TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R. Lopez
RE: Work Session Meeting of September 17, 2019
DATE: September 17, 2019

Attendees:
Elected Officials: Thomas C. Davidson, Karn Stiegelmeier and Elisabeth Lawrence – Commissioners

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Don Reimer, Planning Director; Danelle Cook, Planning Technician; Joe Dicerbo, Finance Sr. Bookkeeper-STR & Sales Tax; Dan Hendershott, Environmental Health Manager; Jason Dietz, Housing Department Director; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; Cathy Maybury, Assessor’s Office and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Leslie Fischer, Laura Bassett, and Christie Staburg.

I. Discussion of Colorado Paid Family Leave Legislative Bill (Human Resources)
Molly Boyd gave an update and brief overview on the topic including but not limited to:

The Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) requires employers with 50 employees or more (within a 70 mile radius) to provide job-protected-leave for employees who need to be off work to address serious health conditions. At Summit County Government, a person must have been employed for 6 consecutive months, and have worked 1250 hours in a year.

A new state-sponsored bill is being drafted and the deadline for feedback and comments is September 27, 2019. County suggestions will be reviewed at next week’s Work Session and Commissioners and senior staff agreed to review and send their comments before the deadline.

II. Short-term Rentals (STRs) Update (Planning)
Don Reimer, Joe Dicerbo and Danelle Cook gave a digital presentation and brief update including but not limited to:

Overview of STRs Permits Status for 2019-2020, and some of the reasons why applications can be denied, these include: parking limitations, and septic system capacity.

How the Planning department reviews/investigates discrepancies by conducting site visits, reviewing application details, and perusing online listings looking for red flags. The depth and width of the program is much larger than expected.
The team reviewed the statistics for unincorporated Summit County, as well as sales and property tax compliance. Potential STR Regulations currently under review were also discussed.

Commissioners and staff discussed the effects of STRs on resort communities and how it differs from Denver. Although there seems to be a misconception that because Denver’s housing has not been negatively affected by STRs, neither are resort towns.

Commissioners thanked the team for their work and the group agreed to return with an update to the BOCC in early 2020.

III. Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) Housing Meeting Preparation and Discussion (Housing)

Jason Dietz gave an update and brief overview including but not limited to:

The Outreach and Engagement Forum will be on Monday, September 23, 2019 at the Frisco Community and Senior Center, hosted by Housing Colorado, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing (DOH), and the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA).

Overview of the following House Bills:

- 1901245 – Increase Tax Credit Allocation for Affordable Housing
- 19-1322 – Expand Supply of Affordable Housing
- 19-1319 – Incentives for Developers to Facilitate Affordable Housing Development
- 19-1011 – Clarifying the Scope of Existing Sales Tax Exemption for Manufactured Homes
- 19-1309 – Mobile Home Park Act Clarification and Oversight
- 19-1238 – Clarification of Manufactured Housing Standards

Commissioner Davidson led the conversation on how grant funds could be best utilized; either by purchasing existing properties, investing in new construction or land purchases. A larger role for the Housing Department with the towns was suggested as a topic for discussion for the meeting on September 23rd.

IV. Managers’ and Commissioners’ Issues

Senior Management and the Commissioners gave various updates on topics including but not limited to:

- Upcoming Minimum Wage Work Group meetings. The first Minimum Wage Work Group meetings will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Community and Senior Center.
- Update on the Silverthorne Recycling project. Once completed, HC3 would like to work with the county and Town of Silverthorne on an inauguration party.
- Discussed proposed resolution in support of Summit School District Ballot Initiative
- Ballot Information Booklet (Blue Book): The purpose of the ballot information booklet is to provide voters with the text, title, and a fair and impartial analysis of each initiated or
referred constitutional amendment, law, or question on the ballot. Deadline to submit initiatives is September 20, 2019.

- Good Bridge Community, has requested access to a parking lot to continue their local overnight parking program, which is meant to provide a safer and more supportive environment for individuals living in their cars. The organization has been using the Agape Church parking lot, but have been informed the church can no longer allow them access because they need the space. The County has safety concerns due to lack of restroom facilities, trash issues, etc.

- A new childcare center in Breckenridge has been proposed. Scott Vargo suggested that the group present their proposal to the BOCC at a future Work Session.

- Jeff Huntley gave an update on the legal issues regarding the Reliable Lode property and the BOCC authorized the county to take enforcement action against the owner for the illegal activities that occurred and have not been cured.

- Commissioner Lawrence gave an update on Vail Safe Passages project and the challenges it faces

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

Respectfully submitted:

Sara Lopez, Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Thomas C. Davidson, Chair