

C. Cory #3 V2

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From: Pam Schilling
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 1:28 PM
To: Bernie Grauer; Bernie Grauer; Gary Tennenbaum; Gary Tennenbaum; Gary Tennenbaum; Herschel Ross; Herschel Ross (personal); Jacque Whitsitt; Jacque Whitsitt (Jacquewhitsitt@comcast.net); Mark Kittle; Mark Kittle (Work); Rick Stevens; Rick Stevens; Rob Leavitt
Cc: Mike Scanlon; Judi Tippetts; Susan Philp; James Lindt; Tom Smith (Office); Denise Tomaskovic
Subject: FW: Pan & Fork Project

Chuck Cory Letter #3

From: jacque whitsitt [<mailto:jacquewhitsitt@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 1:16 PM
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For council—may be duplicate—getting lots it seems

From: Chuck Cory <chuckcory@outlook.com>
Date: Sunday, August 16, 2015 at 2:21 PM
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Subject: Pan & Fork Project

Jacque:

Just a word to say thanks for all of your work and commitment on the Pan & Fork Project. I follow the project daily and walk or drive by it at least twice a day.

Although I would never consider politics, I do support a few (like you) as I know your job can be next to impossible at times.

Keeping the entire entity part of the town's park system is very important to me. Yesterday (Saturday, August 15) I took a walk through the entire project from just behind the RFTA bus stop all the way down to the river and the current building under construction.

It can be a beautiful area for both locals and visitors to enjoy. Please don't support any type of building including a restaurant, condos, stores, hotel or any other private development. Please!

I'm going to be creating a website for the project and will be seeking everyone to be a part of it. It will not only have current updates, but also a moderated forum so everyone can "chat" about it. I tried to write a letter to the editor (Aspen Times) but Rick Carroll, the editor, seems to be somewhat biased and only publishes a few letters that he likes. Oh well. I knew Rick when he was at the Aspen Daily News a while back.

Anyway, the website will be one that supports a public domain for the Pan & Fork project with no private or commercial entities and will also include those in support of part of it having commercial entities develop their business(es). I will be seeking participation from anyone who wants to contribute. I want it to be an educational website so everyone can see all the options.

While I was walking through the project yesterday, although it's just a lot of dirt and equipment right now, I imagined it with green grass and trees for the time being. Wouldn't it be great for everyone to see it as a "blank canvas" ready to be developed! Now that we've gotten passed the flooding in June, I hope we're ready to work on the "painting"!

This past week the idea of putting the use of the project to a public vote in November or April has come up. I'm guessing that most of the council will support this as it would be the most politically correct way to go. That's okay with me. I doubt that it will happen in November and will most likely appear on the April ballot. That will give us all time to "let the dust settle" and time for most all citizens of Basalt to become well informed.

Sorry if this email sounds (anti-politician), but my faith in politics has dwindled over the years since I lived in Aspen from 1979 to 2001. I once asked Bill Stirling about me thinking about running for City Council in Aspen. That was many years after he was mayor. His answer I will always remember. He said, "**Are you crazy!**" Anyway, I'm perfectly content not being a politician, even in a small town like Basalt.

Anyway, I just wanted to email you to give you my support and encouragement. Being mayor of Basalt I'm sure is challenging (to say the least!).

Sincerely,

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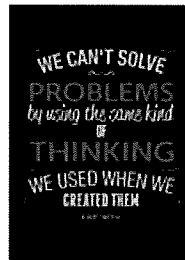
Here's a screenshot from my website. My favorite quote that is on my website is, "*We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.*" Albert Einstein



I'm a creative type of person who finds solutions most people don't even consider. Einstein's philosophy is a 100% correct! Whether I'm designing a website or working with a team of co-workers, finding a solution to the problem at hand requires a different type of thinking.

**"Logic will take you from point A to point B.
Imagination will take you anywhere!"**
Albert Einstein

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here's another one for distribution.. thanks

From: Chuck Cory <chuckcory@outlook.com>
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Subject: Pan Fork Parcel

Jacque:

After reading the article in the Aspen Times today by Scott Condon, I was pretty upset for several reasons.

As mayor, I realize that you are in a very difficult position, not one that I would enjoy. But you also have been a very wise mayor with a lot of experience which I really respect.

But some of the comments of council members at the "*hastily called meeting*" on Friday really upset me.

Rob Leavitt's comments particularly disturbed me when he said that *he doesn't want the issue to go to a public vote*. He went on and said that "council was elected to make hard decisions, and this is a hard decision."

Well, I agree that it's a hard decision but it's too large a decision for a group of 7 select people to make that will affect the citizens of Basalt for generations to come. Next to the decision to annex Willits, I think this will probably be one of the biggest decision the town will make for quite sometime.

Jacque, I truly respect you and the job you are doing as mayor, but please help to make this decision a decision made by the people and not a select few on city council.

There is a growing number of Basalt citizens that are organizing to put the issue on the ballot in April. One way or another there will be a question(s) on April's ballot. I would prefer that it is placed on the ballot by City Council. But, if it isn't, then we will do what is necessary for it to appear on the ballot.

Obviously November is way too soon. We can use the fall and winter to sort through all the issues, review the economic feasibility study and properly present this in a written report to the citizens of Basalt. It should also be online and promoted extensively so all Basalt citizens have the opportunity to make a responsible decision on how the Pan Fork parcel will be developed.

As a former hotel manager of two hotels in Aspen, I find it difficult to be convinced that a hotel would be profitable on the Pan Fork parcel, but maybe there are considerations that support its economical viability that I'm not aware of.

I looked at the possibility of opening a restaurant in downtown Basalt a few months ago and I just couldn't make the numbers work. Sadly, I abandon the idea, at least for now.

My support is with you as we approach the fall and winter seasons. Good luck and stay strong!

Sincerely,

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