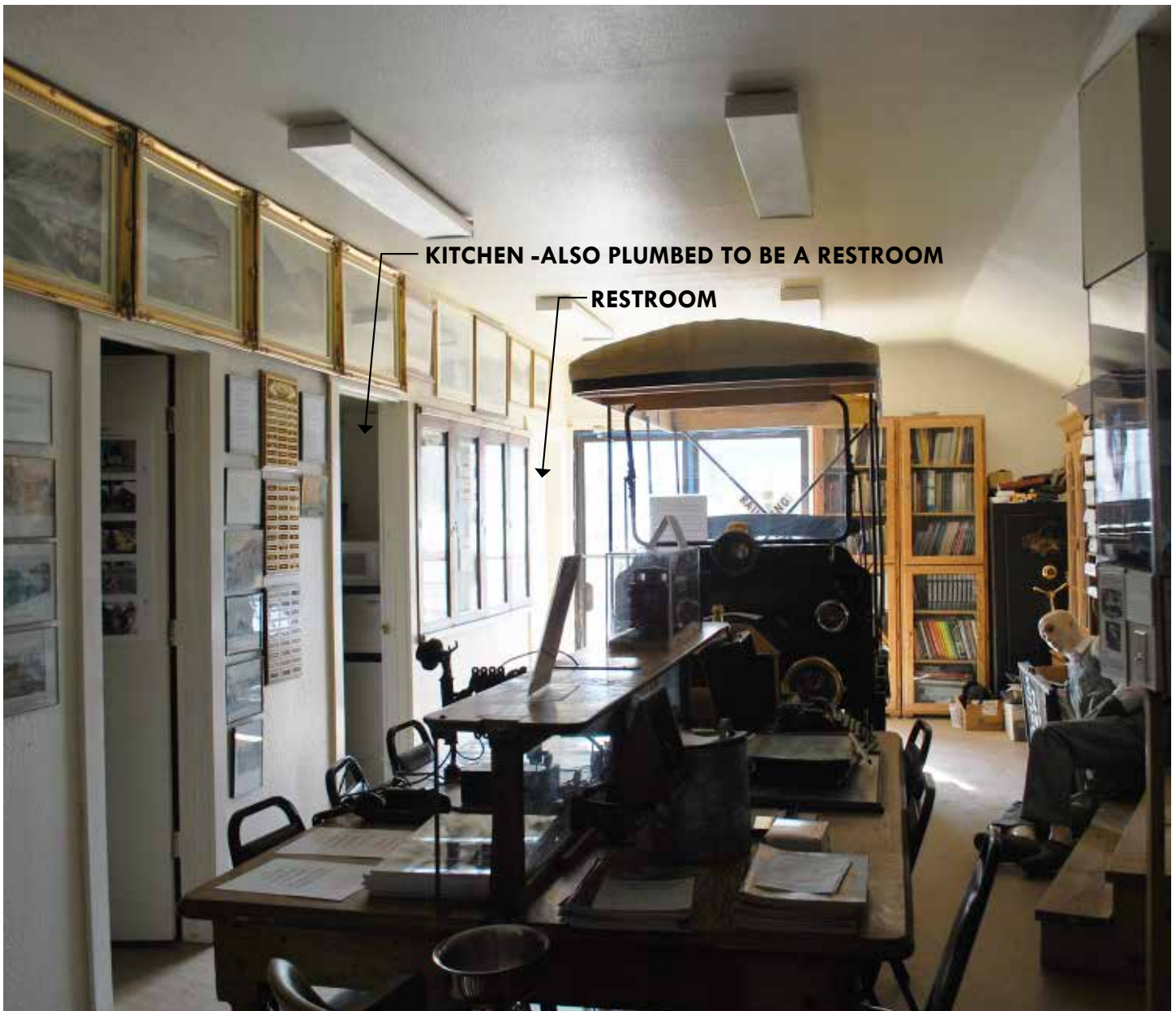
The cost estimate shown on page 32 represents the design team's educated "best guess" prices of the proposed design elements featured on the Preferred Site Plan. (There is also a preliminary cost estimate for the "Long Term Option 2 - New Visitor Center" design shown on page 33 of this document.) These prices are based off of recent construction bids on current projects, supplier prices, and estimates from past site design projects. Prices represent the cost of building these park features in 2019. Assume an average 3.5% escalation annually from current total depending on the date of construction. Also, there may be a bump up in materials costs, such as the recent increase in steel prices, that cannot be predicted; factors such as this may increase the project costs as well.



Existing Site Photo: This photograph shows the railroad ties that are present at Heritage Park, a small pergola, and the parking lot and Visitor Center building in the background.

ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM

Both designs feature ADA accessible restrooms. The cost estimate for the Preferred Site plan features a renovated restroom cost for the existing visitor center building of approximately \$30,000. The cost of an accessible restroom in the Long Term Option 2 is included in the overall cost of the new visitor center building. (It would be approximately \$35,000 to \$43,000 of the total cost of the new building, which is listed as approximately \$595,000 in the cost estimate.) Depending on funding and decisions by the Town of Ridgway and community members, one option or the other may be selected. Should funding be acquired to enable the Long Term Option 2 plan be installed sooner, renovating the existing restrooms may not be needed.



Existing Restroom: This photograph shows the interior of the existing Ridgway Railroad Museum building. The restroom is currently not ADA accessible and is not open to the building exterior; therefore, volunteers must be staffing the building for it to be open to the public.

PREFERRED SITE PLAN - COST ESTIMATE

Ridgway Heritage Park & Visitor Center				
Preliminary Cost Estimate - Preferred Option				
Prepared by DHM Design in May 2019				
Item	Quantity	Units	Cost	Total
Site Furnishings				
Picnic Tables - Type 1 (ADA)	1	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Picnic Tables - Type 2	3	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Benches	7	EA	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 16,520.00
Bike Racks	10	EA	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,000.00
Trash/Recycling Receptacles	2	EA	\$ 1,305.00	\$ 2,610.00
Water Fountain	1	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Dog/Pot Pet Waste Station	1	EA	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00
			Subtotal	\$ 38,460.00
Playground				
Playground Boulder (Large)	1	LS	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Playground Boulder (Small)	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Hollow Log (ID Sculpture)	1	EA	\$ 5,665.00	\$ 5,665.00
Balance Log (ID Sculpture)	1	EA	\$ 4,356.00	\$ 4,356.00
Charlotte's Web (ID Sculpture)	1	EA	\$ 16,390.00	\$ 16,390.00
Staggered Stumps	1	EA	\$ 4,831.00	\$ 4,831.00
Playground Thickened Edge	280	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 5,600.00
Engineered Wood Fiber Safety Surfacing	2,500	SF	\$ 5.00	\$ 12,500.00
			Subtotal	\$ 134,342.00
Hardscape/Site Work				
Clearing and Grubbing	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Concrete Sidewalk	5,165	SF	\$ 8.00	\$ 41,320.00
Stabilized Crusher Fines	5,340	SF	\$ 5.00	\$ 26,700.00
Concrete Mow Edge	190	LF	\$ 15.00	\$ 2,850.00
Steel Edger	100	LF	\$ 3.50	\$ 350.00
Railroad Ties (new, pressure-treated)	300	EA	\$ 60.00	\$ 18,000.00
Railroad Trestle Feature	1	LS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Landscape Boulders (to edge parking lot)	15	EA	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00
Earthwork	1	LS	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Lighting and Electrical	1	LS	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
			Subtotal	\$ 162,720.00
Planting				
Deciduous Trees (10 gallon)	12	EA	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,000.00
Shrubs (5 gal.)	60	EA	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,000.00
Ornamental Grasses (1 gal.)	125	EA	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,875.00
Sod	3,000	SF	\$ 1.00	\$ 3,000.00
Native Grass	500	SF	\$ 0.20	\$ 100.00
Shrub & Perennial Planting Beds (1 gal)	300	EA	\$ 15.00	\$ 4,500.00
Cedar Bark Mulch	15.5	CY	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,550.00
Topsoil (6" for Turf)	55	CY	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,925.00
Topsoil (4" for Seeded Areas)	4	CY	\$ 35.00	\$ 140.00
Soil Amendment (4 CY/1000 SF in sod areas)	12	CY	\$ 70.00	\$ 840.00
Soil Amendment (1 CY/1000 SF in shrub bed areas)	4	CY	\$ 70.00	\$ 280.00
Irrigation	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
			Subtotal	\$ 30,210.00
Signage				
Photo Area	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Gateway Sign	1	LS	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Themed Signs	5	EA	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Arrow Sign	1	EA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Historic Map	1	EA	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
ADA Parking Signs	2	EA	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Interpretive Signage/Exhibits (allowance)	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
			Subtotal	\$ 182,500.00
Structures				
Retrofit Old Visitor Center Building (Accessible Restrooms)	150	SF	\$ 200.00	\$ 30,000.00
Visitor Center Kiosk (Container)	1	LS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Secondary Kiosk	1	LS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
			Subtotal	\$ 130,000.00
			Subtotal	\$ 678,232.00
			Design and Construction Documents	\$ 67,823.20
			Total	\$ 746,055.20
Assumptions:				
Gravel parking area will be regraded and maintained by City as needed.				
Xeriscape garden would be phase in by volunteers.				
Could do signage on current building in short term, and move to freestanding steel structure in future.				

LONG TERM OPTION 2 - COST ESTIMATE

Ridgway Heritage Park & Visitor Center Preliminary Cost Estimate - Long Term Option 2 (New Visitor Center) Prepared by DHM Design in May 2019				
Item	Quantity	Units	Cost	Total
Site Furnishings				
Picnic Tables - Type 1 (ADA)	2	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Picnic Tables - Type 2	4	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Benches	6	EA	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 14,160.00
Bike Racks	6	EA	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Trash/Recycling Receptacles	2	EA	\$ 1,305.00	\$ 2,610.00
Dog Pot Pet Waste Station	1	EA	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00
			Subtotal	\$ 36,300.00
Playground				
Playground Boulder (Large)	1	LS	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Playground Boulder (Small)	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Hollow Log (ID Sculpture)	1	EA	\$ 5,665.00	\$ 5,665.00
Balance Log (ID Sculpture)	1	EA	\$ 4,356.00	\$ 4,356.00
Charlotte's Web (ID Sculpture)	1	EA	\$ 16,390.00	\$ 16,390.00
Staggered Stumps	1	EA	\$ 4,831.00	\$ 4,831.00
Playground Thickened Edge	280	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 5,600.00
Engineered Wood Fiber Safety Surfacing	2,500	SF	\$ 5.00	\$ 12,500.00
			Subtotal	\$ 134,342.00
Hardscape/Site Work				
Clearing and Grubbing	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Concrete Sidewalk	5,165	SF	\$ 8.00	\$ 41,320.00
Stabilized Crusher Fines	5,340	SF	\$ 5.00	\$ 26,700.00
Concrete Mow Edge	190	LF	\$ 15.00	\$ 2,850.00
Steel Edger	100	LF	\$ 3.50	\$ 350.00
Railroad Ties (new, pressure-treated)	300	EA	\$ 60.00	\$ 18,000.00
Railroad Trestle Feature	1	LS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Landscape Boulders (to edge parking lot)	15	EA	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00
Earthwork	1	LS	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Lighting and Electrical	1	LS	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
			Subtotal	\$ 162,720.00
Planting				
Deciduous Trees (10 gallon)	12	EA	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,000.00
Shrubs (5 gal.)	60	EA	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,000.00
Ornamental Grasses (1 gal.)	125	EA	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,875.00
Sod	3,000	SF	\$ 1.00	\$ 3,000.00
Native Grass	500	SF	\$ 0.20	\$ 100.00
Shrub & Perennial Planting Beds (1 gal)	300	EA	\$ 15.00	\$ 4,500.00
Cedar Bark Mulch	15.5	CY	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,550.00
Topsoil (6" for Turf)	55	CY	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,925.00
Topsoil (4" for Seeded Areas)	4	CY	\$ 35.00	\$ 140.00
Soil Amendment (4 CY/1000 SF in sod areas)	12	CY	\$ 70.00	\$ 840.00
Soil Amendment (1 CY/1000 SF in shrub bed areas)	4	CY	\$ 70.00	\$ 280.00
Irrigation	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
			Subtotal	\$ 30,210.00
Signage				
Photo Area	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Gateway Sign	1	LS	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
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			Subtotal	\$ 182,500.00
Structures				
Retrofit Old Visitor Center Building (Shade Shelter)	1	LS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
New Visitor Center Building	1,550	SF	\$ 350.00	\$ 542,500.00
New Accessible Restrooms	150	SF	\$ 350.00	\$ 52,500.00
			Subtotal	\$ 562,500.00
			Subtotal	\$ 1,108,572.00
			Design and Construction Documents	\$ 110,857.20
			Total	\$ 1,219,429.20
Assumptions:				
Gravel parking area will be regraded and maintained by City as needed.				
Xeriscape garden would be phase in by volunteers.				
Could do signage on current building in short term, and move to freestanding steel structure in future.				

FUNDING OPTIONS

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

The below list describes several different sources of funding that could help in developing the Preferred Site Plan design for Heritage Park. These options do not list every funding or grant option available. For example, some playground supplier companies, such as KaBOOM! or BCI Burke, or businesses, like Home Depot, offer grants, discounts, or supplies to help with project developments at parks. Some groups, such as Boy Scouts of America, help with constructing small projects. In short, there are numerous options in terms of receiving financial, labor and /or materials assistance to build park projects. The funding that the Town of Ridgway is able to acquire may adjust park priorities and enable different amenities to be developed before others. (See more information on the initial Phasing and Priorities for Heritage Park on page 16 of this document.) Additional grant information can be found on the next page.

- **Grants** - see lists below and on next page
- **Local Appropriations** - Town and County revenues/budgets
- **Creation of a Designated Fund** - special taxes, typically a sales tax increase at the county level which is dedicated to open space, trails, and parks development
- **Individual, Corporate, and Philanthropic Giving** - gifts, grants, bequests, fundraising events, and other forms of giving
- **In-Kind Volunteerism** - public agencies or private participants both in land donations and possibly use of equipment, labor, or materials



Sign in Heritage Park: A sign near the Visitor Center at Heritage Park features local humor.

GRANT FUNDING SOURCES

COLORADO GRANT PROGRAMS

- BEST Grant Program
- Colorado Brownfields Foundation
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Colorado Health Foundation
- Colorado Office of Economic Development
- Corporate Programs
- Department of Transportation
- Great Outdoors Colorado
- History Colorado
- Private Foundations

NATIONAL GRANT PROGRAMS

- Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- National Endowment for the Arts
- National Energy Technology Laboratory
- National Inclusion Project
- National Institute of Health
- National Science Foundation
- Rural Business Enterprise Grants
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- The Daniels Fund

FUNDABLE PROJECT ELEMENTS

- Recreation
- Interpretation
- Education
- Restoration
- Public Access
- Specialized programming (biking, trails, etc.)
- Energy efficiency
- Public art
- Public transportation

ELIGIBLE LOCAL PROJECTS

- Playgrounds
- Trails within local parks
- Environmental education facilities
- Outdoor amenities located at fairgrounds
- Infrastructure (irrigation, sprinkler systems, drainage pipes, parking lots, lighting)
- Amenities (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, picnic tables, pavilions, etc.)

DOLA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- Colorado Main Street
- Community Development Block Grant
- Rural Economic Development Initiative

APPENDIX

PUBLIC MEETING 1 (MARCH 28TH, 2019) - PRECEDENT IMAGE BOARDS



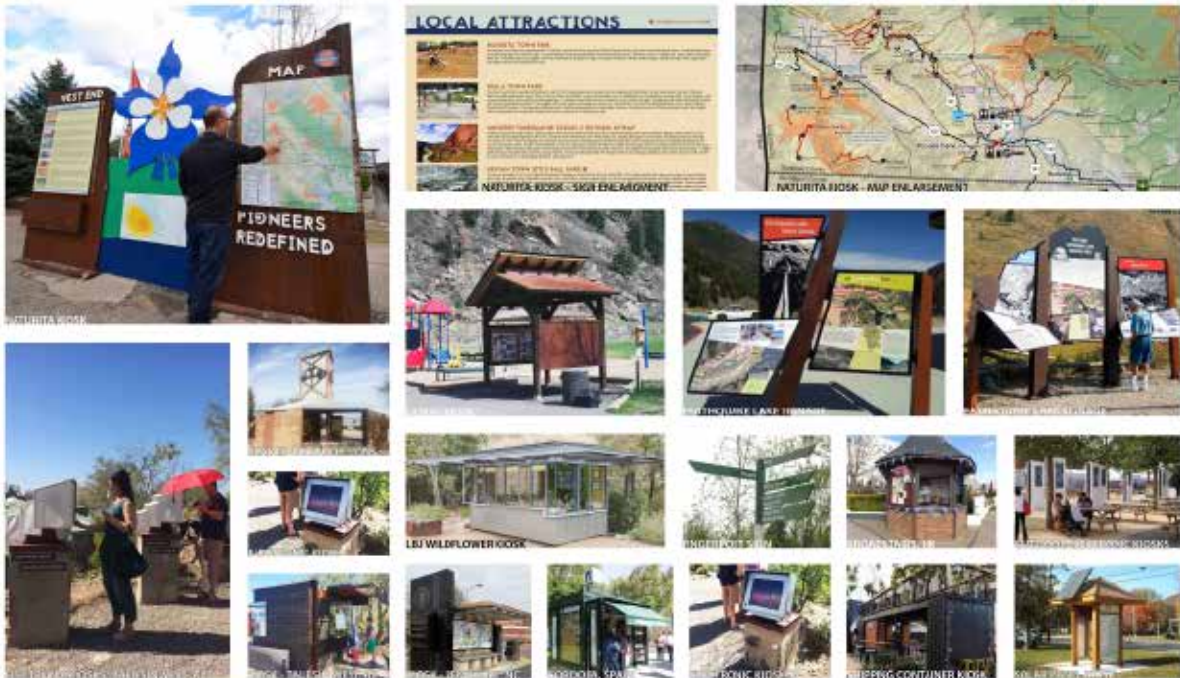
Precedent Images - Visitor Center

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Precedent Images - Landmarks

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Precedent Images - Informational Signage

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Precedent Images - Play Structures

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PUBLIC MEETING 1 -NOTES

PUBLIC MEETING 1 (MARCH 28TH, 2019) - NOTES FROM PUBLIC MEETING

Ridgway Heritage Park & Visitor Center
Thursday 3-28-2019 1st Public Meeting
Ridgway, CO

DHM Meeting Attendees
Walker Christensen
Cammie Willis

DURING PRESENTATION NOTES

General Site Information

- Gateway location of Heritage Park makes it key location
- Need ADA access
- Vehicles/Parking/Etc.
 - o Access from the Hwy is a great distance from the Hwy
 - o Road at Visitor Center entry is called Race Course Road
 - o Currently about 20-22 cars were parked at the Visitor Center for the park and ride share program
 - o At certain times of day, traffic is backed up in the park
- Existing Vegetation
 - o Random trees are blocking signs
 - o Some trees may be able to be transplanted
- Existing entry sign is small from vehicle perspective
 - o Features old slogan “Gateway to the San Juans”; Ridgway’s new tag line has been re-branded
 - o Ex. sign is too dark; not a good eye-catching hwy sign
 - o Rusty steel of sign blends into surrounding landscape
- Visitor Center is approx. 7’-0” ht. from building to roof height
 - o Building was converted from an old Fairgrounds hog barn
 - o Railroad museum to be in Visitor Center through 2020; think about transitioning chamber in as Railroad museum moves out
 - o Any phasing can be done while the Visitor Center building is operational?
 - o Year-round public restrooms would be great

Phasing

- Phasing may be utilized; Why creation of master plan is important
- Priorities will be determined from input at this meeting and presented at next public meeting for discussion
 - o Proposed plan created from input in this meeting will also be presented at next meeting for discussion
 - o Will determine both short & long-term items

General Community Resources

- Potential resources available for use in the park
 - o Railroad museum car can remain longterm if so desired by the Chamber
 - o Can stay or leave; adding signage on the car to advertise the railroad museum would create a symbiotic relationship
 - o If we want the Railroad ties from the museum; they will leave for reuse
- Railroad Museum Rep. said that there are 200-300 usable landscape ties in good condition
- Anything Chamber doesn’t want; let Railroad museum know so they can remove

Precedent Comments

- Jackson Hole’s Visitor Center is opened up in the morning; remains unstaffed; and is locked at night
- Shipping containers seemed to get lots of approval from meeting attendees
- How Heritage park designs play off of existing Ridgway structures?
- Meeting attendees liked Glu-lam wood climbing structure playground in slideshow
- No fenced dog park in Ridgway; residents would like this
 - o Heritage Park is too small for formalized Dog Park
 - o Who will clean up the dog park?

GROUP COMMENTS AT END OF PRESENTATION (from sticky notes)

Visitor Center

- Building a New Visitor Center
 - o Tear down hog barn building; start new
 - o Current location is not the best
 - o Better location would be where train was
 - o Raise up more so is more visible
 - o Would like shaded porches on the East and South sides (wraparound)
- Where tourists can sit
 - o Moving Visitor Center would eliminate shade on sidewalk
 - o Make the play area connected to the Visitor Center so that the children can play and the parents can watch and drink beverages
 - o Want clean bathrooms
 - o Friendly space
 - o Incorporate signage in all features
- Interactive/interpretive signs
 - o Incorporate exhibit space for local artists and artisans
 - o Existing building has two restrooms now
 - o Would new building be cheaper?
 - o Railroad Car/Steel shipping containers precedents are a good idea
 - o Like indoor/outdoor precedents
- Renovating Existing Visitor Center
 - o Tear open the building; can function as an open-air pergola
 - o 1/3 of building should be accessible year round (including restrooms)
 - o Not current electric & plumbing codes in building (20 years old utilities)

Shade Structures

- Shade Structures
 - o Match other structures in town (cohesive)
 - o County has steel slats (match this)
 - o This is at the Fairgrounds pergola; if matches, then fairgrounds may help fund
 - o Part pergola/part completely covered
 - o Everyone wants shade
 - o Shade slats simplicity
- Shade Sail

PUBLIC MEETING 1 -NOTES CONTINUED...

PUBLIC MEETING 1 (MARCH 28TH, 2019) - NOTES FROM PUBLIC MEETING CONTINUED...

- o Filtered shade
- o Cheaper than pergola
- Park Design
 - Match Residents' & Visitors' interests in the park=project goal
 - Park Entrance location is okay
 - Metal benches are too hot
 - Programming
 - o Modified public market concept
 - o Space for farmers market; all other days when not in the park (May to October activation)
 - Pathways
 - o Pull the walk in off of the highway
 - o Create a pathway into the fairgrounds
 - o Linkages between the Visitor Center and Fairgrounds are good to emphasize
 - o Install timeline walk from hwy 550 to west; historical and geological; creative district; earth formation
 - Up and Down-valley Connectivity
 - o Shared e-bike rental program
 - o Shared visitor services
 - Staff and volunteer training (& staffing pending IGA)
 - Landscaping
 - o Demonstration gardens
 - o Xeriscaping
 - Visibility
 - o Railroad is the current draw for people stopping at the Visitor Center (40%-60% of people stop for the railroad structures when whole train was there)
 - o Sight lines of new kiosk and playground should be considered to draw people in
 - o Visibility from car (sculpture & illumination) to catch the attention of passers-by
 - o Big retro arrow sign (or something to create same effect) that draws people in
 - o Signs to get out of car
 - o People stop at Taco del Gnar; cool building draws people in
 - o Lowlands sign has blue behind to make the rusty steel text of the sign pop out; Johnny Low
 - o Ouray County has visible impact corridor
 - Certain colors are allowed
 - Certain lighting is allowed
 - Signage
 - o Configurations of signs and playground equipment will get people to stop
 - o Volunteers are split between the Visitor Center and the museum now that these entities will be split into two locations
 - Outdoor self-guided information is important
 - Update the Visitor Center experience with technology (to inspire the new generation)
 - Technology would function year-round
 - Need to cater to both generations
 - People bring technology with them; QR codes work
 - Phones don't answer questions or have restrooms

- Technology to link to physical signs
 - o Series of structures (along walking pathway)
- Information along a path; motion-sensing heaters by the kiosks
- Would wildlife use this?
- At least use by main kiosk
 - o Would like a series of kiosks in high visibility locations (Heritage Park is one of them); would create uniformity throughout town
- Mountain Market kiosk location?
- o Kiosks are not handy in bad weather
- People are coming to Ridgway to be outside; they don't mind the elements
 - o Show Ridgway topography & names of mountains on signs
 - o Some interpretive signs like topography model at Jackson Hole Visitor Center
 - o Can make a family of signs and kiosks like the banner poles already constructed in Ridgway
- Tie buildings & signs into each other like Victor did
- Play Area
 - Climbing Boulders
 - o Plans are in the works for 1 in Ouray; could create cohesive link between communities if one is installed in Ridgway too
 - o Climbing community would help to maintain boulder
 - Like trampoline in slide
 - Natural playground; not plastic
 - Hot metal play structures=not desirable
 - Still need some smaller playground equipment for small children
 - Dog area=yes

Comments emailed from two stakeholders (Ouray City Council and Great Old Broads for Wilderness)

VC Building -

- Please see the website for the Squamish B.C. Adventure Center. The building design is welcoming and accommodates both tourists and community members. The visitor services, public bathrooms, and oversized parking ease the burden from Main Street. The office space, community room and rideshare parking are helpful to the local community. In general, a multi-use space is a must.

<http://www.exploresquamish.com/about-squamish/the-squamish-adventure-centre>

- Rack area with resources re: businesses/restaurants/lodging; alley poems with map; art sites around town with map; river walk; etc.
- Possible area that features Indigenous knowledge/culture again with consultation of Tribes.
- Large map (or if \$ allows, a relief map) of hiking, biking trails with color coded difficulty levels. Associated with information regarding Leave No Trace
- An art gallery/gift shop of local Ridgway/Ouray County artists
- Books related to the history, ecology, geology of the area for purchase
- A place to rest and of course restrooms and water fountain with filter option for bottles.

Heritage Park

- Ample parking for large vehicles, trailers

PUBLIC MEETING 1 -NOTES CONTINUED...

PUBLIC MEETING 1 (MARCH 28TH, 2019) - NOTES FROM PUBLIC MEETING CONTINUED...

- Rideshare parking for locals
- Bicycle parking
- Picnic zone
- Pet walk
- Info kiosks
- Playground for young and old (boulder)
- Trailhead for bike path connecting Ridgway to Ouray.
- Public bathroom access from sunup to sundown
- A timeline “walk” starting with earth’s beginning/geology and ending with creative district (perhaps.) There’s one of these at the national park? monument in Florissant and the experience was AMAZING.
- A park with shaded seating/picnic area and playground. Perhaps a vegetable/herb/flower garden.
- Possibly a significant “art installation”
- Perhaps a tribute (not sure what form this might take) to the Indigenous people who lived in and migrated through the Uncompahgre Valley. This possible fixture/feature would be decided upon jointly by Indigenous people/leaders/government and Ridgway Town and/or Chamber.
- Kiosk with resources when visitors’ center is closed. Perhaps with large map display of town? (include Alley Poems! as a walking tour along with True Grit tour, art sites around town, etc) Be sure dog leash areas are prominent!
- A panel/station with the skyline looking south identifying the mountains. Can’t remember what you actually see from that location - Baldy, Whitehouse???

INITIAL SITE VISIT NOTES

SITE VISIT (MARCH 28TH, 2019) - NOTES FROM SITE VISIT

Ridgway Heritage Park & Visitor Center
Thursday 3-28-2019 Site Visit
Ridgway, CO

Site Visit Attendees
Walker Christensen
Cammie Willis
Diedra Silbert
Hilary Lewkowitz
Erin (County Fairgrounds)

Visitor Center Building

- Restroom is in the Visitor Center
- The Chamber wants to tear down the building and start over
- Right now it would take so much effort to fix up the existing building that it’s probably not worth it
- Approx. 5 yrs of building life left? What is actual report?
- Visitor Center building is poorly insulated

Railroad Museum

- The Railroad museum is in the Visitor Center for 1 more year; then will move displays, car and ties if desired
 - o Railroad museum is planning on disposing of old railroad ties on site
 - o Could integrate railroad ties into the landscape design; 100 in good shape around corner approaching HWY 550

Site

- Land is owned by town and leased to the chamber
- Road going into Visitor Center parking lot is called Race Course Road
 - o In the center of this road is a natural gas and fiber line; if the road is paved, the utilities would need to be considered. There is not budget at this time to pave the road.
- Pergola by the chamber building needs maintenance; built in 2016-2017
- White railing is the fairgrounds’ lease boundary
 - o People climb under this fence and don’t pay to attend events
 - o Would like a vegetative barrier
- Unkempt “no man’s land” is located on either side of the park
- CDOT ROW is where a T-post fence is off of Hwy 550

Water

- Not much water access on site; pull the irrigation water from the south end of the fairgrounds isn’t feasible.
- Domestic water is located onsite. There is already irrigation at the east side of the site. Maybe this can be extended? Otherwise water would need to be tapped on the west side of the site. Diedra will ask Public Works what the current status of irrigation and maintenance is in this area.
- Any design should have minimum water with grass kept to small sections

Entry Sign

- Entry sign off Hwy 62 for fairgrounds is falling down; built in 60s
 - o Fairgrounds entry off of Hwy 550 has a really nice sign
- Switch to illuminate sign; electric? Ask about power line

INITIAL SITE VISIT NOTES CONTINUED...

SITE VISIT (MARCH 28TH, 2019) - NOTES FROM SITE VISIT CONTINUED...

- Lights in trees? Ask Public Works
- Extension Cords? Ask Public Works
- Current sign location is great but needs to be 2x bigger
- Pivot triangular sign near intersection?
- Aspen Grove by Hwy is nice; would be a good sign backdrop
- Transplant trees in the way of sign viewing?
- Remove trees to south of the sign

Flagpole

- Flagpole=1 light works; 1 doesn't
- Flagpole has 2 plugs and 1 switch

Design Ideas

- Park clean up should be in first phase
- Boulderling feature
- Trees along sidewalk by park
- Parking efficiency=non-paved demarcation methods from Parking Report
- Outdoor photo frame; photo deck (mountain backdrop)
 - o Raised railroad tie area for photo backdrop
 - o 30" ht. or shorter=no railing required
 - o Platform with sign showing a camera
- Other desired features: dog walk, play, restroom; interpretive walk
 - o Paths could play off of Railroad theme; switching (several lanes)
 - o 5 themes of Ridgway could be featured on paths through the park
 - o Solar night lighting on signs
 - o Riverwalk connectivity to park via maps of the bike paths
 - o Could get CTO grant to develop sign content, but no install allowed with this grant
- Historical Elements
 - o Paddy wagon (Ranch History museum) has moved
 - o Could get a featured item from Railroad museum and Ranch history museum to attract people to stop from road; featured park attractions
 - o Raise attractions like the goose up high so are more visible
- Visitor Center
 - o Like the Basalt Railroad Visitor Center
 - o Open up existing building; leave some walls (outdoor pergola structure)
 - o Icy sidewalk on the other side of the building (north side & low spot) by Visitor Center
 - o North wall of Visitor Center should be a mural canvas to attract people into town (temporary fix)
 - o Bathrooms need to be accessible from the outside
 - o Costs less to build new small kiosk than fix up the ex. Visitor Center building
 - o Need more bike racks at Visitor Center
 - o Visitor Center Signage
- Vertical elements on low Visitor Center roof might attract people too
- Signage visibility needs to be looked at
- Would signage mounted on the Visitor Center be okay with CDOT?
- Just match Ridgway's sign code

- View from the gas rest area
- Information sign CDOT to install
- Would alert drivers; guide visitors into the park by letting you know what you are approaching

Irrigation

- There is an existing irrigation line to the east side of the park
 - o What is mainline pressure? Ask Steven
- Backflow preventer is required in irrigation systems now; ex. irrigation might not match current codes

*Late April/early May = next meeting date (public meeting to present design option)

PUBLIC MEETING 2 -PRECEDENTS

PUBLIC MEETING 2 (APRIL 29TH, 2019) - PRECEDENT IMAGE BOARDS




PUBLIC MEETING 2 -PRECEDENTS CONTINUED...


PUBLIC MEETING 2 (APRIL 29TH, 2019) - PRECEDENT IMAGE BOARDS CONTINUED...

Signage


10 THEMED INFORMATIONAL SIGNS




12 NEW VISITOR CENTER ARROW SIGN




29 NEW RIDGWAY GATEWAY SIGN




26 OTHER SIGNS IN RIDGWAY




27 PHOTO PLATFORM & CAMERA SIGN



26 RAILROAD TRESTLE PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AREA



GATEWAY SIGN - OPTION 2




Site Element Images - Signage


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Play Features


9 TOT LOT PLAY AREA




10 TOT SLIDE




11 LARGE CLIMBING BOULDER PLAY FEATURE




10 KOMPAN SUPERNOVA




10 TODDLER SWING



10 STABILIZED CRUSHER FINES PATHWAY




10 CLIMBING BOULDER - AXEL KIT




Site Furnishings & Planting Elements


3 BIKE RACKS




15 BENCHES




31 BOLLARDS




16 STABILIZED CRUSHER FINES PATHWAY




25 STONE BENCH



17 RABBITRUSS, SAGE, WILDFLOWERS & ORNAMENTAL GRASSES PLANTING BED



20 BLUE AVERN ORNAMENTAL GRASS PLANTING BED



Site Element Images - Play & Furnishings

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PUBLIC MEETING 2 -NOTES

PUBLIC MEETING 2 (APRIL 29TH, 2019) - NOTES FROM PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, April 29, 2019
Ridgway Town Hall
Attendance = 24

- Comments:
- Visitor Center Building
 - Prefer option 2 with new building and location
 - Building to be multi-purpose so it can also be used for community space
 - 3-D topo map inside to show visitors locations of assets
 - Like the storage container with rooftop hang-out area
 - Don't like the idea of adapting the old building because the space/location do not feel inviting. Let's just focus on Option 2
 - Make sure Option 2 building position ties into the fairgrounds.

Photo Platform and picture frame

- Don't like design but like the concept

Landscaping

- Denver botanical gardens is a good model for ideas

Ute Indian history and culture - ensure that we incorporate the full history of our area which includes the Utes. Education could be included in: landscape (native plants used by Utes), playground, interpretative signs, etc.

5 marketing themes signage

- Ensure a plan to tie in local business advertisement

Parking

- Could we move park and ride because it is not related to town, county or any local non-profits? This would free up more space and resolve our parking issues.
- Annex section of fairgrounds from county/town contract to use for park and ride.
- Let's plan for the removal of park and ride
- Expand bike parking (bike packers) and consider motorcyclists

Management

- Who is responsible for landscaping, cleaning toilets, etc.?

Play space and boulder

- Use all natural materials
- Does the boulder take up too much space?

PUBLIC MEETING 2 -NOTES CONTINUED...

PUBLIC MEETING 2 (APRIL 29TH, 2019) - NOTES FROM PUBLIC MEETING CONTINUED...

Visitor Center:

- Okay with new building overtime, however advocate for architecture that fits our landscape and doesn't look too "Modern"
- Shipping Container was received well, like the idea of roof top seating.
- Size and architecture of Jackson Hole Visitor Center received well.
- Interactive Displays inside center

Signage

- Liked the theme informational sign
- Not a fan of the restroom being as big as Ridgway and Info to much like a 505 diner
- Word "Restroom" too large; put visitor info text on top and the largest text- need a more rustic less "hotel" like sign.
- "New Ridgway Gateway Sign" was well liked.
- Photo Opportunity great idea, frame not so great
- Eliminate frame, put Ridgway on bottom left or right of stage. Love the idea of photo opportunity location.

Play Features

- They do not want plastic features
- Climbing Boulders: Question the value /draw of this item-one form of "play"/activity with so much space devoted to it. Not Sure. Can you find more ranching heritage type boulders and less looking Moab Boulders. Safety was a question as well.

Site Furnishings and Planting Elements

- Liked the idea of bike racks following same look and feel as benches around town.
- Would like dog etiquette signs around town
- Love the light bollards
- Interactive display history of area etc.
- Indigenous knowledge tapped for medicinal/herbal plants – Native Gardens

Railroad Ties

- Love the curves idea
- Don't like the wide ties, it looks like a truck path
- Love plants with railroad ties, planting concepts

Existing Building

- Love the light slates
- Don't want restrooms and eating that close to each other
- Want water fountain and bottle filler.

Proposed Site Plan Option 1 and 2

- I suspect any of the proposed signs are of greater value, so alternately initial landscape and clean up. If boxcar is to stay, refurbish it. Let's get signage in as soon as possible.
- Town needs to plan/buy long term for parking area on East of HGWY 550 for overflow event parking.

EXISTING RIDGWAY SIGNAGE

COMMUNITY INFORMATION KIOSK

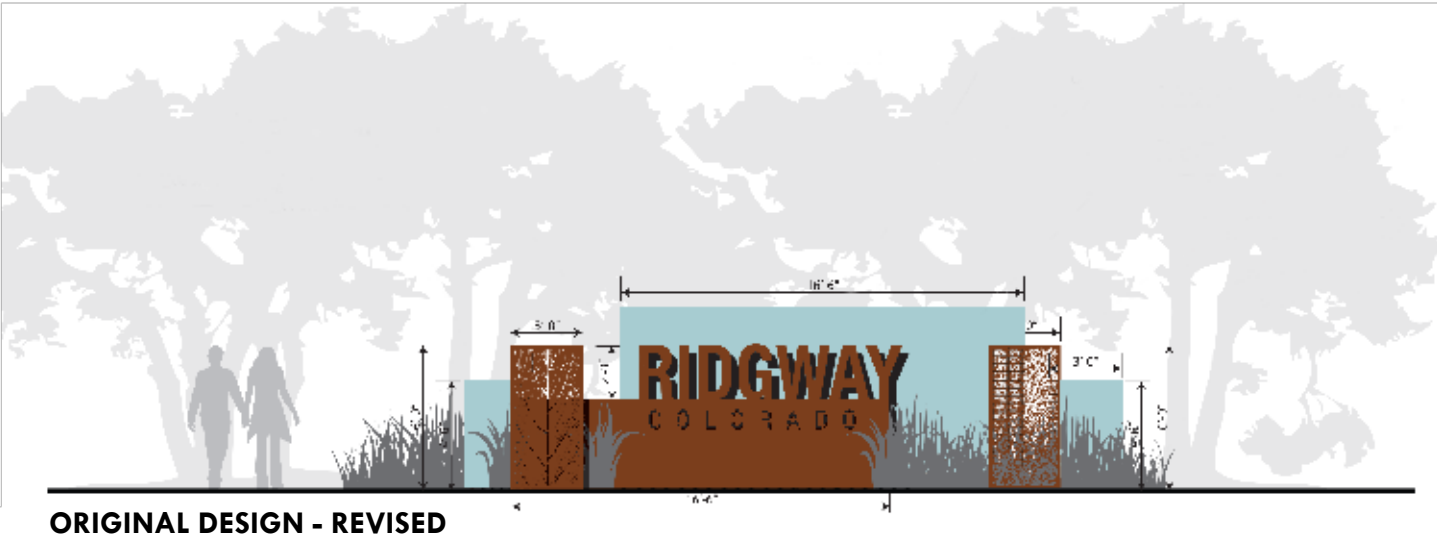
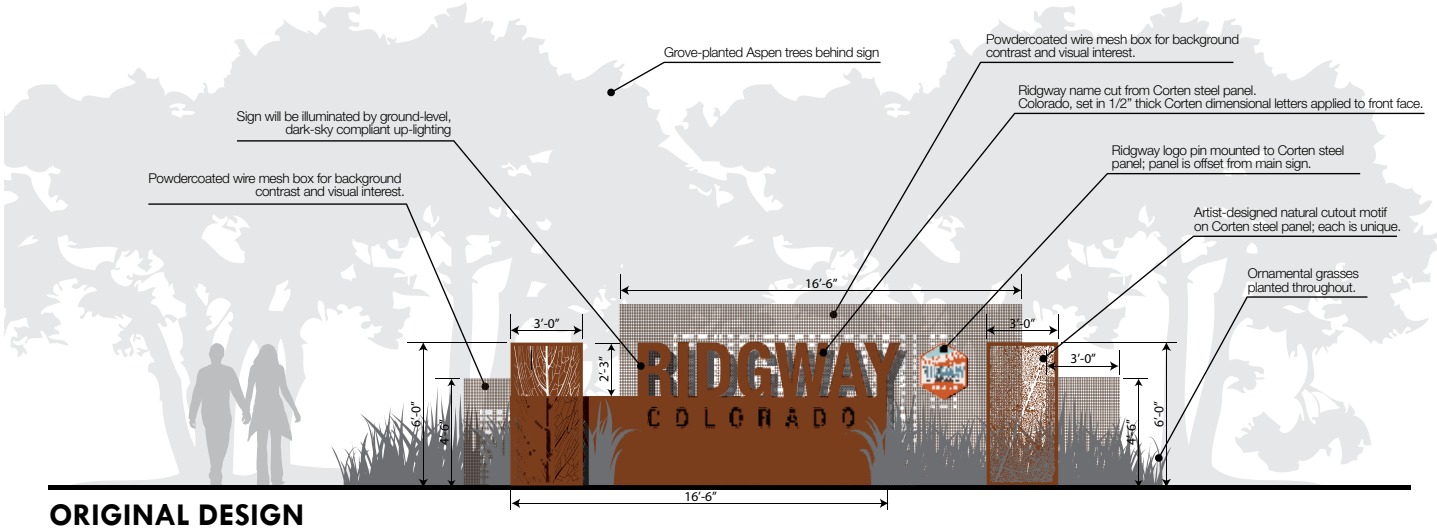


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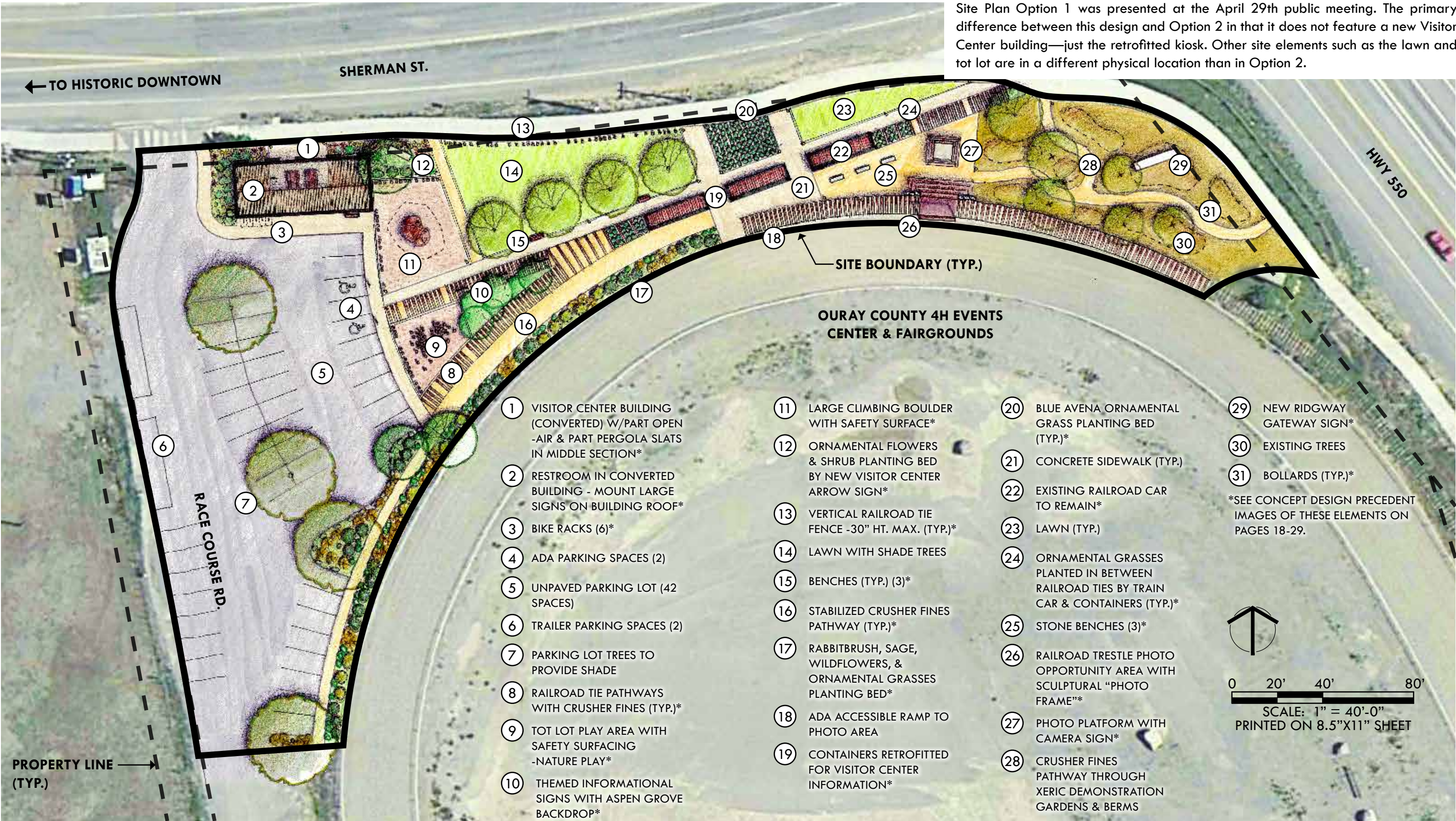


ALTERNATE GATEWAY SIGN OPTION

GATEWAY SIGN OPTIONS FROM THE 2015 RIDGWAY MAIN STREET & CREATIVE DISTRICT SIGNAGE & WAYFINDING PLAN



PROPOSED SITE PLAN - OPTION 1



AGENDA ITEM #14

AGENDA ITEM #15

AGENDA ITEM: Manager's Report

RIDGWAY PLANNING COMMISSION

AGENDA

Tuesday, June 25th, 2019
Regular Meeting; 5:30 pm
Ridgway Community Center
201 North Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado

ROLL CALL: Chairperson: Doug Canright, Commissioners: Tessa Cheek, John Clark, Thomas Emilson, Larry Falk, Bill Liske, and Jennifer Nelson

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **Application:** Preliminary Plat for Vista Park Commons; **Location:** Ridgway USA Subdivision, Lots 30-34; **Address:** TBD Redcliff Drive; **Zone:** General Commercial (GC); **Applicant:** Vista Park Development, LLC; **Owners:** Ridgway Land Company, LLLP - **Recommended approval to Council once all outstanding items in the staff report are addressed**

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. Master Sign Plans discussion – **Staff to bring a draft ordinance to the Commission based on discussion**
3. International Dark Skies Community designation discussion and draft revisions to Outdoor Lighting Regulations RMC 6-5 – **Staff to update the Council on discussion and bring examples back to the Commission so they can better understand the lumen limits**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4. Minutes from the meeting of May 28th, 2019 **Approved**

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