

Susan Philp

From: Katherine Reppa <kreppa0499@sopris.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 12:10 PM
To: Susan Philp
Subject: riverfront

To Planning and Zoning,

As my Aspen friend and I crossed the bridge into Basalt, she made an unsolicited comment: "They already screwed up this side of the river (Gold River development) and I can't believe that Basalt wants to screw up the other side too."

Is there really such a rush? Is there a hidden agenda?

Listen to the many, many people who are urging responsible development on a small scale and not a wall of unwelcoming concrete. We don't need another "How did this happen?" project. Please don't let development the size of the Willits hotel be your legacy.

Sincerely,
Katherine Reppa

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From: johnandmolly morton <johnandmollymorton@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 3:18 PM
To: Susan Philp
Subject: pan & fork master plan

Sirs & Madam:

There is a growing chorus of us who:

1. want the town of Basalt to control it's own destiny. In order to achieve that goal:
 - a. the town should purchase the entire parcel of land.
 - b. once that transaction is completed, the town should seriously consider the options to construct a very special "romantic style" hotel on the property again financed and operated by the town in perpetuity with eventual income from the property returned to the taxpayers. No condos are necessary. IF the hotel is indeed special, travelers from around the world will come and the hotel will be cash flow positive after all debt service within 2 years of operation.
 - c. So, you will need the services of a professional hotel designing firm to get the design right. What you must realize is that there are NO interesting hotels in this entire valley. Not the Nell, which I find very cold inside. Maybe the Jerome. But that's about it. Nothing else.
 - d. So what you have staring you in the face is the opportunity to build a special hotel for 100 yrs and more with the entire town participating financially. How incredibly stimulating this would be for everyone. All you need to do is (a) buy the remaining land; (b) have designs made up from 3 of the best hotel design firms in the country, (c) decide which design is best for the town, and (d) put it to a vote to decide if the town wishes to finance the entire project through special taxes, with provisos that dividends will be disbursed annually to everyone once the hotel is profitable.
 - e. This, in short, becomes the Hotel d'Ville of Basalt controlled and operated by the town forever. A stroke of genius by the current town fathers.
 - f. In order to understand what I envision in a hotel, please get a copy of the Romantik hotels in Europe or the Michelin Guide or any other resource book. The key is to design and construct something VERY Special. I can't emphasize this enough!!! You can do much better than what is proposed currently that is for certain.
 - g. And forget about occupany comps from other local hotels. Their comps are of no value. IF this hotel is designed properly, you will have the highest occupancy rates in the entire valley.

That is how you stimulate the town, clear & simple. No condos or other stuff required. Keep your eye on the ball. Just one fantastic hotel with beautiful landscaping.

john morton
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From: Pauline Bowles <Bowles563@comcast.net>
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Subject: Town park

Planner commission members! Why even consider zoning for the Pan and Fork until Mike and council have time to look at all the numbers involved in the development of the area? Please be patient. Pauline Bowles

Sent from my iPad