



## Government Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9

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With 14 members present, we had a great session with Sumner Shatner, the new Glenwood Springs City Councilor. He gave us an overview of his goals and what he would like to see from us.

He believes we can continue to lobby with CAR for reasonable legislation, get involved in planning and zoning, and offer a ¼ to 1/8 % of our commissions towards affordable housing (discussion ensued later on this. No one was too excited about the idea, and it was mentioned that this idea had been floated in previous discussions).

He hopes to finish health and safety planning before adding large numbers of housing units. He'd like to see childcare added in the approval process for additional housing. He would like to see the river plan get developed. Another of his goals is a growth plan.

He was happy to see that the upzoning bill did not get passed as it would reverse a lot of what we have already implemented.

### Questions:

What is going on at Meadows? Three hundred units are going up.

What is your opinion when a decision maker shuts down a good idea. Sumner believes housing can be provided by the public or private sector. He doesn't believe ideas should be thrown out early in the process but that should be the time for negotiating what we are looking for.

What's the difference between the housing commission, housing advisory board and the coalition? Coalition was organized pre-2C and is no more. Housing commission look at more than 2C issues, the code, and projects. The Advisory board is specific to 2C, what the 2C money gets spent on, what projects will get funded. It has a greater diversity of people like the coalition had. The perimeters for the board has been approved by the city council so the selection process will get started soon.

### The Habitat Update:

Five new resident applicants were approved.

Information is forthcoming for volunteering in Rifle.

Planning and zoning will be looking at the Glenwood project on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June.

They are getting a grant for assistance in getting the soils issue mitigated. There is still a \$200,000 gap per home.

They are working on getting a modular plant in the area as well.

**Legislation update:**

The state legislature convened last night. 80-90 bills were rushed through at the end. Extreme mind sets kept the government affairs committee busy, but they did a great job. Some of our goals were achieved.

The rent control and land use bills did not pass. It is important for us to fund the machine (RPAC) as we have one more year with the same legislature. We are grateful to Dylan Roberts for helping these bills die. We want to be aware our own house representative, Elizabeth Velasco was a sponsor for these bills.

1190 regarding local governments being allowed first right of refusal was passed but has not been signed by the governor. Not sure where Governor stands on this bill. The bill has been watered down some but still could use more.

Discussion of how we can get these bills to the membership faster.

**CEO Update:**

Stephanie learned quite a bit at the CAR conference. She will need our help. The feedback she has gotten from the membership is to offer more training, gather more information, and better communication. We are sponsoring the RPAC roadshow this fall with a breakfast. Will need a place with lots of parking.

**GAC member input:**

Lots of positive feedback regarding Sumner.

More engagement is needed.

Ideas for next month meeting – gas vs. electric, Glenwood mayor

Videos and newsletters out to the membership

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for 3p.m. on Tuesday, June 13 via Zoom:

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