

Ridgway Town Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, June 8, 2022

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5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Councilors Polly Enochs, Kevin Grambley, Beth Lakin, Terry Schuyler, JT Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem Russ Meyer and Mayor John Clark

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 May 11, 2022.
2. Register of Demands for June 2022.
3. Renewal of restaurant liquor license for El Agave Azul.
4. Renewal of brew pub liquor license for Colorado Boy Brewing Company.

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. Update on Ridgway Elementary School Renovation Project - Susan Lacy and Heidi Hanssen, Ridgway School District.
6. Proclamation declaring June as Immigrant Heritage Month - Robyn Cascade and Margaret Emerson.
7. Request to use Hartwell Park for the second annual Ouray County Pride Celebration - Town Clerk.

8. Proclamation supporting the second annual Ouray County Pride Celebration - Mayor Clark.
9. Request to use streets and sidewalk rights-of-ways for March for Our Lives event on June 11th - Vicky Green.
10. Request for relief on past due water charges on the Old Firehouse account, related to water leak repaired last June and July - Marti O'Leary.

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

11. Transfer of stock holder of Star Saloon LLC, from sole member Adam Dubroff to Ben Jackson, for the tavern license held for the Star Saloon at 373 Palomino Trail - Town Clerk.

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

12. Presentation, direction, and approval of updated Heritage Park Site Plan for *Strategic Master Plan for Ridgway Visitor Center & Heritage Park* - Community Initiatives Facilitator and DHM Design.
13. Presentation, direction, and approval of branding proposal for Ridgway Creative Main Street - Community Initiatives Facilitator.
14. Consideration of authorizing Mayor Clark to sign a letter of support for the Governor Basin Restoration Project - Town Manager.
15. Review and action on Revocable Encroachment Permit for use of Town property to install a Post Office drop box - Town Manager.
16. Authorization of purchase of dissolved oxygen monitoring equipment for Ridgway Wastewater Treatment Plant - Town Manager.

WRITTEN AND VERBAL REPORTS Written reports may be provided for informational purposes prior to the meeting updating Council on various matters that may or may not warrant discussion and action.

17. Town Manager's Report - Town Manager.

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

Committees & Commissions:

Ridgway Planning Commission - Councilor Meyer and Mayor Clark
Ridgway Parks, Trails & Open Space Committee - Councilor Enochs
Ridgway Creative District Creative Advocacy Team - Councilor Grambley
Ridgway Scholarship Committee - Councilor Lakin and Mayor Clark

Board Appointments:

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

Ouray County Joint Planning Board - Councilor Meyer, citizens Rod Fitzhugh & Tom McKenney;
alternate - Councilor Schuyler
Sneffels Energy Board - Councilor Thomas and Town Manager; alternate - Mayor Clark
Region 10 Board - Mayor Clark
WestCO Dispatch Board - Town Marshal; alternate - Town Manager
Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region - Town Manager
Ouray County Transit Committee - Town Manager
Ouray County Water Users Association - Councilor Meyer; alternate Councilor Thomas
Water and Land Committee for the Uncompahgre Valley - Councilor Meyer; alternate - Town
Manager
Colorado Communities for Climate Action - Councilor Lakin; alternate - Town Manager
Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee - Town Manager

Liaisons:

Chamber of Commerce - Councilmember Lakin
Communities That Care Coalition - Mayor Clark
Ouray County Fairgrounds - Councilor Schuyler

ADJOURNMENT

Deadline for agenda items for next regular meeting, Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., Town
Clerk's Office, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado.

Consent Agenda

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held both in person and via a virtual meeting portal, Zoom Meeting, pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Enochs, Grambley, Lakin, Schuyler, Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem Meyer and Mayor Clark in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2022.
2. Register of Demands for May 2022.
3. Request to use a portion of S. Railroad Street for parking lot sale on May 27th.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer, seconded by Councilmember Lakin and unanimously carried by a roll call vote to approve the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Teddy Guest inquired into which agency is responsible for maintenance of Highway 62 going north from Town, noting the need for road clean up.

Val Swartz reported the County is holding a county wide dark skies event on May 27th.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

4. Proclamation declaring May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month

The Mayor asked the Council to adopt a proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month, and noted the importance of changing the public attitude towards mental health.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Enoch, seconded by Councilor Schuyler to proclaim May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

5. Annual presentation from the Ridgway Youth Advisory Council

Manager Neill reported during the 2021-2022 school year the Youth Advisory Council met seven times and received presentations prepared by staff.

Anna Bartschi, who acted as Mayor to the Advisory Council, presented an overview of discussions and projects undertaken during the school year.

Each member of the board addressed the Council and presented why they joined the Advisory Council, and what they learned. The members were Copper Ahern, Anna Bartschi, Kayla Bolane, Maizy Gordon, Gillian Jordan, Indigo Krois, River Randolph, Eleni Wallin and Kaitlyn Winkelmann.

6. Request to use right-of-way and block N. Cora Street between Roundhouse and Railroad for community block party

The Town Clerk presented a request to hold the second annual Community Block Park on N. Cora Street on August 25th.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Meyer moved to approve the block party blocking streets between N. Cora and Roundhouse and Railroad on August 25th from 5:00 until dark, Councilor Enochs seconded and the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

7. Presentation from new President/CEO of the Telluride Foundation

Jason Corzine introduced himself as the new President and CEO of the Telluride Foundation. He gave a small presentation on the 20 year history of the non-profit organization in San Miguel County, and it's "short history" in Ridgway and Ouray County; and his background working with non-profits. He stated "my commitment to you" is to "bring resources to this fantastic community".

There were questions from the Council.

POLICY MATTERS

8. Award of bid for the Lena Street North Paving Project

Staff Report dated 5-4-22 from the Town Manager presenting a Notice of Award for the Lena Street North Project.

Manager Neill explained the Town issued a request for proposals for the Lena Street North Paving Project in late February, and bids were opened on March 31st. Two bids were received and after review, including checking references and taking into consideration input from the Lena Commons LLC partners in the project, staff is recommending awarding the bid to Ridgway Valley Enterprises in the amount of \$864,784.75.

He reported the project is identified as a capital improvement project in the 2022 Budget, and funding of \$425,000 was set aside over the last two budget cycles to meet the Town's financial obligation of 40% of the project. Project Management is not included in the construction bid, he noted, and would be approximately an additional 5% of the project, or \$146,000.

There were questions from the Council.

Tom Kennedy, attorney for Lena Street Common LLC stated the development company "supports the award of the bid".

There was a question from the Council, and the Town Engineer explained, if awarded the contract is a fixed price.

ACTION:

Councilor Schuyler moved to issue Notice of Award for the Lena Street North Project to Ridgway Valley Enterprises, Inc as presented and contingent upon Lena Commons LLC depositing its share of the cost of the project into the escrow account held and maintained by the Town and dedicated exclusively for use by the parties in connection with the Project Development and Implementation Agreement for the payment of the cost of the project. Mayor Pro Tem Meyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. Updated Development Agreement with Alpine Homes-Ridgway, LLC

The Town Attorney presented an updated Development Agreement with Alpine Homes-Ridgway LLC for the Riverfront Village PUD.

Town Attorney Nerlin stated the Development Agreement for Riverfront Village PUD outlines contingencies prior to approval of a plat map. The development, which contains commercial, multi family and townhouse dwelling units, includes Town stormwater infrastructure which is now included in the agreement.

Tom Kennedy, attorney for developer Alpine Homes-Ridgway LLC, stated “we are good with the changes” and “encourage you to move forward”.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Meyer moved, with the second by Councilor Lakin to approve the updated development agreement between Alpine Homes-Ridgway LLC and the Town of Ridgway, and the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

10. Temporary Access Agreement with Echo Properties Corp., Railroad Depot Funding LLC, Ridgway Railroad Museum and Ouray County Ranch History Museum

Staff Report from the Town Attorney presenting a temporary access agreement with Echo Properties Corp., Railroad Depot Funding LLC, Ridgway Railroad Museum and Ouray County Ranch History Museum for access off N. Railroad Street until December 31, 2022.

Attorney Nerlin explained the agreement allows three access points from N. Railroad Street to two parcels of land owned by Echo Properties and leased for fifty years to the Railroad Depot and the Ranch History Museum. He reported the Council has entered into a series of temporary access agreements with the entities for access to the parcels since 2017, and it is hoped that a “long term solution” will be reached.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer to approve the Temporary Access Agreement between the Town of Ridgway and Echo Properties Railroad Depot Funding, the Ridgway Railroad Museum and the Ouray County Ranch History Museum. Councilor Grambley seconded the motion which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

11. Resolution No. 22-06 Establishing a Community Sustainability Advisory Board

Staff Report dated 5-5-22 from the Town Manager presenting a resolution to form a Community Sustainability Advisory Board.

The Town Manager noted the Council has received numerous requests for a Town sanctioned sustainability committee to provide opportunities for residents to present input on priorities, support implementation of local climate action plans and make recommendation to local governing boards. It was estimated the board would meet once a month, and be overseen by Town staff.

There was discussion by the Council regarding Council representation on the board. It was agreed to change the proposed resolution to state preferred members would be Town residents, and no prior experience would be necessary.

ACTION:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer seconded by Councilmember Schuyler and unanimously carried by a roll call vote to adopt with the modification that not everyone needs to be experienced in this, Resolution No. 22-06, A Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Ridgway, Colorado Establishing the Town of Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board, and we will appoint a member from Council as the Ex-Officio Councilmember on the Sustainability Advisory Board at a later date.

12. Purchase of security fencing for Ridgway Water Treatment Plant

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 5-4-22 presenting an expenditure contained in the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget to fence the water treatment plant.

The Town Manager explained staff has procured quotes for security fencing to be installed around the water treatment plant, water tanks and generator; the project is contained in the current year budget. Two quotes were received and staff is recommending using the lowest bid from Taylor Fence Company in the amount of \$57,366 to furnish and install the chain link security fence.

ACTION:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer to approve the deviation from procurement procedures, waive the formal request for bid process for acquisition of equipment and authorize the purchase of a security fence from Taylor Fence Company of Grand Junction in the amount of \$57,366 and authorize staff to enter into a purchase agreement for said equipment, seconded by Councilor Schuyler, the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

13. Grant application to the Department of Local Affairs Rural Economic Development Initiative Program

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 5-4-22 requesting affirming a grant application made on April 21st to the Department of Local Affairs Rural Economic Development Initiative Program to support the rehabilitation and restoration of the Old Post Office, at 540 Clinton Street.

Mayor Clark explained he asked the Town Manager to write the grant “at the last minute” to help the property owners, by requesting \$150,000 for rehabilitation of the Old Post Office building. He noted if awarded, the Town will be the administering agent. The application requires Council approval, and he asked the Council to ratify the action.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Schuyler, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer and approved unanimously by a roll call vote to affirm the submission of the REDI Program grant application to the Department of Local Affairs to support the rehabilitation and restoration of the Old Post Office at 540 Clinton Street.

14. Annual scholarship to local high school senior

Mayor Clark announced he and Councilor Lakin are on the Scholarship Committee, which received two applications this year for the annual scholarship to be awarded next week.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Manager Neill highlighted some of the items contained in the monthly managers report.

Councilor Grambley presented an update on the Creative Main Street Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Attorney suggested the Council enter into a closed session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice and pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations regarding Ridgway Land Company Subdivision Improvements and Lien Agreement.

ACTION:

Councilmember Lakin moved to enter into closed session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e). Mayor Pro Tem Meyer seconded and motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Council entered into closed session with the Town Attorney, Town Manager, Town Clerk and Town Engineer at 7:15 p.m.

The Council reconvened into open session at 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk

Town of Ridgway
Register of Demands
June 2022

Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
America's Auto Care & Tire		Alpine-Operating Account	
	tires - 2018 Explorer	861GO3 · Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	-682.16
TOTAL			-682.16
SGS Accutest Inc		Alpine-Operating Account	
		990WOO · Testing - water	-245.58
		990WOO · Testing - water	-103.06
TOTAL			-348.64
GMCO Corporation		Alpine-Operating Account	
		636GO2 · Dust Prevention	-16,440.00
TOTAL			-16,440.00
Valvoline Instant Oil Change		Alpine-Operating Account	
	oil - Durango	860GO3 · Gas & Oil	-71.37
TOTAL			-71.37
Community Planning Strategie...		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Lakin-Arnold Replat - Apr 2022	513GOO · Planning Consulting	-195.00
	Four Winds sketch plan - Apr 2022	513GOO · Planning Consulting	-123.00
	Yellow Brick Lane - Apr 2022	513GOO · Planning Consulting	-2,392.25
	Firehouse amended plat - Apr 2022	513GOO · Planning Consulting	-338.00
	bldg permits - Apr 2022	513GOO · Planning Consulting	-2,069.50
	2Build Ridgway PUD - Apr 2022	513GOO · Planning Consulting	-247.50
	540 Clinton St TUP - Apr 2022	513GOO · Planning Consulting	-194.00
	general - Apr 2022	513GOO · Planning Consulting	-417.75
	Triangle Lot 1 PUD - Apr 2022	513GOO · Planning Consulting	-792.00
TOTAL			-6,769.00
ASAP Signs		Alpine-Operating Account	
	PC hearing notice signs (10)	546GOO · Council/PC - Materials/Equip...	-100.00
TOTAL			-100.00
Uncompahgre Watershed Parte...		Alpine-Operating Account	
		511GO1 · UncompahgreWatershedPart...	-3,000.00
TOTAL			-3,000.00
Ouray County		Alpine-Operating Account	
	fuel usage MOU - 2022	660GO2 · Gas & Oil	-136.68
	fuel usage MOU - 2022	760POO · Gas & Oil	-136.68
	fuel usage MOU - 2022	860GO3 · Gas & Oil	-136.68
	fuel usage MOU - 2022	960WOO · Gas & Oil	-136.68
	fuel usage MOU - 2022	960SOO · Gas & Oil	-136.68
TOTAL			-683.40

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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
The Paper Clip LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
		781POO · Events & Festivals	-9.17
		541GOO · Office Supplies	-6.92
		781POO · Events & Festivals	-16.98
TOTAL			-33.07
Heidi Grows Up LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
		666GO2 · Right-of-Way Landscaping	-8,822.50
TOTAL			-8,822.50
Ouray County Road & Bridge		Alpine-Operating Account	
	4/19/22-5/26/22	560GOO · Gas & Oil	-108.90
	4/19/22-5/26/22	660GO2 · Gas & Oil	-804.14
	4/19/22-5/26/22	760POO · Gas & Oil	-522.17
	4/19/22-5/26/22	960WOO · Gas & Oil	-466.91
	4/19/22-5/26/22	960SOO · Gas & Oil	-543.13
	4/19/22-5/26/22	860GO3 · Gas & Oil	-1,479.53
TOTAL			-3,924.78
UNCC		Alpine-Operating Account	
		915WOO · Dues & memberships	-23.40
		915SOO · Dues & Memberships	-23.40
TOTAL			-46.80
Mountain States Lighting		Alpine-Operating Account	
	dimmer switches	638GO2 · Street Lighting	-67.50
TOTAL			-67.50
Mesa County HDR Laboratory		Alpine-Operating Account	
		990WOO · Testing - water	-20.00
TOTAL			-20.00
Western Paper Distributors		Alpine-Operating Account	
		732POO · Supplies & Materials	-1,108.52
TOTAL			-1,108.52
Midwest Radar & Equipment		Alpine-Operating Account	
	radar recertifications	862GO3 · Radio & Radar Repair	-80.00
TOTAL			-80.00
Eurofins Eaton Analytical Inc.		Alpine-Operating Account	
		990WOO · Testing - water	-150.00
TOTAL			-150.00

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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
iLink, Inc.		Alpine-Operating Account	
	reprogram radios	862GO3 · Radio & Radar Repair	-550.00
TOTAL			-550.00
Clear Networx, LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	June 2022	543GOO · Telephone	-56.00
	June 2022	643GO2 · Telephone	-56.00
	June 2022	843GO3 · Telephone	-61.00
	June 2022	943WOO · Telephone	-56.00
	June 2022	943SOO · Telephone	-56.00
	June 2022	530GOO · Computer	-50.00
	June 2022	630GO2 · Computer	-50.00
	June 2022	730POO · Computer	-50.00
	June 2022	830GO3 · Computer	-50.00
	June 2022	930WOO · Computer	-50.00
	June 2022	930SOO · Computer	-50.00
	June 2022	930WOO · Computer	-50.00
	June 2022	930SOO · Computer	-25.00
	June 2022	630GO2 · Computer	-25.00
	June 2022	843GO3 · Telephone	-55.00
TOTAL			-740.00
USABlueBook		Alpine-Operating Account	
	hydrochloric acid	932WOO · Supplies & Materials	-136.13
TOTAL			-136.13
Arborist Services LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	May 2022	767POO · Urban Forest Management	-7,920.00
TOTAL			-7,920.00
Black Hills Energy-PW Building		Alpine-Operating Account	
		742POO · Utilities	-33.34
		642GO2 · Utilities	-33.34
		942SOO · Utilities	-33.35
		942WOO · Utilities	-33.34
TOTAL			-133.37
Black Hills Energy-Lift Station		Alpine-Operating Account	
		942SOO · Utilities	-27.35
TOTAL			-27.35
Black Hills Energy-Town Hall		Alpine-Operating Account	
		742PO1 · Utilities - c cntr/t hall	-37.81
		842GO3 · Utilities	-37.80
		542GOO · Utilities	-37.81
TOTAL			-113.42

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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Black Hills Energy-Broadband		Alpine-Operating Account	
		783PO1 · Broadband Station	-16.27
TOTAL			-16.27
Black Hills Energy-Hartwell Park		Alpine-Operating Account	
		742POO · Utilities	-38.57
TOTAL			-38.57
Black Hills Energy-PW Office		Alpine-Operating Account	
		642GO2 · Utilities	-13.69
		942SOO · Utilities	-13.69
		942WOO · Utilities	-13.69
TOTAL			-41.07
Verizon Wireless		Alpine-Operating Account	
		741POO · Telephone	-56.02
		943SOO · Telephone	-64.70
		943WOO · Telephone	-112.82
		843GO3 · Telephone	-162.72
		543GOO · Telephone	-91.36
		643GO2 · Telephone	-56.02
		552GOO · GIS Mapping - admin	-10.01
		952SOO · GIS Mapping - sewer	-10.01
		952WOO · GIS Mapping - water	-50.01
		830GO3 · Computer	-160.04
TOTAL			-773.71

AGENDA ITEM #5

AGENDA ITEM #6



TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation Declaring June 2022 as Immigrant Heritage Month

WHEREAS, America is, always has been, and always will be, a nation of immigrants. It was the premise of our founding; it is reflected in our Constitution; it is etched upon the Statue of Liberty — that “from her beacon-hand glows world-wide welcome.” During National Immigrant Heritage Month, we reaffirm and draw strength from that enduring identity and celebrate the history and achievements of immigrant communities across our nation; and

WHEREAS, across each generation throughout our history, wave after wave of immigrants have enriched our Nation and made us better, stronger, more innovative, and more prosperous; and

WHEREAS, we join people around the globe in commemorating World Refugee Day, a day when we recognize the courage and humanity of the millions forced to flee violence, persecution, and war. It is also a moment to honor the generosity of communities welcoming refugees and the bravery and dedication of humanitarian workers who provide life-saving assistance, often in challenging and dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, the United States, because of the Constitution is a beacon of hope for people all over the globe seeking a better life and peaceful future; and

WHEREAS, immigration enhances Ridgway’s cultural diversity, as foreign-born individuals add to the variety of languages, customs, and cuisines enjoyed in the Town; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Clark, and the Ridgway Town Council, do hereby recognize the month of June as

Immigrant Heritage Month

in the Town of Ridgway, and I call this observance to the attention of our residents and encourage them to learn more about the social and economic impact of immigrants to our community and state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Town of Ridgway this 8th day of June 2022.

BY:

ATTEST:

John Clark, Mayor

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

AGENDA ITEM #7



TOWN HALL PO Box 10 | 201 N. Railroad Street | Ridgway, Colorado 81432 | 970.626.5308 | www.town.ridgway.co.us

Application for Special Event Permit

Applicant Name: <u>Alex Durham, Voyager Youth Programs</u>	Contact Person: <u>Tera Wick</u>
Applicant Phone: <u>970-626-4279</u>	Contact Phone: <u>970-901-1046</u>
Applicant Email: <u>alex@voyageryouthprogram.org</u>	Event Date: <u>Saturday July 9, 2022</u>
Event Name: <u>Second Annual Ouray County Pride</u>	Event Time: <u>1PM - 5PM</u>
Type of Event: <u>Pride Celebration</u>	# Attendees: <u>Approx. 200</u>

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Cottonwood Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Weaver Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Concession Area (Athletic Park)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rollans Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>):		

For use of Rights-of-Ways (*streets, alleys, sidewalks*) specify the exact location(s):

Attendees will have a walking procession around the park along the sidewalks for approximately 30
minutes at some point during the event.

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

Ouray County Pride is a youth-led family friendly event that celebrates the diversity of our community
and sends the message that Ouray County is a welcoming, inclusive and creative place. It is an
age-appropriate celebration of LGBTQ+ youth and members of all ages in our community.
There will be local performers, open mic., art & educational activities and booths from local
businesses, and organizations.

Event Type (*check all that apply*):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Event	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Music Concert	<input type="checkbox"/> Filming/ Production
<input type="checkbox"/> Run/Walk Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Art Show and Sales
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Market	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Awareness raising event</u>	

AGENDA ITEM #8



TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO OFFICAL PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation Supporting the Second Annual Ouray County Pride Celebration

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway is home to people of all ages who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, 2 Spirit and more (LGBTQIA2S+); and

WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway's 2019 Master Plan lists "Community Value 2, Sense of Community and Inclusivity," as one of the five primary values emphasized by the community, and states, "...Looking to the future, residents would like to see Ridgway remain a diverse and inclusive community, not one that is homogeneous and unwelcoming of "others."...; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway strives to encourage, celebrate, and sustain innovation and creativity in our community, including the varied lifestyles of creative individuals who hope to thrive here; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgway Town Council honors the history of the LGBTQIA2S+ liberation movement and supports the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQIA2S+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA2S+ people have made immeasurable contributions to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our country; and

WHEREAS, the fabric of our community is strengthened by inclusion, equity, justice and love; and

WHEREAS, celebrating LGBTQIA2S+ Pride influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for Ouray County's LGBTQIA2S+ community, and is an opportunity to increase visibility, take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ridgway Town Council hereby proclaims its support for the second annual Ouray County Pride Celebration on July 9, 2022, in support of the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a pride flag will be raised at the Town Hall on July 9, 2022, in honor of the celebration. This proclamation will be permanently posted in town offices in such a way so all the public can easily view it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Town of Ridgway this 8th day of June 2022.

BY:

ATTEST:

John Clark, Mayor

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

AGENDA ITEM #9



Application for Special Event Permit

Applicant Name:	<u>Vicky Green</u>	Contact Person:	<u>Same</u>
Applicant Phone:	<u>720-938-4398</u>	Contact Phone:	<u>↓</u>
Applicant Email:	<u>vicky.green@mac.com</u>	Event Date:	<u>June 11, 2022</u>
Event Name:	<u>March For Our Lives</u>	Event Time:	<u>11:00 - 12:00</u>
Type of Event:	<u>Gun Violence Awareness</u>	# Attendees:	<u>Uncertain ~50+</u>

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park <u>First Choice (Assembly)</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park Stage <u>First Choice</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Athletic Park (Assembly) <u>* Alternate Choice</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cottonwood Park (Assembly) <u>* Alternate Choice</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Weaver Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Concession Area (Athletic Park)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rollans Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way (specify below) <u>Town Streets/Sidewalks</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		

For use of Rights-of-Ways (streets, alleys, sidewalks) specify the exact location(s):

Group of participants would use town streets/sidewalks to walk from "approved point of assembly" to the sidewalk along south side of Hartwell Park (Sherman St. side). Route to be determined by "approved point of assembly" at Town's discretion

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

Assemble participants at one of locations specified above. No set-up, tables, tents, awnings, chairs to be used. No sound system or amplification system. No music. Assemble group. Introductory remarks (10-15 minutes). Direct group to proceed, using approved route, to sidewalk - Hartwell Park, Sherman side, for display of signs. No organized program beyond this.

Total duration of event - 1 hour - 11:00-12:00.

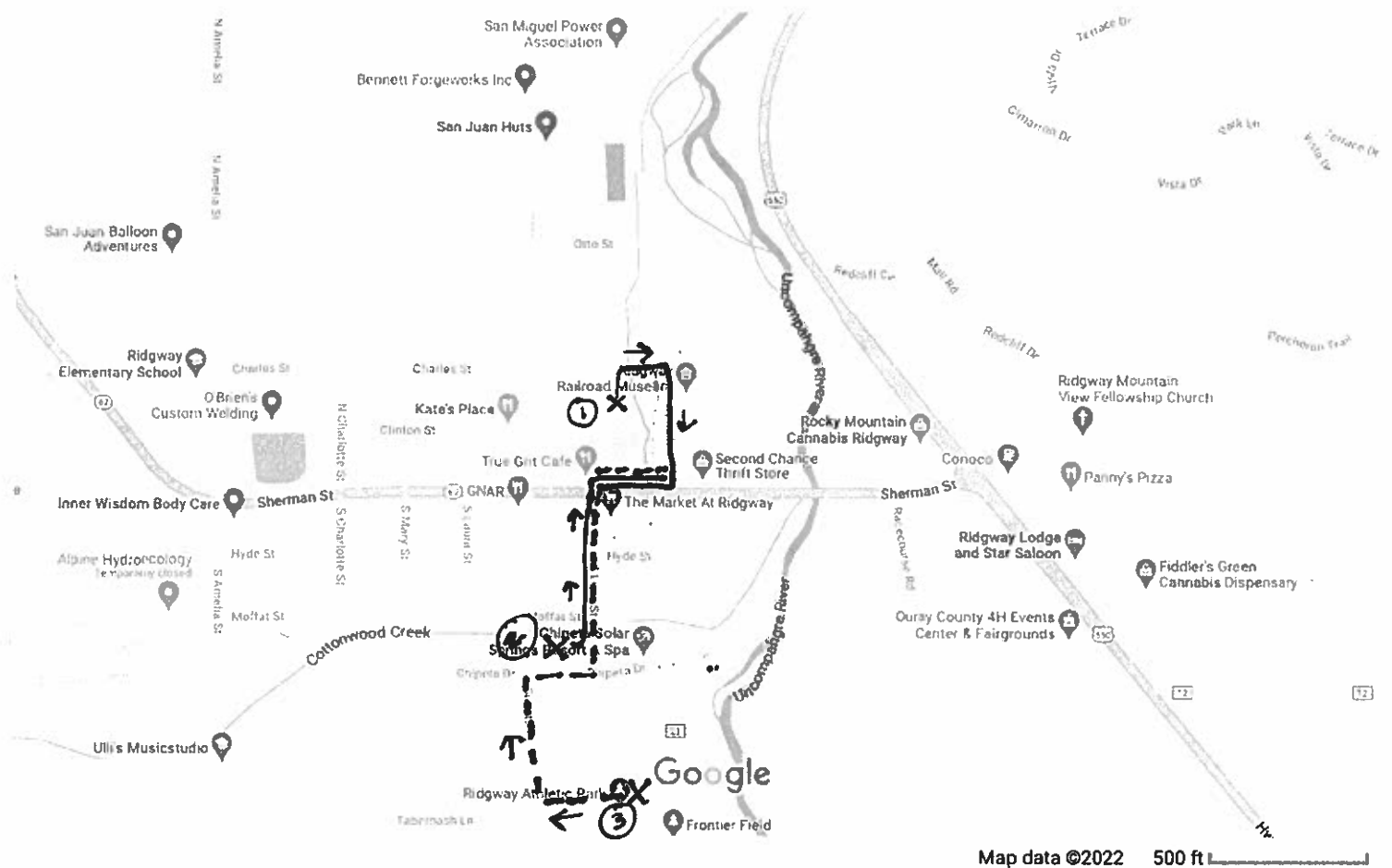
Event Type (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Music Concert	<input type="checkbox"/> Filming/ Production
<input type="checkbox"/> Run/Walk Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Art Show and Sales
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Market	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Public Awareness Event</u>	

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Google Maps Event Site Map/Plan



- ① ——— Proposed - Assembly at Hartwell Stage and walking route to Sherman St. sidewalk (South edge Hartwell)
- ② ——— Alternate - Assembly at Cottonwood Park and walking route to Sherman St. sidewalk (South edge Hartwell)
- ③ - - - - Alternate - Assembly at Ridgway Athletic Park and walking route to Sherman St. sidewalk (South edge Hartwell)

* All proposals begin at "Approved Assembly location" and *
 proceed to sidewalk along south side of Hartwell (Sherman St.)

AGENDA ITEM #10

STAFF REPORT

Subject: Request for sharing of payments for water line repairs and request for water leak adjustment – Old Firehouse/Account # 3300.1

Initiated By: Pam Kraft, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Date: June 1, 2022

BACKGROUND:

The Town has received a request to share in the cost of repairs for a water line break and water leak for the commercial building at 185 North Lena Street, the Old Firehouse.

This Staff Report contains a number of attachments which pertain to this request, they are as follows:

- 1) Staff Report dated Nov. 2, 2020 recommending issuance of a water and sewer leak adjustment for Old Firehouse/Account #3300.1 and attachment of email requesting leak adjustment from Marti O'Leary dated October 15, 2020
- 2) Letter dated 6-23-21 from Marti O'Leary requesting a water leak adjustment from November 2020 to June 2021 for Old Firehouse/Account #3300.1
- 3) Email dated March 14, 2022 from Patrick O'Leary requesting the Town contribute to the costs of repairs incurred in July of 2021 for repairs to the water line at the Old Firehouse and forgiveness of the leak adjustment for Account #3300.1 Firehouse Investment LLC and two (2) invoices for repairs
- 4) Email dated March 15, 2022 from Town Clerk in response to email dated March 14, 2022
- 5) Email dated May 8, 2022 from Patrick O'Leary in follow up to Town response to email from March 14, 2022
- 6) Email dated May 9, 2022 from the Town Clerk in response to email dated May 8th inviting Mr. O'Leary to make an appeal to the Town Council.

The Staff Report of Nov. 2, 2020 recommending approval of a water and sewer leak adjustment for the Old Firehouse Account, which was approved by the Council and was issued to the customer on Nov. 3rd.

The letter dated June 23, 2021 is requesting a water leak adjustment from November 2020 to June 2021. At the time this letter was hand delivered to the Clerk's Office, staff spoke to Ms. O'Leary and explained Code Section 9-1-23 addresses requests for water leak adjustments, and they must be made within 15 days of discovering the leak, and they must be repaired immediately, so the request could not be accepted.

On March 14, 2022 an email was received requesting the Town pay for half of the cost of repairs undertaken to repair a broken water line on the customers side of the meter, at a cost of \$3600, and water usage of \$1500 for a total of \$5100. The O'Leary's are requesting the Town issue a credit of \$1000 towards future billing, and waive \$1500 in water billing, for a total of \$2500 from the Town.

On March 15, 2022 I responded to the email presenting Code Section 9-1-2(A) which states when a break is located on the property owners side a the meter, it is the owners responsibility for repairs. It is noted in the email dated May 8, 2022 Mr. O'Leary references that I gave him the same response as Randy Barnes from the Public Works Department in June of 2021.

According to the Town's records all water use from November 2020 to March 14, 2022 was \$2,249.40. Payments made during this time frame by the property owner for water was \$1400.28. As of the March 14, 2020 the unpaid balance was \$849.12. Please note during this time frame there has been water usage at the building and for landscaping of the property.

In the email dated March 14, 2022 there is reference to asking for relief of the water leak from August through November 2020, yet this adjustment was made in Nov. 2, 2020.

In this same email Mr. O'Leary provides photos showing the broken fitting which is located on the property owners side of the meter, and states the "water line was damaged by downward pressure on our old supply line following the RAMP Project". The installation of the sidewalk which surrounds the meter in question was installed in 2016, yet the leak occurred in 2020.

The public works staff has noted that the line that broke on the property owners side of the meter was a polybutalane line, the same type of material the Town had used for water mains from the 1980's into the early 2000's when they were replaced due to continual defects in the product. It should be noted here that the previous property owner (before the O'Leary's purchased the property) had numerous opportunities to change the type of water line they chose to install from the meter to the building, including before the RAMP Project installation of the sidewalk.

ANALYSIS:

The Municipal Code Sections referenced in this Staff Report are as follows:

9-1-23:WATER BREAK ADJUSTMENTS.

(A) The Town Council shall have authority to make an equitable adjustment to a water bill when the bill is extraordinarily high due to an undiscovered break downstream of the customer's meter if the break was not caused by the customer's negligence and the customer did not have a reasonable opportunity to discover the break more quickly than it was discovered.

(B) No adjustment shall be allowed unless the customer submits a written request for the adjustment within fifteen days of the mailing of the bill in question and unless the leak has been repaired.

(C) The adjustment shall not reduce the customer's bill below the cost to the Town of producing the water supplied through the meter.

9-1-2 - MAINTENANCE AND INSTALLATION RESPONSIBILITIES.

(A) Each customer shall be responsible for cost of installation and maintenance of water meters, the entire length of the sewer service line necessary to serve his property, and the water service line from the curb box to the premises served. The Town shall own and maintain the water service line from the tap to the curb box.

(B) In the event any customer fails to make repairs within 72 hours of notice from the Town, the Town may shut-off service in accordance with Subsection 9-1-20 or may cause the repairs to be made and charge the expense of the repairs to the customer.

(C) The Town will make all taps. It shall be the customer's responsibility to expose the main and provide sufficient excavated area for making the tap, including an area cleared completely around the main and service line.

(D) The Town shall provide for the installation and maintenance of all water and sewer service lines and water meters at the expense of the customer, or the customer may provide for installation and maintenance under the Town's supervision subject to the Town's approval.

(E) Parties served by Town water through existing, privately owned distribution lines shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of such lines. No additional taps may be allowed on such lines without approval of the Town and compliance with all applicable provisions of the Town ordinances and regulations, including payment of tap fees. Any extensions to such private lines shall be designed and installed to Town specifications, dedicated to the Town and allowed only if approved by the Town in accordance with Town ordinances and regulations.

(F) Incident to paving or other projects the Town may install water and sewer taps and stub associated service lines beyond the pavement or right-of-way, as requested by property owners for future use. The Town's total cost of installing such requested taps and service lines shall be repaid to the Town by the property owner, with payment due at the time the property owner pays the tap fee in order to put first one of said taps into service. The Town shall record a notice of such reimbursement obligation or reimbursement agreement in the Ouray County records, for each previous or future arrangement. Such obligations shall run with the land.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Deny the request to contribute in repairs to water line and past due water leak for Account #3300.1 Firehouse Investment LLC.

STAFF REPORT

Subject: Request for water leak and sewer adjustment–Old Firehouse/Account # 3300.1
Initiated By: Pam Kraft, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Date: November 2, 2020

BACKGROUND:

We have received a request for a water leak and sewer adjustment for the commercial building at 185 North Lena Street, the Old Firehouse. A water line break created during excavation work undertaken in May, was discovered and repaired in October.

Since the account is commercial, sewer charges were incurred for water that runs through the system. Staff has reviewed the sewer usage to create an adjustment since the water went into the ground, and not into the sewer system. Staff is recommending the fees for excess sewer be adjusted based on the history of usage from September of 2019.

ANALYSIS:

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 9-1-23 the Council has the authority to authorize water leak adjustments. The language is as follows:

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(B) No adjustment shall be allowed unless the customer submits a written request for the adjustment within fifteen days of the mailing of the bill in question and unless the leak has been repaired.

(C) The adjustment shall not reduce the customer's bill below the cost to the Town of producing the water supplied through the meter.

The customer used 47,800 gallons in September and was billed \$604.00. This calculates to 42,500 gallons over the base allotment; based on the leak adjustment rate of \$11.00 for each 1,000 gallons between 5,000 and 10,000 gallons; \$13.00 between 10,000 and 18,000 gallons; and \$15.00 over 18,000 gallons, the customer can be awarded a water leak adjustment credit of \$114.60. Sewer usage would receive a credit of \$50.92 for a total credit to the customer of \$165.52.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There is a loss in revenue when the water rate is decreased.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the water leak adjustment credit of \$165.52 for Account #3300.1/Firehouse Investment LLC.

Attachment: Email dated 10-15-20 from Marti O'Leary

June 23,2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Patrick & I are owners of the Old Firehouse in Ridgway. Last October/November of 2020 we had a water leak at the firehouse. After digging to find the source of the leak, it was concluded that the leak was possibly happening between the stem pipe waterspout and the town's box underneath the public sidewalk.

At that time, we requested the Town of Ridgway to shut all water off. The Firehouse Billing # 3300.1 has been caring forward a previous balance of over \$1,300.00 plus since November of 2020.

Patrick & I are asking for this balance to be waived based on the above information. There is still no water source of any kind at the firehouse. We have been in contact an excavator who is willing to do the digging necessary from the waterspout to the water junction box , as soon as his schedule might free up.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Martha O'Leary

Marti1949@gmail.com

970-275-9626

Pam Kraft

From: Patrick O'Leary <poleary1975@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:25 AM
To: Pam Kraft; Wanda Taylor
Cc: Marti O'Leary
Subject: Firehouse Water Leak Repairs/Water Bill Balance Due
Attachments: MOL Letter to Town of Ridgway 6-23-21.pdf; Sella Concrete Services Invoice #2247 7-31-21.pdf; Sako Excavation Ilc Invoice #2021-113 8-1921.pdf; Sako Excavation Pmt Inv No. 2021-113 Pd CK#1187 8-27-21.pdf; Sella Concrete Invoice #2247 Pd. Ck No 1130 on 8-20-21.pdf

Pam, Wanda:

At your request, Marti and I are providing you this email summary of how, with the assistance of Town Staff, we were able to discover in late Fall of 2020 that there must be a leak in the 25 to 30+ year-old water line serving the Old Firehouse (OFH). Because we were experiencing very high water bills starting in late Summer 2020 which continued through October 2020, we requested that the Town shut our water off at the meter box in late November 2020. We did so knowing that we might very well break ground on the OFH redevelopment the following Spring and we would not need to expend funds to repair the leak at winter's onset as the water line would be replaced as part of new development work.

As it turned out and for valid reasons, we elected not to move forward with the development, making that decision in late April, 2021. So, it was during the period of August thru November of 2020 that the billed charges for said excessive water use at the OFH turned into the current "Balance Due" amount (approx. \$1,500) that continues to this day. We both have monthly records of the Town's water & sewer invoices to verify all the foregoing. We chose not to pay the 'balance due' being carried on the water invoices until we would have the opportunity to ascertain where the leak was actually located. We did continue to pay all current charges going forward into 2021 and 2022. I think you good folks know us well enough that we were not trying to ignore the 'balance due' but, rather, waiting until we could verify where the leak was, how it may have occurred and whose responsibility it would be. Please see Marti O'Leary's explanatory letter to the Town of Ridgway dated July 23, 2021 (first attachment below).

We want to apologize to Town Staff that this has gone on for far too long. With the OFH Development in full-on planning and our voluntary work for Weehawken, Ridgway Chautauqua and LogHill Fire our lives have been exceedingly busy in 2021-2022 and we simply lost sight of the overdue balance and the need for resolving issue of responsibility for the waterline leak.

We totally appreciate your patience with this situation and further appreciate that the Town has not assessed late-pay penalties on past due amounts.

As soon as we made the decision to not go forward with the development in late April of 2021 we began the effort to line up contractors to open up the waterline from the meter box (under the Lena St. sidewalk) to its entry into the OFH near its side door. We investigated the leak and performed repair work in late June through to completion by July 15th, 2021. At Staff's suggestion we involved Randy Barnes (Mike Jenkins was on vacation) from beginning to end of our investigations of the waterline and the actual repair work as it unfolded. Below are a series of photos that show where we found the leak and properly repaired it across the

4th of July holiday in order to make sure the sidewalk would be in a safe, serviceable condition over the holiday.



The above picture shows the break in the old pvc waterline with the leak spraying out. The leak was just before where the line connects to the Town's short copper line which disappears under the concrete pit protecting the Town's meter box. This waterline break occurred within less than a foot (7-8" actually) of the bottom of the concrete pit that surrounds the meter box.



Above photo shows the leak in the old waterline where (look closely) the Town's galvanized connector nut is stubbed out only a few inches just under the meter pit. We circled the bottom of the meter pit in both this pic as well as the one below so that Staff can see just how close the leak was to the meter pit.



The above photo more clearly shows how proximate the leak and the repaired line was to Town's connector line and the rough cementitious bottom of the meter pit.

Further, the repaired line section you are looking at is more than nine feet (9') from the OFH property line to the cement pit/meter box below its access cover plate visible on the surface of the front sidewalk.

This means that all the work we did to make the repair was in/under the Town property ROW (not our Firehouse property).

From our visible observations and the experience base of our excavation team, we conclude that the leak occurred as a result of the old waterline being compromised following the Town's RAMP Project completion 2016 to 2018. The heavy weight bearing down on the line from the concrete meter pit itself, the addition of heavy gravel, machine-based compaction efforts and the addition of slab concrete had the combined effect of putting excessive downward pressure on the 25 to 30 year old waterline and after a couple of years that weight broke open the line.

Had we known at the onset that we would have to be tunneling nearly 9' under the sidewalk in the Town's ROW just to find out where the line was leaking we might not have undertaken the work ourselves. That said, we had no choice as Randy said the Town's position was that there was no leakage going on the Town's side of the water meter box so the leak must be on our side of the meter box. Turns out Randy's statement was true... but, by no more than a few inches.

I have also attached the invoices and bank copies of paid checks that the Firehouse paid out to the two contractors who made the repair and replaced the two 5' x5' sidewalk sections, Stella Concrete and Sako Excavation, which combined totaled **\$3,600** paid out by the private property owner, FIRE, LLC.

My sense of fairness prompts me to suggest that we split all of these costs roughly 50/50 due to the strong indication that the sidewalk work done as part of the RAMP project likely was a main contributor to the old-but-still-serviceable waterline failing. If we combine the "balance due" from the Town's water service invoices back in 2020 with the above repair payouts of \$3,600, we get a total of \$5,100. I would propose that the Town of Ridgway consider waiving the "balance due" amount of \$1,500 and provide the OFH owner FIRE, LLC with a \$1,000 credit to be applied to amounts due and owing from the OFH as we move through the next few months of pre-development work prior to the start of construction for the OFH Project in early summer, 2022. That would allow the Town to make a \$2,500 contribution toward an amicable resolution to the costs associated with the OFH water leak repair, as proposed here.

Marti and I love our Town and Community. We give it everything we have by way of volunteer energy, enthusiastic support and charitable giving.

We are about to embark on a very major investment in the HBD to advance the viability of our commercial downtown.

The last thing we want to be part of is a spat with our beloved Town and its hard-working Staff that deserves our respect.

We would appreciate knowing your thoughts on what has been proposed here.

We're reasonable people and we want to pay what is fairly owed, of course.

But, we also seek fairness and, in this situation, we think circumstances warrant a fair splitting of the total costs involved.

Please let us know your thoughts. Feel free to share this email summary within the Town team.

We are willing to come visit and talk further if you folks think that will help bring us to a fair finish soon.

Respectfully,

Patrick & Marti O'Leary

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Email: poleary1975@gmail.com

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, '*What are you doing for others?*'

--- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Equipments Invoice

1 message

Sako Excavation Ilc <no-reply@timelogsolutions.com>

Reply-To: travissackman71@gmail.com

To: poleary1975@gmail.com

Cc: travissackman71@gmail.com

Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 9:59 AM

Sako Excavation Ilc

INVOICE

Invoice# 2021-113

DATE: Aug 19, 2021

Billing Date: June 28th, 2021 - July 12th, 2021

P.O. Box 1103

Ouray, Co, 81427

Email: travissackman71@gmail.com

Bill To:

Pat O'Leary

Sako Excavation Ilc Billing Summary

Labor Hours

Scott Roberts: 19 hours @ \$60.00 (On site labor)

Jared Prosser: 9.5 hours @ \$60.00 (On site labor)

Denny Lee: 2 hours @ \$60.00 (On site labor)

\$1140.00

\$570.00

\$120.00

Equipment Hours

Bobcat E50 excavator : 9hours @ \$115

\$1035.00

Reciepts:

\$0.00

Line Items:

\$0.00

6.5 Hours non billable

\$0.00

Grand Total

\$2865.00

DESCRIPTION

AMOUNT

Labor: On site labor(hrs: 5x\$60.00)	\$300.00
Log Date: Jun 29, 2021 -	
Client: Pat O'Leary	
Labor: On site labor(hrs: 2x\$60.00)	\$120.00
Equipments: Bobcat E50 excavator (hrs: 4x\$115.00)	\$460.00
Log Date: Jul 08, 2021 -	
Client: Pat O'Leary	
Labor: On site labor(hrs: 5x\$60.00)	\$300.00
Log Date: Jul 08, 2021 -	
Client: Pat O'Leary	
Labor: On site labor(hrs: 2x\$60.00)	\$120.00
Equipments: Bobcat E50 excavator (hrs: 1x\$115.00)	\$115.00
Log Date: Jul 09, 2021 -	
Client: Pat O'Leary	
Labor: On site labor(hrs: 4x\$60.00)	\$240.00
Equipments: Bobcat E50 excavator (hrs: 2x\$115.00)	\$230.00
Log Date: Jul 09, 2021 -	
Client: Pat O'Leary	
Labor: On site labor(hrs: 9x\$60.00)	\$540.00
Log Date: Jul 13, 2021 -	
Client: Pat O'Leary	
Labor: On site labor(hrs: 2x\$60.00)	\$120.00
Log Date: Jul 13, 2021 -	
Client: Pat O'Leary	
Labor: On site labor(hrs: 1.5x\$60.00)	\$90.00
Equipments: Bobcat E50 excavator (hrs: 2x\$115.00)	\$230.00
	Total: \$2865.00
Additional Information [Log Date: 2021-06-29] Dug up water line to expose	
Additional Information [Log Date: 2021-06-29] Exposed water leak	

Additional Information [Log Date: 2021-07-08] Cut concrete

Additional Information [Log Date: 2021-07-08] Water leak at fire house

Additional Information [Log Date: 2021-07-09] Waterline

Additional Information [Log Date: 2021-07-09] Found and fixed water leak

Additional Information [Log Date: 2021-07-13] Helped Jared clean up at water project

Additional Information [Log Date: 2021-07-13] Backfilled and hauled off dirt

Comments:

thanks for the work buddy.

Thank you for your business, please include invoice number on check

This invoice generated by Time Log Solutions

PO Box 701
Ridgway, CO 81432

Date	Invoice #
7/31/2021	2447

Bill To	
Patrick O'Leary	

Due Upon Receipt	Project
7/31/2021	Old Firehouse Sidewalk

Description	Amount
Old Firehouse sidewalk replacement	735.00
Total	\$735.00

970-729-1038 office@stellaconcrete.com http://stellaconcrete.com

Pam Kraft

From: Pam Kraft
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 3:36 PM
To: Patrick O'Leary; Wanda Taylor
Cc: Marti O'Leary
Subject: RE: Firehouse Water Leak Repairs/Water Bill Balance Due

Hi Patrick - thanks for reaching out again on this.

I have spoken to Randy regarding this break in the line. The Town Municipal Code states that any break in the water service line which occurs on a property owners side of a water meter is the responsibility of the property owner, and this break was well into the service line.

The code section we are referring to is:

9-1-2 (A) Each customer shall be responsible for cost of installation and maintenance of water meters, the entire length of the sewer service line necessary to serve his property, and the water service line from the curb box to the premises served. The Town shall own and maintain the water service line from the tap to the curb box.

thanks, pam



Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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From: Patrick O'Leary <poleary1975@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:25 AM
To: Pam Kraft <pkraft@town.ridgway.co.us>; Wanda Taylor <wtaylor@town.ridgway.co.us>
Cc: Marti O'Leary <marti1949@gmail.com>
Subject: Firehouse Water Leak Repairs/Water Bill Balance Due

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Pam Kraft

From: Patrick O'Leary <poleary1975@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2022 4:54 PM
To: Pam Kraft
Cc: Marti O'Leary
Subject: Re: Firehouse Water Leak Repairs/Water Bill Balance Due

Pam:

My long-delayed reply here is a reflection of how darn busy I've been these past few months. I initially delayed my response to your email because I was quite disappointed with your quick and dismissive response. It was my way of "counting to 10", over and over. I didn't want to be an angry bird or say anything that I would regret.

You, Marti and I have always enjoyed good community relations and personal friendship. It's important to both of us that we not allow that to change over the water-leak issue at hand. That said, I sure was disappointed to receive a response which only recited what Randy told me back in June of 2021 backed by the standard language in the Ridgway code. I put a good deal of effort into making a complete explanation of what we encountered backed up by visual documentation of the excavated, leaking water line. I believe our line was damaged by downward pressure on our old supply line following the RAMP project and I think the descriptions and photos below bear that out.

I also believe I presented a very fair and equal proposal to the Town by recommending we split the costs of the repairs and the excessive water loss that we were billed for back in 2020. You decided we were entitled to no relief, a unilateral decision over which I disagree.

When the Town has asked us to support various community initiatives we are always ready to contribute our time, our energies and our money. You know that at first hand. I would have expected a more supportive response. I've believed all along that in the very least the Town of Ridgway would have offered to waive the excessive water costs as most of it was due to the leaking supply line. However, no offer of any support has been forthcoming.

I've come to understand that the Town often waives invoices for water loss due to unusual circumstances. Is there a process for determining when that is warranted? For example, I assume you know that at RCS' 610 Clinton building we are asked to leave a 'trickle' of water running all winter long to avoid the meter box lines freezing because that old water meter box and piping was not properly dealt with during the RAMP project when repairs could have been made inexpensively. Instead, we are asked by the Town to waste water all winter long. I also know of other community residents who have asked for and been given relief on water invoicing when extraordinary circumstances occur.

If there is such a process can you guide us through to making a request to waive the past due water charges? Frankly, I just don't think it's fair to expect us to bear all of the repair expenses as well as the bill for unused, wasted water loss due to repairs that should never have been needed if not for the RAMP project's work (added weight, compaction, soil disturbance) interfering with the Firehouse's supply line.

It would be great if you can help us get some relief. It's not the money. From our viewpoint it's simply a matter of fairness.

Let us know your thoughts at your convenience.

Best Always,

Patrick O'Leary

Managing Member

Firehouse Investment Real Estate, LLC

P.O. Box 1182

Ridgway, CO 81432

Cell: 1 (312) 952-5409

Email: poleary1975@gmail.com

Pam Kraft

From: Pam Kraft
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 1:14 PM
To: Patrick O'Leary
Subject: RE: Firehouse Water Leak Repairs/Water Bill Balance Due

Patrick - I totally understand your concern and frustration. I certainly did not intend to be quick and dismissive with my last response. I have discussed this with Marti before, and I believe that Randy has already spoken to one or both of you regarding the break and since it was not the first time we have received a request, I spoke to Randy and Preston. It was agreed to provide you with the Municipal Code section which outlines breaks in a water service line which occurs on a property owners side of a water meter line, so you could understand why staff has been denying taking responsibility in the leak.

I hope you understand I do not have the latitude to deviate from the Code. If you would like to appeal to the Council, I can put you on the agenda to speak to them. Having said that, please know that at the meeting staff's assessment of the situation will remain the same, and so will the recommendation.

Thanks for your patience and understanding, pam



Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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From: Patrick O'Leary <poleary1975@gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: Firehouse Water Leak Repairs/Water Bill Balance Due

Pam:

My long-delayed reply here is a reflection of how darn busy I've been these past few months. I initially delayed my response to your email because I was quite disappointed with your quick and dismissive response.

It was my way of "counting to 10", over and over. I didn't want to be an angry bird or say anything that I would regret.

You, Marti and I have always enjoyed good community relations and personal friendship. It's important to both of us that we not allow that to change over the water-leak issue at hand. That said, I sure was disappointed to receive a response which only recited what Randy told me back in June of 2021 backed by the standard language in the Ridgway code. I put a good deal of effort into making a complete explanation of what we encountered backed up by visual documentation of the excavated, leaking water line. I believe our

AGENDA ITEM #11

STAFF REPORT

Subject: Transfer of Stock Holder for Star Sagoon LLC
Initiated By: Pam Kraft, MMC, Town Clerk
Date: June 3, 2021

BACKGROUND:

The Town has received an application for transfer of stock holder for the tavern liquor license for Star Saloon LLC, for the premises at 373 Palomino Trail. The trade name of Star Saloon will remain the same.

State law does not require a public hearing before the local jurisdiction for changes of corporations or limited liability companies, but a precedence has been set to bring all transfers to the Council for approval.

All requirements of the application have been met, and the premises posted.

ANALYSIS:

The applicant is requesting a Change of Corporate Structure, with the transfer of one hundred percent of the stockholder and membership, from Adam Dubroff to Benjamin Jackson IV.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Final approval for the change must be made by the Colorado Department of Revenue, Liquor Enforcement Division.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the change of corporate structure for Star Saloon LLC.

NOTE: Documents pertaining to liquor license applications are confidential in nature, and are on file in the Clerk's Office and open to inspection by the Council

AGENDA ITEM #12



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Tera Wick, Community Initiatives Facilitator
Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: June 1, 2022
Agenda Topic: **Presentation, direction, and approval of updated *Heritage Park Site Plan for Strategic Master Plan for Ridgway Visitor Center & Heritage Park***

ACTION BEFORE COUNCIL:

DHM Design will attend Wednesday's Council meeting to present a new design and site plan for the *Strategic Master Plan for Ridgway Visitor Center & Heritage Park* (Master Plan). Council is asked to provide direction on the proposal, if any, and approve the updated site plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Master Plan was prepared by DHM Design in May 2019 and is appended to this memo as Attachment 1. The Master Plan was funded by a grant from the Colorado Tourism Office to the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce. In September 2019, DHM Design delivered 100% construction documents for landscaping and irrigation improvements at the site. In October 2019, DHM Design delivered 100% construction documents for the site's themed signs and photo area.

Since these documents were completed, the last remaining train car and Railroad Museum memorabilia were removed from Heritage Park by the owners and relocated to the Ridgway Railroad Museum and Ouray County Ranch History Museum. This left Heritage Park without its central thematic focus.

During the summer of 2020, the Colorado Main Street 2019 mini-grant allowed the Town to clean up the Heritage Park area, in addition to leveling, laying gravel and placing picnic tables near the parking lot, south of the Visitor Center's pergola, with labor and equipment from Public Works used as the match for the \$5,000 grant. In the spring of 2021, the Town issued a Request for Bids seeking qualified contractors to construct Phases 1 and 2 of the Heritage Park/Visitors Center landscape and irrigation improvements, as designed by DHM Design. Phase 1 of the project generally consisted of delivery, set-up and general construction for all labor, materials, and services for Phase 1 irrigation and landscaping around the Ridgway Visitor Center, including installing irrigation system, soil improvements, planting shrubs, perennials, and ornamental grasses. Phase 2 generally consisted of delivery, set-up and general construction for all labor, materials, and services for installing hardscape, landscape, and irrigation along Highway 62 at Ridgway Heritage Park. As a Graduate Community in the Colorado Main Street Program, the Town was able to utilize \$30,000 of our Main Street Mini-Grant funds to support this project.

An additional community process was required to address the changes to the area and the Visitor Center-Heritage Park Advisory Committee was established in January 2021. The committee was



composed of representatives from Town Council, the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors, the business and nonprofit sectors, and citizens at large. This group met 4 times between February and June 2021 to formulate recommendations regarding options in the Master Plan, such as whether to build a new Visitor Center, the locations of restrooms and picnic shelter, and the empty space left by the departure of the railroad car. The Town utilized an outside facilitator for these meetings, paid for by Colorado Main Street technical assistance. As a result of thorough and thoughtful discussions, the Visitor Center-Heritage Park Advisory Committee presented their recommendations and the Long-Term Implementation Plan and Strategy intended to guide the improvements. The group's recommendations were approved by Council in July 2021. The Long-Term Implementation Plan and Strategy is appended to this memo as Attachment 4.

In late 2021/early 2022, staff worked with Colorado Main Street to utilize technical assistance support to hire a contractor to update the Heritage Park site plan to depict the latest recommendations of the Long-Term Implementation Plan and Strategy. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was developed and issued by Colorado Main Street, which sought a contractor to:

- Update the preferred site plan for Ridgway's Heritage Park to align with current conditions and an updated vision for the site (e.g., existing Visitor Center to be removed).
- Update cost estimates for park structures to inform the site plan update with consideration for available funding and financial feasibility.

As a result of the RFP and interview processes, the Department of Local Affairs executed a "Task Order" with DHM Design, allowing DHM Design to start work on the update to Heritage Park design and site plan. The Task Order expires on June 30, 2022, which means the site plan must be finalized by then.

In February 2022, DHM Design met with Town staff to gather initial input and guidance to inform their first go at updating the site plan. In March 2022, an updated site plan was presented to staff and shared with members of the Visitor Center-Heritage Park Advisory Committee and other stakeholders for input. A number of community members provided feedback on the new concept, including Tanya Ishikawa, Joan Chismire, Ashley Perkins (in consultation with the Chamber board), Terry Schuyler, Guthrie Castle, Dave Jones, Judi Chamberlin, Sue Husch, Lois Ziemann and Hillary Lewkowicz. Feedback is summarized as follows:

- High design quality: Ensure the building design communicates a sense of "you are welcome here" and put our "best foot forward" design-wise.
- Consider harmonizing with the design of the Frontier Park pavilion and/or Hartwell Park.
- Prioritize shade and covered outdoor space, multi-purpose outdoor gathering space
- Design for ease of maintenance
- Maximize the view down valley, Sneffels vistas
- Consider dynamics of seasonal sun, wind, snow vectors in design
- Separate restrooms from visitor center/picnic area as per Indigenous practices that were shared



- Placement of interpretive information in proximity to the buildings should be well thought out, so it is easy to access, and plan for interpretive signage for mountain peaks.
- Consider modeling net-zero construction.
- Continue to incorporate Indigenous cultural perspectives into the site.

Taking into account the feedback that was received, DHM Design has furnished a new proposed site plan that is appended to this memo as Attachment 2.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Attached to this memo as Attachment 3 is a document that lays out the preliminary cost estimates for bringing all of the proposed improvements to fruition. It's meant to help inform the phasing of the improvements and future budgetary decisions. No action is required on the preliminary cost estimates.

SUMMARY OF CULTURAL CONSULTATION:

In response to the Visitor Center-Heritage Park Advisory Committee's recommendation to include Ridgway's Ute heritage in the site, the Community Initiatives Facilitator (CIF) has conducted informational interviews with local Ute leaders. The CIF conducted informational interviews with CJ Brafford from Ute Indian Museum and two interviews with O Roland McCook, Ute elder and Founder of the non-profit, Cultural Programs. The CIF also reviewed an array of written materials about Ridgway's Ute heritage, best practices in Tribal consultation and communicated with State of Colorado Historic Preservation staff about potential sources of funding for Indigenous cultural and historic preservation projects. A summary of feedback garnered from the interviews and key themes from this information gathering is depicted in Attachment 5.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"I move to 1) approve [with or without modifications] the updated Heritage Park Site Plan for the *Strategic Master Plan for Ridgway Visitor Center & Heritage Park*, 2) direct staff to update the Long-Term Implementation Plan and Strategy, based on the updated site plan, for our review and consideration, and 3) authorize Mayor Clark to sign, on behalf of the Council, a letter to the three Ute Tribal Chairs requesting a consultation relationship to begin the process of researching and developing cultural interpretive information and art installations that tell the story of Ridgway's Ute heritage from the perspective of the Ute people."

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Strategic Master Plan for Ridgway Visitor Center & Heritage Park

Attachment 2 – Heritage Park Updated Site Plan

Attachment 3 – Preliminary Cost Estimates

Attachment 4 – Long-Term Implementation Plan and Strategy

Attachment 5 – Summary of Cultural Consultation and Key Themes from Literature Review

Strategic Master Plan for RIDGWAY VISITOR CENTER & HERITAGE PARK

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Ridgway Railroad Museum

Public Meeting Attendees

DHM Design

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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.



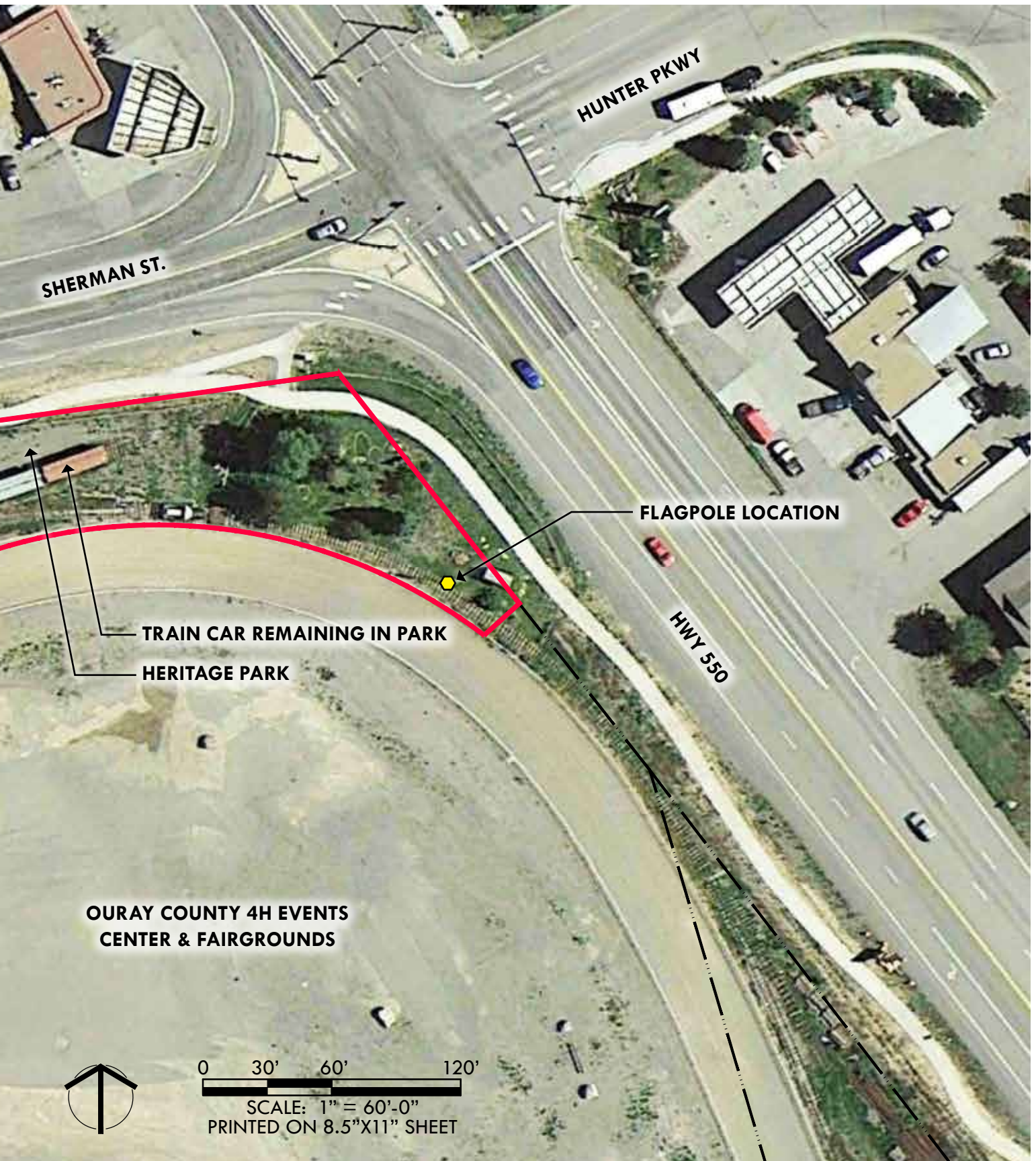
Planting - Some of the existing park vegetation has grown to screen key site elements—such as this gateway sign in the park near Highway 550.



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

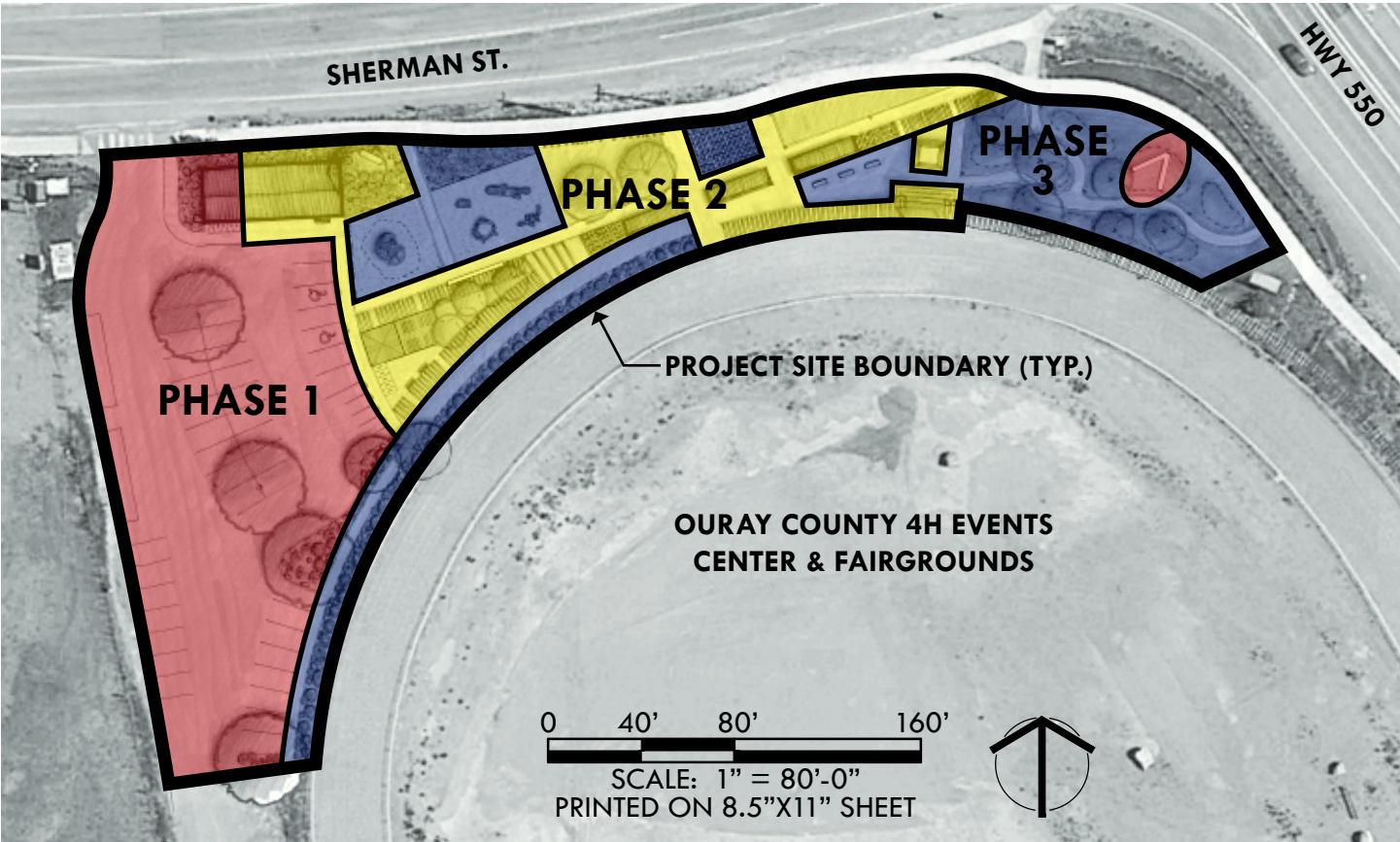
- Remove existing pergola and replace with Climbing Boulder & safety surfacing
- Nature Play-Themed Tot Lot play area
- Crusher fines plaza area and secondary crusher fines pathways
- Site Furnishings (bollards, benches and stone benches, bike racks, etc.)
- Xeric planting areas & demonstration gardens

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	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.
PHASE 2/2ND PRIORITY	
PHASE 3/3RD PRIORITY	



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.

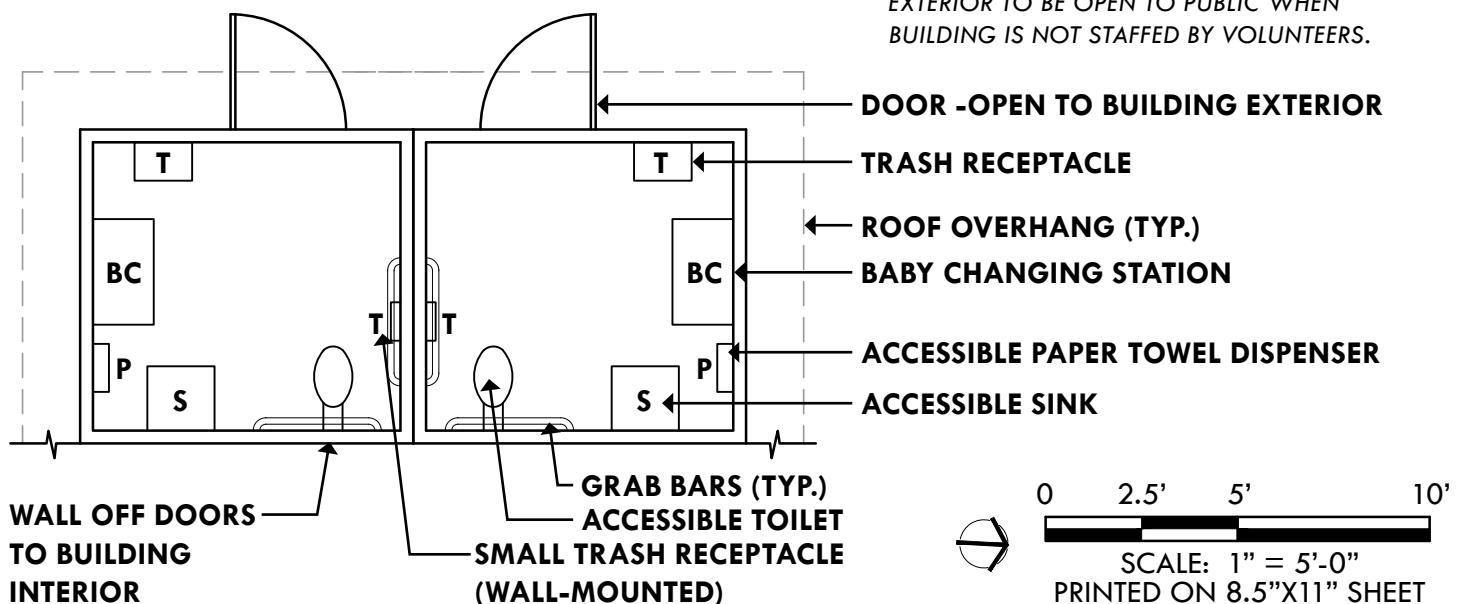


3D MODEL OF CONVERTED VISITOR CENTER



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.



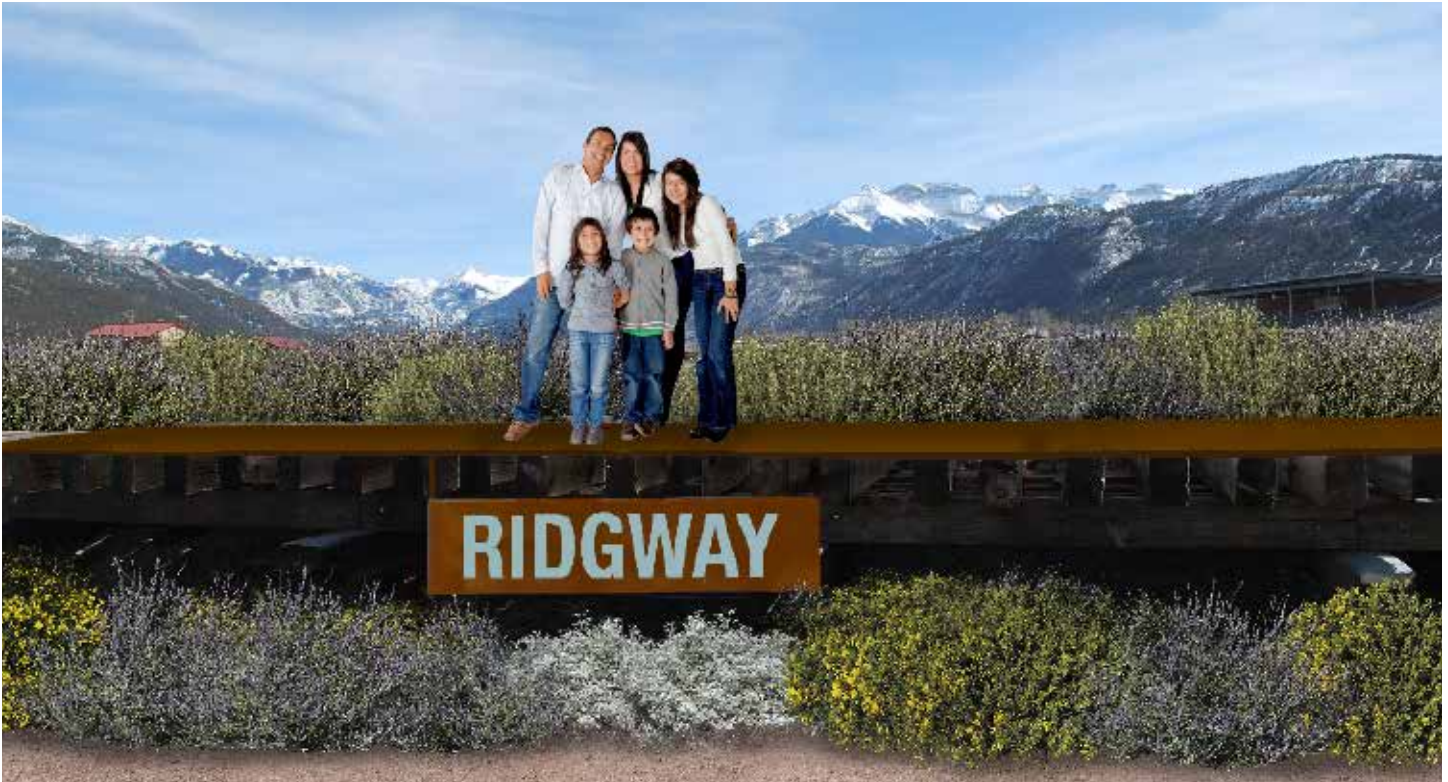
PLAN VIEW

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



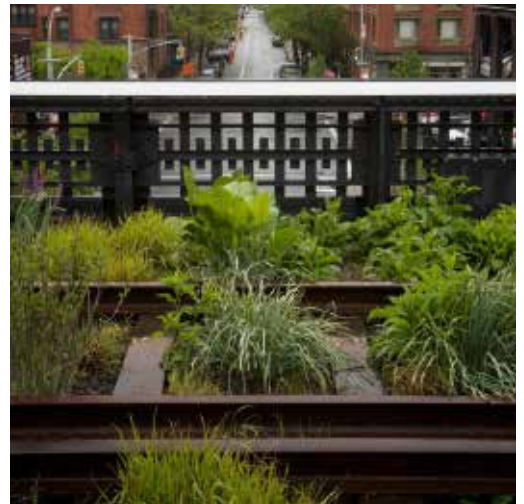
⑧ RAILROAD TIE PATHWAY IN CRUSHER FINES

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.



⑳ 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



33 WATER FOUNTAIN

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.

COST ESTIMATES

PRICES MAY ESCALATE WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME

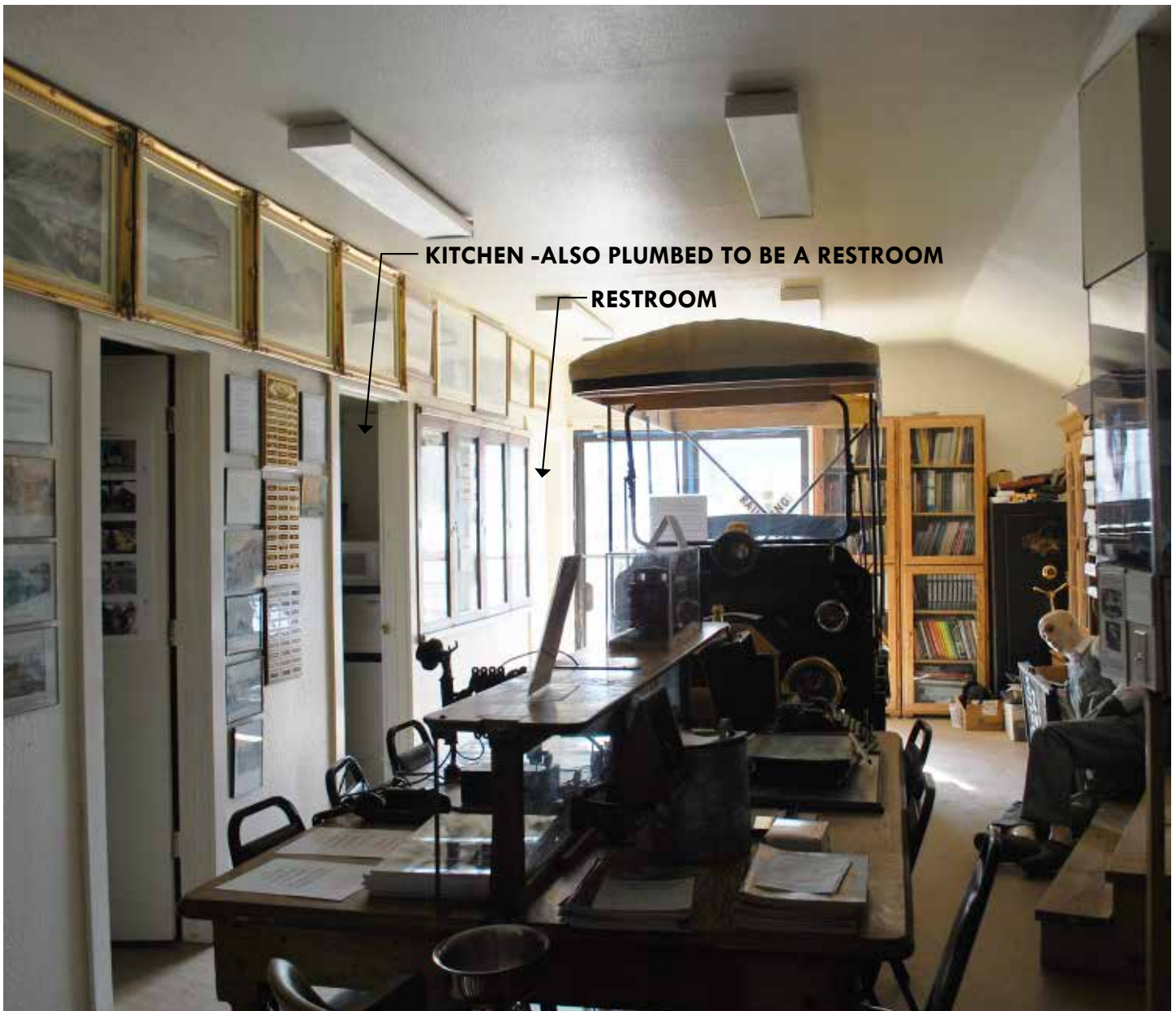
The cost estimate shown on page 32 represents the design team's educated "best guess" prices of the proposed design elements featured on the Preferred Site Plan. (There is also a preliminary cost estimate for the "Long Term Option 2 - New Visitor Center" design shown on page 33 of this document.) These 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
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 (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

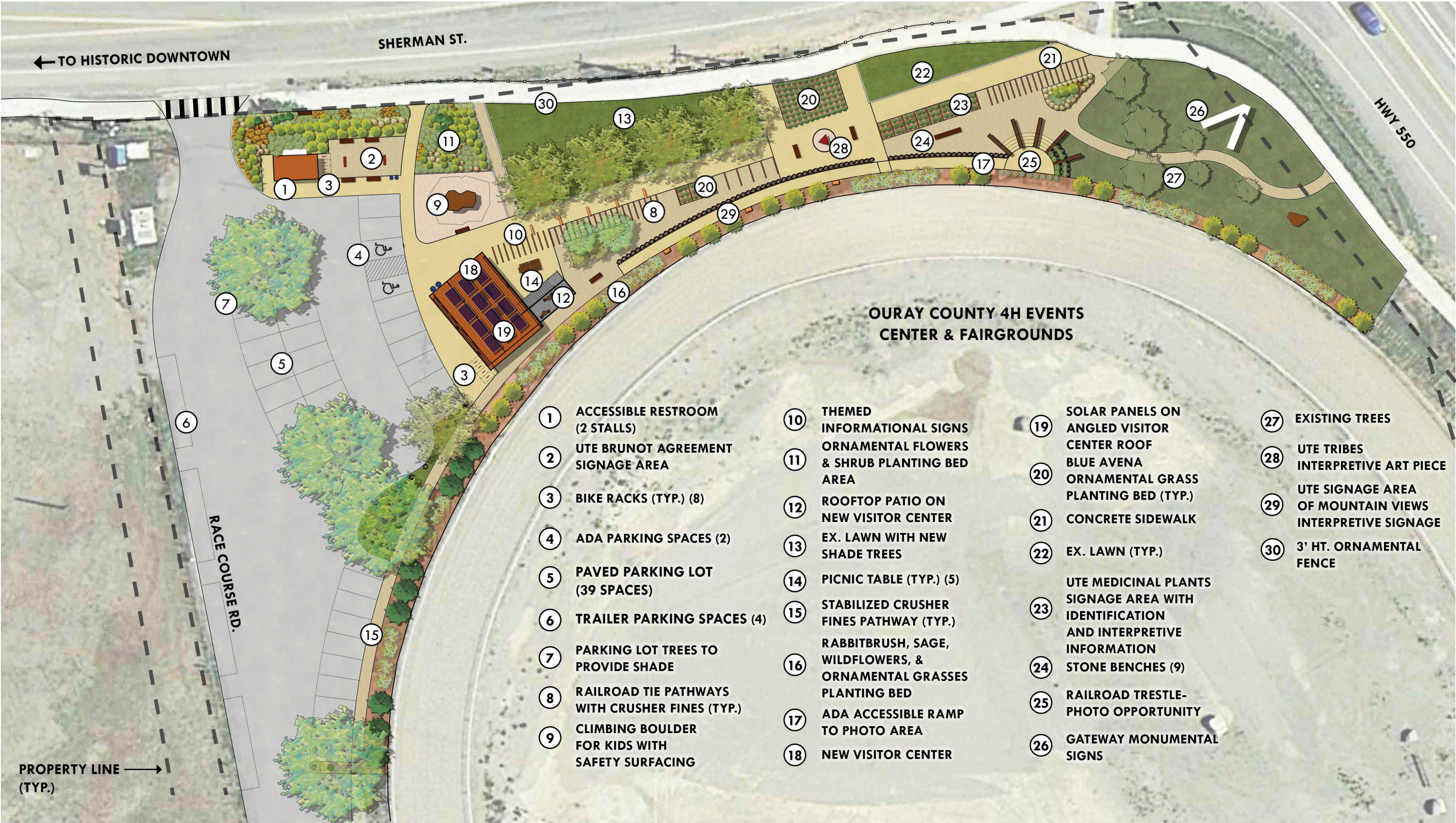
- Playgrounds
- Trails within local parks
- Environmental education facilities
- Outdoor amenities located at fairgrounds
- Infrastructure (irrigation, sprinkler systems, drainage pipes, parking lots, lighting)
- Amenities (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, picnic tables, pavilions, etc.)

DOLA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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

RIDGWAY HERITAGE PARK DRAFT SITE PLAN - 6/02/2022

ATTACHMENT 2



ATTACHMENT 3

Ridgway Heritage Park & Visitor Center

Preliminary Cost Estimate - Master Plan Update

Prepared by DHM Design in April 2022

Item	Quantity	Units	Cost	Total
Site Furnishings				
Picnic Tables - Type 1 (ADA)	2	EA	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 7,200.00
Picnic Tables - Type 2	4	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Café Tables and Chairs	3	EA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Benches	8	EA	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
Bike Racks	8	EA	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,000.00
Trash/Recycling Receptacles	4	EA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Water Fountain	1	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Dogi Pot Pet Waste Station	2	EA	\$ 380.00	\$ 760.00
			Subtotal	\$ 57,460.00
Playground				
Playground Boulder (Large)	1	LS	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Playground Thickened Edge	140	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,800.00
Engineered Wood Fiber Safety Surfacing	1,000	SF	\$ 7.50	\$ 7,500.00
			Subtotal	\$ 85,300.00
Hardscape/Site Work				
Hot Mix Asphalt	725	Ton	\$ 195.00	\$ 141,375.00
Class 6 Structural Base	700	CY	\$ 90.00	\$ 63,000.00
Concrete Curb and Gutter	750	LF	\$ 55.00	\$ 41,250.00
Concrete Sidewalk	8,550	SF	\$ 9.50	\$ 81,225.00
Clearing and Grubbing	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Stabilized Crusher Fines	6,500	SF	\$ 7.00	\$ 45,500.00
Concrete Mow Edge	190	LF	\$ 15.00	\$ 2,850.00
Steel Edger	1,785	LF	\$ 3.50	\$ 6,247.50
Railroad Ties (new, pressure-treated)	300	EA	\$ 60.00	\$ 18,000.00
Railroad Trestle/Photo Opportunity Area	1	LS	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Landscape Boulders (to edge parking lot)	15	EA	\$ 225.00	\$ 3,375.00
Earthwork (allowance)	1	LS	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Storm Water Management	1	LS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Lighting and Electrical	1	LS	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
			Subtotal	\$ 287,197.50
Planting				
Deciduous Trees (2" caliper)	8	EA	\$ 750.00	\$ 6,000.00
Shrubs (5 gal.)	100	EA	\$ 75.00	\$ 7,500.00
Shrubs (1 gal.)	250	EA	\$ 25.00	\$ 6,250.00
Ornamental Grasses (1 gal.)	50	EA	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,000.00
Native Grass	12,250	SF	\$ 0.35	\$ 4,287.50
Shrub & Perennial Planting Beds (1 gal)	50	EA	\$ 15.00	\$ 750.00
Cedar Bark Mulch (4" depth)	15.0	CY	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,800.00
Topsoil (4" for Seeded Areas)	148	CY	\$ 60.00	\$ 8,880.00
Soil Amendment (1 CY/1000 SF in shrub bed areas)	12	CY	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,800.00
Irrigation	1	LS	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
			Subtotal	\$ 68,267.50
Signage/Public Art				
Photo Area Sign	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Ute Art Piece / Boulder (allowance)	1	LS	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Gateway Sign	1	LS	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Themed Signs	5	EA	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 60,000.00

ATTACHMENT 3

Ute Native Plant Garden Signs	1	LS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Arrow Sign	1	EA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
ADA Parking Signs	2	EA	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Mountain ID Signs	1	LS	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Subtotal				\$ 202,500.00
Structures				
Visitor Center (2) 8' x 40' Containers-base finishes	1	LS	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00
Window and Door Packages	1	LS	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Steel Stairs	25	LF	\$ 500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Railing for Rooftop Patio	50	LF	\$ 200.00	\$ 10,000.00
Deck for Rooftop Patio	152	SF	\$ 25.00	\$ 3,800.00
Bathrooms (CXT prefab with exterior modifications)	1	LS	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Shade Structure (1150 sqft)	1	LS	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Subtotal				\$ 391,300.00
Administration & Overhead (if entire project completed at one time by General Contractor)				
Mobilization (3%)	1	LS	\$ 31,036.95	\$ 31,036.95
Bonding and Insurance (2.5%)	1	LS	\$ 25,864.13	\$ 25,864.13
Construction Staking (3%)	1	LS	\$ 31,036.95	\$ 31,036.95
Construction Administration Services (3%)	1	LS	\$ 31,036.95	\$ 31,036.95
Material Testing (2%)	1	LS	\$ 20,691.30	\$ 20,691.30
Contractor Fee (7%)	1	LS	\$ 72,419.55	\$ 72,419.55
Contingency (20%)	1	LS	\$ 206,913.00	\$ 206,913.00
Subtotal				\$ 418,998.83
Subtotal				\$ 1,511,023.83
Design and Construction Documents				\$ 151,102.38
Total				\$ 1,662,126.21
Assumptions:				
Does not include interior furniture or displays for Visitor Center. Does not include historic map inside building.				
For Information Only (not included in estimate)				
Hydronics Concrete Heating System (2,000 sqft)	1	LS	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
Photovoltaic System (25 kW, 25% of Heating System)	1	LS	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 87,500.00
Class 6 Aggregate Base Course (parking lot at 6" depth)	675	CY	\$ 80.00	\$ 54,000.00

Long-term Implementation Plan and Strategy

June 2021 Revision

Ridgway Visitor Center and Heritage Park Master Plan

The purpose of this document is to guide the 2019 Ridgway Visitor Center and Heritage Park Strategic Master Plan implementation process. This revised document incorporates recommendations made to Ridgway Town Council that emerged from a facilitated community stakeholder process during the first half of 2021. Plan estimates listed below originated from pages 32-33 of the plan. Since 2019, construction costs and materials have increased, so new estimates are needed. Funding sources are a product of reviewing “Grant Funding Sources” listed on page 35 of the plan. See next section (page 4) for a detailed review of grant funding sources. This is a fluid document to be used between the Town and Chamber. We anticipate editing and adding to this document as new funding opportunities arise.

Recommendations from the community stakeholder process, January – June 2021, include the following:

1. **Visitor Information Services:** Rather than building a new Visitor Center building at high cost, the group recommends remodeling two shipping containers, per 2019 plan, and using these as kiosks for year-round information distribution, potentially accommodating staffing during the warmer months.
2. **Accessible Restrooms:** The site will require the construction of an ADA-accessible restroom facility and pathway, which can be accessed from its exterior and facilitates easy cleaning and maintenance.
3. **Existing Visitor Center Building:** The group recommends removal of the existing building, after remodeled shipping containers and accessible restrooms are available for utilization.
4. **Picnic Shelter:** The stakeholder group recommends a new picnic shelter be constructed, further away from Highway 62 than the current building, preferably to include representation of themes and interpretive information about Ridgway’s Ute heritage.
5. **Public Art:** If space allows, an iconic and attention-getting piece of art could be installed.
6. **Storage:** The group recommends adding a storage space for supplies needed to maintain the facilities and the park.
7. **Revised Design:** The stakeholder group acknowledges that the design concept needs to be updated with regard to these recommendations. The group did not specify where each of these items should be constructed, but would rely on professional expertise for the layout. Professional expertise will help with decisions for the additional space created by the removal of the building and the departure of the railroad car which had been central to the original design.

Completed Projects 2019 – 2021:

Project Title	Project Summary	Funding/Manager	Cost	Timeframe
Ridgway Heritage Park and Visitor Center Construction and Bid Plans for Irrigation and Landscaping and Contract Implementation	1) Irrigation system, 2) plant trees, sod and 3) Landscape planting -- in two stages, – surrounding Visitor Center and along Highway 62	Colorado Main Street Mini-Grant Funding/Town (\$10K/year, 2020-2025)	\$115,000 [\$20K construction docs (paid by COMS); implementation \$35K (COMS), \$5K (AARP), \$2K (CCI), \$53K est. (Town)]	Fall 2020 – July 2021
Info signage and photo opportunity area design & construction plans	Construction plans completed for self-standing info signage and revised design of photo opportunity area	Colorado Main Street Technical Assistance/Town	\$10,000 (paid by COMS)	2019
Temporary informational signage	The RACC created temporary window signage to represent the 5 themes and other services available in Ridgway. These signs will be hung in the RVC windows during the off-peak season when the building is closed.	RACC Budget	\$800	Summer 2020
New Visitor Center and Heritage Park sign	Sign needed to be updated to remove Railroad Museum	Town/Chamber	\$300	Winter 2021
Visitor Center remodel (not listed in master plan)	Remodel the current visitor center so bathrooms can be accessed from outside. New southside dutch door. Converted railroad museum into meeting space and storage. Interior and exterior paint.	Town/Chamber/CAR ES ACT	\$11,500	Spring 2021
		COMPLETED PROJECTS TOTAL	\$137,600	

Short-term (0-4 years):

Project Title	Project Summary	Funding/Manager	Plan Estimate	Timeframe
ADA accessible restrooms and garbage/recycle receptacles	New location in Southwest corner; possibility of tapping into existing water/sewer lines for flush toilets (add in cost estimate)	CDOT Revitalizing Main Street grant	10% match (\$100K total cost) + cost to connect to plumbing	Fall 2021
Update Heritage Park Concept Design	Revise concept to include 2021 recommendations	COMS Technical Assistance/Town	\$10,000	2021-22
New fencing	Replace fence removed in 2021 during irrigation and landscaping phases	Town	\$xxxx	2022
Develop Construction Plans	Contract to develop construction plans for Restrooms, Remodeling of Shipping Containers, Picnic Shelter (already have construction plans for Photo Opportunity Space and Self-Standing Signage)	COMS Technical Assistance/Town, Additional funding needed	\$20,000	2022
Installation of Self-Standing Themed Informational Signage	Content and layout 5 EA \$ 12,000.00 = \$60,000.00, plus hardscaping and site work	DOLA , CTO, Town & Chamber	\$72,000	2-4 years
Installation of New Visitor Center Kiosks (Retrofitted Containers)	2 x \$50,000	Gates Family Foundation / RACC (need 30% down)	\$100,000	2-4 years
Incorporate elements of Ute heritage into site design (picnic shelter, interpretive signage)	Collaborate with Ute Indian Museum and/or other Ute representatives to define and design appropriate Ute elements for site	Town	Staff time	3-4 years
		SHORT-TERM PHASE TOTAL	\$302,000	

Medium-term (5-7 years):

Project Title	Project Summary	Funding/Manager	Amount	Timeframe
Installation of picnic area	Construct picnic shelter with heritage-related interpretation, and garbage/recycle receptacles, if not already installed.	Potentially move to short-term if utilizing CDOT funding	\$38,460	5-7 years
Install pathways through site + Hardscape	Concrete sidewalk, concrete mow edge, steel edge, landscape boulders, earth work, lighting and electrical.	GOCO Grant 1/ Town (25% match)	84,520	5-7 years
Demolition of existing Visitor Center	Estimated cost unknown; to be completed after shipping container kiosks and accessible restrooms are installed	Funding source unknown	---	6-7 years
Placeholder for Construction Plans and Implementation of Revised Concept Design Elements	Construction plans and implementation, most likely of additional landscaping where building was removed and possibly public art	Colorado Creative Industries (public art); DoLA (construction plans); installation??	\$50,000	6-7 years
Historic Map and historical interpretation signage/exhibits	Design/install all history-related interpretation materials in info kiosks and picnic shelter. Need storage container construction first or concurrently.	History Colorado Competitive Grant / (25% match) Town & RACC	\$17,000	5-7 years
Photo Opportunity Area	Photo opportunity area includes photo monument structure, hardscaping and site work, and plantings.	GOCO Grant 2/ Town (25% match)	\$40,000	5-7 years
Heritage Park & Ridgway Visitor Center sign	Sign includes park amenity icons such as the restroom, picnic, and camera symbols, so all elements must be completed before this sign is installed.	Gates Family Foundation / RACC	\$6,000	5-7 years
		PHASE 2 TOTAL	\$235,710	

Long-term (8+ years):

Project Title	Project Summary	Funding/Manager	Amount	Timeframe
New gateway sign	Finalize design, develop construction plans, and install new gateway sign	DOLA/Town	\$75,000	8+ years
Remove existing pergola and replace with Climbing Boulder & safety surfacing	Large and small climbing boulder installation with safety features	GOCO Grant 2/ Town (25% match)	\$85,000	8+ years
Nature Play-Themed Tot Lot play area	Design and install tot lot play area features	GOCO Grant 1/ Town (25% match)	49,342	8+ years
Crusher fines plaza area and secondary crusher fines pathways (partially done in 2021) and remaining sod/landscaping areas	Complete areas in plan that remain unfinished, including additional crusher fines, sod and/or landscaping, as needed per plan.	GOCO Grant 2/ Town (25% match)	\$29,700	8+ years
Site Furnishings	Bollards, benches, bike racks, water fountain, trash/recycle, dog waste station	GOCO Grant 2/ Town (25% match)	\$26,460	8+ years
Xeric planting areas & demonstration gardens	Shrubs, grasses, mulch, soil amendment, topsoil, ornamental grasses.	GOCO Grant / Town (25% match)	\$14,210	8+ years
		PHASE 3 TOTAL	\$279,712	

Grant Opportunities

This section is a review of “Grant Funding Sources” listed on page 35 of the Visitor Center and Heritage Park Strategic Master Plan. Green = potential application to project, Yellow = potential but needs more exploration, and Red = not applicable to project. Grants that can be potentially applied to the project (green) are added above to the Implementation Plan. For more exploration into federal grant opportunities, go to [Reconnecting America](#).

This section does not include the exploration of private donors and foundations or future grant opportunities from public entities.

Funding Source	Potential Funding	Budget	Summary/Notes	Grant Cycle
GOCO Mini Grant/LPOR (website)	restrooms, trails within parks, safety surfacing with the exception of pea gravel, nature play areas, traditional playgrounds.	Mini Grant to \$45,000 and LPOR to \$350K	25% match required, in-kind and design/engineering costs can count for match. See notes on call with GOCO contact.	Application period closes October
History Colorado Competitive Grant (website)	Educational signage related to town history - Interpretive signage (\$15K), historic map (\$2K).	Mini grant to \$35K and large grant up to \$200K	* 25% cash match. Eligibility - Providing information about historic sites or historic preservation to the public through interpretation, curriculum development, public outreach, or other educational opportunities that pertain to a site(s).	Deadlines for mini grant June 1 and Dec. 1
Colorado Tourism Office (website & application)	- 5 marketing themes signage design and content	Grant up to \$15K (25% match)	CTO grants only fund design plans and content creation. No physical construction can be covered in these grants.	Fall application deadline

DOLA Community Development Block (website)			Worth reaching out to regional contact - Eligible uses of funds include acquisition, design/engineering, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of public improvements or public facilities. Examples of projects include sewer and water systems, commercial streetscape improvements, community centers, food banks, shelters, health clinics etc. The funds must be used for activities that either benefit low- and moderate-income persons, or prevent or eliminate slums or blight.	Application closes February.
DOLA Rural Economic Development Initiative (application & website)	Infrastructure or construction/engineering plans	\$100K (no match required).	This might be a stretch since this is geared more towards direct economic development (e.g., expanding work facilities).	Applications open in
Gates Family Foundation - Capital Grants (website)	Buildings, signage	Budget based on need. (30% match required)	Could be a really great match. A couple caveats - nonprofits must apply and need 30% of project total upfront before project starts.	
Kaboom (website)	Playground equipment	Varies. Minimum \$15K	Must use Kaboom partner playground equipment.	Spring deadlines
Colorado Health Foundation (website)	Playground equipment and demonstration garden		Could be some opportunities in the 'Physical Health' category to fund playground equipment. However, might not because "Proposed projects must reflect the Foundation's cornerstones ,	Fall deadlines

			as our work is grounded in serving Coloradans who have low income and historically have had less power or privilege, putting the creation of health equity at the center of everything we do, and being informed by the community and those we exist to serve.”	
USDA Grants (website)	TBD	Contact local office for more info	Grants are 25% match required. Rural Community Facilities Grant could be used for a construction/design of portions of the plan. Also, Rural Business Development grant program.	Contact local office
National Endowment for the Arts - Our Town grant program (website)	Any historical/culture related components	Up to \$200K	Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts’ creative placemaking grants program. These grants support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes.	August application deadline
Rural Community Assistance Program (website)	n/a	n/a	Currently no relevant grant programs, but worth checking in the future.	n/a
National Energy Technology Laboratory (website)	Energy efficiency technologies (not in MP)		Only applicable if solar energy or other energy efficiency technologies will be integrated into the project.	
Colorado Department of Transportation (website)	n/a	n/a	No applicable grant programs.	n/a

Colorado Office of Economic Development (website)	n/a	n/a	A wide variety of funding opportunities exist that are not relevant to the project. Of most relevance is the Rural Funding. However, all current opportunities relate to small business development programs. I can't find any funding that is applicable, but worth checking again in the future.	n/a
BEST Grant Program (website)	n/a	n/a	Not applicable to project. BEST provides an annual amount of funding in the form of competitive grants to school districts, charter schools, institute charter schools, boards of cooperative educational services, and the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind. BEST funds can be used for the construction of new schools as well as general construction and renovation of existing school facility systems and structures.	n/a
Colorado Brownfields Program (website)	n/a	n/a	Not applicable to project. Colorado also offers financial incentives in the form of grants for cleaning up contaminated land where there's no other federal or state program that can accomplish the cleanup.	n/a
Colorado Department of Health and Environment (website)	n/a	n/a	Not applicable to project. Grant funding available for: health and wellness (not related to parks/recreation) plus water quality.	n/a
Department of Commerce and	n/a	n/a	Current and past grant programs are not relevant.	n/a

Economic Development (website)				
Federal Transit Administration (website)	n/a	n/a	Current grant programs are not relevant.	n/a
National Science Foundation (website)	n/a	n/a	Current grant programs are not relevant.	n/a
The Daniels Fund	n/a	n/a	Grant programs not relevant.	n/a

Introduction

In response to the Visitor Center-Heritage Park Advisory Committee's recommendation to include Ridgway's Ute heritage in the site, the Community Initiatives Facilitator (CIF), Tera Wick conducted informational interviews with two different local Indigenous leaders, reviewed written materials about Ridgway's Ute heritage, summarized best practices in Tribal consultation and communicated with State of Colorado Historic Preservation staff about appropriate processes for Indigenous cultural and historic preservation projects.

Summary of Cultural Consultation with local Indigenous leaders

(In chronological order)

CJ Brafford, Executive Director of [Ute Indian Museum](#), Montrose Colorado.

Ms. Brafford worked closely with the three Ute Tribes to lead a \$3 Million expansion of the Ute Museum, part of History Colorado. She was awarded Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service in 2018 and was awarded the Colorado Women's Day Spirit Award in 2022. Themes from in-person conversation Feb 9th, 2022:

- Write to Tribal chairmen, requesting a government-to-government consultation – provided contact details (attached)
- Chief Ouray fought hard to keep the strip of land North of Ouray, which included the hot springs for the Ute people
- Incorporate traditional plants into the site
- Use natural materials for play structures
- Keep picnic area removed from bathrooms and road noise to provide peaceful setting

O. Roland McCook Sr, Founder [Native American Cultural Programs](#)

Mr McCook met with Ms. Wick to share his considerable knowledgeable about local Ute history. He was speaking as a private individual and not representing or speaking for any Ute Tribe. He belongs to the Uncompahgre Ute band whose ancestral homeland is in the Ridgway area. Mr McCook is a retired, and a former elected representative and Chairman of the Business Committee of the Northern Ute Tribe - now called the Ute Indian Tribe of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation. He served on the Smithsonian's Repatriation Review Committee in Washington DC and has over twenty years of experience working with the Bureau of Land management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Themes from park site visit on Feb 11 and visit with DHM Design Feb 23:

- "4 Mile Square" was negotiated as part of the 1873 Brunot Agreement in an effort to retain access to the sacred hot springs for which the Uncompahgre (meaning red lake) Ute people are named. Mr McCook emphasized the cultural and historical significance of this
- Boundary of the Brunot agreement ran along the northern edge of Heritage Park, what is now Hwy 550/Sherman Street.
- On September 1, 1881, the Uncompahgre and White River Utes were forcibly removed to the reservation in Utah.
- Incorporate education about the Ute people both historical and modern, traditional medicinal plant uses – Mr McCook provided a list of medicinal plants used by the Ute people in the area.

- Include information on an elevated walkway at table level - include location of hot springs, names of mountains, Uncompahgre river, names and locations of historic communities that are no longer there (i.e., Chipeta, Dallas)
- Create space for community cultural gatherings and education to take place. Consider bringing back powwows like those he organized in Hartwell Park in previous years.
- Mr McCook requested clarification from the Town about the scope of the project, and percentage of the park the Town wants to dedicate to Ute cultural heritage.

Brunot Agreement

The Brunot agreement of 1873 was negotiated with the Confederated Utes and the U.S. government, represented by Felix R. Brunot, at the Los Pinos Agency on September 13, 1873. Ute chiefs, headmen and other members of the Tabeguache, Mouache, Caputa, Weenuchiu, Yampa, Grand River and Uintah bands of Ute Indians were present when the Agreement was signed. The Brunot Treaty was ratified by the United States in 1874, and is most often remembered by Utes as the agreement when their land was fraudulently taken away. The Utes were led to believe that they would be signing an agreement that would allow mining to occur on the lands located only in the San Juan Mountain area, the site of valuable gold and silver ore. About four million acres of land not subject to mining would remain Ute territory under ownership of the tribe. However, they ended up forcibly relinquishing the lands to the U.S. government. (Source: [Southern Ute Tribe](#)). The northern border of the Brunot Agreement area runs through present-day Ridgway.

Four Mile Square

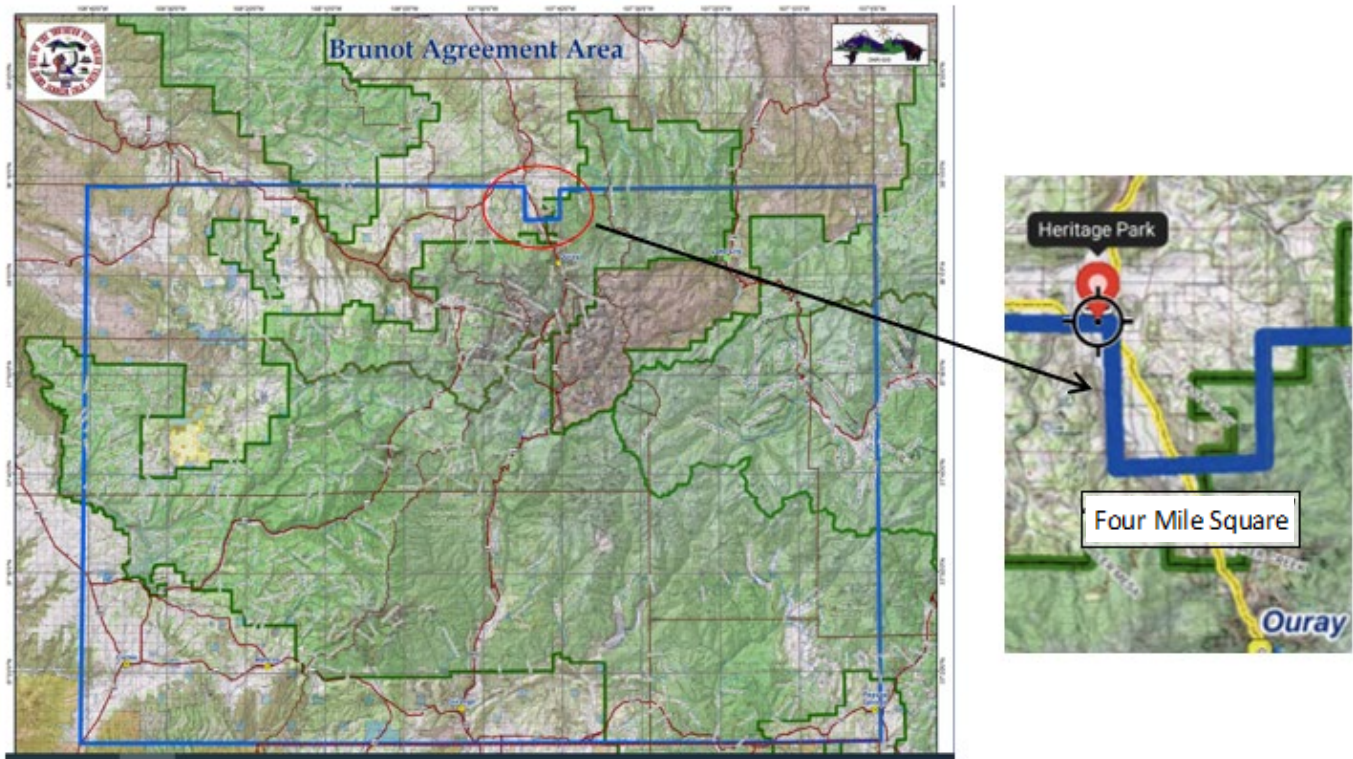
Both Ms. Brafford and Mr McCook brought up the cultural and historical significance of “Four Mile Square” when conversing about Heritage Park. Mr McCook told the story of Four Mile Square as part of the Brunot Treaty in a conversation with DHM Design on February 22, 2022:

“This area has a high significance, especially to the Uncompahgre Utes who used to live in this area for hundreds and hundreds of years. It holds some local history that I think would be very helpful for anyone that wants to know about the area and be informative. Two or three historical happenings here: One was that this was the original Ute Indian reservation. Second, it was impacted by the miners that came into the area. The [Ute Indians] had to give away a portion of the land – and that was called the Brunot Treaty. The highway that borders on the north side of [Heritage] park was the north baseline for that survey. They took all the south area down to the state line and it became the Brunot Treaty. That was taken away from the Ute Indians. Included in that was the hot springs, known today as the Orvis Hot Springs. That was not intended to be part of that withdrawal. And so, Chief Ouray and the Ute Tribe battled for that piece of ground and those hot springs to be reinstated back into their ownership of their reservation. That is called Four Mile Square. Congress gave that back to the Ute Indians so they could enjoy the Orvis Hot springs, as it’s known today. That is a significant piece of local history there. When [the Ute people] were removed, they lost the whole thing anyway. So, the significance of those two congressional acts is a local history that is not told anywhere else except here. I believe it has significant meaning to the area, and people who come there would be surprised to know some of those happenings.”

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Mr McCook explained that Uncompahgre means “red lake” or “red water” and refers specifically to the hot springs at the base of the mountain south of Ridgway within Four Mile Square currently known as Orvis Hot Springs. Ute people had visited the sacred hot springs for generations for healing and other cultural practices.

The Heritage Park site sits at the corner of the Four-Mile Square area which can be seen on the Brunot Area map ([source: Southern Ute Tribe](#)) and close-up with annotations added by staff, based on conversations with Mr McCook.



Conversations with Mr McCook were very enlightening and made staff aware of the historical and cultural significance of the Heritage Park site. The CIF realized this project may be more than just a park, but a potential historic preservation project. The CIF asked the Colorado State Historic Preservation office for guidance in how to approach historic preservation of Indigenous culture and history. State staff instructed that the Town consult with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices around developing interpretive materials related to the culturally significant history of the site. Any state level Historic preservation funding opportunities for this project would be contingent on collaboration with THPOs.

Tribal Historic Preservation Offices

In keeping with *The National Historic Preservation Act*, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) were established in all three Ute Tribes in 2021 to educate and inform tribal members and the general public regarding the rich cultural heritage of the Ute people and their land and to advise and assist (where appropriate) Federal and State agencies and local governments in carrying out their historic preservation responsibilities.

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Review of the 2005 *Tribal Consultation Best Practices in Historic Preservation* by the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers yielded these key take aways:

- Government-to-government consultation considered the right way to do business (Commerce Clause of Constitution)
- The National Historic Preservation Act requires federal gov to be in consultation with Indian Tribes on places of traditional religious and cultural significance, in identifying and determining treatment modalities within the area of potential effect of an undertaking. This requirement applies regardless of the location of the historic property.
- Elements of successful consultation between Tribes and governments include:
 - Consultation must occur early in the project planning process
 - Both sides must plan for meetings and be informed of the project scope and effect prior to attempting consultation
 - The parties must engage in a dialogue predicated on mutual respect and understanding of the priorities of the other and the challenges that each face
 - Having a THPO and an Agency Tribal Liaison involved in the process contributes to success
 - Having adequate funding for Tribal parties to travel to meetings, and for Agency and Tribal participants to view the site together.
 - Building relationships is the goal of successful consultation – invest funds and time to reap ongoing benefits and efficiencies in future projects.

Conclusion:

Heritage Park's proximity to the northern border of the Brunot Agreement and the disputed Four Mile Square area is culturally and historically significant, representing a piece of Ridgway area history not well-known to the public. While the Ridgway community has committed to preserving and promoting local ranching, railroad, and Western film heritage, we have not yet publicly commemorated the heritage of the Ute people, on whose ancestral homeland our community is located. Centering Ute heritage in Heritage Park presents an opportunity to begin to address this omission.

Doing this would be in keeping with Community Value 2: Sense of Community & inclusivity "Residents would like to see Ridgway remain a diverse and inclusive community, not one that is homogeneous and unwelcoming of 'others'" and Community Value 3, "Small Town Character & Identity" Goal 2, "Protect and preserve Ridgway's historic assets."

Requesting consultation with the Tribes in via formal government-to-government communication is the appropriate approach, respecting Tribal sovereignty and processes established through *The National Historic Preservation Act*. Requesting consultation at this early point would allow adequate time to establish relationship, mutual respect, and authentic collaboration on all aspects of developing the interpretive materials.

References

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Addendums:

Addendum A: Ute Reservations Information List provided by CJ Brafford, Feb 9, 2022

Addendum B: Native Plants, Medicinal and First Food Sources List, provided by Roland McCook and Morgan February 23, 2022

Addendum C: November 3, 1994, *The Ridgway Sun*, Christopher Pike, “Orvis Hot Springs, Enchanted and Sacred...”

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Addendum B:

From: Orvid McCook

Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:33 AM

To: Tera Wick

Subject: Re: Ute cultural consultation

Native Plants, Medicinal and First Food Sources List.

Hyssop and Giant hyssop- Asthma and Bronchitis, Cold and Chest Congestion

Amaranth- High Protein Grain

Yarrow, Stops Bleeding, Respiratory, Astringent, Edible, Tea, Vitamins B and K

Raspberry- During Childbirth, Astringent Cleaning, Berries eating, Dried in breads and mush.

Big Sage Bush, Smudging and Prayers, Keep bugs away.

Common Juniper- Purification, Arthritis, Rheumatism, Urinary Problems, Branches and Boughs were used in sweat lodges and to bathe their horses to give coats a high sheen.

Mormon Tea- Bluestem- Respiratory issues and tea.

Pinion Pine-Pine Nuts and Spruce tip tea, Vitamin C

Nettles, Urtica Dioica- Iron and Vitamin C, Arthritis, Rheumatism.

Willow Bark- Fever and Headache

Aspen Bark- Aspirin, Pain, Antifungal, Antibacterial

Elderberries- Vitamin A and Encourage Sweating, Anti Inflammatory

Comfrey- Indian Knit Bone, contains allantoin and steroids for sprains and cell growth, promote healing.

Three Wing Sumac

Mullein- Expectorant, Dry Cough, Inflammations, Earache, Asthma, Smoked, Flowers Tea, Colds. Wrapped around fruits to preserve them

Dandelion- Eczema and Acne. All parts Edible, Vitamin A, B, C, D.

Salsify

Prickly Pear

Lambs Quarter

Mallow

Penny Cress

Western Blue Flax

Rose

Sunflower

Valerian

Shepherds Purse

Yampa

Wild Onion

Rabbit Brush Sunflower Family Yellow Dye, Tea and Chewing Gum

Cattail- Roots, Grilled or Baked, Antiseptic from Ashes of Leaves, Secretes a sap, Antiseptic.

Addendum C:

2 THE RIDGWAY SUN November 3, 1994

Orvis Hot Springs: Enchanted and sacred...

By Christopher Pike

The Orvis Hot Springs, located on the west side of U.S. Highway 550 a few miles south of Ridgway, is one of the most historic and popular hot springs in Colorado.

The history of this springs dates back hundreds, or even thousands of years, to before the arrival of the "white man." An overview of the former caretakers of this precious spring reveals what they really are all about and what they have to offer today.

When the Ute Indians owned Colorado and the Uncompaghe Valley long before the miners and settlers arrived, they bathed in these springs. "It is believed they considered them to be sacred, and the healing waters that bubbled up from the depths of the earth were treated with a special reverence," said the late Dorwin D. Gregory of Ouray, as quoted in Doris Gregory's publication *Hot Springs of Ouray County*.

According to Andy Kerbel, co-owner of the facility today, the Indians could not dip into the original pool that was situated 150 feet from the lodge because the water was too hot. "So they made little ponds around the pool to cool the water. To accomplish this they cut shallow canals from the travertine mound (formed by mineralized soil on the periphery of the pond), and they sat in these ponds," she surmised.

As white men gradually moved west, treaties were made with the Indians. Reservations were established for them and the Indians gave up everything east of the Continental Divide, leaving approximately the western third of Colorado for the Utes, according to P. David Smith, author of *Ouray: Chief of the Utes*.

The onslaught of gold and silver mining brought more settlers here, and the 1873 treaty gave the miners access to the San Juan Mountains; but the Uncompaghe Valley north of Ouray, was supposed to remain the property of the Indians. "In this valley was a special four-mile strip as well as some of the best farm land in the valley. The treaty promised that land to be theirs 'as long as the rivers might run and grasses grow,' and that no one should settle or reside in the Indian's territory, except persons with legal duties there," writes Gregory.

According to Smith, "The Utes thought they had the springs and the Uncompaghe Valley. It was important for them to keep the hot springs private in the treaty. If the boundary line was north of the springs, they could still keep the springs! When they signed the treaty, they still had the right to keep the springs and lose virtually the remainder of Colorado. By that time they were surrounded by settlers."

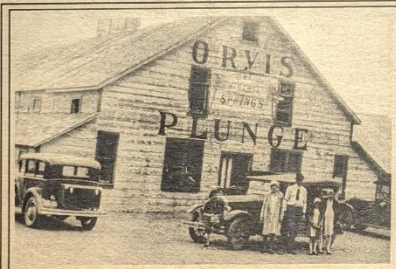
Why did the Indians struggle to keep the springs while ceding all of their surrounding territory? In *Ute Mountain Mysteries*, the answer can be found: "The springs were used by the Utes who believed them to be

government land and open to settlement, but the same fall President Grant ceded back to the Indians a strip of land two miles in all directions from the hot spring. This took in our ranch and others." And on page 3 of her transcribed diary, Orvis wrote: "In the early fall of that year (1877) feed for the cows became dried up and eaten off, so Mr. Jarvis bought the squatter's right to the Hot Springs Ranch from Tom Goshorn who built a stockade hut and was bathing in it. We paid him a team of young Hambletonian mares, harness and wagon, and one hundred dollars in cash. We moved our dairy and dwelling, but not the two cabins."

According to P. David Smith, "The 'whites' had gone down there and illegally used the lands. They felt it was by divine right. They were told not to stake claims until government surveying. Some were jailed for squatting, and a fight had gone on for a long time."

Mr. Jarvis died on February 14, 1879. By this time the Indians were being pressured to leave in full, propelled by an uprising on the White River near Meeker in which the Utes, holding their ground, killed several U.S. Cavalry soldiers and settlers trespassing on their reservation. By late January 1880, a tentative agreement was reached, subject to two-thirds ratification by the entire tribe. Though Chief Ouray never approved of the treaty, he died before the tribal council would overrule him, on August 25, 1880. "The payment for the strip that included the springs was \$10,000, which was not fully paid for another 50 years," notes Smith.

RIDGWAY NEIGHBOR



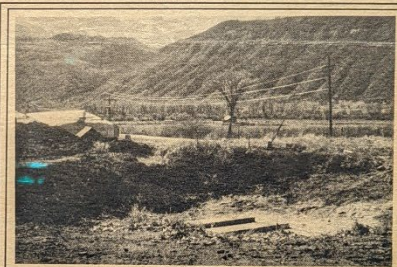
ORVIS PLUNGE - built at an original cost of \$1,500, as it looked in the late 20s. (Photo courtesy of Doris H. Gregory)

enchanted. Indian legend told that once there was a geyser there." Ernest Ingersoll, a Harper's Weekly reporter traveling through the region in 1883, called the pond "...a copious spring of hot mineral water."

In spite of the treaties, settlers moved onto the land, planted crops and built their houses," according to Gregory. The prevailing attitude of the times was expressed in the *Ouray Times* newspaper: "The question uppermost in the minds of every person is whether the industrious whites, who will cultivate, improve and make valuable the land, or a few Indians, who are of no benefit to themselves or anybody else, are to occupy and hold the land adjoining town."

One such "industrious white"

was a man named Tom Goshorn, who squatted on land surrounding the hot springs during the early 1870s. According to the diary of Sarah Eloisa Randall Jarvis Orvis, "A Mr. Jarvis bought the Hot Springs Ranch from a squatter living on the place named Tom Goshorn, in the late fall of 1877, and we took possession immediately and have never left the place..." according to an excerpt published in a *Ouray* paper on February 28, 1941. "When we came to this place it was



ACTUAL HOT SPRINGS, now sealed, from where water is piped 150 feet to present site. (Photo by Christopher Pike)

On Sept. 7, 1881, the last Ute moved out of the Uncompaghe Valley and the hot springs zone. According to Gregory, "The Utes had lost their sacred hot springs forever. It was not long before the Indian land in the four-mile strip was declared open for homesteading. The settlers living there could now go to the Ouray County Courthouse and get deals for the land on which they squatted." In June 1882, Lewis F. Orvis "...rode into town on a saddle horse and took up with the widow Jarvis," according to his grandson, Walter, of Ridgway. He married Sarah Jarvis and they made their home at the hot springs.

According to Gregory, "Lew was known as a rancher and dairyman, and brought in shipments of cattle from Arizona. He eventually built a stone house and a 'fine barn' on his ranch in 1903." He later obtained legal water rights to the springs in 1904, according to Jeff Kerbel, the current owner of the hot springs.

After a fire destroyed the barn in 1916, his son Louis Orvis, Jr. considered the possibilities of using the hot springs as a public swimming pool, which he built over the barn's foundation. In 1919, Lewis excavated 150 feet over from the actual site, piping the water in and establishing both hot and cold water into the pool at all times, stabilizing the water temperature and keeping the water fresh and sanitary. The enclosed pool, then called the Orvis Plunge, was doing a thriving business and was a favorite resort for the people of Ridgway, Ouray and Montrose from the first day it was opened in 1919.

In 1925, Orvis constructed a large lake for fishing and built a club house near the Orvis Plunge, which opened on September 6, 1929. The Orvis Club House proved to be a very popular place with the many parties and dances held there by the churches and schools through the '30s and '40s, according to Gregory.

In 1933, Orvis sold the land and the hot springs to Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. McWilliams, who kept it for five years and sold it to Mrs. Ed Krisher. Mrs. Krisher handed it until her health forced her to close it. The building eventually fell into disrepair over the years, and finally burned completely in a fire in February 1961. "All that was left standing was the original metal merry-go-round in the children's pool and some water pipes," notes Gregory.

The Lopa Hydrotherapy Center became the new incarnation of the original plunge site in 1972, directed by Louis and Paul Whit. It was housed in a one-story building and purportedly carried water containing 2,495.4 parts per million of minerals. "For the first time since the Indians left, the hot springs were used for healing," writes Gregory. "Therapy techniques were used to release nerve pressures, stimulate circulation, alleviate muscle spasms and cramps, headaches and the aches and pains of arthritis, neuritis and bursitis." After 1980, the new managers were Dr. Jack M. Personne and his wife, who added chiropractic to the services available there.

In 1986, Jeff and Andy Kerbel purchased the property under foreclosure and made it their own. During the next several years they remodeled the lodge and spa area, created a new outdoor pond, established soaking tubs, a sauna and massage center. They replumbed the entire complex and made the tubs and pools operate on a flow-through basis requiring no chemical treatment. "It is a place where people can relax and be left alone. People really need that," says Jeff. The outdoor pond, which is built of Dakota sandstone, is five feet deep and 35 feet in diameter. It has hot mineral water continuously flowing in from the bottom and the sides, and a year-round temperature of 103-105 degrees, according to the popular guide *Hot Springs and Hot Pools of the Southwest*.

In keeping with the spirit of the Indians, and based on common sense, strict rules are enforced regarding behavior and drinking. Alcohol consumption on the premises is not permitted. Says Dennis O'Rourke, one of the managers there, "The hot water will draw water out of your body faster than a sauna, so be careful."

The mineral springs, which contain calcium, magnesium, bicarbonate, sulfate and lithium, among other minerals, have true healing powers and must be respected. Under Jeff and Andy's care, the springs are now being utilized for the best of purposes. ■

Addendum D:

4 November 11-18, 2005

SCENE - Montrose Daily Press

On the Cover

Orvis Hot Springs back in the family after 72 years

COURTESY STORY AND PHOTO

The Orvis family has recently reacquired Orvis Hot Springs, Ouray County's 'hottest' attraction. After 72 years, Ken and Cristy Orvis of Ridgway purchased the Hot Springs in September. "We are excited about this opportunity and plan to make a good thing better", said Ken Orvis.

The Ute Indians considered the springs their own, long before the 'white man' arrived in the Uncompahgre Valley. They were thought to be sacred and enchanted and even carried their own legend. The actual spring was too hot for the Indians and so they created little pools around the spring in which to divert the water in an effort to cool it.

Settlers eventually moved in and around Ouray County as gold and silver mining became popular. The 1873 Treaty gave the miners access to the San Juan

Mountains and a special four mile strip south of Ridgway was to remain the property of the Indians. Treaties were made with the Indians and Reservations were established in other areas. Eventually, the Indians gave up all of Colorado, except for the springs and land surrounding.

Sarah Eloisa Randall Jarvis Orvis, Ken Orvis' great-grandmother, and her husband, Jarvis, bought the squatters rights to the Hot Springs Ranch from a man named Tom Goshorn, in 1877. They gave Mr. Goshorn "a team of young Hambletonian mares, a harness and wagon, and one hundred dollars in cash", according to Sarah's diary. That same fall, President Grant confirmed the Indians rights to the Hot Springs Ranch for 2 miles in all directions. In fact, Sarah received a letter from the Indian Agency telling her to

leave or they were coming to make her leave. Sarah's grandson, the late Walter Orvis, told about the letter and the outcome. "They never came, and she never left."

Mr. Jarvis died on February 14, 1879. Sarah braved the Indians and often wrote in her diary of watching them soak in the waters. Sarah was an object of fascination by the Indians because of her reddish hair. She was often asked when she would move away. Her response was "as soon as the ponies were fat". Her diary also recalls a tunnel, which was built in the hill for her safety when the Indians visited.

A prominent rancher and dairyman named Lewis Frederick Orvis Sr. came to the area and had a ranch up Cow Creek. Sarah's brother Wirt Randall, a friend of his, introduced Lewis to Sarah in 1882. They soon married and Lewis sold his Cow Creek ranch and they made their home at the Hot Springs Ranch. Patents in the Orvis name were then acquired for the 80 acres they had purchased from Goshorn, land that the family still owns today.

The Orvis Plunge
In 1919, Sarah and Lewis' son, Lewis Jr., contemplated a public swimming pool. Lewis Jr. excavated and enclosed the pool, which was filled with both hot and cold water at all times. The pool was named the Orvis Plunge, and it was a thriving business as well as a favorite spot for people in Ridgway, Ouray, and Montrose, from day one. The Plunge included a unique merry-go-round carousel within the pool. Later, the Orvis Club House was built for parties and dances which was again a popular place enjoyed by all.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERESE H. GIBSON AND ROB DIETRICH
Orvis Plunge - built at an original cost of \$1,500, as it looked in the late '20s.

During the Great Depression, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. McWilliams purchased the Hot Springs in 1933 from Lewie Jr. They ran the business for five years and then sold it to Mrs. Ed Krisher. Mrs. Krisher was later forced to close the business for health reasons and the building eventually fell into disrepair. Fire destroyed the building in 1961 and basically all that was left was the carousel.

New ownership in 1972, by Paul and Lois Witt, formed the Lopa Hydrotherapy Center. Once again, the hot springs were used as healing waters. Later, Dr. Jack and Romagene Personne took over management and added chiropractic services to the business.

In 1986, Jeff and Andy Kerbel purchased the property, borrowed the Orvis name, and poured their heart and soul into the facility for 15 years. They remodeled the lodge and spa, created a new outdoor pond, which is actually built right over a hot spring, and added a sauna and massage center. They also established the clothing optional atmosphere. The Kerbels sold the business in 2001 to family friend, Jack Cosgrave who

continued with many of the outside improvements you see today. Jack reinstated the massage program, landscaped the grounds and added two new pools.

Back in the Family

The Orvises have many plans for the resort and are excited about it being back in the family. The Lodge remodel is already done, each room being uniquely furnished and decorated, and construction is underway for larger changing rooms and kitchen. The pool house is going to be completely rebuilt this winter. A new leach field is under way, and cold spring water is currently being tested for use in the ponds. The outdoor areas will remain clothing optional and the indoor pool has reverted to 'costumes required' during business hours. The Orvises ultimate goal is to create a facility that they, as well as customers throughout the region, can enjoy and take pride in. "We would like to thank all of our family, friends, and employees for their support, energy and commitment during this project", said Ken and Cristy Orvis.

The Orvises have brought back the management team

Orvis continued page 8

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of Terese Gibson and Rob Dietrich. A Grand Reopening, Appreciation Day, Free Soak Day, and Open House is being planned for Saturday, November 19, beginning at 12 noon. There will be food and drinks, live music, and door prizes all afternoon. The Orvis family, Terese, Rob and the staff at Orvis Hot Springs would like to invite everyone to come join us and experience the new Orvis and celebrate with us. The Orvis Hot Springs and Lodge is open year-round from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. everyday.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ORVIS FAMILY AND ORVIS HOT SPRINGS
Water Carousel - A unique merry-go-round at the Orvis Plunge was the source of much youthful enjoyment. Here Marian (Johnson) Cooper, Helen and Eugenia Beasley give it a whirl.

AGENDA ITEM #13



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Tera Wick, Community Initiatives Facilitator
Date: June 1, 2022
Agenda Topic: **New Ridgway Creative Main Street Branding System**

ACTION BEFORE COUNCIL:

Council is asked to provide direction on the proposal, if any, and approve the updated branding system for Ridgway Creative Main Street.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the Ridgway Creative District and the Ridgway Main Street Program, two state-level community and economic development programs administered by the Town, were administratively combined to form the Ridgway Creative Main Street (RCMS). The Town Council approved this merger as did our state-level partners, Colorado Creative Industries and Colorado Main Street.

The 2022 Creative Main Street work plan includes the following objective: “Objective 1:3: Generate promotional pieces that communicate the value of Creative Main Street, including its objectives and achievements, in order to better inform citizens, businesses and organizations and invite collaboration. Re-brand new structure and update websites. (By August 2022; by Town staff and Group).”

In consultation with the RCMS committee, technical assistance was obtained from Colorado Main Street (COMS) to hire community rebranding consultants. On the Town’s behalf, COMS contracted with Matt Ashby from Ayers and Associates and Ben Muldrow from Arnett Muldrow & Associates to implement a community re-branding process with RCMS called PickAxe Refresh. The same consultants were used for the community rebranding that resulted in “Ridgway: Think Outside” branding campaign in 2018. The goal of the refresh was to propose a new, easy-to-remember name for Ridgway Creative Main Street as well as a brand identity with an expanded color palate and new event logos.

With input from the CIF, the PickAxe team developed some preliminary design ideas. On May 10, Matt and Ben visited Ridgway, both in-person and virtually via Zoom, along with Gayle Langley COMS staff member. Matt



Community members weighing in on RCMS Branding. May 10, 2022, Sherbino Theater



facilitated a conversation with the RCMS committee about their vision for the RCMS brand identity. That same evening, RCMS hosted an open happy hour which was attended by over 30 Ridgway creatives and entrepreneurs. Participants gave input on community identity, colors, and fonts via an interactive process facilitated by Matt. On May 11, Ben Muldorow presented a new branding system proposal for Ridgway Creative Main Street based on the community input.

The new proposed name is “Ridgway Fuse, a Colorado Creative Main Street Program”. The new branding system also includes a new colors, logo, fonts and event logos. The slides from Ben’s presentation are attached. The new branding is designed to allow the RCMS to expand from the two-color palate of the Town branding in a way that reflects the creative vitality the RCMS intends to spark. A 30-minute video of Ben’s presentation can be viewed at this link: <https://youtu.be/vwvJzhw4BeU>. He does an excellent job of explaining how the brand connects with Ridgway’s creative identity. He also explains how the branding can be employed. On May 17, the Ridgway Creative Main Street committee decided by consensus to propose adoption of the new branding system, pending approval from Town Council. We have already begun to use the branding in limited applications for the Ridgway Independent Film Festival and First Friday.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no cost to the Town of Ridgway for implementation of the new branding system.

The value of this technical assistance was \$7,365 which was paid to the consultants directly by COMS so did not impact the Town of Ridgway’s budget.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“I move to approve the new branding system for Ridgway Creative Main Street Program.”

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Proposed Fuse Branding System Images



Ridgway Creative District

PICKAXE REFRESH

MATT ASHBY & BEN MULDROW



AVRES

 **ARNETT MULDROW**



Seems to have become more place related
Defined geographic district
PLACE BRAND



People Driven
Inclusive
Energy
Momentum
ORGANIZATION BRAND



Collective Thoughts

PICKAXE REFRESH

MATT ASHBY & BEN MULDROW



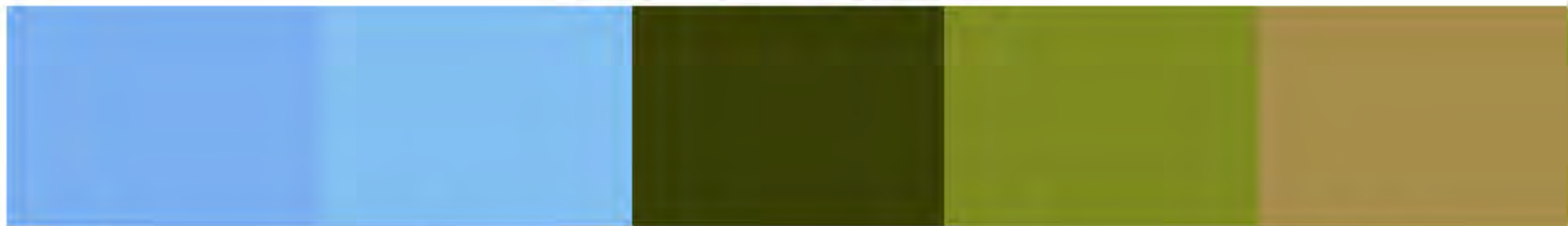


Community Colors

What additional colors feel most like Ridgway to you?



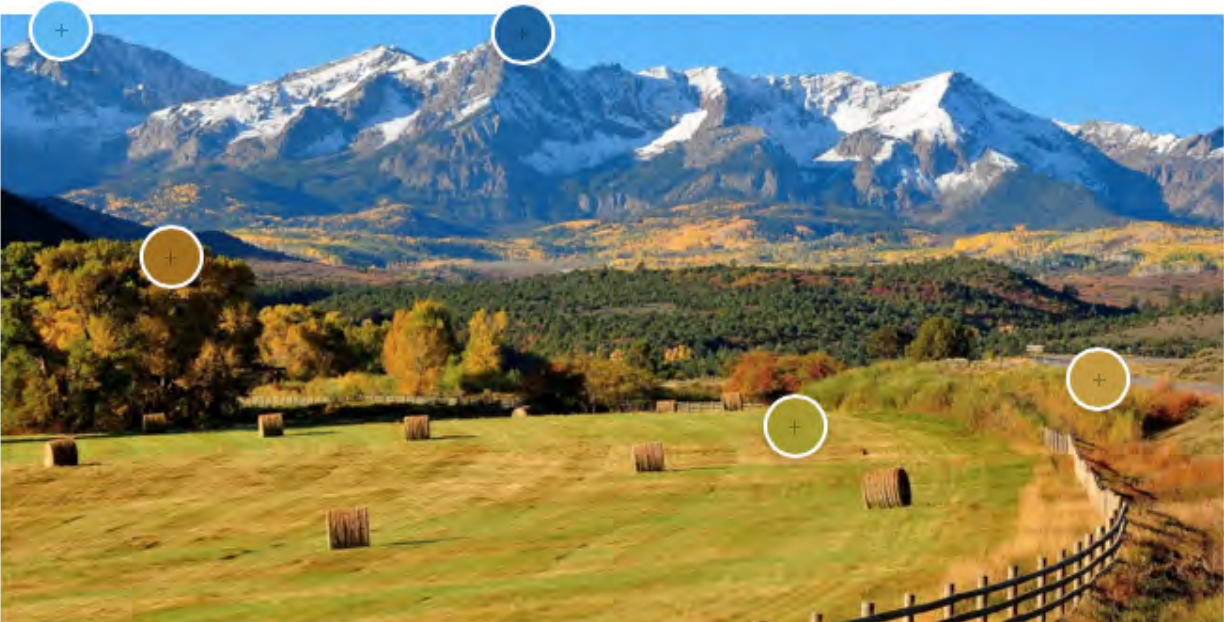
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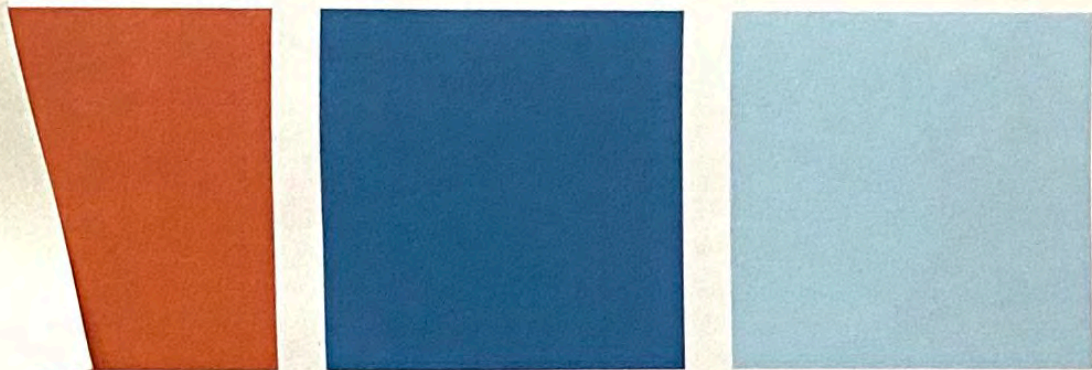


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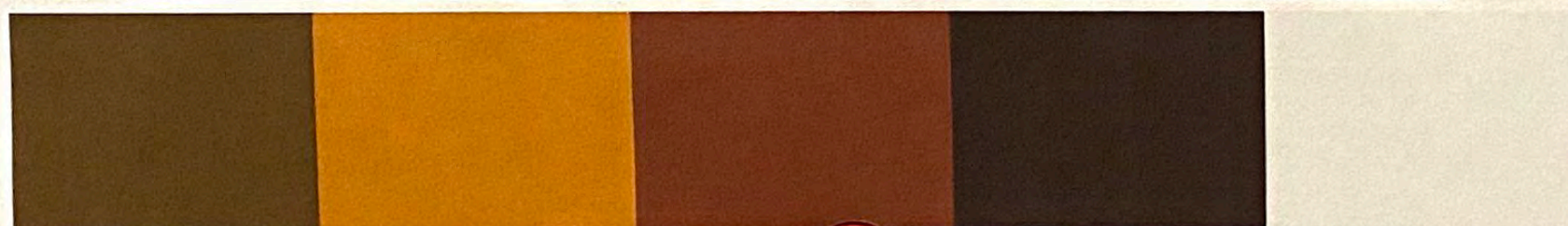
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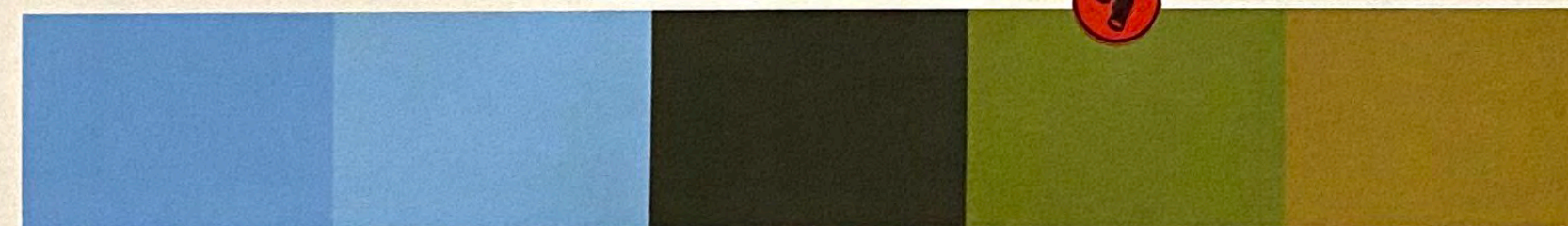
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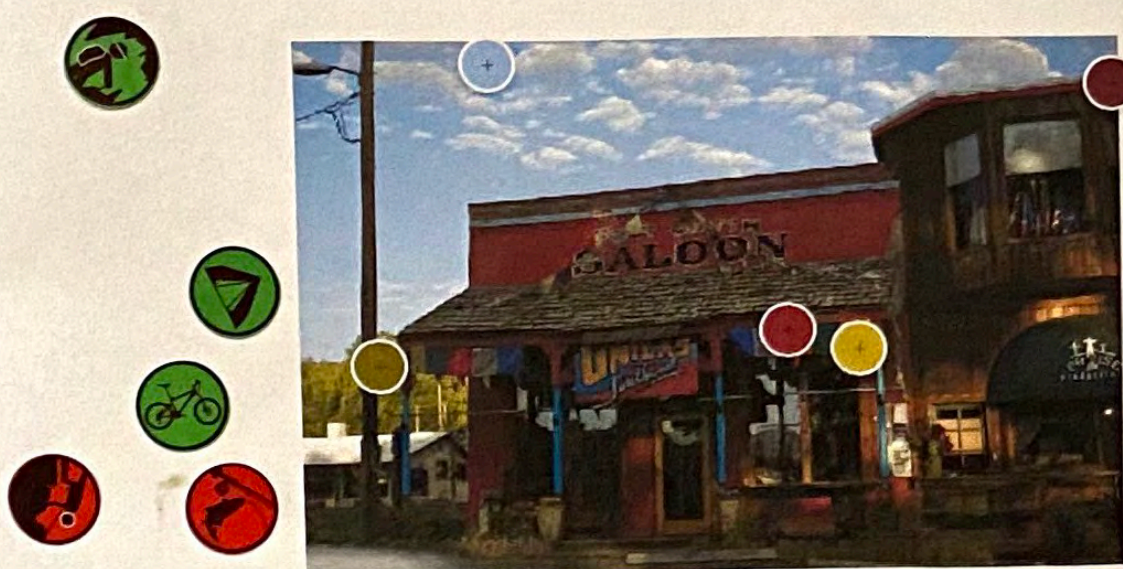
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I am your colors



Community Type

What additional typefaces feel most like Ridgway to you?

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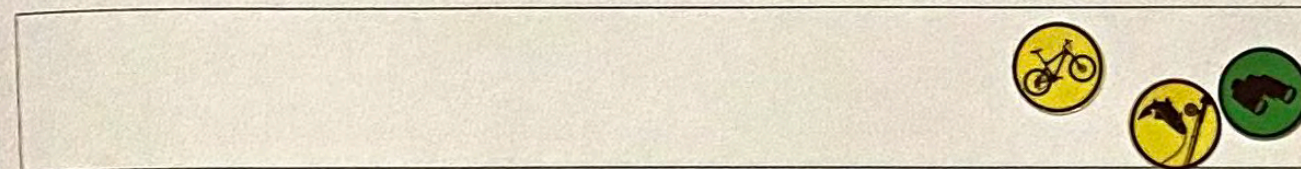
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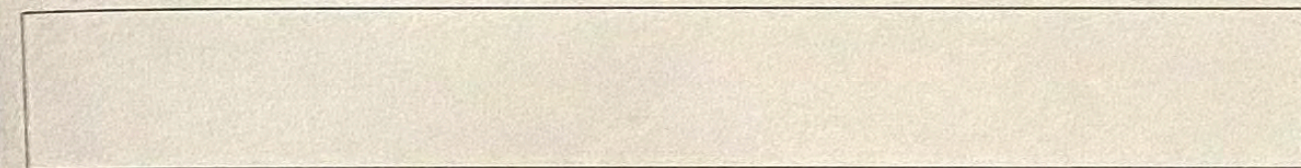


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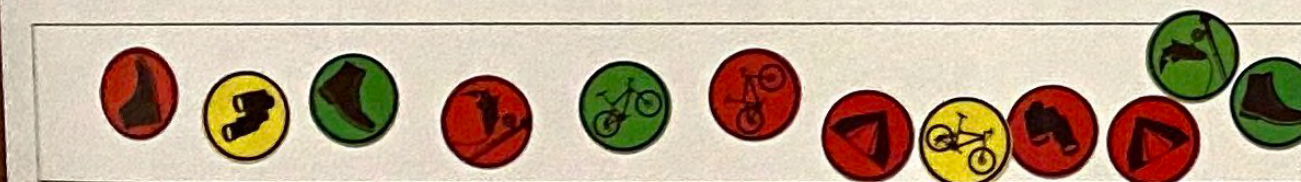
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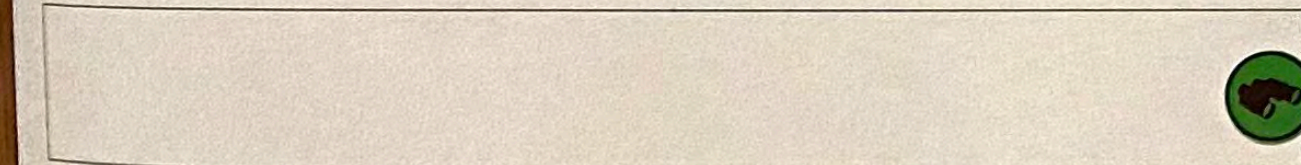
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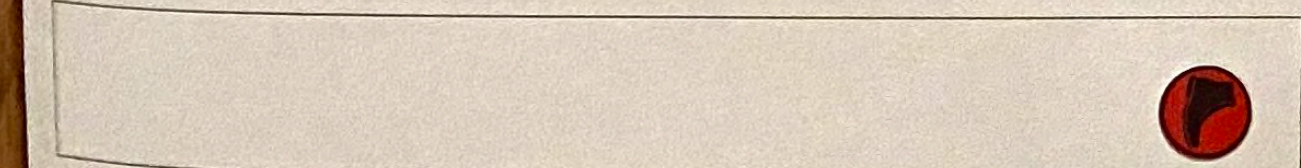
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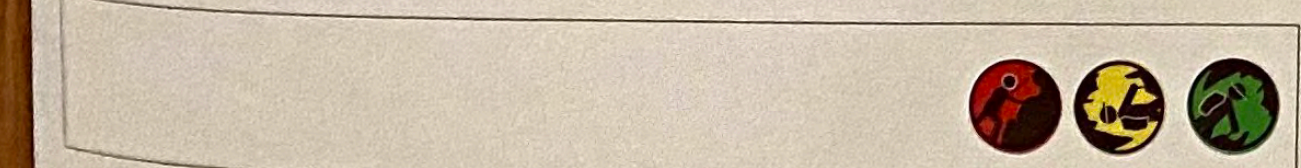
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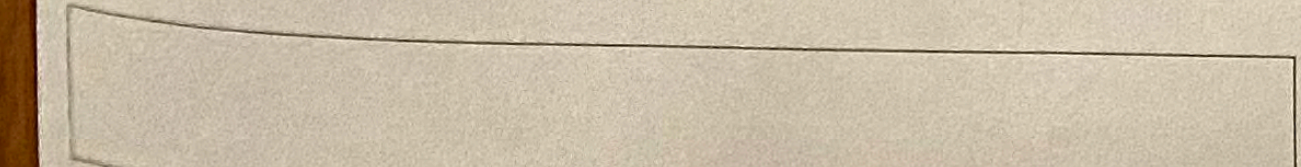
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I am your Secondary Typeface

Ridgway

I am your Wordtype



Personality

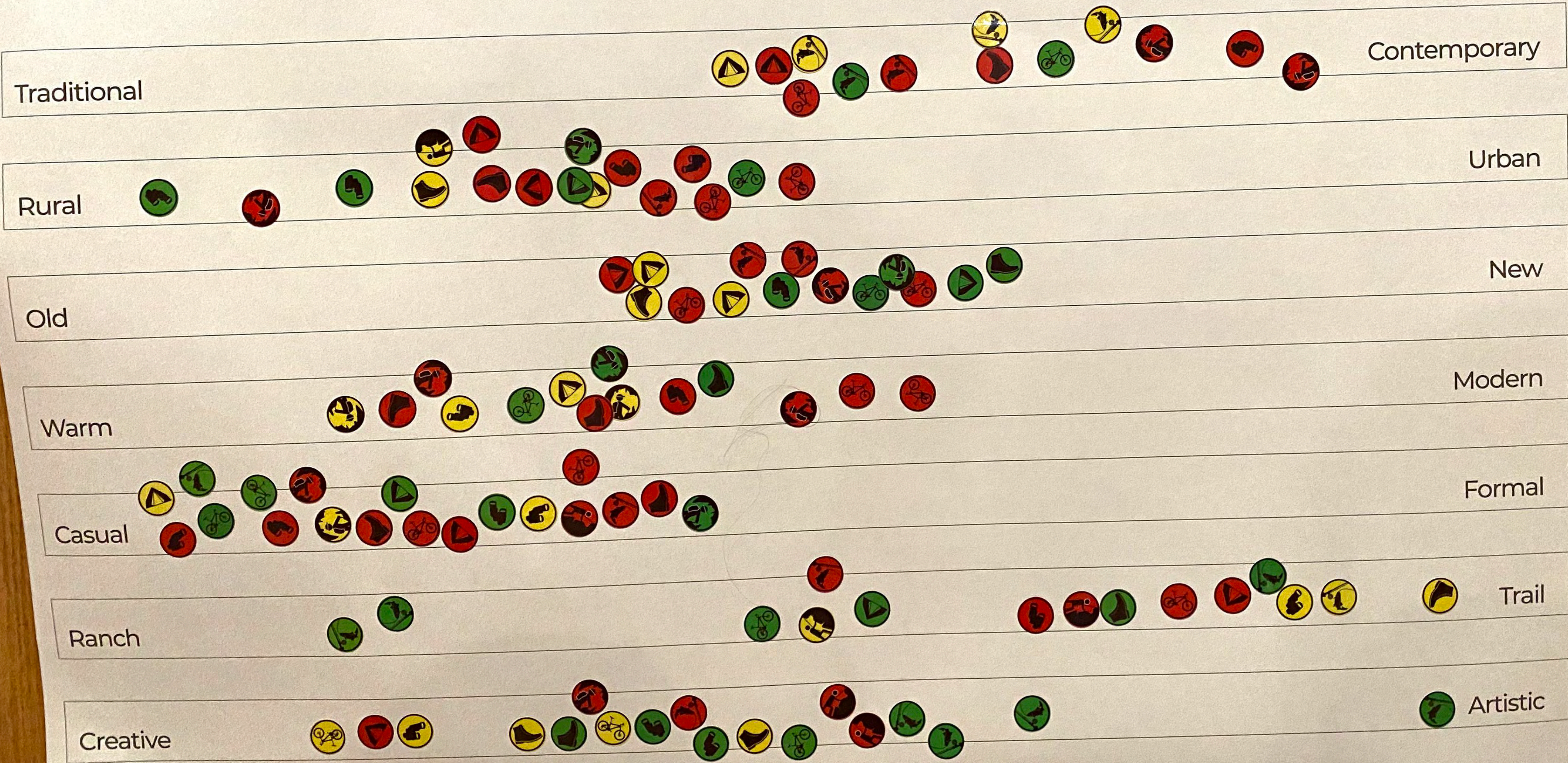
How would you describe Ridgway?

Traditional	Contemporary
Rural	Urban
Old	New
Warm	Modern
Casual	Formal
Ranch	Trail
Creative	Artistic



Personality

How would you describe Ridgway?





Our Name

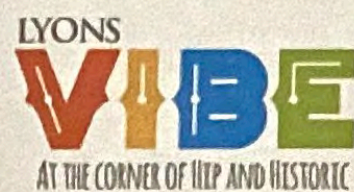
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CONFLUENCE Local *Hub-Spoke
CONFLUENCE OF THE SAN JUAN
memories
PATHWAY TRAIL
SPACE OPEN
WELCOMING
GARDEN
CULTIVATE
NURTURE
CO-OP
SKY
BLUE
Belonging
in love with the town/mts.
Freedom.
Inclusion
DEPTH
CROSSROADS
inclusive
Creative Connection Education Support.
Community
Belong!
Vibrant
Friendly Open Outdoorsy
Rebellious Unconventional
Unique
Thrive
INNOCENCE
WELCOMING
DIVERSE
ALIVE
FRIENDLY
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not Great Place

Let's Light it up!

Ridgway's Creative Main Street program brings the spark of artistic innovation to a community that prides itself on standing alone from the herd. If you want to join a group of like-minded individuals hell-bent on fierce independence, bring your passion, add a little heat, and help us connect Ridgway's creatives like never before.



We are FUSE – a Colorado Creative Main Street. Together, we are sparking an innovation in visual, performing and culinary arts to provoke place-based prosperity custom-built for the **Ridgway lifestyle.**



A COLORADO CREATIVE MAIN STREET PROGRAM

People are the power behind FUSE – we pride ourselves on being a bit rebellious, welcoming the dreamers and risk-takers willing to stake a claim on individuality. We firmly believe that in supporting the distinctive, we are collectively more intriguing.

We are the confluence of the historic - the steam-engine and the bucking horse – with the imaginative - the elegant and aesthetic – ***creating a hybrid vernacular of today's modern West.***



ORGANIZATION



WE CONNECT

ECONOMIC VITALITY



WE GATHER

DESIGN



WE BUILD

PROMOTIONS



WE SPIN

Through our confluence of efforts, we Connect;
Gather; Build; and Spin.

We Connect: by facilitating cross-sector connections to welcome, value and nurture diverse Ridgway perspectives. (This is the Main Street Organization Point.)

We Gather: by supporting, planning and executing events that showcase Ridgway's creative and entrepreneurial spirit. (This is the Main Street Economic Vitality Point.)

We Build: by championing initiatives that make Ridgway's physical fabric fiercely distinguishable for generations to come. (This is the Main Street Design Point.)

And We Spin: by broadcasting through various community channels the impact of creatives in Ridgway. (This is the Main Street Promotions Point.)

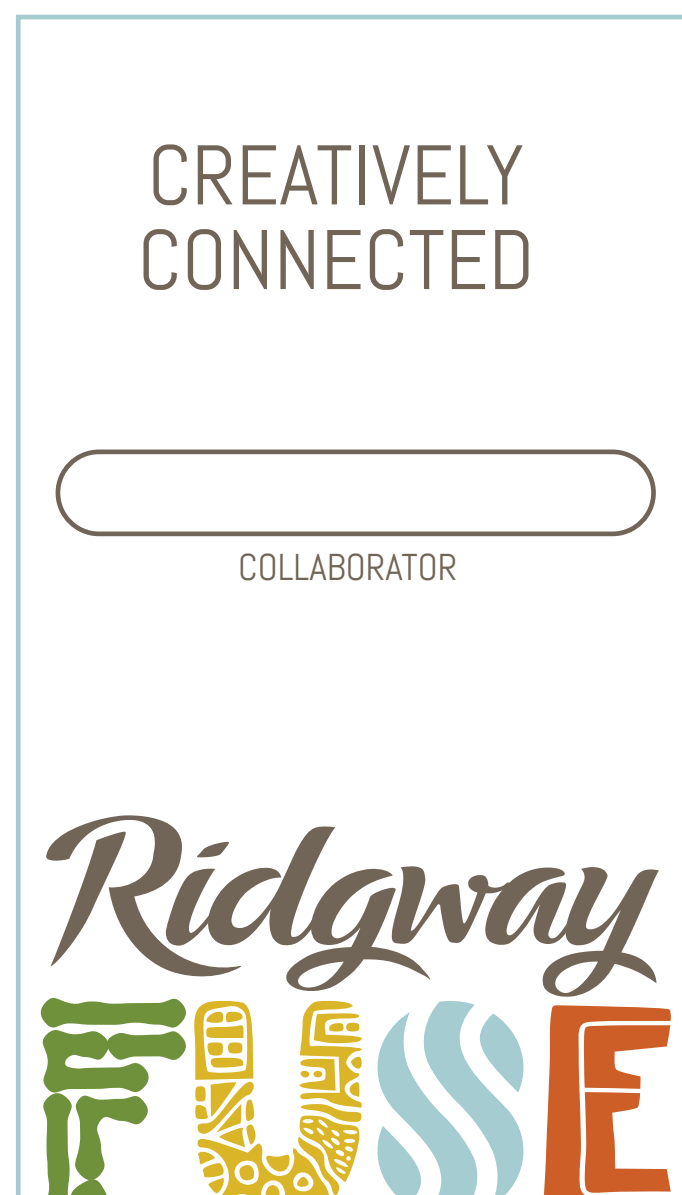
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FUSE – The feeling evokes innovation beyond government.

As we roll out the new branding for Ridgway Creative Main Street, our team is welcoming a new day, embracing individuality, with a name that shrugs off the stodginess of traditional government. We're embarking on a vibrant new future that isn't bounded by the pronouns "district" or "program" but is pointed toward a horizon that thrives on innovation, blending the finest of what public and private sectors have to offer. In this manner, we are fusing-together the best of both worlds – invoking the stability of government support for a long-term vision, while channeling the free-spirited movement of Ridgway's creatives to nurture and cultivate authentic place-based community development. We invite you – to join FUSE and watch the sparks fly!





-  ECONOMIC VITALITY
-  PROMOTIONS
-  DESIGN
-  ORGANIZATION



RIDGWAY INDEPENDENT

FILM

Fest 2023



RIDGWAY FRIDAY



ReFUSE TO SETTLE

Its no coincidence that FUSE starts with “FU”: We refuse to settle for the ordinary when we can spark something greater. Take our streetscape. Where other settle for manufactured fixtures out of a catalog, FUSE established a program to create individual works of art for our benches, planters and other elements. When it comes to creativity, we Re-FUSE to settle.



BRANDTOUCH IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST

PHASE 1

Adopt Brand

- ☐ Board/Council Adoption
- ☐ Share Brand Link with Design Partners

Technical Integration

- ☐ Install Fonts
- ☐ Copy Brand Folder to Local Drive
- ☐ Adopt Internal Toolbox with staff

PHASE 2

Social Media

- ☐ Update Facebook Profile
- ☐ Update Instagram Profile
- ☐ Update Twitter Profile
- ☐ Update Pinterest Profile
- ☐ Load Photos as gallery in Facebook
- ☐ Create Pinterest Board with Brand Elements

Online

- ☐ Update Colors on Webpage
- ☐ Add New Graphics
- ☐ Update Favicon
- ☐ Add Brand Statement to Website
- ☐ Add Styleguide Request
- ☐ Add Brand Resources Page

PHASE 3

Communication

- ☐ Update Email Signature
- ☐ Adopt Powerpoint Template
- ☐ Adopt Digital Letterhead
- ☐ Upload Brand Materials to Email Newsletter
- ☐ Adopt Envelope Template
- ☐ Printer Updated Business Cards

Collateral

- ☐ Share Brand Resources
- ☐ Share Merchadising Examples
- ☐ Share Brand Partner Idea List
- ☐ Create Volunteer Shirts
- ☐ Create Staff Shirts
- ☐ Vehicle Graphics
- ☐ Police Badges
- ☐ Bench,Trash Can, Public Space Integration

Printing

- ☐ Shopping & Dining Guide
- ☐ Organization Brochure
- ☐ Parking Cards
- ☐ Partner Banners
- ☐ Visit Cards
- ☐ Hours Signs

Event Extension

- ☐ Logo Adoption
- ☐ Social Integration
- ☐ Marketing Integration
- ☐ Merchandise Expansion
- ☐ Signage
- ☐ Volunteer Swag

Wayfinding

- ☐ Plan Strategic Banner Strategy
- ☐ Plan Event Banner Strategy
- ☐ Explore Partnering for Comprehensive Wayfinding System
- ☐ Bike Sign System
- ☐ Bike Lane Branding
- ☐ Guerilla Pedestrian Signs
- ☐ Parking Signs

Other

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HOW TO BE A **BRAND PARTNER**

BRAND MERCHANDISE

- Hats
- T-Shirts
- Coffee cups
- Decals
- Bumper stickers
- Bags
- Shopping bags
- Cycling jerseys
- Pint glasses
- Guitar picks
- Water bottles
- Outdoor gear
- Polo shirts
- Climbing chalk bags
- Hiking stick medallions
- Rain jackets
- Guitar straps
- Koozies
- Socks
- Invent something

BRAND YOUR DIGITAL PRESENCE

- Add logo to website
- Add logos to Facebook as a gallery
- Link from web to community website
- Use hashtag
- Share photos of branded items
- Tweet the web address
- Link google photo galleries to share
- Profile pics
- Send other businesses and organizations to the web address
- Instagram people having fun

BRAND YOUR PLACE

- Request interest icons
- Look for brand extension opportunities
- Organizational logos
- Street banners
- Wayfinding signage
- Open signs
- Store hours signs
- Shopping & dining guides
- Advertising
- Pocket folders
- Visitor guides
- Business cards
- Brochures
- Annual reports
- Maps
- Trail guides
- Shopping bags
- Loyalty cards



A COLORADO CREATIVE MAIN STREET PROGRAM

From here, it's completely up to you, your community, your event, or your organization. There's no proper order, only the things that make sense for you!

SHARE WITH US

We would love to hear from you about all the amazing things you come up with to do with the brand. Please share images and stories of the brand at work with us.

CHECK OFF ONE OF THE SUGGESTIONS, AND YOU ARE A BRAND PARTNER!

BRANDSCORE CITY

ATTACHMENT 1
POINT

YOUR SCORE

TO DO



1. Do You Have A Defined Typeface?	5 points	
2. Do You Have A Color Palette?	5 points	
3. Do You Have An Municipal Seal?	5 points	
4. Do You Have An City Logo other than your Seal?	5 points	
5. Do Your Departments Have Logos in the system (not police or fire)?	2 points	
6. Do You Have A Styleguide?	5 points	
7. Do You Have An City Branded Presentation Template?	3 points	
8. Do You Have City Branded Business Card, Letterhead & Envelope?	3 points	
9. Is Your City Logo On Your Website?	5 points	
10. Do You Have An City Promotional Brochure?	5 points	
11. Is Your City Logo Your Facebook Profile?	3 points	
12. Is Your City Logo Your Instagram Profile?	2 points	
13. Do You Know What Twitter Is For?	2 points	
14. Do You Have A Traditional Or Electronic Newsletter?	3 points	
15. Do You Have A Uniform Hashtag?	2 points	
16. Do Our Events Amplify Our Brand?	5 points	
17. Does Your Gateway Include Your Logo?	5 points	
18. Do Your Street Banners Feature Your Destination Brand?	10 points	
19. Do You Make Your Volunteers Feel Part Of The Brand?	5 points	
20. Do You Address Parking With Your Brand?	5 points	
21. Is There Logo Apparel?	5 points	
22. Do you have Branded Wayfinding Signs?	10 points	

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BRANDSCORE MAINSTREET

ATTACHMENT 1 POINT

YOUR SCORE

TO DO



1. Do You Have A Defined Typeface?	5 points	
2. Do You Have A Color Palette?	5 points	
3. Do You Have An Organization Logo?	5 points	
4. Do You Have An Destination Logo?	5 points	
5. Do Your Committes Have Logos?	2 points	
6. Do You Have A Styleguide?	5 points	
7. Do You Have An Org Branded Presentation Template?	2 points	
8. Do You Have An Org Branded Business Card, Letterhead & Envelope?	2 points/ 6 max	
9. Is Your Org Logo On Your Website?	5 points	
10. Do You Have An Org Brochure?	5 points	
11. Is Your Org Logo Your Facebook Profile?	3 points	
12. Is Your Logo Your Instagram Profile?	3 points	
13. Do You Know What Twitter Is For?	3 points	
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15. Do You Have A Uniform Hashtag?	2 points	
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21. Is There Logo Apparel?	2 points	
22. Member Or Investor Benefits	2 points	



STRATEGIC EVENT CALENDAR

GOVERNMENT
VOLUNTEER
PUBLIC
OWNER
DONOR
RETAIL
SPECIAL
IMAGE

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE



A COLORADO CREATIVE MAIN STREET PROGRAM

STRATEGIC EVENT CALENDAR

JULY

IMAGE	SPECIAL	RETAIL	DONOR	OWNER	PUBLIC	VOLUNTEER	GOVERNMENT

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



MAIN5 COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

	BOARD	DESIGN	PROMOTION	ORGANIZATION	ECONOMIC VITALITY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUAL	DONOR	OWNER	PUBLIC	VOLUNTEER	GOVERNMENT
SOCIAL													
Facebook Page													
Facebook Merchant Group Page													
Facebook Volunteer Group Page													
Instagram													
Instagram Stories													
Twitter													
Pinterest Product Catalog													
Pinterest Sweet Shot Catalog													
Tik Tok													
WEB/PRINT													
Paid Print													
Earned Media													
Press Releases													
Web Updates													
Blog Posts													
Newsletters													
IMPACT Tool													
RELATION & PRESENTATION													
Council Update													
Council Presentation													
Organizations Presentation													
Volunteer Campaign													
Donor Campaign													
Sponsorship Single Ask													
Building Owner Visits													
Business Owner Visits													



PHOTO ASSET CHECKLIST

ATTACHMENT 1

Examples



Downtown Context with People



Farmers Market Vendor Shot



Restaurant with People



A COLORADO CREATIVE MAIN STREET PROGRAM



Patio Dining



Parades

Main Street Context

- ☐ Daytime
- ☐ Nighttime
- ☐ Winter
- ☐ Holidays
- ☐ Festival
- ☐ Drone

Farmers Market

- ☐ Setup
- ☐ Produce Detail
- ☐ Product Detail
- ☐ Vendor Shot
- ☐ Busy Shot
- ☐ Transaction Shot

Event

- ☐ Setup
- ☐ Marketing
- ☐ Busy Shot
- ☐ Business Owner
- ☐ Transaction Shot
- ☐ People

Business

- ☐ Storefront Day with People
- ☐ Storefront Night
- ☐ Context with People
- ☐ Product Detail
- ☐ Owner Shot
- ☐ Transaction Shot

Restaurants

- ☐ Restaurant Front-Day
- ☐ Restaurant Front- Night
- ☐ Dining Room w/ People
- ☐ Outdoor Dining w/ People
- ☐ Food Shot
- ☐ Serving Shot

Office/Co-work

- ☐ Building Front
- ☐ Interior Shot
- ☐ Employees working
- ☐ Saavy Logos on things

Parades

- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Patio Dining
- ☐ Pets
- ☐ Bike Racks

SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY

MONTHLY THEMES FOR INSPIRATION

JANUARY NEW STARTS & PLANNING	FEBRAURY DIVERSITY & LOVE	MARCH CLEAN & GREEN	APRIL BEAUTY & COLOR	MAY MAIN STREET FLAVOR	JUNE LOCAL REDISCOVERY
JULY ROAD TRIP	AUGUST HISTORY & CIVICS	SEPTEMBER FESTIVALS, EVENTS & FUN	OCTOBER FALL FOR MAIN STREET	NOVEMBER SHOP SMALL OFTEN	DECEMBER HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

WEEK BY WEEK

MONDAY PICTURES SPEAK	TUESDAY TASTE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY MAGIC STORY TIME	THURSDAY TRAILHEAD THURSDAY	FRIDAY MAIN EVENT WEEKEND	SATURDAY REST	SUNDAY REST
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DAILY POSTS

GALLERY PHOTO	FOOD PIC	INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE	HIGHLIGHT PRODUCT	PROMOTE EVENTS	STORY DURING EVENTS
BEHIND THE SCENES	MENU PIC	VIEWER POLL	VIDEO TOUR	ACTIVITIES	
OWNER IMAGE	SERVER VIDEO	ASK A QUESTION	UNBOXING VIDEO		
HISTORIC IMAGE	DESSERT POST	THANK YOUR FANS	THIS OR THAT?		

AGENDA ITEM #14



June 8, 2022

Amy Moyer
Director of Strategic Partnerships
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Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

Board of Directors
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SENT VIA E-MAIL: amoyer@crwcd.org

RE: Community Funding Partnership for Governor Basin Restoration Project

Dear Amy and Directors:

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The Project will reclaim abandoned mine lands and acidic waste dumps and tailings attributed to the historic Terrible and Virginus mines which currently mobilize cadmium, copper, lead, manganese, and zinc into Governor Creek, a tributary of Sneffels Creek and the Uncompahgre River¹. Contaminants attributed to the historic mine features cause water quality impairments and negative impacts to human health or ecological receptors². This collaborative and voluntary project will restore alpine, riparian, and aquatic habitat, and improve water quality in Governor, Sneffels, and Canyon creeks. The

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² Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, August 2018, "Assessment Report: Governor Basin: Terrible, Virginus, and Humboldt Mine Sites Near Ouray, Colorado." Pages 15-16, 28-31, and 34.



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The Project has the full support of the Ridgway Town Council as the first major request to the Community Funding Partnership made by Ouray County stakeholders. We strongly recommend that the Colorado River District fully fund UWP's Community Funding Partnership application for the project.

Sincerely,

John I. Clark
Mayor
On behalf of the Ridgway Town Council

Governor Basin Restoration Project Update

Prepared by Ashley Bembenek, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP), on May 5, 2022 for the Ouray County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Background

Governor Basin is located roughly 10 miles southwest of Ouray in the headwaters of the Canyon Creek Watershed. Governor Basin is home to the Virginius and Terrible mines; both are historic abandoned mines. Waste rock and tailings from these mines create human-health and environmental risks in the basin and substantial water quality impacts that extend several miles downstream. The Governor Basin Restoration Project will reduce these impacts by consolidating and treating mine waste and tailings, redirecting surface water flows to prevent contamination, and use designated parking areas and fences to prevent recreationists from contacting contaminated materials. The Project will address approximately 8 acres on lands owned by Ouray Silver Mines, Inc (OSMI) and the United States Forest Service (USFS).

Recent Accomplishments

- The USFS has approved the project work plan and the acting Regional Engineer has officially signed off.
- Trout Unlimited (TU) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will supervise construction which is scheduled to begin in July 2022.
- NRD staff reviewed the updated restoration plan that UWP and TU submitted in early May. NRD staff have strongly recommend that the NRD Trustees maintain funding for the project. NRD staff reported that we should move forward with project planning as anticipated.

Next Steps

- OSMI and EPA finalize Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (ASAOC). This document will provide liability protection and define other critical terms for this collaborative and voluntary project.
- UWP and TU finalize application to the Colorado River District's Community Funding Partnership (CFP, funded by ballot measure 7a that passed in November 2020). The application will be submitted on May 13th. The funding request is for approximately \$173,000.
- BOCC to revise and sign the attached letter of support to accompany CFP application. If the commissioners would like to further support the project, please consider contacting Colorado River District Board Members to encourage them to support the full funding request.
 - Marti Whitmore is the Ouray County representative
 - Other Board Members are listed [here](#).
 - Board Members will consider the application at the July board meeting.
- TU, OSMI, and EPA will continue preparing for construction, including public communications related to road closures during construction.



LYNN M. PADGETT

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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May 10, 2022

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Transmitted via email: amoyer@crwcd.org

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Respectfully,

Lynn M. Padgett, Chair

Jake Niece, Vice-Chair

Ben Tisdell, Member

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO
APPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL USE RESTRICTIONS 1) PREVENTING FUTURE LAND DISTURBANCES,
AND 2) PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE GOVERNOR BASIN RESTORATION PROJECT ON
LANDS OWNED BY OURAY SILVER MINES**

WHEREAS, the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP), with the support of Ouray Silver Mines, Incorporated (OSMI) and Trout Unlimited (TU), secured funding from the Colorado Natural Resource Damages (NRD) Program to complete a restoration project in Governor Basin, as outlined in "History and Rationale to Support Ouray County Resolution for Governor Basin Restoration Project" attached hereto as **"Exhibit A"**; and

WHEREAS, the NRD Program required recorded environmental use restrictions preventing future surface-based mining on the property and any other land disturbances that could interfere with the restoration project located on lands owned by OSMI; and

WHEREAS, the NRD Program required OSMI to provide for public access and use of all properties in the project area on lands owned by OSMI; and

WHEREAS, the Governor Basin Restoration Project, which includes waste from the Virginus and Terrible Mines, is located at 37.96923, -107.77513 in Governor Basin, approximately 10 miles southwest of Ouray, in Ouray County Colorado.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners finds the requirements of the NRD program appropriate and consistent with the goals of the Governor Basin Restoration Project. Therefore, the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County hereby adopt the following:

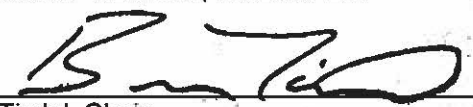
- 1) Surface disturbance that could interfere with the Governor Basin Restoration Project on lands owned by Ouray Silver Mines Incorporated is prohibited.
- 2) Public access and use of all properties in the Governor Basin Restoration Project on lands owned by Ouray Silver Mines Incorporated shall be permitted.

Adopted this 19TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

Voting for: COMMISSIONERS TISDEL, PADGETT + NIECE
Voting against: NONE

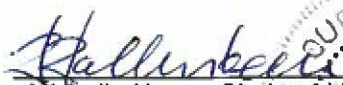
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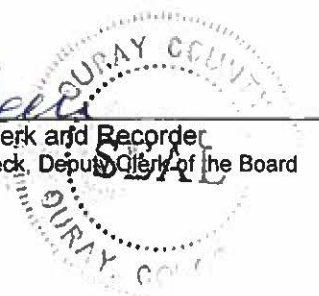
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO


Ben Tisdell, Chair


Lynn M. Padgett, Vice-Chair


Jake Niece, Commissioner Member


Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder
By: Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board



History and Rationale to Support Ouray County Resolution for Governor Basin Restoration Project

Prepared by Ashley Bembenek, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, on September 24, 2021.

In April 2018, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment provided a letter to Ouray County stakeholders. The letter listed projects completed in Ouray and San Miguel counties using Idarado Natural Resource Damages ("NRD") funds¹, identified the remaining balance of NRD funds, and encouraged Ouray County stakeholders to lead a public process to recommend projects to use the remaining NRD funds.

In the months that followed, Ouray County facilitated the public process to recommend projects to the NRD program. Two projects were identified through the public process. The Trust for Land Restoration will use NRD funds to acquire and conserve lands on and near the Silver Mountain Mine. The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, along with Ouray Silver Mines Incorporated ("OSMI") and Trout Unlimited ("TU"), will complete a restoration project to reduce environmental contamination attributed to the Revenue and Terrible mines in Governor Basin ("Project" or "Governor Basin Restoration Project").

In June 2019, the NRD trustees² adopted a resolution approving the use of Idarado NRD funds for the Project. The NRD trustees' resolution for the Project includes seven conditions that must be met to prior to the use of NRD funds. Ouray County, NRD staff, and local project partners have decided that a county resolution is the most efficient way to accomplish two of the conditions.

These conditions are 1) to prevent surface disturbance in the restored areas and 2) allow for public access and use on lands owned by OSMI. The attached resolution was drafted to satisfy the requirements of the NRD Trustees. The resolution was reviewed and is supported by UWP, OSMI, TU, and NRD staff. If Ouray County adopts the resolution, UWP will be granted the NRD funds for the Project. Project construction is planned for the summer of 2022.

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¹ In 1983, the State of Colorado filed suit against Idarado Mining Company for natural resource damages under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). In 1993, the State and Idarado entered into a consent decree outlining the remedial action plan for the Idarado site. As part of the consent decree, the state received approximately \$1.1 million dollars for NRD restoration activities in Ouray and San Miguel counties.

² The State Attorney General and the Directors of the Departments of Public Health and Environment and Natural Resources serve as the NRD Trustees.

AGENDA ITEM #15



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: June 3, 2022
Agenda Topic: **Review and action on Revocable Encroachment Permit for use of Town property to install a Post Office drop box**

SUMMARY:

Before Council for consideration is a Revocable Encroachment Permit for use of Town property to install a Post Office drop box. The Permit is attached to this memo as Exhibit 1. If approved, it will allow the Post Office to encroach on Town property by allowing them to install a drop box on the landscaped island located in the middle of the U-shaped right-of-way off of the intersection of N. Lena St. and Clinton St., and commonly used for Post Office (485 Clinton St.) parking and access. The vision for this new drop box is to afford Post Office patrons the ability to drive up and drop mail in the drop box without having to leave their vehicle. In the Encroachment Permit Application that was submitted, which is appended to this memo as Exhibit 2, there is a visual of the encroachment, but dimensions are not provided.

Section 14-3-1 of the Ridgway Municipal Code states, "It shall be unlawful for any person to use public property or rights of way including, but not limited to that portion of any street right of way outside of the roadway, for private purposes except as permitted by ordinance, franchise, public right, lease, Council permits, or otherwise in accordance with law." In short, the Town Council may grant use of Town property.

If approved by Council and before the permit can be signed and issued, the Town will need the required insurance and the \$75 application fee from the applicant. Council can waive the fee, if desired.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit 1 – Revocable Encroachment Permit
Exhibit 2 – Encroachment Permit Application



EXHIBIT 1

TOWN HALL PO Box 10 | 201 N. Railroad Street | Ridgway, Colorado 81432 | 970.626.5308 | www.town.ridgway.co.us

REVOCABLE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

Parks, Facilities and Rights-of-Way

☒ Right of Way

☐ Park

☐ Facilities

The Town of Ridgway, Colorado hereby grants to Firehouse Real Estate Investment, LLC ("Permittee"), a permit to utilize the following public property:

A portion of the landscaped island located in the middle of the U-shaped right-of-way off of the intersection of N. Lena St. and Clinton St., and commonly used for Post Office (485 Clinton St.) parking and access.

subject to the conditions set forth herein, as follows:

1. Permittee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Ridgway, its officers, employees, insurers, and self-insurance pool, from and against all liability, claims, and demands, on account of injury, loss, or damage, including without limitation claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage, or any other loss of any kind whatsoever, which arise out of or are in any manner connected with this Permit, including the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, if such injury, loss, or damage is caused in whole or in part by, or is claimed to be caused in whole or in part by, the act, omission, error, professional error, mistake, negligence, or other fault of the Permittee, or any employee of the Permittee, or which arise out of any worker's compensation claim of any employee of the Permittee. The Permittee agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, and to provide defense for and defend against, any such liability, claims or demands at the sole expense of the Permittee, or at the option of the Town, agrees to pay the Town or reimburse the Town for the defense costs incurred by the Town in connection with, any such liability, claims, or demands. The Permittee also agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, including court costs and attorney fees, whether or not any such liability, claims, or demands alleged are groundless, false, or fraudulent.
2. Permittee hereby agrees to waive any claim against the Town, its officers or employees for damage to their persons or property arising out of this Permit, the exercise of rights granted under this Permit, or the use of the public property granted herein by the Town.
3. Permittee shall maintain and use the public property at all times in conformity with Town ordinances, regulations and other applicable law, keep it in a safe and clean condition and allow no nuisance to be created by virtue of the Permit, and not allow any traffic or safety hazard to exist. Permittee shall not construct any buildings or improvements upon the public property except as authorized by this permit.
4. To the extent the encroachments are reduced, removed or discontinued, the extent of this permit shall be deemed reduced. Permittee shall not restore a reduced encroachment or expand the existing encroachment(s) in any way.



EXHIBIT 1

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5. The following conditions shall also apply:

Permittee is permitted to use Town property as shown on Exhibit A for the depicted post office drop box.

Any changes in the plan, from what is attached hereto, shall be submitted to the Town for review and approval prior to commencement of the plan. No further encroachment or expansion of the encroachment into the right of way is permitted without prior approval of the Town.

6. The Permittee will be using Town power: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Location of designated power source: N/A

7. Insurance required: ☒ Yes ☐ No

8. Type and amount of coverage, if required: General liability: \$1,000,000 each occurrence; with the Town, its officers and employees as Additional Insured; General Aggregate: \$2,000,000 per insured club or insured individual; Damage to Premises \$100,000; Workers Compensation: \$150,000 for any one person, \$600,000 for any one accident, and public property damage insurance with a minimum limit of \$100,000 for any one accident (see RMC 14-5-8), or "to cover obligations imposed by applicable laws for any employee engaged in the performance of work for Permittee".

9. The Permittee shall be responsible to reimburse the Town for all out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Town in the issuance, administration and enforcement of this permit, including reasonable attorney's fees. Permittee shall reimburse the Town for any damage caused to Town property as a result of this permit and Permittee's activities hereunder. If such amounts are not paid when billed by the Town, the Town may collect such amounts as an assessment against Permittee's abutting leased property or other property to wit:

485 Clinton St.

and certify it to the County Treasurer to be collected similarly as taxes, or collect it in any other lawful manner.

10. This permit may be revoked all or in part by the Ridgway Town Council following reasonable notice and hearing if it finds the Permittee is in material violation of the terms hereof, and the encroachments shall thereafter be removed at Permittee's expense.

The undersigned hereby accepts this Permit and all conditions above, this ____ day of June 2022.

By _____
United States Postal Service



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EXHIBIT A

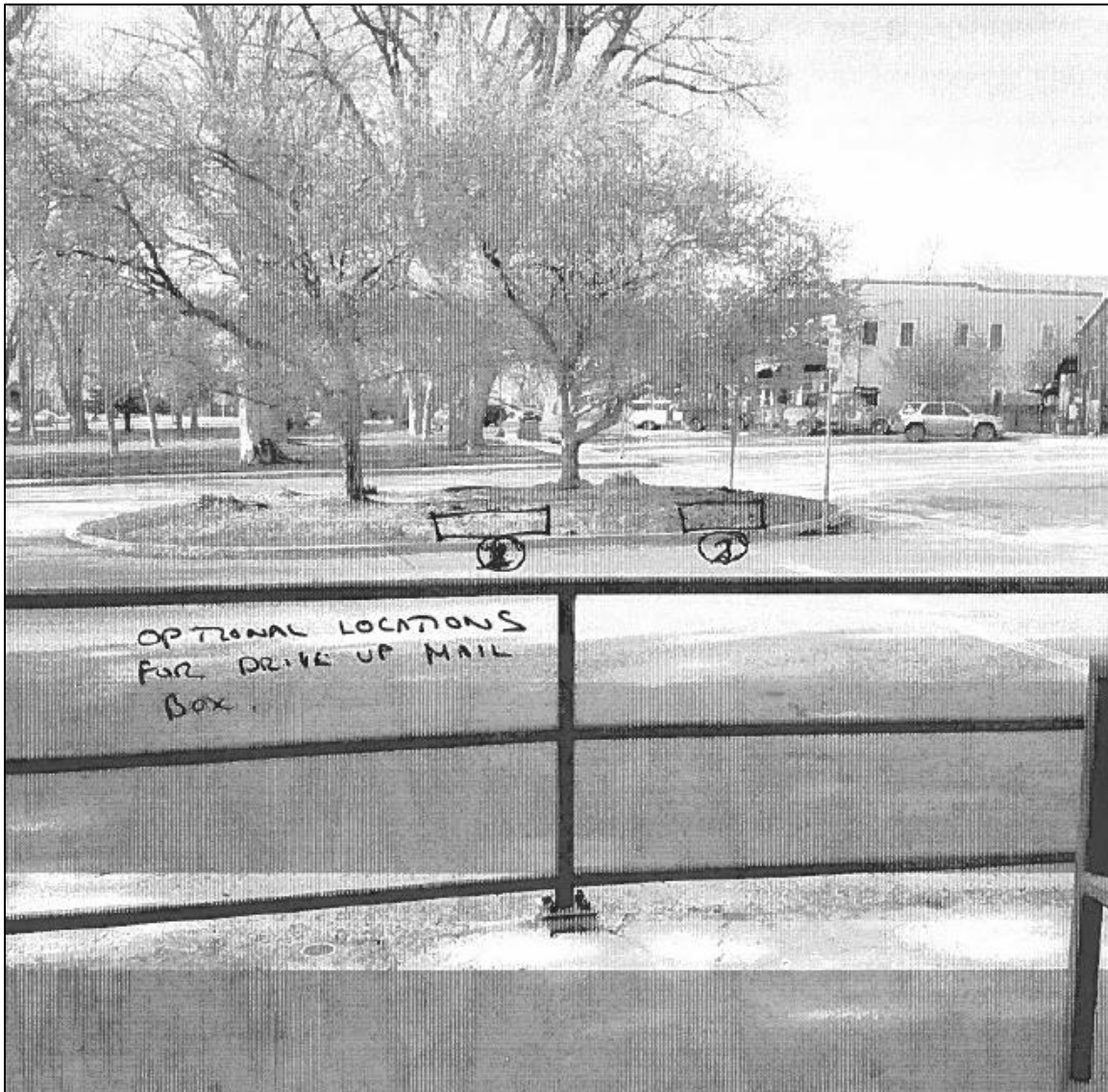


EXHIBIT 2



TOWN HALL PO Box 10 201 N. Railroad Street Ridgway, Colorado 81432 970.626.5308 www.town.ridgway.co.us

Official Use Only

Permit No.: _____

Date Received: 5-2-22Initials: [Signature]

Encroachment and Excavation Application

Applicant Information

Name John DistelPhone 970-626-5576USPSEmail john.j.distel@usps.govApplication Date 4-28-22

Project Information

Street Address for Encroachment Area

485 Clinton ST, Ridgway, Co. 81432

Subdivision

NAACCT R000311

Filing

Lot

Block

Contractor

TBD

Phone

Email

Estimated Start Date

Estimated Completion Date

APPROX 1 DAY
WHEN APPROVED

Type of Encroachment (check all that apply)

☐ Parallel (along alley or street)☐ Water☐ Sewer☐ Utility Installation (residential)☐ Power☐ Installation of Communications Utilities☐ Utility Installation (commercial)☐ Phone☐ Natural Gas☐ Driveway cut/curb cut (residential/commercial)☐ Landscaping☒ Other PAD FOR MAIL RECEPTACLE

Town Infrastructure Affected by Work (check all that apply)

☐ Street☐ Alley☐ Sidewalk☒ Landscape Area☐ Other _____

Description of encroachment, including estimated square footage of encroachments into Town property:

1 CONCRETE PAD, APPROX 2' x 4'Is traffic control or erosion protection required? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

TRAFFIC WILL ROUTE THROUGH CURRENT AREA
AS IS USED NOW

EXHIBIT 2



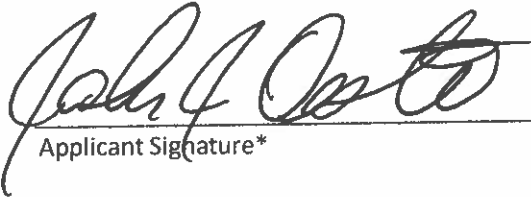
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Required Attachments for the Application

- ☒ Map of encroachment area showing the proposed location of the encroachment or excavation; and location of work, depth of utilities & tie-ins (TOWN UTILITIES)
- ☐ Workman's Compensation <for contractors that are not sole proprietors> (refer to RMC §14.5.8) **TT DD**
- ☐ Liability Insurance (refer to RMC §14.5.8) **IN PROCESS**
- ☐ Plan showing protection of subject and adjacent property, if applicable **N/A**
- ☐ Engineered drawings (CAD format), if applicable **N/A**

Costs if Applicable (to be calculated by Town staff and paid at the time of permit issuance) **TOWN PROPERTY**

- Permit Fee (Non-refundable \$100.00-minor or \$250.00-major)
- Administration Costs Deposit (Resolutions 07-07 and 12-08 & RMC 7-3-20)
- Administrative Costs, if incurred
- Performance Security – cash or irrevocable LOC (\$2 per sq. ft. non-road; \$5 per sq. ft. gravel; \$10 per sq. ft. for asphalt/hard surface)
- Rental fee (Resolution 19-06)


Applicant Signature*

4-28-22

Date

Contractor Signature*

Date

**Note that the Applicant and Contractor will also need to sign the permit when issued*

EXHIBIT 2



AGENDA ITEM #16



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: June 1, 2022
Agenda Topic: **Authorization of purchase of dissolved oxygen monitoring equipment for Ridgway Wastewater Treatment Plant**

ACTION BEFORE COUNCIL:

Council is asked to consider authorizing the purchase of dissolved oxygen monitoring system for the Ridgway Wastewater Treatment Plant.

SUMMARY:

In 2021, the Town expressed a commitment to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment that the Town would implement a sub-surface system and data logging equipment to continuously monitor dissolved oxygen in each of the cells at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Dissolved oxygen is one of the most commonly measured water quality parameters. Microbes use oxygen to consume waste and transform it into harmless end products in the treatment process at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Thus, dissolved oxygen plays a critical role in the process of breaking down wastewater contaminants such as organics or ammonia.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Last fall, this project was estimated at \$20,000 and the project was budgeted for in line item 931SOO of the 2022 Annual Budget. Staff was able to obtain two separate quotes for a dissolved oxygen monitoring system, which both came in over \$30,000, even after modifying the scope of the system to lower the cost. Staff recommends moving forward with the quote received from Mountain Peak Controls of Golden, CO for a total amount of \$31,760.00 to furnish and install a dissolved oxygen monitoring system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. While the total amount is nearly \$12,000 over the budgeted amount for the project, staff feels that the Sewer Fund can accommodate the increase and feels comfortable moving forward with this project.

The Town's Procurement Policy contains a provision which allows the Town Manager to waive the formal Request for Bid process for purchases in excess of \$25,000 when a request for quotes yields a better value and cost for the Town, and/or a formal bid process will not result in a competitive bidding process. The Town Council is required to approve expenditures over \$25,000 per the Procurement Policy.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"I move to approve the deviation from procurement procedures, waive the formal Request for Bid process for acquisition of equipment, authorize the purchase of a dissolved oxygen monitoring system from Mountain Peak Controls in the amount of \$31,760.00 and authorize staff to enter into a purchase agreement for said equipment."

AGENDA ITEM #17