



**Town Council
Monday, July 20, 2026
4:00 PM**

**Regular Meeting
130 Kearns Road
Town Council Chambers
Snowmass Village, CO 81615**

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Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Proclamations and Presentations

3.A. Thrive Advisory Board recommendations presentation

4. Public Comment

This section is set aside for the Town Council to LISTEN to comments by the public regarding items that do not otherwise appear on this agenda. Generally, the Town Council will not discuss the issue and will not take an official action under this section of the agenda. (Five Minute Time Limit)

5. Joint Meeting with Planning Commission

5.A. Ritz Carlton Sketch Plan Joint Presentation

6. Consent Agenda

These are items where all conditions or requirements have been agreed to or met prior to the time they come before the Council for final action. A Single Public Hearing will be opened for all items on the Consent Agenda. These items will be approved by a single motion of the Council. The Mayor will ask if there is anyone present who has objection to such procedure as to certain items. Members of the Council may also ask that an item be removed from the consent section and fully discussed. All items not removed from the consent section will then be approved. A member of the Council may vote no on specific items without asking that they be removed from the consent section for full discussion. Any item that is removed from the consent agenda will be placed on the regular agenda.

6.A. 2026 Draft Agendas

7. Public Hearings - Quasi-Judicial Hearings

Public Hearings are the formal opportunity for the Town Council to LISTEN to the public regarding the issue at hand. For land use hearings the Council is required to act in a quasi-judicial capacity. When acting as a quasi-judicial body, the Council is acting in much the same capacity as a judge would act in a court of law. Under these circumstances, the judicial or quasi-judicial must limit its consideration to matters which are placed into evidence and are part of the public record. The Council must base their decision on the law and the evidence presented at the hearing.

8. Policy/Legislative Public Hearings

8.A. Ordinance No. 11, 2026 - Gas Powered Lawn Equipment - 2nd reading

8.B. Ordinance No 13, 2026 - Fire Ban Enforcement - 2nd reading

9. Administrative Reports

10. Town Council Reports and Actions

Reports and Updates

11. Adjournment

Town of Snowmass Village Agenda Item Summary

Date of Meeting:

July 20, 2026

Agenda Item:

Thrive Advisory Board recommendations presentation

Presented by:

Greg LeBlanc, Assistant Town Manager

Background:

The Thrive Advisory Committee (TAC) was established to understand and respond to the interconnected affordability and quality-of-life challenges facing Snowmass Village. Across its early meetings, TAC has engaged in structured discussion, small-group work, and community reflection to define what it means for residents not only to live in Snowmass Village, but to thrive within it.

While housing affordability and childcare capacity remain the most significant structural challenges identified by TAC, community input consistently demonstrates that thriving encompasses more than economic stability alone. Residents describe thriving as the ability to maintain stable housing, access essential services, participate in community life, and have sufficient time and connection to enjoy the lifestyle and natural environment that define Snowmass Village. The Thrive Advisory Committee met on three occasions to discuss the challenge presented to them. Resulting from those three meetings, TAC has developed a draft recommendation report (Report) and plan (*Thrive Action Plan*) for the Council's consideration.

Given the scale of identified structural challenges and TAC's one-time allocation of \$300,000 for community-impact initiatives, this *Thrive Action Plan* focused on high-impact, feasible, and catalytic investments. These recommendations are designed to improve daily livability, strengthen community connection, and enhance access to information and services, while complementing broader long-term policy efforts led by the Town Council and regional partners. The recommended investment areas include:

1. Community Information & Navigation System
2. Community Connection & Affordability
3. Community Support Systems

Financial Impact:

\$300,000 is included in the 2026 Adopted Budget for projects and programs related to *Thrive Snowmass*.

Applicability to Council Goals & Objectives:

This item relates directly to the Council priority project, "Help Year-round Residents Thrive, Not Just Survive," which is defined in the *2025 Town Council Goals Statement* as, "The Council recognizes the clear threat of losing our core year-round residents to more affordable locations. This Council desires to address fundamental affordability, capacity, and accessibility issues for year-round residents. Childcare, housing, groceries, homeowner insurance, tax rates and affordable eats need to be addressed. To have the maximum impact possible, the Town will partner with others to reduce the squeeze year-round residents are feeling to ensure we can continue to provide the highest quality of life possible."

Council Options:

This item is intended for the discussion of, and possible direction by the Town Council.

Staff Recommendation:

This item is intended for the discussion of, and possible direction by the Town Council.

Attachments:

1. Thrive Advisory Committee Draft Recommendation Report
2. Thrive Snowmass Draft Action Plan
3. Thrive Advisory Committee Meeting 3 Summary Report
4. Thrive Advisory Committee Meeting 2 Summary Report
5. Thrive Advisory Committee Kickoff Meeting Summary Report



Thrive Advisory Committee – Recommendation Report

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Community-Defined Meaning of "Thrive"

A central component of TAC's early work has been defining what it means to "thrive" in Snowmass Village. Participants consistently describe thriving as extending beyond financial survival or basic stability.

Thriving includes:

- Access to stable and attainable housing
- Availability and affordability of childcare and family support systems
- Ability to meet the costs of daily living, including food, transportation, and essential services
- Opportunities to participate in community life and civic engagement
- Strong social connections and a sense of belonging
- Time and capacity to enjoy the natural and recreational amenities of the region
- Confidence in long-term stability and future residency in the community

A recurring theme is the tension between working sufficient hours to remain financially secure and having the time and flexibility to engage meaningfully with the community. Residents frequently express that this imbalance limits their ability to fully experience the quality of life that initially drew them to Snowmass Village.



Key Community Findings

Across all TAC discussions, several consistent findings have emerged:

1. Housing is the foundational constraint on community stability – Housing affordability and availability are the most significant barriers to long-term residency, workforce stability, and family retention. Challenges include limited middle-income housing options, rising costs associated with ownership and rentals, and barriers to aging in place.
2. Childcare is a critical workforce and family stability issue – Limited childcare availability and high costs constrain workforce participation and create additional strain for families. Childcare challenges are directly linked to broader economic stability within the community.
3. Cost of living pressures are cumulative and pervasive – Residents experience financial strain not only from housing but from the combined costs of groceries, transportation, utilities, insurance, and local services. These cumulative pressures affect households across income levels.
4. Thriving requires social connection and belonging – Community members consistently emphasize that social connection is a core component of well-being. Access to "third spaces," community events, and informal opportunities for interaction are seen as essential to building a cohesive and resilient community.
5. Communication and information access is a structural gap – Residents often report difficulty navigating available resources, programs, events, and services. While information exists, it is fragmented across multiple platforms and not consistently accessible or user-friendly.
6. Existing community assets are underutilized – TAC identified opportunities to better leverage existing spaces, organizations, and communication tools. Improved coordination among local nonprofits, Town programs, and community spaces could significantly enhance impact without requiring substantial new infrastructure.

Strategic Framework for Action

Given the scope of identified needs and TAC's one-time allocation of \$300,000, the *Thrive Action Plan* prioritizes investments that are:

- High-impact and visible to residents
- Feasible within a one-time funding structure
- Able to leverage existing community assets and partnerships
- Scalable or transferable to long-term Town or partner operations
- Focused on improving access, connection, and coordination



TAC recognizes that structural issues such as housing and childcare require sustained policy attention and investment beyond the scope of this funding opportunity. Accordingly, this *Thrive Action Plan* emphasizes catalytic initiatives that improve daily livability and strengthen the foundation for longer-term solutions.

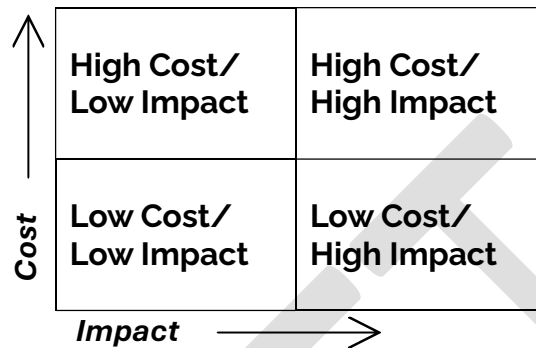


Figure 1. Cost-Impact Analysis Diagram

Recommended Investment Areas

The following recommended investment areas reflect the TAC's synthesis of community input and identification of feasible opportunities within a one-time \$300,000 funding allocation. While housing affordability, childcare capacity, and broader cost-of-living pressures remain central challenges, the TAC recognizes these require long-term policy solutions beyond the scope of this initiative. Accordingly, this section focuses on high-impact, catalytic investments that improve day-to-day livability, strengthen community connection, and enhance access to information and resources, while leveraging existing community assets to deliver visible and meaningful benefits to residents.

1. Community Information & Navigation System

TAC recommends investment in a coordinated community navigation system that makes it easier for residents to discover, access, and participate in the resources, programs, events, and opportunities available in Snowmass Village.

Throughout TAC's discussions, members repeatedly returned to the observation that residents cannot participate in opportunities they do not know exist. While significant community resources are already available, residents often face challenges identifying where information is located or understanding how to access it.

A coordinated navigation system could include:

- Development of a centralized *Thrive* landing page or digital portal on the Town website that brings together:
 - Community events



- Resident resources
 - Local services
 - Job opportunities
 - Community incentives and discounts
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Other information important to residents
- Creation of a resident welcome packet for new residents and households that provides essential information about community resources, programs, services, and opportunities
- Expanded visibility and accessibility of existing communication tools, including:
 - *Daly Update* distribution in both digital and physical formats
 - Placement of information in high-traffic community locations
 - Exploration of additional community publication options
- Use of direct communication tools to connect residents with resources, including:
 - QR codes on Town invoices and other Town communications
 - QR codes in visible locations such as transit areas
 - "Did You Know?" campaigns highlighting available programs and services
 - Community awareness mailers focused on helping residents engage with Snowmass Village

The goal of this recommendation is not to create more information, but to create a clearer pathway for residents to find and use the information that already exists.

2. Community Connection & Affordability

TAC recommends developing initiatives that strengthen residents' connection to community life while helping offset the cost pressures associated with living in a high-cost resort community.

Throughout its discussions, TAC emphasized that affordability is not only about the ability to remain in Snowmass Village, but also about the ability to participate in and enjoy the community. Residents described thriving as having opportunities to experience local businesses, recreation, events, and shared activities rather than simply working to meet basic financial obligations.

A potential community benefits program could include a Snowmass Village resident pass or similar incentive system designed to connect residents with local businesses, activities, and community opportunities.



Potential components include:

- A resident discount program developed in partnership with local businesses and organizations
- A digital platform or mobile application that provides access to:
 - Resident discounts
 - Community events
 - Local opportunities
 - Community information
- A physical resident card or sticker option that provides a visible connection to the program and encourages participation
- Exploration of tiered loyalty benefits that recognize long-term residency and continued community involvement
- Consideration of eligibility approaches, such as residency verification or employment connections within the community
- Partnership development with local merchants to ensure broad participation and community benefit

TAC also emphasized that incentives should be viewed as more than financial discounts. A resident benefits program can serve as a tool to increase awareness, encourage participation, strengthen relationships between residents and businesses, and create additional opportunities for community connection.

Additional community connection initiatives may include:

- Group recreational activities such as trail walks, hikes, bike rides, and other outdoor gatherings
- Interest-based groups and activities that help residents build relationships around shared experiences
- Shoulder-season events and programming that encourage year-round participation
- Activation of existing community gathering spaces and "third spaces"
- Intergenerational activities and opportunities for residents of all ages to connect

These efforts are intended to strengthen the social infrastructure of Snowmass Village by creating more opportunities for residents to participate, connect, and develop a stronger sense of belonging.

3. Community Support Systems

TAC recommends investments that strengthen connections between residents, existing community resources, workforce opportunities, and support networks.

The committee recognized that Snowmass Village already has many organizations, programs, and community assets working to support residents. The opportunity is to



improve coordination, visibility, and access rather than duplicate services that are already available.

Potential initiatives include:

- Strengthening connections between residents and existing service providers, particularly for individuals and households who may face greater barriers to accessing resources
- Improving awareness and coordination among existing community organizations, nonprofits, and Town programs
- Supporting programs that encourage community participation and connection, including:
 - Teen programming and community activities
 - Recreation leagues
 - Senior programming and gatherings, including opportunities to utilize spaces such as the Collective
 - Other resident-led activities that strengthen community relationships
- Improving workforce connections through initiatives such as:
 - Summer jobs and workforce expos
 - Connections between employers and potential employees
 - Support for seasonal employees seeking greater stability and year-round opportunities
 - Coordination with educational partners, including Colorado Mountain College, to better align workforce needs and training opportunities
- Exploring future opportunities for business support and economic development coordination, including mentorship, entrepreneurship support, or business incubation concepts

TAC recognizes that workforce stability, business sustainability, and resident support systems are interconnected. Strengthening connections between people, organizations, and opportunities can improve the overall resilience of the community.

Implementation Considerations

TAC emphasizes that recommended initiatives should be designed as pilot or seed investments rather than permanent programs requiring ongoing Town funding. Where possible, initiatives should be structured to transition to partner organizations, local businesses, community groups, or existing systems following initial implementation.

Successful implementation will depend on collaboration among Town staff, local organizations, businesses, and community members. TAC recommends continued engagement with residents and partners throughout implementation to ensure transparency, responsiveness, and adaptability.



TAC also recommends prioritizing initiatives that:

- Build upon existing programs and organizations
- Avoid unnecessary duplication of services
- Create visible benefits for residents
- Encourage partnerships between the Town, businesses, nonprofits, and community members
- Can be evaluated and adapted over time

Summary & Attachments

The Thrive Advisory Committee's early work demonstrates that Snowmass Village faces interconnected challenges related to housing, childcare, cost of living, workforce stability, and community connection. However, it also reveals significant opportunity to improve the resident experience through targeted, high-impact investments that strengthen communication, social infrastructure, and access to community resources.

While structural affordability challenges will require long-term policy solutions and regional collaboration, this *Thrive Action Plan* outlines a set of immediate, feasible actions that can meaningfully improve daily life for residents and strengthen the foundation of a resilient, connected, and thriving community.

Ultimately, TAC's vision of thriving extends beyond economic stability. It reflects a community where residents are able to live in Snowmass Village while participating fully in its civic, social, and cultural life, and to do so with a sense of belonging, stability, and optimism about the future.

Attachments:

- *Thrive Snowmass Draft Action Plan*



Thrive Snowmass Action Plan

Project	Investment Area	Description	Intended Outcome	Lead / Partners	Priority
Develop Community Information Hub	Community Information & Navigation System	Centralized digital platform for resources, events, jobs, housing information, and services.	Improve access to information and reduce barriers to participation.	Town, community organizations	
Develop Resident Resource Guide	Community Information & Navigation System	Print and digital guide for residents and newcomers.	Increase awareness of available services, programs, and opportunities.	Town Communications	
Align Town & Community Communications	Community Information & Navigation System	Improve coordination among existing communication channels.	Create more consistent and accessible community communications.	Town, nonprofits	
Develop Community Bulletin Board Network	Community Information & Navigation System	Physical and digital community posting locations.	Increase visibility of events, opportunities, and community resources.	Businesses, Town facilities	
Develop Community Events Calendar	Community Information & Navigation System	Unified calendar for community events and activities.	Improve awareness and participation in community life.	Town, nonprofits, businesses	
Develop New Resident Welcome Program	Community Information & Navigation System	Orientation events and onboarding resources for new residents.	Accelerate community integration and awareness of local resources.	Town, volunteers	
Develop "Community Connector" Directory	Community Information & Navigation System	Directory of organizations, clubs, services, and volunteer opportunities.	Make it easier for residents to engage with community organizations.	Community organizations	
Develop Workforce Opportunity Portal	Community Information & Navigation System	Centralized listing of jobs, volunteer opportunities, and workforce resources.	Improve workforce connectivity and employment awareness.	Employers, workforce partners	
Develop Community Resource Help Desk Pilot	Community Information & Navigation System	Single point of contact for residents seeking services and assistance.	Simplify access to community resources and support services.	Town, nonprofits	
Develop Multilingual Communication Initiative	Community Information & Navigation System	Expand accessibility of community communications.	Increase inclusivity and engagement among diverse populations.	Town, community partners	
Pilot Third Space Activation Grant Program	Social Infrastructure & Community Connection	Support programming and activities in existing gathering spaces.	Increase social interaction and strengthen community connection.	Town, nonprofits	
Increase Shoulder-Season Community Programming	Social Infrastructure & Community Connection	Expand activities and events during slower tourism periods.	Foster year-round community engagement and vitality.	Event partners	
Develop Community Ambassador Program	Social Infrastructure & Community Connection	Resident-led welcoming and mentoring initiative.	Strengthen belonging and improve integration of new residents.	Volunteers, nonprofits	
Pilot Monthly Community Dinner Series	Social Infrastructure & Community Connection	Recurring meals designed to bring residents together.	Build relationships and strengthen social cohesion.	Restaurants, nonprofits	
Develop "Neighborhood Gathering" Program	Social Infrastructure & Community Connection	Create program that offers small grants for supporting resident-organized events and develop a Block Party Trailer.	Encourage grassroots community-building efforts.	Neighborhood groups	
Develop Intergenerational Programming Initiative	Social Infrastructure & Community Connection	Programs connecting youth, families, and older adults.	Strengthen relationships across generations.	Schools, senior organizations	
Develop Community Coffeehouse Series	Social Infrastructure & Community Connection	Informal recurring social gatherings.	Create low-barrier opportunities for community connection.	Local businesses	
Develop Volunteer Opportunity Portal	Social Infrastructure & Community Connection	Connect residents with volunteer opportunities.	Increase civic participation and community engagement.	Nonprofits	

Community Interest Clubs Initiative	Social Infrastructure & Community Connection	Support resident-led clubs and activity groups.	Foster social networks and shared interests.	Volunteers
Community Picnic Expansion	Social Infrastructure & Community Connection	Expand the existing community picnic into a larger annual event.	Strengthen community identity and participation.	Businesses, nonprofits
Community Storytelling Events	Social Infrastructure & Community Connection	Events celebrating local experiences and resident stories.	Build community identity and understanding.	Arts organizations
Senior Social Connection Program	Social Infrastructure & Community Connection	Activities designed to reduce isolation among older adults.	Improve quality of life and social support for seniors.	Senior service providers
Develop Resident Benefit Program	Community Affordability & Access	Resident discount and benefits program.	Provide visible affordability relief and increase access to local amenities.	Local businesses
Develop Community Participation Incentive Program	Community Affordability & Access	Benefits tied to volunteerism and community participation.	Encourage civic engagement while providing resident benefits.	Town, nonprofits
Develop Local Business Discount Program	Community Affordability & Access	Coordinated discounts through participating businesses.	Reduce everyday costs and support local commerce.	Business community
Develop Resident Recreation Access Program	Community Affordability & Access	Reduced-cost access to recreation opportunities.	Increase access to activities that contribute to quality of life.	Recreation providers
Pilot Shoulder-Season Dining Program	Community Affordability & Access	Dining discounts during slower business periods.	Improve affordability while supporting local restaurants.	Restaurants
Create Community Marketplace Platform	Community Affordability & Access	Local exchange of goods and services.	Reduce household costs and encourage local sharing.	Residents
Local Producer & Farm Stand Initiative	Community Affordability & Access	Improve access to local food products and vendors.	Increase food accessibility and support local producers.	Farmers, vendors
Develop Household Resource Exchange Program	Community Affordability & Access	Community sharing and reuse network.	Reduce costs through resource sharing and reuse.	Community groups
Increase Community Grants Program	Capacity Building & Partnership Support	Increase amount of community grant support for community-serving organizations.	Strengthen the capacity of organizations already serving residents.	Nonprofits
Business Incubator Feasibility Study & Pilot	Capacity Building & Partnership Support	Evaluate entrepreneurship support opportunities.	Explore pathways for workforce retention and economic resilience.	Business community
Entrepreneur Mentorship Network	Capacity Building & Partnership Support	Connect emerging entrepreneurs with experienced business leaders.	Support local business development and entrepreneurship.	Local business owners
Community Partnership Fund	Capacity Building & Partnership Support	Seed funding for collaborative community projects.	Encourage innovation and cross-sector collaboration.	Community organizations
Childcare Collaboration Working Group	Capacity Building & Partnership Support	Improve coordination among childcare providers and stakeholders.	Support childcare accessibility and long-term planning.	Childcare providers
Workforce Housing Resource Coordination	Capacity Building & Partnership Support	Improve navigation of existing housing resources and programs.	Increase awareness and utilization of housing opportunities.	Housing providers
Community Leadership Academy	Capacity Building & Partnership Support	Develop future community leaders and volunteers through a citizens academy or leadership program.	Build local leadership capacity and civic engagement.	Community organizations
Community Innovation Challenge Fund	Capacity Building & Partnership Support	Provide small grants for resident-generated solutions and ideas.	Encourage grassroots innovation and problem-solving.	Residents, nonprofits
Public Gathering Space Improvements	Community Character & Placemaking	Enhance existing public gathering areas.	Improve community gathering opportunities and placemaking.	Town
Seasonal Community Activation Program	Community Character & Placemaking	Activate underutilized public spaces throughout the year.	Increase community use of public spaces and amenities.	Community partners
Local Arts & Culture Mini-Grants	Community Character & Placemaking	Support local arts and cultural programming.	Strengthen community identity and cultural vibrancy.	Arts organizations

Community Wayfinding Improvements	Community Character & Placemaking	Improve visibility and navigation of community assets.	Increase awareness and use of community resources and destinations.	Town
Resident-Led Beautification Projects	Community Character & Placemaking	Support neighborhood enhancement projects.	Foster community pride and stewardship.	Resident groups
Pop-Up Community Spaces	Community Character & Placemaking	Temporary gathering and activity spaces.	Create flexible opportunities for connection and activation.	Businesses, nonprofits
Community Heritage & History Program	Community Character & Placemaking	Celebrate local history and community identity.	Strengthen sense of place and community belonging.	Historical organizations



Thrive Advisory Committee – Meeting #3 Summary Report

June 2, 2026, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Chambers

Overview

The Thrive Advisory Committee convened for its third meeting on June 24, continuing its work to refine recommendations intended to strengthen quality of life and community connection in Snowmass Village. Building on themes established during the previous two meetings, the committee reviewed a draft recommendation framework, discussed refinements across several priority areas, and began preparing for presentation of its recommendations to the Snowmass Village Town Council.

Discussion centered on improving community communication and navigation, expanding access to information and resources, strengthening support systems, fostering a greater sense of belonging, and identifying opportunities to support local businesses and workforce development. The committee also discussed next steps for finalizing its recommendations, including presentation timing and format. Nine committee members attended the meeting.

Transitioning from Ideas to Recommendations

The meeting opened with a recap of previous discussions and an overview of the committee's progress to date. Members reviewed expectations for completing the advisory process and discussed the timeline for presenting recommendations to Town Council.

The committee considered potential presentation dates and discussed whether a single spokesperson or multiple committee representatives should present the final recommendations. Members also discussed whether additional time would be beneficial to further refine the draft report before presentation or whether Council would prefer an initial "temperature check" on the committee's recommendations prior to finalizing implementation details.

Participants generally agreed that the committee's work has evolved from identifying community challenges toward organizing practical recommendations that can help improve residents' ability to thrive in Snowmass Village.

Community Navigation and Communication

Communication emerged as one of the committee's highest priorities, with members reaffirming that residents cannot participate in community life if they are unaware of available programs, services, events, and opportunities.

The committee discussed the need for a more coordinated approach to community communication that combines both physical and digital methods of sharing information.



Participants emphasized that existing information is often dispersed across multiple platforms, making it difficult for residents to locate the resources they need.

Several concepts were discussed to improve community navigation, including the creation of a centralized "Thrive" web portal that could serve as a comprehensive hub for community information, events, resident resources, incentives, and local opportunities. Members envisioned a platform that would connect residents with businesses, businesses with community events, and residents with available services through a single, easily accessible resource.

The committee also explored opportunities to strengthen existing communication tools. Ideas included expanding the visibility and accessibility of the *Daily Update* through newspaper-style distribution, placing QR codes at bus stops and on transit vehicles to provide direct access to community information, incorporating utility bill inserts to direct residents to online resources, and developing recurring "Did You Know?" messaging that highlights available programs and services.

Throughout the discussion, participants returned to a central question: why do many residents remain unaware of opportunities already available within the community? Members suggested that the challenge may involve information overload, fragmented communication channels, or limited outreach, reinforcing the need for a more coordinated communications strategy.

Community Incentives and Resident Benefits

The committee continued refining ideas intended to help offset the cost of living while encouraging greater participation in community life.

Members discussed the concept of a community discount program modeled after existing local pass programs that would provide residents or employees with discounts at participating businesses. Additional discussion focused on the potential development of a mobile application that could organize incentives, community information, and local events within a single platform.

Participants emphasized that any incentive program should extend beyond financial savings and support the broader goal of increasing participation in local businesses, community activities, and civic life.

Community Support Systems

The committee reviewed potential recommendations related to community support services and discussed opportunities to better connect residents with existing programs.



Participants emphasized the importance of ensuring that community resources remain accessible to individuals and households with varying needs, particularly those who may be more vulnerable to isolation or economic hardship. Members discussed the value of improving coordination among existing organizations and strengthening awareness of available assistance rather than duplicating services already offered within the community.

The committee also discussed additional housing-related concepts, including consideration of a capital improvement assistance program for deed-restricted housing units modeled after existing regional programs. Participants briefly discussed affordable housing oversight, as well as ongoing conversations surrounding short-term rentals and opportunities to better balance short-term and long-term housing needs.

Strengthening Community Belonging

Building on previous discussions regarding social infrastructure and community connection, the committee explored additional ways to foster a stronger sense of belonging among residents.

Participants discussed organizing recurring group activities such as community trail walks, group bike rides, and other recreational gatherings that naturally connect residents while supporting local businesses. Members also discussed opportunities to create interest-based groups that help residents build relationships around shared hobbies and activities.

The committee emphasized the importance of ensuring that outreach and programming remain inclusive and accessible, particularly for residents who may be at greater risk of social isolation or who face barriers to participating in community life.

Business and Workforce Development

The committee continued discussions regarding local workforce development and economic opportunity.

Participants discussed strengthening connections between local employers and educational institutions, including opportunities to better connect workforce needs with programs offered through Colorado Mountain College. Members observed that Snowmass Village currently lacks some of the traditional business support and economic development functions that help entrepreneurs, employers, and employees connect, suggesting that additional coordination could benefit both the business community and the local workforce.

Emerging Themes and Next Steps

Several themes continued to emerge during the committee's third meeting.

First, communication has become a foundational priority that underpins many other recommendations. Committee members consistently emphasized that improving awareness



of community resources, events, and services may be one of the most impactful and achievable opportunities available to the Town.

Second, the committee continued to prioritize recommendations that build community connection alongside those addressing affordability. Participants emphasized that thriving depends not only on access to housing and employment, but also on opportunities to participate in community life, develop relationships, and enjoy the benefits of living in Snowmass Village.

Finally, the committee focused on transitioning from idea generation to a cohesive set of recommendations. Members agreed that the next phase of work should emphasize refining, organizing, and communicating the committee's recommendations in preparation for presentation to the Town Council.

Committee is invited to attend the Town Council Regular Meeting at 4pm on July 20, 2026. Self-selected members of the committee will present an update on these three main areas of focus.

- Community Navigation & Information – connecting Community to the Information
- Community Connection & Affordability - through incentives/discounts
- Community Support System – through access to resources and activities



Thrive Advisory Committee – Meeting #2 Summary Report

May 27, 2026, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Chambers

Overview

The Thrive Advisory Committee convened for its second meeting on May 27, continuing its work to identify and prioritize opportunities that can improve quality of life and strengthen community connection in Snowmass Village. Building on themes established during the kickoff meeting, the committee focused on refining key challenge areas, identifying feasible near-term initiatives, and discussing how limited available funding may best support community-impact programs and projects.

The meeting included a recap of previous discussions, the introduction of new committee members, and facilitated small-group conversations centered on affordability, communication, workforce needs, and social infrastructure. Eleven committee members attended the meeting.

Recap of Initial Themes & Community Conditions

The committee revisited several major themes identified during the first meeting, including housing affordability, cost of living pressures, childcare availability, workforce stability, social connection, and preservation of community character.

Participants reaffirmed that many of the challenges facing Snowmass Village are interconnected and reflect broader conditions common to resort and mountain communities. Members referenced recent regional conversations through the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments regarding declining quality of life in resort communities, emphasizing concerns about rising costs, workforce instability, and the growing tension between maintaining employment and being able to enjoy the lifestyle that attracts people to the region.

Committee members discussed the reality that many residents work multiple jobs or maintain demanding schedules simply to remain in the community. Participants emphasized that thriving should include not only economic survival, but also the ability to meaningfully participate in community life and enjoy the natural and recreational amenities that define Snowmass Village.

The committee also reviewed the approximately \$300,000 available for community-impact projects and programs and acknowledged that while major structural issues such as housing and childcare remain critically important, many potential solutions in those areas may exceed the scope or resources currently available to the committee.



Emerging Focus on Communication & Community Navigation

A major focus of the meeting centered on communication gaps within the community and the need for stronger systems that help residents access information, services, and social opportunities.

Participants discussed the importance of ensuring communication methods are accessible and inclusive across all ages, backgrounds, cultures, and levels of community familiarity. Committee members noted that while information may technically exist, residents often do not know where to find it or may not feel connected enough to engage with available opportunities.

Several participants emphasized that community participation is dependent on awareness, summarized by the observation that "you cannot participate if you do not know what is happening."

Ideas generated during this discussion included:

- A "Be a Good Neighbor" or community ambassador program to help orient new residents and families to local services, programs, and community norms.
- A comprehensive resident resource guide containing essential community information, events, local services, and resident opportunities.
- A modernized version of a community bulletin board, potentially combining digital platforms with physical community posting spaces in highly visible locations.
- Evaluating and improving the distribution strategy for existing communication tools, including the Daly Update newsletter.

Participants also discussed the importance of balancing digital communication with in-person and traditional outreach methods, including print materials, posters, social media, and face-to-face engagement.

Leveraging Existing Community Organizations

The committee discussed opportunities to partner with and build upon the work already being done by local nonprofits, service providers, and community organizations. Participants emphasized that coordination and collaboration may provide more immediate and cost-effective opportunities than creating entirely new systems or programs.

Organizations and initiatives referenced during the discussion included the Kind Neighbor Project, Snowmass Chapel, the Confluence Early Childhood Education Coalition, Pitkin County services, and tourism and community organizations already active within Snowmass Village.



Participants expressed interest in identifying ways the committee's recommendations could complement and strengthen existing community efforts rather than duplicate them.

Small Group Discussions and Preliminary Concepts

Committee members participated in small-group discussions focused on refining several key themes and identifying more actionable concepts.

1. Business Incubator and Economic Development

One group discussed the concept of a local business incubator or broader economic development initiative intended to support entrepreneurship, workforce retention, and long-term economic sustainability.

Participants noted that many individuals initially come to Snowmass Village for seasonal employment but may seek pathways toward more stable careers and long-term community integration. Potential ideas included mentorship opportunities connecting experienced business owners with emerging entrepreneurs, as well as the possibility of creating a small seed-funding program to help launch local businesses.

The discussion also raised questions about whether Snowmass Village may benefit from more formalized economic development functions or staffing in the future.

2. Social Connection & Belonging

A second discussion group focused on social infrastructure, communication, and opportunities to strengthen community connection.

Participants expanded the definition of "social connection" to include communication systems and visibility of community opportunities. Members emphasized that relatively low-cost, high-visibility efforts may have meaningful impacts on community participation and belonging.

Ideas discussed included increased shoulder-season programming, recurring community events, music and social gatherings, and themed events designed to bring residents together during slower times of year.

The committee also discussed the broader concept of "social infrastructure," including the physical and organizational spaces that allow people to build relationships and feel connected to community life.

3. Cost of Living Pressures & Local Affordability

Another discussion group focused on affordability pressures and ways to help residents more fully participate in community life despite rising costs.



Participants explored concepts such as local discount programs, resident passes, or community cards that could provide reduced-cost access to restaurants, recreation, and local services during slower business periods. Several members emphasized that affordability should include not only the ability to live in Snowmass Village, but also the ability to enjoy local amenities and experiences.

The group discussed potential eligibility considerations, including residency, employment, or volunteer participation within the community.

Participants also explored ways to better connect available jobs with local workers, particularly for residents who need to maintain qualifying work hours for housing or employment-related programs.

4. Community Gathering Spaces & Third Spaces

The committee continued conversations from the first meeting regarding the importance of "third spaces" — gathering places outside of home and work that encourage social interaction and community engagement.

Participants discussed opportunities to better utilize existing community spaces such as the Collective and the Conference Center during underutilized times. Ideas included senior programming, intergenerational activities, coffee gatherings, card groups, and partnerships with library services.

Committee members noted that Snowmass Village may benefit from additional local-serving gathering spaces such as coffee shops, casual meeting spaces, and restaurants that support year-round community interaction.

5. Community Events & Seasonal Programming

Participants also discussed enhancements to existing community events, including the possibility of expanding the community picnic into a larger seasonal gathering that incorporates local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community partners.

Additional ideas included farm stands, partnerships with local producers, community tabling opportunities, and events intended to increase interaction between residents and local organizations.

Barriers and Ongoing Challenges

The committee further refined several categories of barriers affecting residents and businesses.

For homeowners, participants identified increasing HOA fees, insurance costs, utility rates, and building code requirements as growing financial pressures.



For renters and households seeking housing, concerns included housing availability, attainability, housing diversity, affordability, and transit access.

Broader community-wide concerns included seasonality, closures of local businesses during shoulder seasons, limited services, workforce shortages, and the challenges associated with living in a rural resort community.

Participants also discussed the interconnected relationship between employers and workforce needs, noting that businesses require stable staffing while workers require sufficient wages, housing access, and year-round employment opportunities.

Emerging Themes and Next Steps

Several themes continued to emerge throughout the second meeting.

First, communication and visibility appear to be foundational community needs that affect residents' ability to participate in programs, access resources, and build social connections.

Second, the committee increasingly identified "social infrastructure" as an important area for future exploration, including both physical gathering spaces and systems that help residents engage with one another.

Third, participants emphasized the importance of identifying feasible, near-term initiatives that can produce visible community benefits within existing funding constraints while continuing to acknowledge larger systemic challenges related to housing and affordability.

Finally, the committee discussed the importance of balancing the transient nature of resort communities with efforts to support long-term residency, community integration, and stronger local identity.

The committee will continue refining these concepts and identifying priorities during future meetings as it works toward developing recommendations for the Snowmass Village Town Council.

The next TAC Meeting is Wednesday, June 24, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.



Thrive Advisory Committee – Kickoff Meeting Summary Report

April 27, 2026, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Chambers

Overview

The Thrive Advisory Committee convened for its inaugural meeting on April 27, bringing together a diverse group of community members to begin shaping a shared understanding of what it means to “thrive” in Snowmass Village and to identify key challenges and opportunities facing the community. The meeting focused on participant introductions, defining the concept of thriving, and an initial exploration of community barriers and potential solution areas.

Committee Composition and Perspectives

The committee reflects a broad cross-section of the Snowmass Village community, including long-term residents, newer arrivals, business owners, working professionals, and retirees. Tenure within the community ranges from lifelong residents to individuals who relocated as recently as 2021. Several participants live in Snowmass Village but work in nearby Aspen, while others both live and work locally. Thirteen committee members were present at this meeting.

A significant portion of the group has direct experience with the community's most pressing challenges, including navigating employee housing, raising families in a high-cost environment, and operating businesses amid rising expenses. Many participants are parents, and both single- and dual-income households are represented. The group also includes individuals with varying levels of financial security, contributing to a wide range of lived experiences.

Across these differences, participants shared a strong commitment to preserving the character of Snowmass Village and improving its long-term sustainability as a place to live, work, and raise a family.

Motivations for Participation

Participants expressed a common appreciation for the lifestyle and natural environment that Snowmass Village offers, with skiing and outdoor recreation frequently cited as initial draws to the community. However, these benefits are increasingly offset by the realities of living in a high-cost resort town.



Concerns about housing affordability, the rising cost of goods and services, and the overall cost of living were consistently raised. Participants noted that these pressures affect not only entry-level workers but also mid-career professionals, families, and business owners. Several individuals highlighted the difficulty of maintaining a stable workforce, as well as the challenge of sustaining local businesses under current economic conditions.

Family-related concerns were also prominent, particularly with respect to childcare availability and affordability. Participants emphasized that these issues create barriers for both attracting and retaining working families in the community.

A recurring theme throughout the discussion was the tension between working to sustain oneself financially and having the time and resources to enjoy the very qualities that make Snowmass Village desirable. This dynamic was captured in the question posed by one participant: if residents must work continuously to afford to live in the community, how can they fully experience and benefit from it?

Defining “Thrive” in Snowmass Village

The committee engaged in a discussion to define what it means for individuals and the community to “thrive.” Participants described thriving as going beyond basic stability or survival. It includes a sense of optimism about daily life, connection to community, and confidence in the future.

Key elements of a thriving community include access to attainable housing, strong educational opportunities for children, and the ability to live sustainably over time. Participants emphasized the importance of balance, security, and predictability in enabling individuals and families to put down roots.

Social connection emerged as a critical component of thriving. Participants highlighted the importance of a community that actively supports its members, particularly for those who may lack nearby family networks, such as newer residents and older adults aging in place. The concept of “third spaces”—informal gathering places outside of home and work—was identified as essential for fostering these connections. Examples included community facilities, local events, recreational spaces, and informal social venues.

The discussion also acknowledged less visible barriers to belonging, including cultural expectations and social norms that can make it difficult for some individuals to feel fully integrated into the community.



Overall, the group agreed that thriving requires not only access to resources, but also the time and opportunity to engage with the community and enjoy the lifestyle that Snowmass Village promotes.

Community Challenges

Through breakout discussions, the committee identified several key barriers to thriving in Snowmass Village. Housing emerged as the most significant challenge, encompassing both affordability and quality. Participants discussed the lack of options for middle-income households, the condition and management of employee housing, and the limited pathways for residents to age in place or downsize within the community. Additional pressures include short-term rentals, property taxes, and homeowners association fees.

The broader cost of living was also identified as a major concern, with participants citing the high cost of groceries, fuel, and dining. These expenses compound housing costs and contribute to overall financial strain.

Workforce and business-related challenges were another area of focus. Participants noted the high cost of operating businesses locally and the difficulty of recruiting and retaining employees. There is a perceived need for better systems to connect local workers with job opportunities and to support workforce stability.

Childcare was consistently identified as a critical issue, with concerns related to both cost and availability. Participants noted that limited access to childcare can restrict workforce participation and place additional strain on families.

Additional challenges included infrastructure-related concerns such as parking access and the cumulative impact of ongoing construction activity within the community.

Populations Most Affected

While the identified challenges impact a wide range of residents, the committee noted that certain groups may be particularly affected. These include families with children, younger workers and newer residents attempting to establish themselves in the community, and older adults who may face challenges related to fixed incomes or limited support networks.



Initial Solution Concepts

The committee generated a range of preliminary ideas aimed at addressing both structural challenges and community connection. One concept involved the creation of a centralized digital platform—referred to as “Snowmass Connected”—that would serve as a hub for job postings, housing information, local marketplace activity, and community updates. This concept is intended to improve access to information and strengthen connections within the community.

Participants also discussed potential approaches to providing financial relief to residents, such as a local discount program or “booster card,” as well as incentives recognizing long-term residency. These ideas reflect an interest in tangible, near-term measures to offset the high cost of living.

In addition, there was strong interest in expanding community-based programming and events. Suggestions included regular community dinners, recreational meetups, volunteer opportunities, and themed events designed to bring residents together. Participants emphasized that these types of initiatives can play a meaningful role in strengthening social cohesion and fostering a sense of belonging.

Emerging Themes and Next Steps

Several overarching themes emerged from the discussion. First, the challenges facing Snowmass Village extend beyond housing alone and reflect a broader set of conditions that affect residents' ability to live well, including financial pressures, time constraints, and access to community resources.

Second, social connection and a sense of belonging are essential components of a thriving community and should be considered alongside more traditional policy areas such as housing and economic development.

Third, there is value in pursuing both long-term structural solutions and smaller, near-term initiatives that can deliver immediate benefits to residents.

As the committee moves forward, future work may focus on refining these ideas, evaluating potential solutions based on their impact and feasibility, and identifying opportunities for pilot programs and early implementation.

The next TAC Meeting is Wednesday, May 27.

Town of Snowmass Village Agenda Item Summary

Date of Meeting:

July 20, 2026

Agenda Item:

Ritz Carlton Sketch Plan Joint Presentation

Presented by:

Michelle Bonfils Thibeault, AICP, Community Development Director

Background:

On March 16, 2026, Town Council and the Planning Commission viewed and commented on the Pre-Sketch Application presentation by Elevate Snowmass, LLC (Applicant) to redevelop the existing Viewline Resort (consisting of the Viewline Hotel, Snowmass Conference Center, and Wildwood Lodge) with a proposed 167 traditional lodge keys, 61 fractional units, conference center with meeting rooms, 125 on-site workforce housing units, and subgrade parking and centralized deliveries facilities. The Sketch Plan application submittal reflects the Applicant's conceptual responses to feedback from the Pre-Sketch Presentation.

The Sketch Plan review is an opportunity for the Town and the applicant to engage in an exploratory discussion of a development proposal considering (1) generally appropriate use at a specific location; (2) consistency with the Comprehensive Plan; (3) generally appropriate architectural mass, scale and density and related common or dedicated open space; (4) consideration of natural resources on the site; (5) access and circulation; (6) parking; (7) proposed timetable for the development; and (8) consideration of the proposed concepts relative to promoting public health, safety and welfare.

The application is available here: [Ritz Carlton \(Viewline\) Sketch Plan PUD](#)

Financial Impact:

The Sketch Plan does not obligate the Town to approve future development(s) and therefore, there are no financial impacts required at this stage. Financial obligations of the development are required during the Preliminary Plan process.

Applicability to Council Goals & Objectives:**2018 Comprehensive Plan -- applicable Guiding Principles**

- Vibrant: Make the Snowmass Village economy sustainable and resilient, while

providing opportunities for a variety of new and innovative businesses and endeavors, and continue to support existing and locally-owned businesses. Together, investments in economic development should provide a variety of shopping, dining, cultural, recreational, housing lodging and working opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

- Genuine: Retain the natural, pristine and unique small village character while creating places that are interesting, welcoming, well-designed, useful and likely to provide long-standing value to the community and visitors

2018 Comprehensive Plan -- applicable Strategic Initiatives

- Promote environmental and economic sustainability and resiliency.
- Focus new development and/or redevelopment within the identified CPAs.
- Encourage the update and renovation of older buildings in the Village
- Continue to support a viable workforce and our commitment to workforce housing by exploring opportunities that best balance the character and resources of the Town
- Strengthen local economic opportunities to assure vibrancy

The plan for the West Village CPA, included in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan is included as Attachment B.

Council Options:

The Sketch Plan Joint meeting with Planning Commission and Town Council is to hear the initial presentation of the application by the Applicant. Thereafter, the Planning Commission shall conduct its review of the application. Upon completion of review, the Planning Commission shall by Resolution, provide direction to the applicant on the sketch plan application. The Planning Commission Resolution will initiate the Town Council's formal review of the Sketch Plan application.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Town Council with the Planning Commission, hear a presentation from the applicant on the proposal and adjustments since the Pre-Sketch Plan submittal. This presentation is a cursory step in the formal review process. No Planning Commission or Town Council actions are required at this time.

Attachments:

1. Ritz-Carlton Snowmass PUD_TC + PC Joint Meeting Presentation
2. 5A Attachment B - West Village CPA

The Ritz-Carlton Snowmass Redevelopment Major PUD

Sketch Plan Application Review



DESIGNWORKSHOP



THE RITZ-CARLTON

Joint Town Council + Planning Commission Meeting
July 20th, 2026



Town Council + Planning Commission

Development Review Objectives

+ **EXISTING CONDITIONS + CHALLENGES:**

Review of Pre-Sketch Feedback

+ **SKETCH PLAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN OVERVIEW:**

Iterations of the Concept Plan

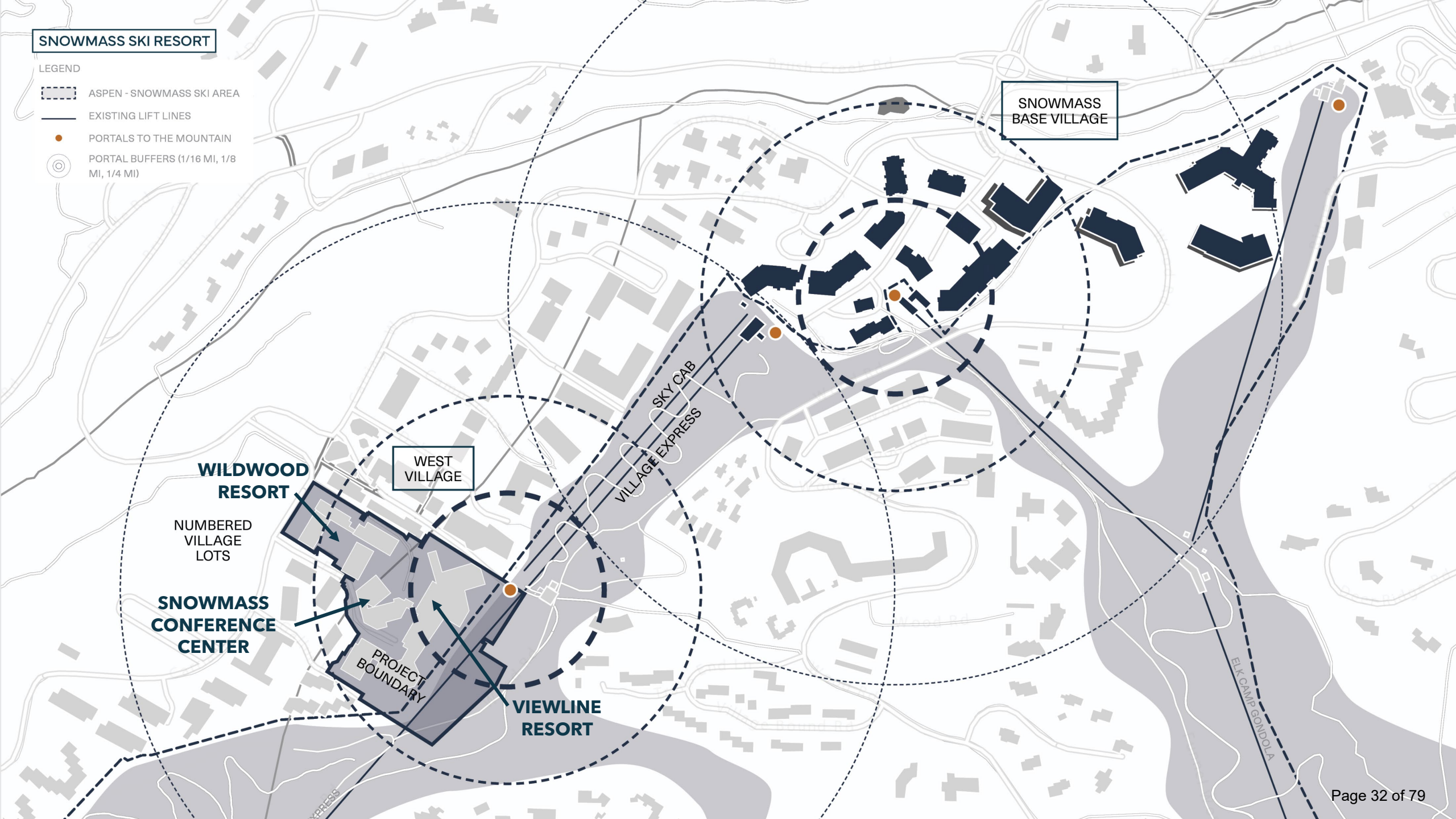
+ **REVIEW PROCESS TIMELINE:**

Review Strategy + Timeline for Engagement

SNOWMASS SKI RESORT

LEGEND

- ASPEN - SNOWMASS SKI AREA
- EXISTING LIFT LINES
- PORTALS TO THE MOUNTAIN
- PORTAL BUFFERS (1/16 MI, 1/8 MI, 1/4 MI)





VIEWLINE
RESORT

CONFERENCE
CENTER

VILLAGE MALL

WILDWOOD
INN

Fall Lane Connection

Elbert Lane Connection

Why Now?:

Operational Challenge

+ AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

- + Required ongoing maintenance pose a significant operational challenge and cost
- + Limits long-term performance of the property
- + Lack of sustainability

+ OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

- + Extensive vehicular and pedestrian conflicts in circulation patterns
- + Parking spaces and drop-off areas are over-constrained
- + Limitations in conference space
- + Ill equipped for emergencies

+ LACKLUSTER GUEST EXPERIENCE

- + Only 44.8% of guests would recommend the resort
- + Critical, highly visible site that is becoming obsolete
- + Currently under-indexed in luxury inventory
- + Limited ability to compete for top-tier guests

AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

INCESSANT \$1.5M TOLLS

HVAC system failure

CONSEQUENTIAL NON-COMPLIANCE

Substantial fire sprinkler system repairs across site

ROOF FAILURES

Perpetual exterior, interior, gutter, and heat-tracing replacements

EXCESSIVE OPERATIONAL OVERHAUL

Ongoing HVAC failure drags attention and resources away

UNREMITTING LEAKAGES

Ongoing hot water replacements

MALFUNCTIONING EQUIPMENT

Erratic snowmelt pump performance

87 ELEVATOR VIOLATIONS ON DAY 1

Mandated repairs + continued maintenance

CRITICAL REPLACEMENTS

Pool filtration and heating elements

DETRIMENTAL CRACKING

Continuous plumbing overflows

SAFETY HAZARDS

Multiple irregularities with outdated snowmelt system

Why Now?:

Development Opportunity



**Develop Sustainable
Infrastructure for a
Year-Round Economy**



**Improve Connection to
the Public Realm**



**Increase Availability of
Workforce Housing**



**Improve Connectivity
Between the Village and
Ski Mountain**



**Celebrate Community
Character**

The proposed uses are consistent with the existing operation of the properties and pose a substantial opportunity to transform the development into one that is economically viable, can have year-round activation, and enhance the long-term sustainability and community value of the site, all while strengthening its position as a vibrant, four-season destination.

Brand Strategy

The Ritz-Carlton + Marriott

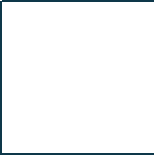
The Ritz-Carlton brand is not about flash or trend-chasing. It is about disciplined service, consistency, and an almost old-school belief that excellence comes from rigor, employee-training, and standards executed every single day.

Ritz Logo

- + Place-Driven Luxury.
- + Local Partnerships.
- + Community-Rooted Experiences.
- + Service Philosophy.



What we've heard so far



Pre-Sketch Plan Application

Key Takeaways

- + **Demonstrate Alignment with Community**
- + **Define the Development Program and Site Design**
- + **Create a Distinctive Destination**
- + **Build Trust Through Construction and Implementation**
- + **Integrate with the Broader Community**

The Ritz-Carlton team appreciates the feedback provided throughout the review process.

We have refined the design to better align with community priorities by refining lodging and workforce housing, improving vehicular circulation and parking, and enhancing commercial space for a vibrant environment that is more responsive to local values and aspirations.

Economic Impact



Alignment with Plans

Town of Snowmass Village Comprehensive Plan

- + Concentrating development in an appropriate location, enhancing multimodal connectivity, preserving key community assets, and creating a dynamic, mixed-use destination that serves residents, employees, and visitors alike.

West Village Comprehensively Planned Area (CPA)

- + Reinforcing the West Village as a revitalized, mixed-use environment by introducing resort-oriented development that blends medium-density residential and lodging uses above a pedestrian level of retail, dining, and entertainment
- + Emphasizing an intimate village character while respecting the area's historic context, incorporating activated civic spaces, plazas with strong solar exposure, seating, landscaping, lighting, modern infrastructure, and opportunities for public art.

Destination Tourism Plan

- + Prioritizing people, place, prosperity, and process to ensure that the Ritz-Carlton Snowmass is reflective of the history of the mountain community.

FRAMEWORK



DEVELOPMENT GUIDE



PLAN REFINEMENT

Alignment with Plans

“Increased mixed-use activities should be encouraged here to leverage vitality in the area...Any re-development must include plaza level commercial and may include upper level residential/lodging units. The scale of any re-development should complement the existing scale but could be increased in size/ height in limited strategic locations.”

- West Village CPA, Page 22

- + Recognize the West Village as a tourist focused neighborhood that could support both free market and employee housing.
- + Consider locations along the Mall and elsewhere in the West Village for public art.
- + Promote redevelopment of the Mall with resort-oriented mixed use, blending medium density residential and lodging on the upper floors with retail, restaurants and entertainment on the pedestrian level.
- + Encourage Transit Oriented Development (TOD)...
- + Provide intimate village character at the Mall while acknowledging its historic aspects.
- + Recognize that the public parking lots remain a valuable community asset and should remain...
- + Improve multi-modal connections between Base Village, the Snowmass Center and the Mall.
- + Encourage the enhancement of the underutilized Benedit Trail.
- + Incentivize revitalization/modernization of older buildings and short-term lodging properties.
- + Support special events and family-friendly programming to create activity on the Mall.
- + Consider public/private partnerships to encourage revitalization of the West Village.

Fractional Ownership

61 Fractional Units. Units range in size from 2-, 3-, 4-, and 5-bedroom units.

1/8 Ownership. Ownership is available in 1/8 fractional interests, supporting year-round occupancy.

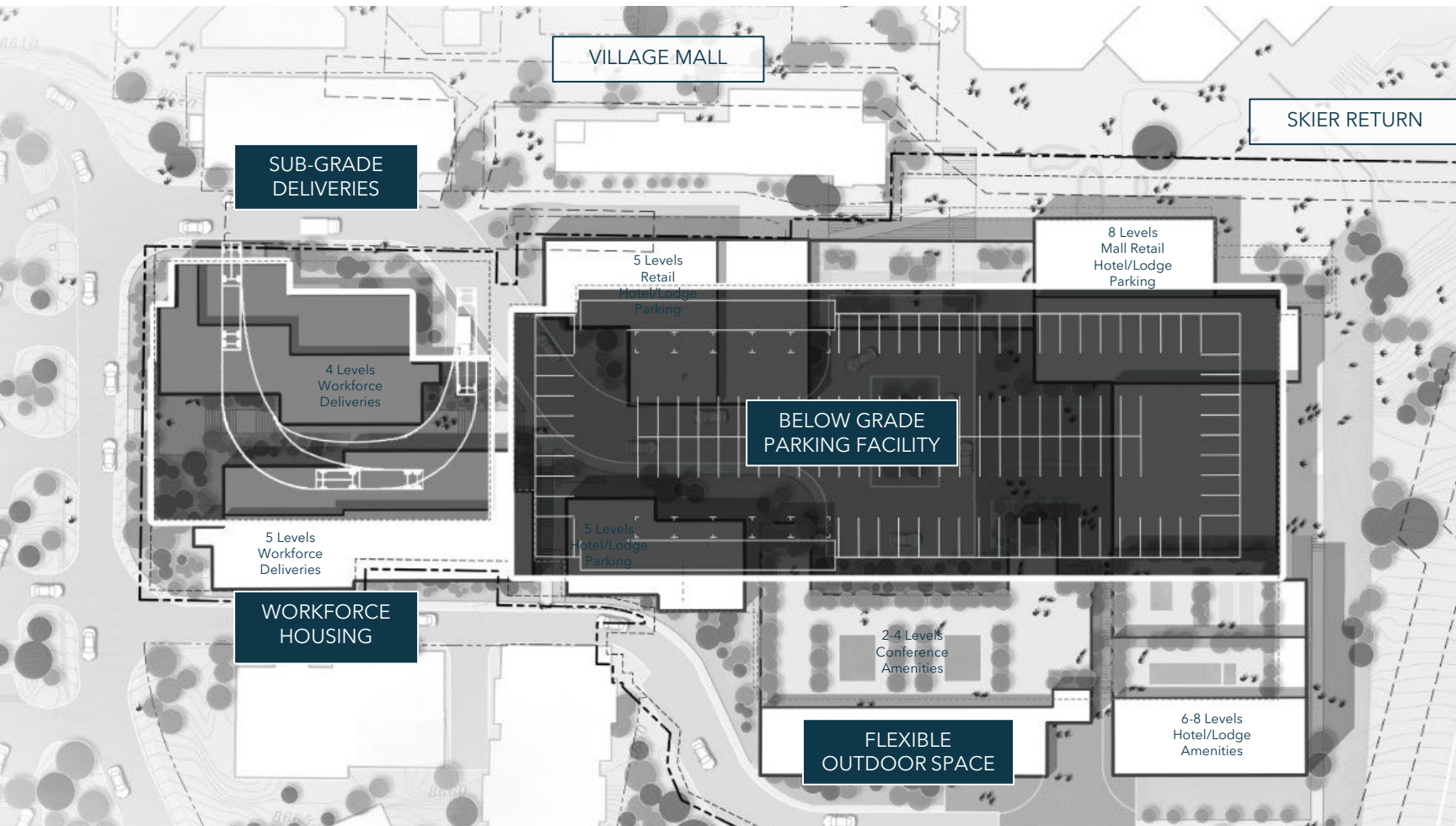
Professionally Managed Ownership. All units are operated, managed and maintained by Ritz-Carlton world-class management.

The Buyer. Luxury residents seeking recreation-based accommodations in the mountains, including international clientele.

Rental Program. Optional participation in professionally managed rental program following the purchase of residential units.



Centralized Delivery



Centralized Delivery. Facilities located below the workforce housing units are equipped to accommodate cold and dry storage as rentable space to adjacent Mall business owners.

Benedict Creek



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Group Sales

Group Business Base. Establish a robust group business base with a target of approximately 30% of the overall business mix.

High Value Segments. Accommodate groups booking for corporate retreats, executive board meetings, luxury destination weddings and social celebrations – driving auxiliary spend throughout Snowmass.

Shoulder Season Occupancy. Strategically place consistent group and catering across peak and off-peak periods.

Best in Class Facilities. Provide state of the art, flexible spaces with connection to outdoor amenity areas, to accommodate concurrent and large-scale events.



Construction Approach

Pre Sketch Plan Submittal: January 2026 (Complete)

Sketch Plan Submittal: May 2026

Sketch Plan Review: June 2026 - December 2026 (6 months)

Preliminary Plan Submittal: December 2026 - March 2027 (3 months)

Preliminary Plan Review: March 2027 - October 2027 (8 months)

Final Plan Submittal: November 2027 - February 2028 (4 months)

Final Plan Review: March 2028 - June 2028 (4 months)

Anticipated Groundbreaking: Autumn 2028

Anticipated Opening: Spring/Summer 2031



**A robust construction management plan will be prepared and submitted with the Ritz-Carlton Snowmass Redevelopment Major PUD Preliminary Plan application.*

A Bold Vision for Redevelopment

“Create experiences for both the local community and guests, creating an environment that is fun and inviting, a luxury destination for family friendly travel, a place for community to gather and connect, and where guests want to return year after year.”



To efficiently and effectively plan for people, place, prosperity, and process, the vision and commitment to redevelopment is simple:

“Provide a Family Friendly Experience, within a World Class Resort, that responds to and supports the Snowmass Ecosystem”

Family Friendly Experience

This keystone property of Snowmass Village is a place where adventure and relaxation go hand in hand, where community is invited to gather, and resort activation is planned in harmony with the natural environment and surrounding developments.

World Class Resort

Inspired by the Town of Snowmass Village’s authentic ski culture and local history, the development strives to create a fun and memorable experience for guests and community members alike.

Snowmass Ecosystem

The development is committed to excellence through all facets - recreation, design, guest services, implementation, safety and wellbeing, and will serve as responsible stewards of the land.



Project Goals and Community Benefits



Year-Round Economy

- + Achieve higher stabilized annual occupancy compared with the existing property.
- + Increase the percentage of units participating in the Snowmass Village nightly rental pool.
- + Provide modernized conference and meeting facilities designed to support year-round group visitation.
- + Program commercial and hospitality uses that operate across winter, summer, and shoulder seasons.
- + Increase visitor activity that supports surrounding restaurants, recreation providers, and retail businesses.



Public Realm

- + Provide publicly accessible outdoor gathering spaces integrated into the village environment.
- + Support seasonal programming such as events, music, or community activities where appropriate.
- + Locate food and beverage or retail uses along primary pedestrian routes.
- + Design outdoor spaces that support family-oriented recreation and community gatherings.
- + Activate outdoor areas during winter, summer, and shoulder seasons.



Workforce Housing

- + Provide workforce housing units integrated within the redevelopment.
- + Provide housing opportunities that support employees working within Snowmass Village.
- + Contribute to the Town's workforce housing supply targets.
- + Support long term stability of the local tourism workforce.

Project Goals and Community Benefits



Connectivity

- + Maintain ski-in ski-out access across the site.
- + Improve pedestrian and skier circulation through clearly defined routes and connections.
- + Maintain active and welcoming frontages along the ski slope interface.
- + Provide direct connections between the site, ski terrain, and surrounding village pathways.
- + Design slope edge spaces that support skier movement and gathering.



Character

- + Design architecture and landscape that respond to the alpine environment and compliant with the Town of Snowmass Village Land Use Code.
- + Incorporate materials and forms that reflect the architectural heritage of Snowmass Village.
- + Maintain building scale and massing appropriate to the surrounding village context
- + Express a contemporary interpretation of mountain architecture while respecting the character of the community.
- + Contribute positively to the visual identity and sense of place of Snowmass Village.

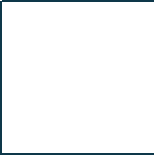


Sustainable Infrastructure

- + Replace aging infrastructure with modern building systems and utilities.
- + Improve energy performance compared with existing facilities.
- + Integrate systems that support efficient operations across winter, summer, and shoulder seasons.
- + Incorporate design strategies that reduce long term environmental impacts.
- + Improve long term operational resilience of the property.



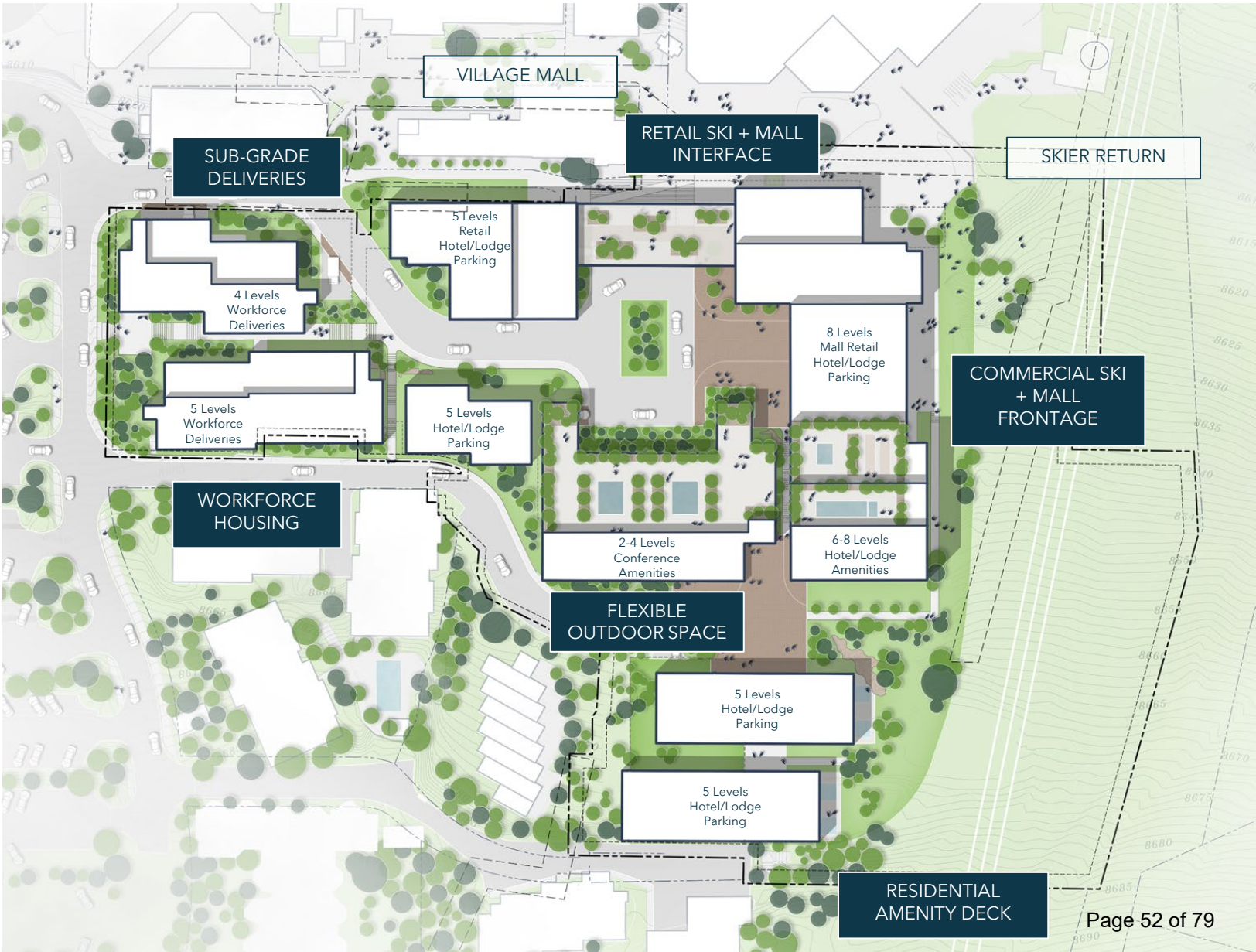
Development Overview



Development Overview: Sketch Plan

SKETCH REDEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

	Total
Guest Rooms (sf)	98,595
Fractional Units (sf)	101,282
Commercial Support (sf)	-
Hotel Support (sf)	24,283
Hotel Function of Commercial Space	5,774
Retail/Restaurant	38,778
Conference	38,462
Subtotal Existing Floor Area (sf)	480,437
Number of Guest Rooms	167
Average Size of Guest Rooms	590 sf
Number of Fractional Units	61 units
Average Size of Fractional Units	1,660 units
Workforce Housing Units	125 DU (57,131 sf)
Average Size of Workforce Housing Units	457 sf
Number of Parking Spaces	252



Lodge Programming

167 Lodge Keys. Traditional lodge units ranging in size, including suite units.

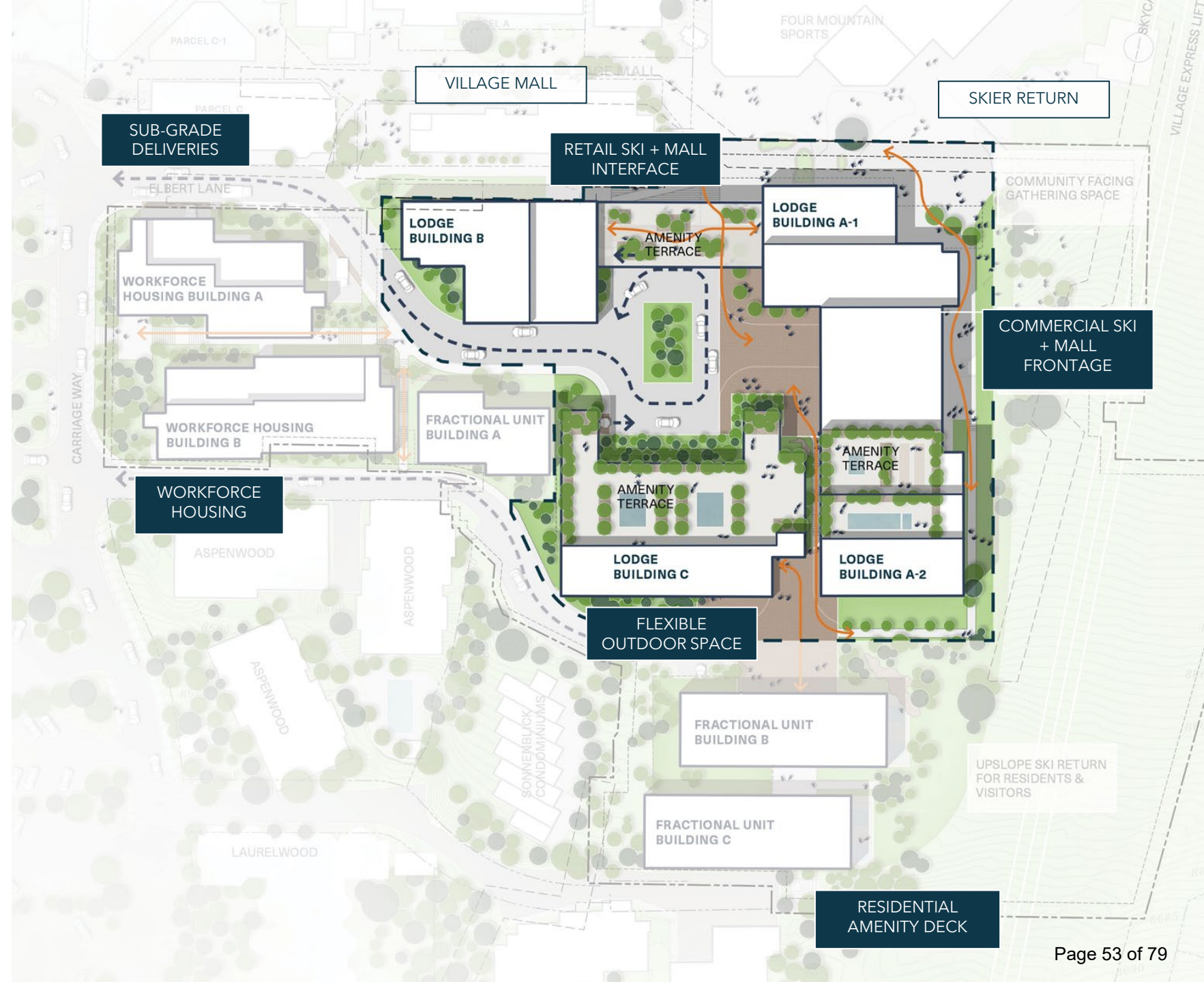
Increased Average Room Size. Room size increased by 60% on average to meet current standards for the luxury market.

Supporting Amenities. Approximately 65,000 sq ft of support facilities including commercial/retail, food and beverage, spa facilities, and conference space.

On-Site Parking. Below grade parking supports lodge guests, fractional owners, and workforce housing employees.

Planning Commission

+ August 19th Meeting #2: Lodge Programming



Fractional Unit Programming

61 Fractional Units. Units ranging from 2- to 5-bedroom units.

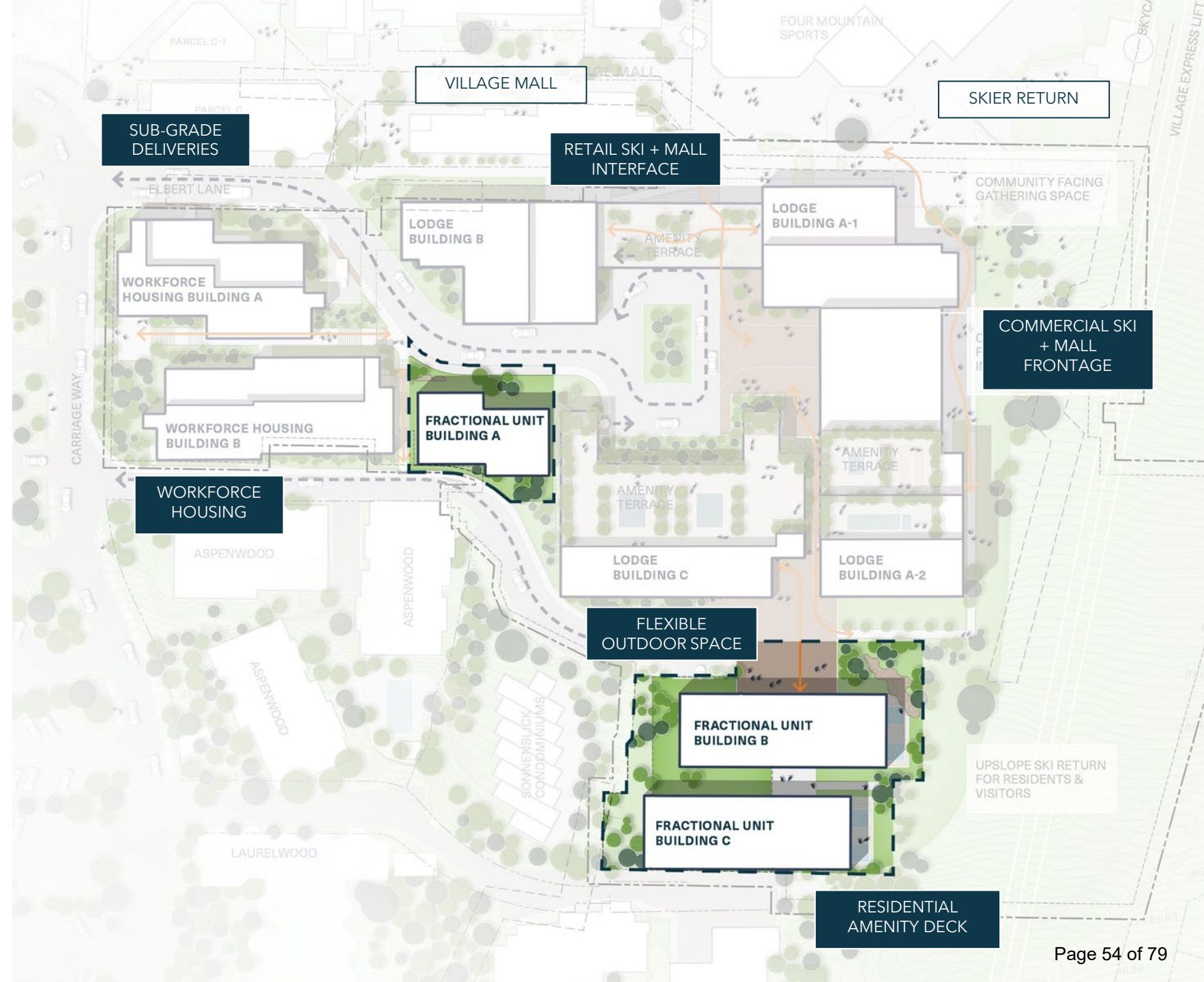
Increased Year-Round Occupancy. Fractional ownership increases year-round occupancy while maintaining flexibility for owners.

World-Class Management. Fractional units are managed and maintained by the same Ritz-Carlton hospitality operators.

Lodge Support. Optional participation in rental management increases the overall availability and variety of lodging units.

Planning Commission

+ August 19th Meeting #2: Lodge Programming



Workforce Housing

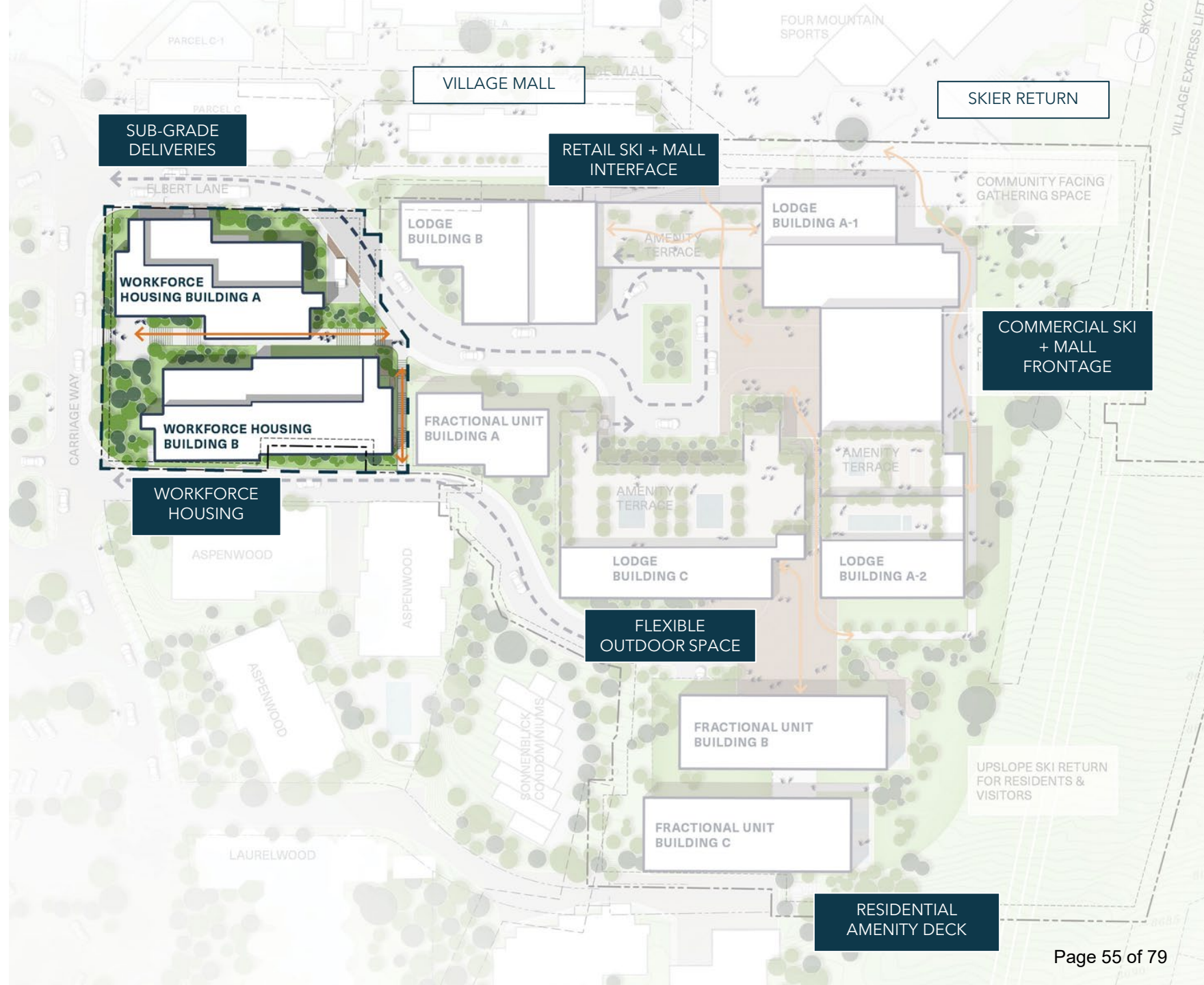
125 On-Site Workforce Housing Units.

Unit Distribution. Intent for half of the housing units to be allocated to Ritz-Carlton Snowmass operations and half to the St. Regis operations.

Connection to Transit. Use of Town of Snowmass Village public transportation is encouraged, although some parking provided on property for employees.

Planning Commission

+ September 16th Meeting #4:
Workforce Housing



Comparison to Existing Development

AS BUILT DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

	Total
Guest Rooms (sf)	155,498
Commercial Support (sf)	4,135
Hotel Support (sf)	7,722
Hotel Function of Commercial Space	38,504
Retail/Restaurant	30,017
Conference	33,912
Subtotal Existing Floor Area (sf)	369,788
Number of Guest Rooms	407 keys
Average Size of Guest Rooms	367 sf
Workforce Housing Units	8 DU (2,866 sf)
Average Size of Workforce Housing Units	358 sf
Number of Parking Spaces	25 spaces

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INCREASE OF
CONFERENCE SPACE BY
13.4%

INCREASE LODGE UNIT
SIZE BY **60.8%** ON
AVERAGE

INCREASE WORKFORCE
HOUSING UNITS BY
1,462%

INCREASE PARKING
SPACES BY **908%**

Statement of Objectives

- + Invest in the redevelopment of a marquee hotel property in the West Village.
- + Enhance year-round mountain recreation and community gatherings.
- + Provide localized investment in community uses and workforce housing.
- + Provide a variety of lodge, free market, and workforce housing options for guests and locals within the Town of Snowmass Village.
- + Reinvestment into enticing offerings, 21st Century group business spaces and comfortably sized rooms for families, positioning Snowmass Village competitively among world-class resort destinations.



PUD Replat

Access Easements

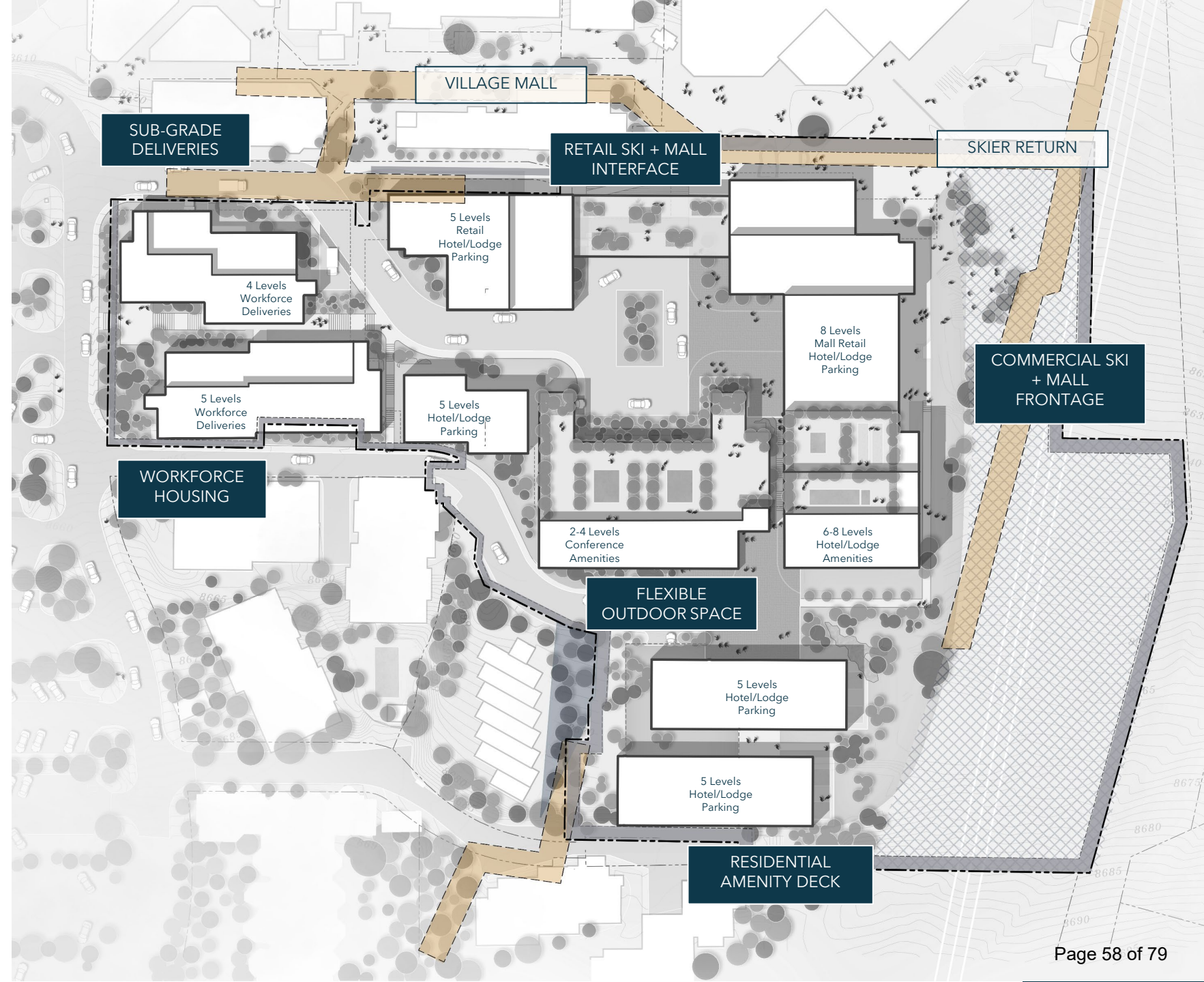
- + Pedestrian Access Easement
 - + Book 566, Page 79 (VACATED, TO BE RELOCATED)
 - + Book 23, Page 46 (VACATED, TO BE RELOCATED)
- + Sidewalk Agreement: Reception No. 495339 (MAINTAINED)
- + Ski Easement
 - + Book 269, Page 162 (MAINTAINED)
 - + Book 289, Page 142 (MAINTAINED)
- + Emergency Access Easement: Book 23, Page 46 (VACATED)
- + Town of Snowmass Village ROW: Reception No. 127435 (VACATED, TO BE RELOCATED)

Utility Easements

- + Utility Easement: Book 564, Page 147 (PARTIALLY MAINTAINED)
- + Water and Sanitary Easement: Book 344, Page 701 (PARTIALLY MAINTAINED)
- + Drainage Easement
 - + Book 23, Page 46 (VACATED, TO BE RELOCATED)
 - + Book 15, Page 46 (VACATED, TO BE RELOCATED)

View Easement

- + View Easement: Book 239, Page 213 (MAINTAINED)



Community Benefit

- + **On-Site Workforce Housing.** A successful resort community depends on a stable and accessible workforce. The redevelopment will incorporate new deed-restricted workforce housing units that support local employees and contribute to the long-term sustainability of Snowmass Village.
- + **Sustainable Development.** Elevates regional artisans, guides, chefs, and experiences, amplifying the sense of place and authenticity.
- + **Provision of Open Space.** Curated programming that celebrates the Town of Snowmass Village mountain heritage, outdoor lifestyle, and sense of community.
- + **Better Design.** Focus on emotional connection, anticipation of guest needs, and meaningful moments.
- + **Public Facilities.** Focus on emotional connection, anticipation of guest needs, and meaningful moments.



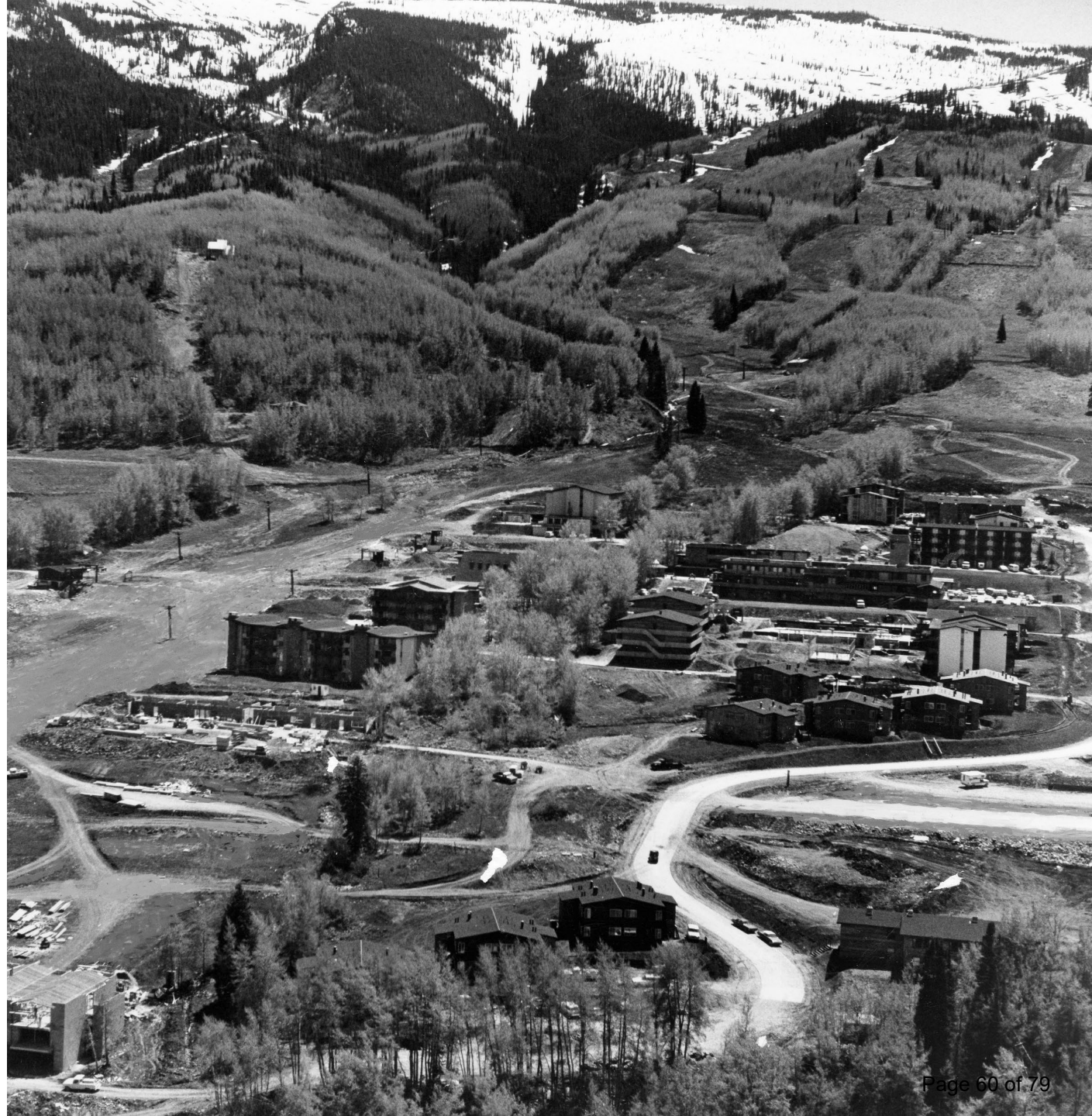
Variance Requests

- + Allow Creativity
- + Allow Variation
- + Maximize Choice
- + Preserve Natural Features
- + Creating Efficient Land Use Patterns
- + Ensure Public Input
- + Increase Community Value

Dimensional Limitations

- + Height
- + Allowable Floor Area
- + Setbacks

Parking



Planning Commission Meeting Approach

Meeting #1- Site Visit

- + Walk the property to review existing conditions, proposed roadway alignment and building locations, outlining the areas where variances are requested.

Meeting #2- Lodge Programming.

- + Review number of lodge keys and fractional units, orientation and distribution of units, target market, and supporting uses.

Meeting #3- Workforce Housing Programming.

- + Review the number of workforce housing units, size and mix of units, and discussion of which employees are accommodated.

Meeting #4- Commercial and Conference Programming.

- + Review the number of conference rooms and sizes, configuration of space, utilization of exterior amenity programming as an extension of conference space, and connection to the public realm.

Planning Commission Meeting Schedule



● Jun.	● Jul. 20th	● Aug. 5th	● Aug. 19th	● Sept. 2nd	● Sept. 16th	● Oct. - Nov.
<i>Sketch Plan Application deemed Complete</i>	<i>Joint Town Council and Planning Commission Meeting</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting #1: Site Visit</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting #2: Lodge Programming</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting #3: Workforce Housing</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting #4: Commercial + Conference Programming</i>	<i>Town Council Meetings to be Scheduled</i>

The Ritz Carlton Snowmass Redevelopment Major PUD

Sketch Plan Application Review



ELEVATED RETURNS



THE RITZ-CARLTON

DESIGNWORKSHOP

Joint Town Council + Planning Commission Meeting

July 20th, 2026

► WEST VILLAGE CPA – Just Big Enough

West Village incorporates the Mall and short term lodging along the length of Carriage Way (Snowmelt Road). It is the oldest and one of the most densely developed areas in Snowmass Village. Increased mixed-use activities should be encouraged here to leverage vitality in the area. As West Village also contains the hub of the public transit system, increased transit-oriented development could be sustainably supported. Revitalization of the Mall specifically should include improved facilities for RFTA and Snowmass Shuttles and a more active and attractive retail area. Any re-development must include plaza level commercial and may include upper level residential/lodging units. The scale of any re-development should complement the existing scale but could be increased in size/height in limited strategic locations. The Town should encourage and support the appropriate revitalization/re-development of the Mall as it is an important element of the Town's resort character.

- Recognize the West Village as a tourist focused neighborhood that could support both free market and employee housing.
- Consider locations along the Mall and elsewhere in the West Village for public art.
- Promote redevelopment of the Mall with resort-oriented mixed use, blending medium density residential and lodging on the upper floors with retail, restaurants and entertainment on the pedestrian level. A redesign should include abundant plaza areas that provide ample solar exposure, seating, lighting, music, art, and landscaping for an enhanced Village experience. The creation of well-defined civic spaces at each end of the Mall reinforced with additional retail/business offerings and residential uses would increase activity in the Mall and encourage visitors to extend their daily stay in Snowmass Village. Not only would this promote increased retail spending, it will reduce peak traffic at the end of the ski day or after large events.
- Encourage Transit Oriented Development (TOD) that will incorporate a new

Transportation Center with civic spaces and plazas with good solar exposure. With a large percentage of boarding on both the RFTA and Snowmass shuttle system occurring in the West Village, the area should accommodate a new modern transit center in concert with any proposed Mall expansion.

- Provide an intimate village character at the Mall while acknowledging its historic aspects.
- Recognize that the public parking lots remain a valuable community asset that should remain but could also be combined with other uses. Any new development within the public parking areas should serve as community benefit that contributes to the character of the West Village with no loss of parking. The realignment of Carriage Way should be explored to create a seamless connection between parking and the associated buildings along Fanny Hill and accommodate the potential future expansion of the Mall.
- Improve the multi-modal connections between Base Village, the Snowmass Center and the Mall. This may entail the installation of a new people mover to replace the "Skittles" SkyCab with a system that has the capacity to move enough people in an efficient manner during peak times.
- Encourage the enhancement of the underutilized Benedict Trail including better access, signage, lighting, landscaping, and safety elements to provide a viable pedestrian connection between Base Village and the Mall.
- Incentivize revitalization/modernization of older buildings and short-term lodging properties.
- Support special events and family-friendly programming to create activity on the Mall.
- Consider public/private partnerships to encourage revitalization of the West Village.

2026 DRAFT Agenda Overview

- Regular Meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted
- Work Sessions begin at 4:00 p.m. and aim to end at 6:00 p.m.
- The dates on which agenda items are listed are only a best approximation. Agenda items are added to this list as they arise. Agenda items may well be moved to different meeting dates. Agendas are generally not finalized until the Thursday prior to the meeting.
- In addition to agenda items, this document also lists expected absences of Town Council members. In compliance with section 2-49 of the municipal code, once the consent agenda is approved, the absences noted will be considered to have received the prior approval necessary of the majority of the Council for members to be absent from meetings.

Topic to incorporate:

- Add spring clean up/annual trash pickup to a future workshop agenda.
- E-Bikes safety issues
- POST Office Update—Next steps, opportunities for improvement?
- Creation of Housing Committee Process discussion
- HCE Easement

Monday July 13 –Regular Meeting (DeAngelo virtual)

- Executive Session – Town Manager Review
- EOTC Prep – Linda DuPriest

Monday July 20 – Regular Meeting (DeAngelo virtual)

- Update from the Thrive Committee (at 4:00)
- Joint meeting with Planning Commission Re: Ritz Sketch Plan (at 4:30)
- Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ord – 2nd reading
- Fire Ban Enforcement Ord – 2nd reading
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Thursday July 23 – EOTC Regular Meeting – 4-6pm – Snowmass Village (CANCELED)

Monday Aug 3 – Regular Meeting

- Review the new Skittles Design
- Election ORD 1st reading – Re Ballot Language (2nd reading on 8/17/26) -Ballot Language has to be to Cty by 9/4/26
- Personal Property Fire Mitigation discussion
- Executive Session – Town Manager Review & Town Attorney Update
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Monday Aug 10 – Regular Meeting (Tom Virtual)

- Executive Session – Town Manager Review
- SAAB Update – Roundabout Art
- Update from the Transportation Coalition?

Monday Aug 17 – Regular Meeting (Shenk Out)

- EOTC Budget/work plan – Linda DuPriest
- Election ORD 2nd reading – Re Ballot Language -Ballot Language has to be to Cty by 9/4/26.
- SHOP PUD 1 Reading Ordinance

2026 DRAFT Agenda Overview

- EPS Employee Housing Mitigation Study update
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Tuesday Sept 8 – Regular Meeting

- Reso in support of – ballot
- Executive Session – Town Manager Review
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Monday Sept 14 – Work Session

Monday Sept 21 – Regular Meeting (Yom Kipper) Move

Tues Sept 22 – Regular Meeting

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Monday Oct 5 – Regular Meeting

- Budget
- Town Attorney Update
- B & C application & appointment procedure update
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Monday Oct 12 – Work Session

- Budget

Monday Oct 19 – Regular Meeting

- Budget – Comments from FAB

Thursday Oct. 22nd – 4-6pm EOTC Budget Meeting - Pitkin

Wednesday Nov 4 – Regular Meeting – due to election day

- Budget Adoption
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Wednesday Nov 4 – GID Meeting 4pm

- Adopting the GID Budget

Tuesday Nov 9 – Work Session

Monday Nov 16 – Regular Meeting

- Swear in New TC members and Mayor
- B & C Applications

Monday Dec 7– Regular Meeting

- Reso RE 2025 Meeting Dates
- Reso on Delinquent Solid Waste / Trash
- B & C Interviews

Monday Dec 14 – Special Meeting

- GID Meeting – set Mill Levy

2026 DRAFT Agenda Overview

- B & C Interviews/Discussion

Monday Dec 21 – Regular Meeting

- B & C Resolution appointing new Members

Topics for Work Sessions or Other Meetings Requested by Town Council Members

- Schedule Updates will all of the Town Boards to review priorities and current initiatives.
 - EAB
 - FAB
 - PTRAB
 - POSTR
 - Tourism –
 - Grants – Recent Awards; Review of Criteria; Purpose, etc.
 - SAAB
 - Planning

Town of Snowmass Village Agenda Item Summary

Date of Meeting:

July 20, 2026

Agenda Item:

Ordinance No. 11, 2026 - Gas Powered Lawn Equipment - 2nd reading

Presented by:

Jeff Conklin, Town Attorney
Clint Kinney, Town Manager

Background:

A recent citizen initiative petition filed with the Town by John Wilkinson sought to transition the Town to allowing only the use of electric-powered lawn equipment and prohibiting the use of gas-powered lawn equipment. Rather than proceed with the petition, Staff suggested bringing an ordinance to Council for consideration to see if the petition process could be avoided.

At its June 1 meeting, the Town Council considered a potential ordinance to prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers year-round, beginning in 2028 for commercial, HOA, and government operations and 2029 for all use. At the June 1 meeting, the Council heard comment and discussion from members of the public. Several commercial operators stated that electric leaf blowers simply can't get the job done efficiently during time of heavy leaf fall or cleanup. Other concerns were expressed regarding the timing for compliance.

Following the June 1 discussion, Staff attempted to find a compromise legislative approach, and presented that to Council on June 15, which would prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers during the summer months of each year (June 15 – September 15). This would allow commercial operators to use gas-powered blowers during the shoulder seasons requiring significant blower work and allow for the use of electric blowers for more routine work. Further, the revised ordinance presents a uniform timeline for compliance (2029) by all parties, rather than one for commercial/HOA/government operators and one for private citizens.

Other communities in the country take this approach for a similar reason as that articulated by the commercial operators – the runtime and power of electric blowers do not allow for efficient work during certain periods (e.g. wet leaves). Further, other communities have used the seasonal ban as a stepping stone to a full prohibition.

At the June 15 meeting, Council supported the Draft Ordinance with some minor clarifying revisions.

Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2026 was approved on First Reading on July 6, 2026.

Financial Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact to this discussion. To date, a fiscal impact determining the cost to businesses, home owners, the Town and others has not been undertaken.

Applicability to Council Goals & Objectives:

Town staff has reviewed this Ordinance and finds that it aligns with the Town's Resiliency and Sustainability Plan.

Council Options:

1. Approve Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2026 on Second Reading.
2. Approve Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2026 on Second Reading with amendments.
3. Deny Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2026 on Second Reading.
4. Continue to date certain.

Staff Recommendation:

Town Staff recommends that Town Council approve Ordinance No. 11 on Second Reading.

Attachments:

1. 8A Ordinance No. 11 , 2026 - Gas-Powered Lawn Equipment - 2nd Reading

1 **TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE**
2 **TOWN COUNCIL**

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4 **ORDINANCE NO. 11**
5 **SERIES OF 2026**

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7 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE MUNICIPAL**
8 **CODE WITH THE ADDITION OF ARTICLE VII, PROHIBITING THE USE OF GAS-**
9 **POWERED LEAF BLOWERS**

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11 WHEREAS, The Town of Snowmass Village (“TOSV” or the “Town”) is a home-
12 rule municipality, duly organized and existing under the TOSV's Charter adopted pursuant
13 to Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Colorado; and
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15 WHEREAS, Section 3.3 of the TOSV's Charter confers upon Town Council the
16 power to amend the TOSV Municipal Code (the “Code”); and
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18 WHEREAS, gas-powered lawn equipment, such as leaf blowers, emit large
19 amounts of particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and greenhouse gases and create
20 significant noise impacts; and
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22 WHEREAS, the TOSV’s Resiliency and Sustainability Plan states that “preserving
23 our natural environment and confronting global climate change are fundamental to the
24 ongoing success and enjoyment of our resort community”; and
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26 WHEREAS, prohibiting the use of gas-powered leaf blowers would contribute to
27 the TOSV’s efforts to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as stated
28 in the Town’s Resiliency and Sustainability Plan; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Town wishes to prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers
31 within the Town during the summer months (June 15 to September 15), beginning in
32 2029; and
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34 WHEREAS, the Town encourages the public to voluntarily transition all gas-
35 powered lawn equipment to battery-powered equipment to mitigate against environment
36 and noise impacts; and
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38 WHEREAS, the TOSV finds it necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare
39 of residents within the Town by prohibiting the use of gas-powered leaf blowers as defined
40 in the Ordinance attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and
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42 WHEREAS, Town staff has reviewed the proposed amendment to the Code and
43 recommends that the Town Council adopt the Ordinance as set forth below; and
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45 WHEREAS, Town Council finds that the adoption of this Ordinance is in the best
46 interest of the TOSV.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Snowmass Village, as follows:

1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the Town Council.
2. Amendment. **Chapter 7 – Health, Sanitation, and Animals** of the Code is hereby amended with the addition of **Article VII – Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers - Prohibited** as set forth in **Exhibit A**.
3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.
4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 15 days after adoption in accordance with the Town of Snowmass Village Home Rule Charter.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Snowmass Village on First Reading on July 6, 2026, upon a motion by Council Member Fridstein, the second of Council Member Marolt, and upon a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED as amended, by the Town Council of the Town of Snowmass Village on Second Reading on _____, 2026, upon a motion by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, and upon a vote of ____ in favor and ____ against.

TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE

Alyssa Shenk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Megan Harris Boucher, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jeff Conklin, Town Attorney

**EXHIBIT A
AMENDMENT TO TOWN CODE**

Chapter 7 is hereby amended with the addition of Article VII as follows:

ARTICLE VII – Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers – Prohibited

Sec. 7-163. - Definitions.

The definition of *gas-powered leaf blowers* as used in this Article, unless the context otherwise indicates, is defined as follows:

Gas-powered leaf blowers means motorized equipment powered by gasoline, diesel, or oil fuel that propels air to move materials such as leaves, lawn clippings, snow, and other debris.

Sec. 7-164. - Gas-powered leaf blowers prohibited.

Beginning in 2029, it shall be unlawful to use gas-powered leaf blowers in the Town from June 15 to and through September 15 of each year.

Sec. 7-165. – Enforcement.

Violation of this Article VII shall constitute a noncriminal municipal offense enforceable through the TOSV Municipal Court and subject to the general penalty provisions in Section 1-72 of the Town Code and the equitable powers of the Municipal Court in Section 2-152 of the Town Code. Except as provided herein and unless clearly inapplicable, the Colorado Municipal Court Rules of Procedure shall apply to enforcement of such violations. Any citation or notice of violation may be served upon a person violating this Article by certified mail or otherwise as allowed by law. Each day any violation of this Article continues shall constitute a separate offense, unless otherwise provided.

Town of Snowmass Village Agenda Item Summary

Date of Meeting:

July 20, 2026

Agenda Item:

Ordinance No 13, 2026 - Fire Ban Enforcement - 2nd reading

Presented by:

Jeff Conklin, Town Attorney
Clint Kinney, Town Manager

Background:

Earlier this year, the Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 013-2026 authorizing the Pitkin County Sheriff to enforce periodic fire restrictions throughout the year that include prohibitions on open fires and on the sale, use, and possession of all types of fireworks. The Pitkin County Sheriff may impose such prohibitions based on evidence of high fire danger and weather patterns that increase the risk of such fire danger. The Pitkin County ordinance also permits the Sheriff to rescind fire restrictions based on changes to weather patterns that would allow for open burning or use of fireworks.

State law provides that a local town or city may adopt an ordinance that allows enforcement of the county's fire safety standards within the town. Staff wishes to align its fire restrictions with Pitkin County's fire safety standards.

The proposed Ordinance, attached hereto, would Amend Chapter 7 of the Code with the addition of Article VIII – Fire Restrictions, applying Pitkin County fire restrictions within the Town and authorizing the Town to enforce the same.

Council approved on first reading on July 6, 2026.

Financial Impact:

N/A

Applicability to Council Goals & Objectives:

N/A

Council Options:

1. Approve Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2026 on Second Reading.

2. Approve Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2026 on Second Reading with amendments.
3. Deny Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2026 on Second Reading.
4. Continue to date certain.

Staff Recommendation:

Town Staff recommends that Town Council approve Ordinance No. 13 on Second Reading.

Attachments:

1. 8B Ordinance No. 13, 2026 - Fire Ban Enforcement - 2nd reading

1 **TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE**
2 **TOWN COUNCIL**

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4 **ORDINANCE NO. 13**
5 **SERIES OF 2026**

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7 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE MUNICIPAL**
8 **CODE WITH THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE VIII, AUTHORIZING**
9 **ENFORCEMENT OF PITKIN COUNTY FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

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11 WHEREAS, The Town of Snowmass Village ("TOSV" or the "Town") is a home-
12 rule municipality, duly organized and existing under the TOSV's Charter adopted pursuant
13 to Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Colorado; and
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15 WHEREAS, Section 3.3 of the TOSV's Charter confers upon Town Council the
16 power to amend the TOSV Municipal Code (the "Code"); and
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18 WHEREAS, the Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners adopted
19 Ordinance No. 013-2026 authorizing the Pitkin County Sheriff to enforce periodic fire
20 restrictions throughout the year, including prohibitions on open fires and on the sale, use,
21 and possession of all types of fireworks; and
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23 WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 013-2026 authorizes the Pitkin County Sheriff to
24 impose or rescind such prohibitions based on evidence of high fire danger and changes
25 in weather patterns; and
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27 WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 30-15-401.5 provides that ordinances adopted by a board of
28 county commissioners to establish fire safety standards "shall apply to all or a portion of
29 the unincorporated area of the county and any incorporated town or city which elects by
30 ordinance or resolution to have the provisions thereof apply;" and
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32 WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-401.5, the Town wishes for Ordinance No.
33 013-2026, and any other fire restrictions the Board of County Commissioners of Pitkin
34 County may adopt, to apply within the Town and to allow the enforcement of such fire
35 restrictions by Town law enforcement; and
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37 WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to amend Chapter 7 of the Code to add a
38 new Article VIII – Fire Restrictions, authorizing the Town to enforce Pitkin County fire
39 restrictions within the Town; and
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41 WHEREAS, the TOSV finds it necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare
42 of residents within the Town by adding Chapter 7, Article VIII to the Code to allow
43 enforcement of Pitkin County fire restrictions as shown in the Ordinance attached hereto
44 as **Exhibit A**; and
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46 WHEREAS, Town staff has reviewed the proposed amendment to the Code and

recommends that the Town Council adopt the Ordinance as set forth below; and

WHEREAS, Town Council finds that the adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the TOSV.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Snowmass Village, as follows:

1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the Town Council.
2. Amendment. **Chapter 7 – Health, Sanitation, and Animals** of the Code is hereby amended with the addition of **Article VIII – Fire Restrictions** as set forth in **Exhibit A**.
3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.
4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 15 days after adoption in accordance with the Town of Snowmass Village Home Rule Charter.

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READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED as amended, by the Town Council of the Town of Snowmass Village on Second Reading on _____, 2026, upon a motion by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, and upon a vote of ____ in favor and ____ against.

TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE

Alyssa Shenk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Megan Harris Boucher, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jeff Conklin, Town Attorney

**EXHIBIT A
AMENDMENT TO TOWN CODE**

Chapter 7 is hereby amended with the addition of Article VII as follows:

ARTICLE VIII – Fire Restrictions

Sec. 7-181. – County fire restrictions.

All fire restrictions issued by Pitkin County, including those established pursuant to Pitkin County Ordinance No. 013-2026, shall apply to the Town, during such times as the county restrictions are in place. Rescission of fire restrictions by Pitkin County shall result in the rescission of such restrictions within the Town without further action of the Town Council.

Sec. 7-182. – Conflict provision.

In the event of a conflict between this Article VIII and any other provision of the Code, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

Sec. 7-183. – Enforcement.

Violation of this Article VIII shall constitute a noncriminal municipal offense enforceable through the TOSV Municipal Court and shall be punished by a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a first offense, Seven-Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for a second offense, and One-Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a third and subsequent offense, in addition to any restitution, as defined in C.R.S. § 18-1.3-602(3), including but not limited to any fire suppression costs or property damage caused by the violation. Except as provided herein and unless clearly inapplicable, the Colorado Municipal Court Rules of Procedure shall apply to enforcement of such violations. Any citation or notice of violation may be served upon a person violating this Article by certified mail or otherwise as allowed by law. Each day any violation of this Article continues shall constitute a separate offense, unless otherwise provided.