

**Glenwood Springs Realtor Association**  
**Governmental Affairs Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday January 21st, 2025 11:00 AM**  
**New Castle Community Center**

**In attendance:** Phil Weir, Joyce Moulton, Shannon Kyle, Bobbi Hodge, Matt Star, Brad Plantz, Shandice Churchill

**Guests:** Town of New Castle Administrator Dave Reynolds, Town Planner and Code Administrator Paul Smith, and Administrative Assistant Rochelle Firth

**Called to order: 11:00 am**

**Town of New Castle Update**

- **Current Town Projects:** Town of New Castle Administrator Dave Reynolds gave an overview of current and projected town projects, including the CDOT Roundabout update, West end bridge replacement, Raw Water Irrigation Expansion, Digester Blower Building project, Kay Williams Park replacement, Kathryn Senior Elementary Playground replacement, Community Center HVAC Upgrade, Streets Paving Projects, and Wastewater Treatment shop, lab, offices Plant updates.
- **Building and Development Activity:** Town Planner and Code Administrator Paul Smith gave an overview of the approved developments, permits issued, and projected developments, including the Fass Ranch development - 185 residential units, Castle Valley Ranch development - 130 rental properties, and single-family residences being built in Deer Valley.
- **Additional Updates.** Rochelle Firth shared a flyer for the 2025 schedule of town events as well as a flyer for the town of New Castle text alerts through TextMyGov

An update was provided by GAC Chair Shandice Churchill regarding:

1. CRFR Proposed Impact Fees. A Nexxus study was presented at the CRFR board meeting on 1/14.
2. Glenwood Springs City Council election
  - a. Seats up in wards 2, 5, and at large
  - b. Who has announced that they are running so far:
    - i. Raymond Schmahl – Ward 2
    - ii. Matthew Simms – At-Large
    - iii. David Townsley – At-Large
    - iv. Steven Smith – Ward 5
    - v. Jonathan Banks – Ward 5
      - i. [Post Independent | Who Has filed so far for Glenwood Springs City Council](#)

A written update from Diane Schwenke was shared regarding;

- CO Legislative Session. The House no longer has the supermajority, and bills addressing housing, wildfire mitigation, and AI have already been introduced.
- Congressional Actions. Jeff Hurd was sworn in as our new 3rd CD Representative and joined a bipartisan problem Solvers Caucus
- Rifle Prison. Discussion with Rick Taggart dispelled rumors that the Rifle Prison was on the chopping block due 2025 budget deficits. Taggart believes growth will occur due to closures elsewhere in the state.
- Parachute was approved for Urban Renewal Authority by the County Commissioners on 12/16/2024

3. Other Business
  - a. Next meetings
    - i. February 18, 2025—Guideline/Values Development for GAC
    - ii. March 18, 2025—Perry Will (tentative)
  - b. Housing Summit — 2/6/2025 7:30-12:30 at CMU  
[2025 Housing Summit | February 06, 2025](#)
4. **Adjourned at 12:15 pm**