

July 2nd Growth Management Public Outreach Meeting Notes

Attendees: Zachary Hendrix, Cindy Houben, Ellen Sassano, Carly West, Michael Miracle, Susan Welsch, William Lewis, Mark Arnold, Phi Filerman, Sara Nadolny, Amy Berg, David Pesnichak, James Lindt, Mark Noel, Peter Santini, Nancy Nevin, Chris Menges, Ben Anderson, Rob Snyder, Kim Coates, Meg & Langdon Dresser, Lily Justice, the Poschman's,

Discussion:

- Residential needs to behave as residential. What should be the use of a residence. What should be the intensity of use generated from a home, need to address the impacts of second homes
 - What are the community character impacts of the growth in the second home industry?
Are we okay with the economic power held by this sector?
- There is a tension between the resort community and local community. To achieve the future we wish to see, this tension needs to be alleviated and better cooperation between the two achieved
 - How do we impart an expectation on visitors and second home owners to contribute and participate in the community character
 - Need to maintain the diversity of the community as well as its character ; Diversity brings richness to culture
- The community should be regenerative as well as sustainable. Not as much a question of how can we grow things but how can we improve them and improve efficiency
 - A system that can restore the detrimental impacts of use. Buildings using living systems instead of mechanical systems
 - Get better, not bigger
- How do we look at the materials generated from development and how can we address them.
- How do we address the carbon impact of second homes and VRBOs
- Need an aggressive and cohesive plan to address Climate Change – in our area
 - Worker impact vs mechanical system impact
 - Renewable electrification
- Pitkin County has a leadership role in the world. If we take a bold step to address growth and Climate Change others will follow
 - Need to look at valley wide solutions for growth as well
- What would a “steady-state” economy look like for Pitkin County?
- How do we address the impacts of a shift in demographics recent events have caused? Can current services handle this shift?
- As far as growth goes, what happens to the employee houses when employees retire? Do we just keep adding more?

- In the short-term, how do we get new residents to integrate into our community?
- How do we emphasize local food production?
- Social capital creates real community
- Sustain the spirit of place
- Clean air, quiet places, arts and culture are components of character
- Measured pacing of growth is necessary to eliminate boom-bust cycles
- When should we stop growing? How many people can the natural and built capacity support?
- Development/Growth should pay its true cost.
- Integrate Education as integral to Resolving Issues
- Maintain historic character, open space, functioning transit, affordable housing and public lands
- Address water consumption and maintain quality
- Change work habits to address climate-more people tele-commuting
- Address impacts of: Resort, Large Employers and 2nd Homes on community character, occupancy, traffic, transit ridership, carbon footprint, construction and services industries, philanthropy;
- Respect public lands