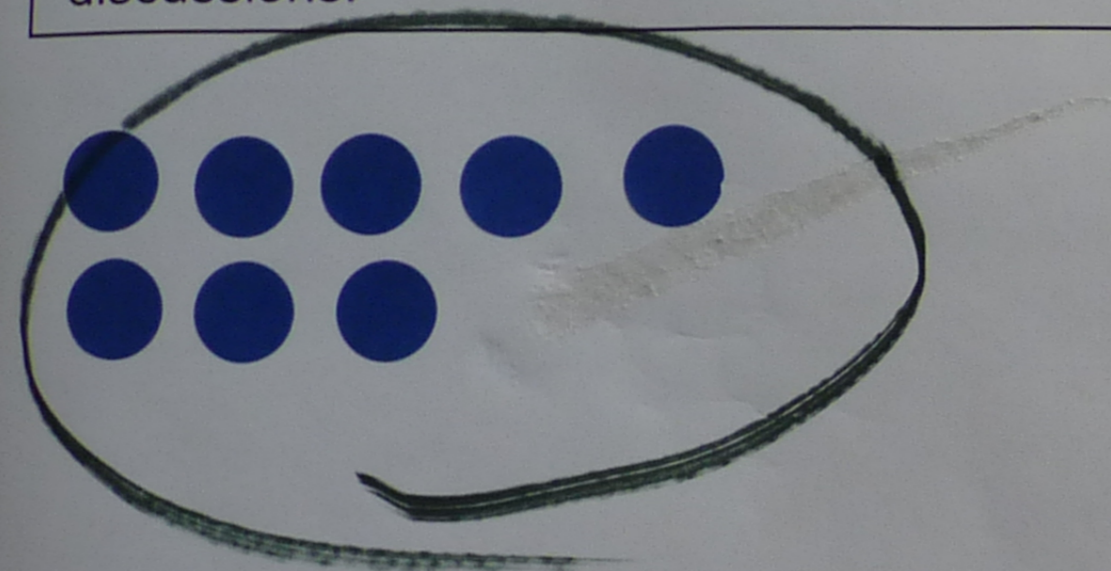


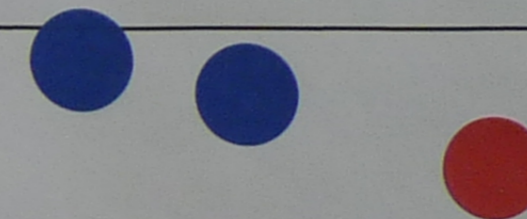
1 The Frying Pan and the Roaring Fork Rivers and their confluence are the most important natural asset of the Town of Basalt and their enhanced use is seen as essential to the vitality of the downtown.

Citizens overwhelmingly support the idea that our location at the confluence of two gold medal fly fishing rivers is what makes us special and creating more access to them is a priority. River trails, kayaking, river parks, restaurants on the river and signage/awareness of public fishing access were often mentioned in discussions.



2 Citizens want a centrally located town square and diverse, creative use of park lands.

A town square (village green) would provide a place to gather, linger and interact with the whole community. Town squares serve as public spaces that accommodate the need for civic and cultural life and highlight a community's unique values. A town square was the most commonly proposed use of the available parcels shown on citizen drawings. Such a place in Basalt would have green space, places for kids to play, food courts, places for pets and public art. There were many creative recommendations for the configuration and use of the Pan and Fork property. It also was recommended that smaller town parks, such as Confluence Park be cleaned up and upgraded for use by the public.

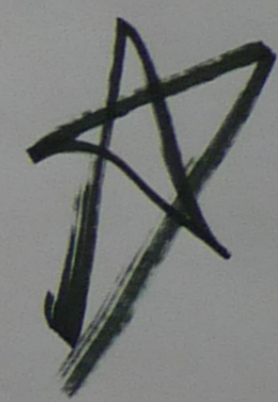
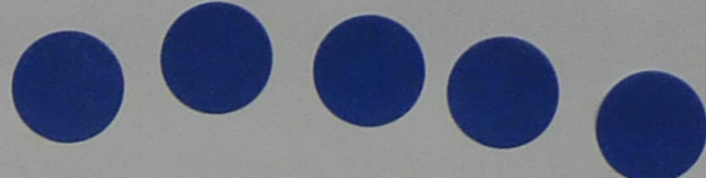
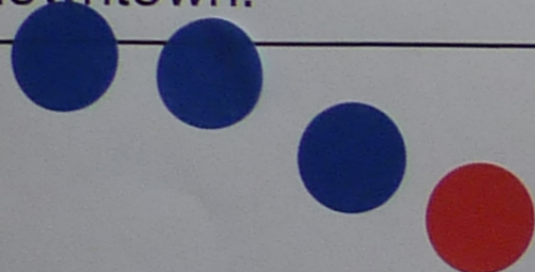


3 There is concern that many of Basalt's assets from trails to street alignments to connectivity from Old Town Basalt to Willits and Southside do not function to benefit the community.

Basalt needs to establish a sense of arrival at each of its entrances. Recreational trails used by visitors, locals and commuters do not connect and are not clearly marked. Universal accessibility for all the town's future planning projects is a clear added value for social and economic viability. There is strong sentiment that the new town development should be pedestrian based with an integrated connection to transit. Young professionals support car-free living downtown.

4 The people of Basalt are beginning to see density as an alternative to sprawl and downtown density as a generator of vitality.

People expressed a desire for housing for all segments of the population in and near downtown. The thoughtful increase of building height limits could be seen as a useful tool to increase density. The repurpose of existing buildings could be another means to address the density issue.



5 Art, both performing and visual, is a core value of the citizens of Basalt.

This is reflected in the desire for the Wily Art Center to remain in a prominent location in downtown. The Wily Art Center and a performing arts building were the most common facilities shown on citizen drawings and were frequently mentioned in chat sessions. Public art, sculpture gardens and art parks/walks were highly valued as well.



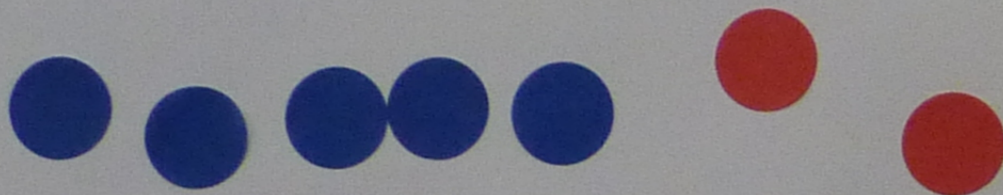
6 A broad range of events and activities would greatly enhance civic life.

There is a lack of interesting things to do keep people from considering downtown Basalt as a destination. It is clear that additional leadership must be provided to capitalize on citizen energy. Having a fly fishing ambassador program, movie nights, climbing walls, winter snow sculptures, fire pits, boat pull-outs, food carts / street vendors, and wedding venues are a few of the many activities that people suggested.



7 Downtown Basalt needs additional hotel and hospitality services.

The general consensus was that more hotel beds for varied market segments and a conference facility would be beneficial for the vitality of the downtown core. The hotel building should be of good quality and fit with the downtown character. It was suggested that repurposing existing buildings for hotel use is an option for gaining hotel beds for immediate use. Large group venues for events such as weddings, family reunions and other celebrations are desired.



8 Continued economic viability depends on a diverse business base that offers products and services for all income levels.

People made it clear that in order for Basalt to remain a viable community they want smaller scale community based retail choices such as a grocery store (Trader Joe's was mentioned often) pharmacy and a sundry items store. Affordable commercial space is seen as essential for local businesses to thrive. The parking situation in downtown is untenable; creative solutions must be incorporated into all future development. Establishing public/private partnerships would be beneficial for projects such as infrastructure upgrades, parking structures, a performing art center, recreational gathering places, and other large capital items.

