

*Fund for Public Giving - 6:50 p.m.*



# Town of Rangely

*Town Council Packet*  
*October 24, 2017 @ 7:00pm*



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# 1 – Agenda



## GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC INPUT

***Public Input is a vital and important portion of every meeting and will be permitted throughout the meeting, but according to the following guidelines:***

- a. Public input is allowed during the Agenda identified **Public Input** and **Public Hearing** portion of the meeting.
  - i. If you would like to address the meeting during the appropriate times, please raise your hand and when called upon you will be asked to come to the podium. ***Announce your name*** so that your statements can be adequately captured in the meeting minutes.
  - ii. ***Please keep your comments to 3-5 minutes*** as others may want to participate throughout the meeting and to insure that the subject does not drift.
- b. Throughout the meeting agenda calls for public input will be made, generally pertaining to specific action items. Please follow the same format as above.
- c. At the conclusion of the meeting, if the meeting chair believes additional public comment is necessary, the floor will be open.

We hope that this guideline will improve the effectiveness and order of the Town's Public Meetings. It is the intent of your publicly elected officials to stay open to your feelings on a variety of issues.

Thank you, Rangely Mayor



# Town of Rangely

October 24, 2017 - 7:00pm

## Agenda

*Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)*

JOSEPH NIELSEN, MAYOR

ANDREW SHAFFER, MAYOR PRO TEM

LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE

TREY ROBIE, TRUSTEE

ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE

ANDREW KEY, TRUSTEE

TYSON HACKING, TRUSTEE

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1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Invocation
  4. Pledge of Allegiance
  5. Minutes of Meeting
    - a. *Approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting.*
  6. Petitions and Public Input
  7. Changes to the Agenda
    - a. Delete New Business item "b" Discussion and action to approve resolution 2017-08
    - b. Add New Business item "c" Discussion and Action request by WRBM Park & Rec District for contribution
    - c. Add New Business item "d" Discussion and Action to appoint Jason Krueger to the RDA/RDC Board
  8. Public Hearings - 7:15pm
  9. Committee/Board Meetings
    - a. *HR Committee Meeting 10/20/2017 8:00 am Conference Room Town Hall*
  10. Supervisor Reports – See Attached
    - a. *Jeff LeBleu – Public Works and Building and Grounds Update*
    - b. *Don Reed – Utilities Department Update*
  11. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update
  12. Old Business
  13. New Business
    - a. *Discussion and Action to approve the September 2017 Financial Summary*
    - b. ~~*Discussion and Action to approve Resolution 2017-08 a Resolution changing the Membership of the Rangely Development Agency*~~
    - c. *Discussion and Action to approve a request by the WRBM Park & Rec District to increase funding for Septemberfest and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July from \$1,000 per event to \$5,000 per event totaling \$10,000 annually.*
    - d. *Discussion and Action to appoint Jason Krueger to the RDA/RDC Board*

#### **14. Informational Items**

- a. Shop-n-Dine 2017*
- b. Rangely Economic Development Public Forum 09/2017*

#### **15. Board Vacancies**

#### **16. Scheduled Announcements**

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- h. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 19, 2017 at 2:00pm*
- i. **Community Networking Meeting is scheduled for Oct 24, 2017 at 12:00pm.***
- j. **Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 25, 2017 at 7:00pm.***
- k. **Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for Oct 26, 2017 at 6:00pm.***

#### **17. Adjournment**

## 5 – Minutes



# Budget Work Session – Council Chambers @ 5:30

## Town of Rangely

October 10, 2017 - 7:00pm

### Minutes

*Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)*

JOSEPH NIELSEN, MAYOR

ANDREW SHAFFER, MAYOR PRO TEM

LISA HATCH, TRUSTEE

TREY ROBIE, TRUSTEE

ANN BRADY, TRUSTEE

ANDREW KEY, TRUSTEE

TYSON HACKING, TRUSTEE

#### 1. Call to Order

2. **Roll Call** – Andrew Shaffer, Lisa Hatch, Andrew Key, Tyson Hacking and Trey Robie present, Joseph Nielsen and Ann Brady absent

3. **Invocation** - Tyson Hacking lead the invocation

4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Peter Brixius lead the pledge of allegiance

#### 5. Minutes of Meeting

a. *Approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2017 meeting.* – Motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2017 made by Andy Key, seconded by Tyson Hacking , motion passed Lisa Hatch abstained

#### 6. Petitions and Public Input

Anthony Mazzola wanted to update the council on the missing person case (report received on 9/28/2017) that is currently being investigated. He appreciated all of the help from the Rangely Police and Fire department. The Sherriff did a complete search of the property, a grid search, flew over the property and put boats in the water for inspection of the lake. The sheriff's department did not find anything the first day, a cadaver dog was brought in with no results, and they searched an area of interest in the river and did not find anything. They do not have any leads on the missing person and would appreciate any information that may not have heard and to please come forward.

House Bill 1220 will come into effect in January 2018 which the sheriff's department is anxious to see in place. This bill limits the number of marijuana plants that can be grown for personal use. The department has found personal grow operations that have over 99 plants but they have the proper paperwork, which does not seem to be reasonable for personal use. So what the bill does is limit the plant to 12 unless local jurisdictions have other guidelines that will change it. House bill 1221 is taking some of the marijuana taxes to give local enforcement funds to be able to use for drug enforcement. Peter asked how long the missing persons search will go on. Anthony said that the case will stay open until the person is found alive or deceased so we will continue to pursue leads and interviews. Andy Shaffer asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak

7. **Changes to the Agenda** – Peter asked to add a Human Resource Committee Meeting on 9/28/2017 and Chief Wilczek will be introducing their new officer

#### 8. Public Hearings - 7:15pm

## **9. Committee/Board Meetings**

Human resource committee met on September 28th

## **10. Supervisor Reports – See Attached**

a. Chief Wilczek reported that everything has been going good, and the department has been busy. Max is in training and when his fingerprints comes back he will be able to start working as an officer. He will let Max introduce himself and his wife who is former chief's Larry Ellerton's daughter. Tyrinn Hamblin went to Denver concerning the pursuit on Douglas Pass, all of the law enforcement who were involved were very complimentary to the Rangely Police Department and especially Officer Hamblin for all of his hard work on the reports. So the property that was stolen was 100% recovered with the arrest on Douglas Pass. Vince cannot give Officer Hamblin enough credit as he completed his paperwork in two weeks, the departments in Denver had two statisticians who commented on what huge and valuable job he did. Andy Key asked if the three kids that posted up were they related to the arrest made by the Rangely PD on Douglas, Vince replied that no he did not believe so. Max Becker our new Patrol Officer came down here from Alaska where they have been for the last 20 years, in Fairbanks. Both he and his wife are very happy to be in a smaller community and are enjoying the outdoor spaces. He has been working the last six years working for the University of Alaska Fairbanks, which have been mostly underage issues with the college students, but worked closely with the city police department. Max said his wife was an emergency dispatcher with the same department. Max's observations are that the community is very close nit and are interested in keeping our community safe. They are also enjoying the schools as well. Max's wife name is Nicole. Andy Shaffer said welcome to our community.

## **11. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update** Peter covered most of his information in the work session.

There is a UAV workshop in Craig on Friday if you are interested. Both CNCC campuses are pursuing drone programs. Ray Beck the Moffat County Commission and Moffat County are hosting. The economic forum summary is in front of you. It was well attended by over 60 participants. The results are very interesting there were some interesting outcomes from the polling. There is some good information which is intended to be used as a guidance document going forward. Peter mentioned that CDOT is putting a plan together for revising the stoplight and also improving the pedestrian crossing at Birch. There will be a center sign that will be used at most pedestrian crossings on Main St and potentially other locations. Andy asked about what CDOT would be doing. Peter said they are going to place the cross walks at safer locations, and place the signs in the middle of the road. Trey asked about the stop signs that are in the road. Peter said yes, we will have stop signs moved out of the street and will have permanent signs installed. Peter said we are completing security around the ladders to the ground storage tanks to prevent access. Funding through the grant for Phase III

## **12. Old Business**

## **13. New Business**

a. *Discussion of the RBC Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) – Ty Gates the RBC emergency manager is here to answer questions about the hazard mitigation plan. He is in the process of submitting information for a*

grant for writing the plan. The original plan was written in 2003, it must be approved by the State of Colorado in addition to FEMA. Right now with the states help it is estimated that the cost of the plan will be approximately \$48,000. Rio Blanco County has agreed to come up with \$5,000, The Town of Meeker will fund \$1,000, and if the Town of Rangely agrees to \$1,000 as indicated with the example letter this will be a multijurisdictional plan. The Town of Rangely has can opt in or out. Ty said that the best way to give an example of why we need such a plan, the Meeker sanitation district applied for a grant and were denied because this plan was not in place. The plan will then help with funding for special projects. Ty said that the timing of the project is estimated to take 24 months, there will be a time for public input and for special districts as well. This is the quick overview, does anyone have any questions. Lisa Hatch asked about the funding match letter, she asked what kind of work would be considered as applicable. Ty said that although you may not have expertise in that particular work you are the expert on your community. Ty said that they are looking for input from the Town manager, Chief of Police and other special districts. Ty said that we must prove that everyone has access or can come to a meeting. Lisa asked for an estimated timeframe. Mr. Gates said that the amount of in-kind the Town of Meeker committed was \$5,000 work or staff time. Andy Shaffer feels that Jocelyn has done many of these type of projects which she could continue to do. Ty said that many people in town could make sure they document their time. Ty said that the plan deals with natural hazards, he believes that if the contractor would agree not to inflate costs we could possibly include man made hazards. There are no guarantees that this will be approved but he would like to have everyone's participation if possible. Ty does not need an answer right now but if he could submit a letter. Peter said that a \$5,000 commitment would be approx. 150 hours spread over two years. Ty said part of that process means that the Town of Rangely along with Meeker and Rio Blanco County would have to adopt the plan. Andy Key asked if any of the plan would impact home owners Ty said no that would not be the case. Andy Shaffer see's that they are asking for \$1,000 tonight. Ty said no he is asking that the Town of Rangely commit to \$1,000 in the 2018 Budget year. Andy Key said we should also commit to the match. Ty really would like this to be a complete County and Town wide plan. Andy asked that did Meeker put \$5,000 in their letter and Ty said yes. Andy Key asked if everyone on the council feels ok with that proposal. Lisa Hatch is for participating. Tyson feels it is a good thing to do. Tyson said that we will have to abide by the plan, but do we have to mitigate it. Ty said that the plan will be draft that we will work towards. FEMA will not hold your feet to the fire, but if there is a flood on the Front Range, we could be eligible for funding that is allocated for that type of disaster. Andy Key asked in the plan is it how to handle the problem or is it identifying. Ty said the plan is just about identifying it. Ty said that this is a five year plan and the sixth year you have the opportunity to revise and restate the plan, after that the plan expires. This is like an insurance policy. Without this plan if we have a natural disaster we are not eligible for FEMA funding.

Motion to approve to participate as a Town in the Hazardous mitigation plan with \$5,000 in kind and \$1,000 expense in 2018 and authorize Peter Brixius to sign the documents, made by Lisa Hatch, seconded by Trey Robie, motion passed.



- b. Discussion and Action to approve the Liquor License for Giovanni's Italian Grill – Motion to approve the liquor license for Giovanni's Italian Grill made by Trey Robie, seconded by Andy Key , motion passed Lisa Hatch abstained*
- c. Discussion and Action to approve the August 2017 Check Register – Motion to approve the August 2017 check register made by Lisa Hatch, seconded by Tyson Hacking , motion passed*
- d. Discussion and Action to approve the August 2017 Financial Summary – Motion to approve the August 2017 Financial Summary made by Lisa hatch, seconded by Andy Key , motion passed*
- e. Discussion and Action to accept the 2018 Draft Budget as presented – Motion to approve the 2018 Draft Budget made by Tyson Hacking , seconded by Trey Robie , motion passed*

#### **14. Informational Items**

- a. Expression of Gratitude-Ward Family*
- b. Colorado River District General Manager Finalist*
- c. Jordan Cove Energy Project*

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#### **17. Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:49*

ATTEST:

RANGELY TOWN COUNCIL

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*Lisa Piering, Clerk/Treasurer*

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*Joseph Nielsen, Mayor*

- 8 – Public Hearings
- 9 – Committee/Board Meetings
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# Income Statement

Town of Rangely

Month Ending Sept 2017

GENERAL FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Taxes	\$1,086,013	39%	\$1,376,200	78.91%
Licenses and Permits	\$13,236	0%	\$11,900	111.23%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$1,426,068	51%	\$1,254,500	113.68%
Charges for Services	\$191,244	7%	\$345,229	55.40%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$99,707	4%	\$137,870	72.32%
Total General Revenue	\$2,816,268	100%	\$3,125,699	90.10%
GENERAL FUND Operating Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expenses	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Town Council	\$25,250	1%	\$39,862	63.34%
Court	\$14,379	1%	\$24,291	59.19%
Administration	\$196,518	8%	\$280,761	69.99%
Finance	\$173,431	7%	\$233,753	74.19%
Building & Grounds	\$311,170	13%	\$409,347	76.02%
Economic Development	\$171,144	7%	\$232,030	73.76%
Police Department	\$627,736	26%	\$900,860	69.68%
Animal Shelter	\$40,964	2%	\$57,720	70.97%
Public Works	\$302,371	12%	\$430,130	70.30%
Foundation Trans. & Non Depart. Transfer	\$125,221	5%	\$313,229	39.98%
Total Capital Improvements	\$462,212	19%	\$636,500	72.62%
Total selling expenses	\$2,450,395	100%	\$3,558,483	68.86%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$365,873	100%	(\$432,784)	-84.54%
WATER FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Water Revenue	\$1,046,284	100%	\$1,199,182	87.25%
WATER FUND Operating Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Water Supply	\$326,865	30%	\$435,062	75.13%
Water Supply Capital Expense	\$596,091	55%	\$650,000	91.71%
Water Fund Dept. Transfers and Conting.	\$46,478	4%	\$191,739	24.24%
PW - Transportation & Distribution	\$70,623	7%	\$103,005	68.56%
PW - Transportation & Distrib. Capital Exp	\$0	0%	\$0	0.00%
Raw Water	\$27,835	3%	\$45,895	60.65%
Raw Water Capital Expense	\$17,683	2%	\$27,000	65.49%
Total selling expenses	\$1,085,576	100%	\$1,452,701	74.73%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	(\$39,292)	100%	(\$253,519)	15.50%
GAS FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Gas Revenue	\$711,165	100%	\$1,312,365	54.19%
GAS FUND Operating Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Gas Expenses	\$571,699	81%	\$1,045,673	54.67%
Gas Capital Expense	\$6,670	1%	\$35,000	19.06%
Total Transfers	\$131,250	18%	\$175,000	75.00%
Total Selling Expenses	\$709,619	100%	\$1,255,673	56.51%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$1,546	100%	\$56,692	2.73%
Wastewater FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Wastewater Revenue	\$275,149	100%	\$596,227	46.15%
Wastewater FUND Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Wastewater Expenses	\$148,694	66%	\$220,666	67.38%
Wastewater Capital Expense	\$25,567	11%	\$415,000	6.16%
Total Transfers	\$52,497	23%	\$70,000	75.00%
General Fund Loan	\$0	0%	\$26,447	0.00%
Total Selling Expenses	\$226,758	100%	\$732,113	30.97%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$48,391	100%	(\$135,886)	-35.61%

## Town of Rangely

Month Ending Sept 2017

Rangely Housing Auth Revenue			2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Housing Auth Revenue	\$141,917	100%	\$254,800	55.70%
Rangely Housing Auth Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Housing Auth Expenses	\$99,169	90%	\$146,311	67.78%
Housing Authority Capital Expense	\$3,916	4%	\$6,000	65.27%
Debt Service and Transfers	\$7,497	7%	\$66,000	11.36%
Total Expense	\$110,582	100%	\$218,311	50.65%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$31,335	100%	\$36,489	85.88%
Fund for Public Giving Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Fund for Public Giving Revenue	\$918	100%	\$2,000	45.88%
Fund for Public Giving Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Fund for Public Giving Expenses	\$1,260	100%	\$2,000	63.00%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	(\$342)	100%	\$0	0.00%
Economic Development Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
RDA Revenues	\$61,768	100%	\$81,100	76.16%
Economic Development Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
RDA Expenses	\$71,731	100%	\$124,700	57.52%
RDA Capitol Expense	\$0	100%	\$5,000	0.00%
Total Expense	\$71,731	100%	\$129,700	55.31%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	(\$9,963)	100%	(\$48,600)	20.50%
Conservation Trust Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Conservation Trust Revenue (Grant \$136K)	\$9,178	100%	\$12,800	71.70%
Conservation Trust Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Conservation Trust Expenses	\$0	100%	\$0	#DIV/0!
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$9,178	100%	\$12,800	71.70%
Housing Assistance Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Housing Assistance Revenue	\$23,290	100%	\$11,000	211.72%
Housing Assistance Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Housing Assistance Expenses	\$800	100%	\$351,500	0.23%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$22,489	100%	(\$340,500)	-6.60%
Rangely Develop Corp Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Develop Corp Revenue	\$115	100%	\$51,000	0.23%
Rangely Develop Corp Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2017 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2017	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Develop Corp Expenses	\$313	100%	\$4,000	7.83%
RDC Capitol Expense	\$3,274	100%	\$47,000	0.00%
Total Expense	\$3,587	100%	\$51,000	7.03%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	(\$3,472)	100%	\$0	0.00%



## **WESTERN RIO BLANCO METROPOLITAN RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT**

**611 SOUTH STANOLIND AVENUE, RANGELY, CO 81648**

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October 17, 2017

Town of Rangely Mayor and Council  
Town Manger  
Peter Brixius  
209 East Main Street  
Rangely, CO 81648

Dear Mr. Brixius, Mayor and Town Council:

With the current and subsequent years in the downturn of the local economy specifically the loss in Tax Revenue, the Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District has already cut 3 full-time positions through attrition and has had to dip into our reserves to continue operations as status quo. We are requesting that the Town please up their annual giving to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks and to the annual Septemberfest events. The District is asking the Town to increase their giving from \$1,000.00 per event to \$5,000.00 per event respectively.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July events continue to grow in popularity with its growth in participants and location. We have found that this event is drawing many locally and as far away as New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah, and Montana, and approximately 8-10 families from Fruita, Colorado that stay the week in Rangely for the past 6 years. It is a three day event leading up to the fireworks show with the Glow Golf tournament held at Cedar Ridges golf course being filled to the max amount of teams as early as March-April of each year and, the Surf N Turf meal was sold out plus some. The District invested \$43K in this event with \$8K of that for activities and the remainder in fireworks and new trailers to fire them off from which makes it safer for those loading and firing the rounds off.

Septemberfest 2017 marked the 37<sup>th</sup> year for this annual event. This event started around 1980 by Town of Rangely Employees and has changed organizations over the years and had relied heavily on donations of goods, services and financial donations. The Recreation & Park District took the lead of organization from the Chamber of Commerce over 10 years ago, as it was felt at that time the Chamber could not handle the workload it takes to continue this event each year both financially and with manpower. This event takes many man hours and sacrifice of a few to put on, but is well worth the effort put on by the many different walks of life that come to Rangely to enjoy all of the events, yet again drawing many from different states and local communities for the Car Show, Arts & Crafts Vendors, and folks who want to enjoy a weekend of activities and great food. This event costs the District around \$20K yearly.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy J. Webber', with a stylized, cursive script.

Timothy J. Webber

Executive Director

Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District

## 14 – Informational Items



# Shop N Dine

## RANGELY

COLORADO

# November 1-30



*Shop and Dine locally* and keep your receipts for tax generating goods purchased at local businesses: tobacco, pharmaceuticals, gasoline & utilities are not qualifying purchases.

**Exchange your qualifying receipts at Town Hall on or before November 30, 2017 for valuable vouchers.**

**Earn \$5 worth of vouchers for every \$50 spent, earn up to \$30 per individual.**  
**Vouchers must be redeemed at eligible business businesses on or before Friday December 1, 2017**

Every Licensed business in Rangely is eligible to participate.  
Vouchers must be redeemed in full, no change will be given.

The Town of Rangely reserves the right to refuse to honor receipts that appear to be an abuse of the program.

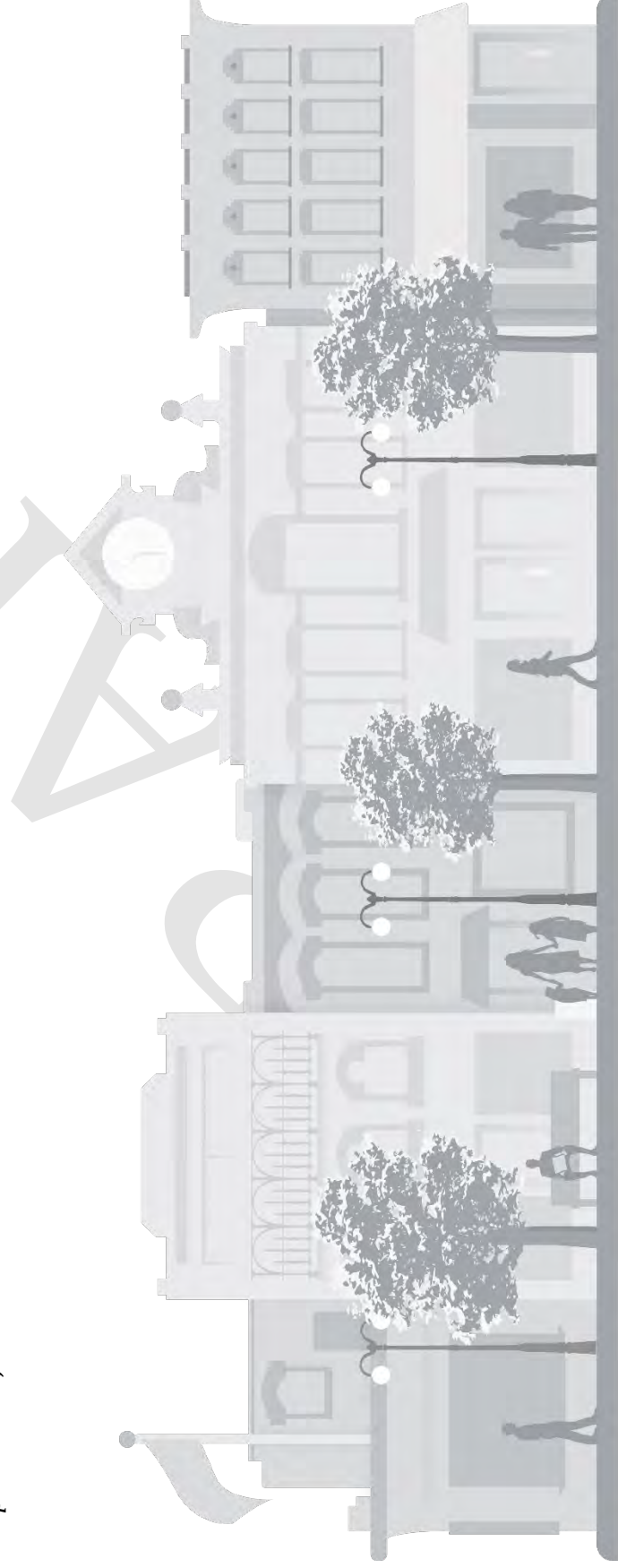




# 2017 Rangely Economic Development Public Forum

Rangely, Colorado

*September 21, 2017*



Prepared by: Better City

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Background and Introduction

The Town of Rangely held its first annual Economic Development Community Forum event on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at the Rangely Junior/Senior High School. The purpose of the meeting was to gather stakeholders and as many residents of the Community as possible to solicit their feedback on the next steps for economic development. The Town and Rio Blanco County have been working together on several economic development initiatives in recent years, including major projects such as broadband buildout, community branding, marketing video production, aviation expansion, and have explored methods of improving the retail and entertainment offerings in the Community. With success on multiple projects, the Town and County set out to conduct this Public Forum in an effort to understand the next priorities of the residents so that the Community leaders can make informed decisions.

This document is intended to be a presentation of the results of the meeting, rather than an interpretation or analysis of the takeaways. This document should be used as a reference for City and County leaders to make informed decisions regarding the desires and priorities of the Community.

### Meeting Structure

The Meeting was held in the Commons Area of the Rangely Junior/Senior High School because it served as a location that was determined to be large enough to accommodate the expected number of participants, and it offered a venue wherein collaboration and community discussion could be maximized. Round tables and chairs were setup in the room, with approximately 6-8 individuals

at each table. 48 individuals signed the sign-in sheet that was provided, but not everyone in attendance signed the list. In total, it is estimated that 60-70 individuals participated in the event making it one of the most highly attended Community economic development meetings.

The focus of the meeting was to engage the public in a series of questions and prompts to allow individuals to discuss the pros and cons of various economic development and community development projects, and to come to consensus on which high-level concepts, as well as specific initiatives are of greatest importance and interest to the community. A live-polling system was utilized that allowed participants to send in comments and vote using their cell-phones or web-enabled devices. Pens and note paper were available for those who were not able to participate using the electronic system. Multiple opportunities were provided through structured activities to encourage residents to discuss options and ideas with those at their table or across the room.

### Community Consensus

After several brainstorming sessions and collaboration activities, each table was tasked with coming up with a map of how they pictured the future of Rangely, including the businesses and community development assets that were most important. These answers were compiled during the meeting, and then presented to the group for ranking utilizing the electronic voting system.

## BRAINSTORMING QUESTIONS

### WHAT MAKES RANGELY UNIQUE?

This question, and the associated discussion that occurred during the meeting was focused on the acknowledgement that in order to compete for jobs, investment, and population, the Town of Rangely will need to leverage those elements that truly make it unique, and set it apart in positive ways. In addition to submitting a response, participants were allowed to vote on other people's responses, shown in the second column of the table.

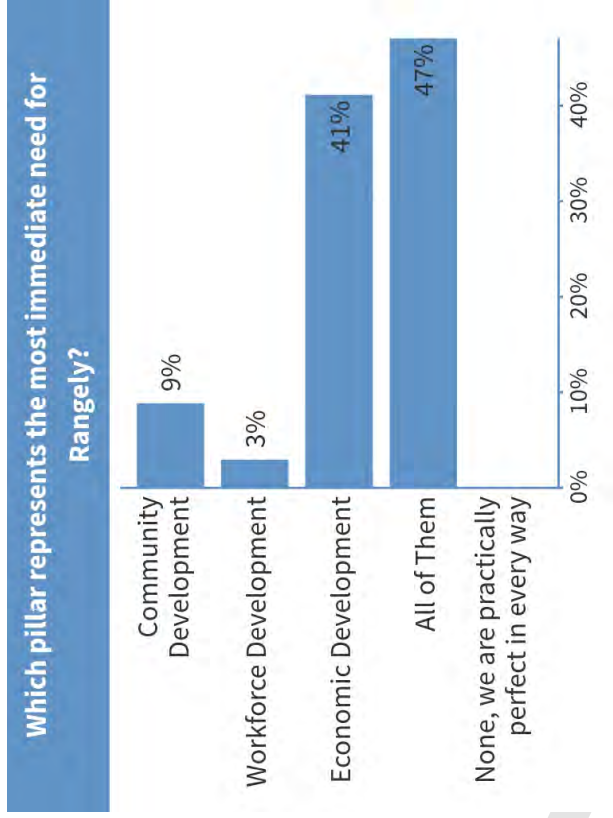
*Note: Throughout the entire document, identical answers with alternative/incorrect spellings were combined, and votes were added together. Similar answers were left as written to maintain the author's original intent.*

Responses	Upvotes
Outdoor activities/recreation	11
CNCC	9
Our recreation center and the activities that are provided for the kids and the community	6
Being away from the crowds.	4
Small town great people	3
The people live, work and play here.	3
The Tank.	3
Wide open spaces	3
Free tuition.	2
Best Rec center in Western Co. Great community college. Close outdoor sports of many kinds.	1
Car museum. Not your run of the mill	1
Community	1
Outdoor activities/ohv/single track trails/ hunting/ hiking	1
Outdoor area to do activities. Lots of open spaces.	1
CNCC schools rec center hospital	1
Reservoir	1
Unique history	1
We have a variety of available nature offerings for development that are unique to such a remote area.	1
Abundance of public land nearby	0
All the open space for people to go and explore	0
Home town	0
Isolation	0
Location, history, people.	0
No traffic.	0
Outdoor adventures.	0
Outdoors, cheap energy	0
Time for family.	0

## WHICH DEVELOPMENT PILLAR REPRESENTS THE MOST IMMEDIATE NEED FOR RANGELY?

Immediately preceding this question, the group was introduced to the three basic pillars of development, including Economic Development, Community Development, and Workforce Development. There was a brief group discussion regarding how each of these pillars are interrelated, and that a robust strategy will include elements of each to make sure that one doesn't become an impediment to the others.

The low response rate of "Community Development" and "Workforce Development" is expected, because these elements are usually less at the forefront of the thoughts of residents who would like to see a more diverse economy. Efforts on economic development alone, however, can be impeded if there are underlying community development or workforce challenges that need to be addressed. Often overlooked components are quality of life, well-defined and developed entertainment and recreation offerings, and workforce skills and training that match the types of jobs and industries that the community would like to attract.



## WHAT OUTCOME WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE FROM ANY NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE?

The purpose of this question was to cause the participants to consider at a high level what positive changes they would like to see occur in their Community. Often ideas of specific projects or concepts are pursued without consideration of how that specific project will lead to the overall desired outcome. The results of this question provide a gut-check for any initiative, because the expected result should always be tied back to the overall outcome that the Community would like to see. There may be some options that sound like good ideas, but if the anticipated results or outcomes are different than the answers on this list, then the project should be reconsidered. Possible projects and initiatives should be prioritized based on their ability to create progress toward accomplishing these overall goals.

Responses	Upvotes
Diversified economic base.	7
Attractive Main Street.	5
A thriving community	4
Population growth	3
Diversification	2
Diversity	2
Enable private enterprise and keep the government out of it!	2
More opportunity for our children	2
Town growth	2
An increase in a more diverse job market and work force opportunities	1
Create something that creates 5 new jobs.	1
Have three families move into town.	1
More business offerings	1
A base that allows for multi-directional growth.	0
Economic growth	0
Increasing revenue	0
Less state & county regulations	0
More businesses and an increase in jobs	0
More industry	0
More jobs for community and to grow	0
New business	0
Save what we have before we add things. Like our traffic light.	0
Stable jobs	0

## WHAT NEW BUSINESS HAVE YOU THOUGHT WOULD WORK REALLY WELL IN RANGELY?

This question is designed to help the participants move beyond the high-level outcomes, and begin to consider specific economic development opportunities that will lead to the previously defined outcomes. Rather than having everyone submit answers, each table was tasked with discussing various options and ideas, and then submitting their best idea as a group. This activity was selected to provide more opportunities for community members to interact, discuss the pros and cons with each other, and build a sense of collaboration and unity.

Responses	Upvotes
Brewery	7
Expand aviation industry	7
Something exploiting broadband, drawing professional elements	7
A restaurant that serves breakfast!	6
Bakery	5
Medical marijuana cultivation operation	3
Strip club	1
Tourism support	1
Bakery/local grown vegetables	0
Got to stop the greed. Allow businesses in and stop taxing them to the point of running them out	0



## WHAT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES (THINK QUALITY OF LIFE) WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE DEVELOPED IN RANGELY?

This question utilized the same activity as the preceding question, where each table was given time to discuss their ideas, and then each table was to submit their top answer. More answers were submitted than there were tables in the room, but these answers were still accepted.

Responses	Upvotes
Grocery Store Co op style	8
Better cell service	3
Bike Pedestrian loop trail system to rec center, schools, downtown, college and neighborhoods	3
Main street revitalization and beautification	3
Bowling	2
Something for the pre-teens and teenagers to do	2
Beach at the reservoir	1
Connecting the river and reservoir to town	1
Entertainment. Arcade skate park	1
Support CNCC-need more people involved in Boards and support	1
Affordable retail items so we are not FORCED OUT OF TOWN TO SHOP. More youth things. Skate board park. YMCA	0
Co op that gives business bigger buying power	0
Heritage/tourism	0
Jobs are needed to drive growth	0



## WHAT TYPES OF SUPPORT SERVICES WOULD HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES EXPAND AND ENCOURAGE ENTREPRENEURS TO START NEW ONES?

This was an open-ended question with the goal of identifying initiatives that would foster home-grown economic activity. While recruiting in outside companies usually receives the most attention, one of the most powerful and long-lasting economic development initiatives is to focus on helping local business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs.

The word cloud below highlights all of the individual words/concepts that were included within the responses. The size of the word represents the relative frequency that it was mentioned. Verbatim answers are also presented in the table.

## What types of support services would help local businesses expand and encourage entrepreneurs to start new ones?



Total Results: 28

Responses
Business incubator
Coworking space
Leadership training
Tax friendly
Cleaning service for homes and businesses
Hard to get funds anymore to start anything new
Help support growth of work at home/broadband
Business plans and entrepreneur classes at CNCC
More services for Seniors
Tax incentives
The community is fine. We need the officials to allow it. Permit costs. Make it possible. Stop putting blocks to keep them out
Buildings
Financing available that encourages growth.
Incentives
Construction
Street cleaning
Affordable office space that does not require
Home designing
Home decorating
How to effectively advertise to the community
Business incubator
Incentives
Culture
United
Rangely First
Small business incubator

## MAPPING THE FUTURE OF RANGELY

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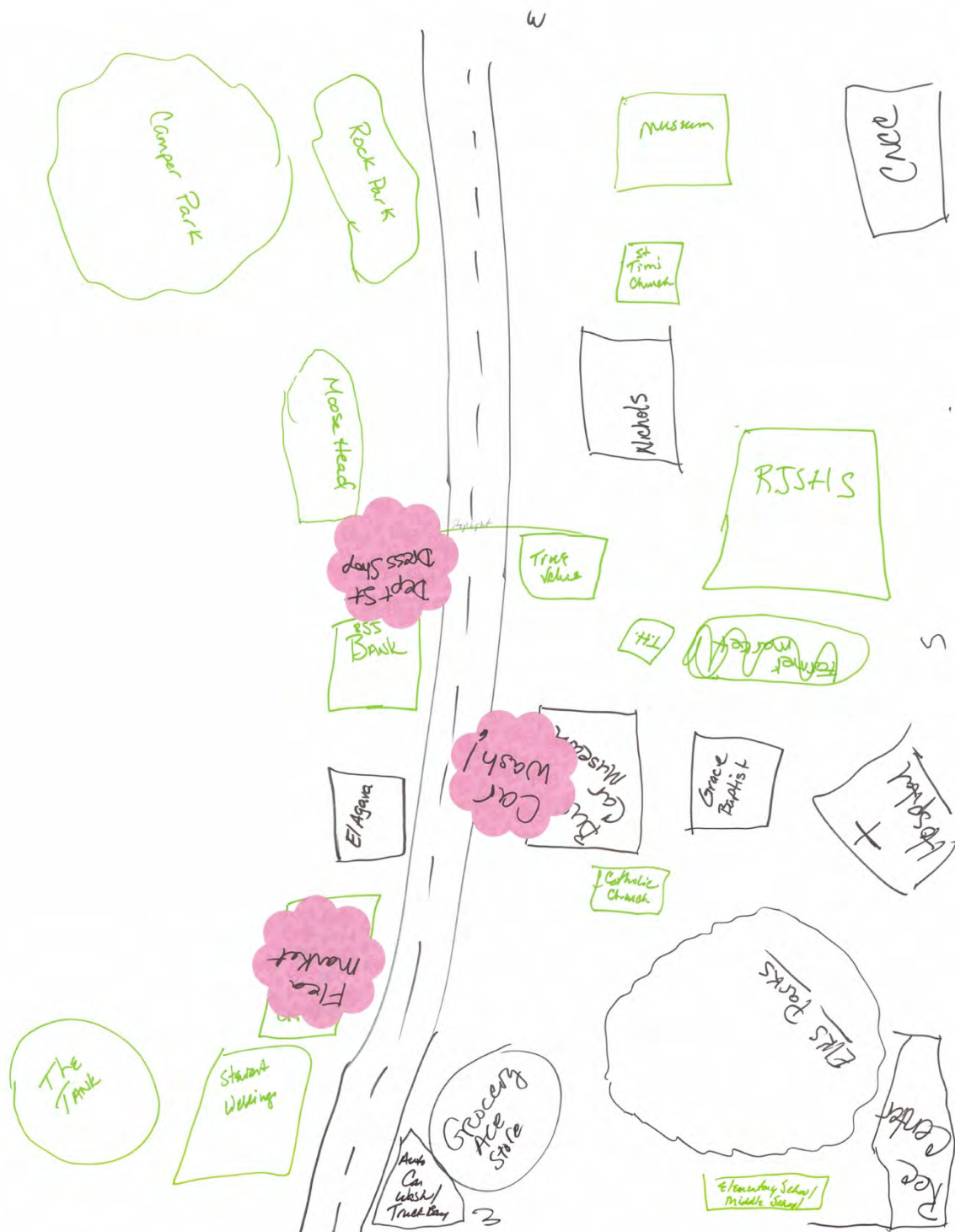
Each table was tasked with creating a map of Rangely, highlighting the most prominent landmarks, or cultural icons that are of greatest importance to the Community. After creating the map of the Town, each group identified locations on their map for the most important economic, community, and workforce development initiatives that had already been discussed. In this manner, each group was able to consider where each proposed idea fit in context of the Community. This exercise also forces group members to acknowledge the current economic reality of the Community, and therefore helps to prioritize those initiatives that are the most realistic based on what is on the ground today. High resolution digital copies of each map are available as a supplement to this document and will be provided upon request from the Town.

*All of the maps have been rotated so that North is at the top of the page.*





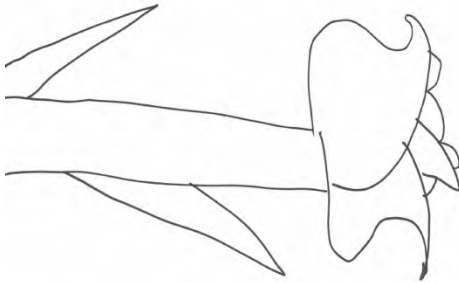




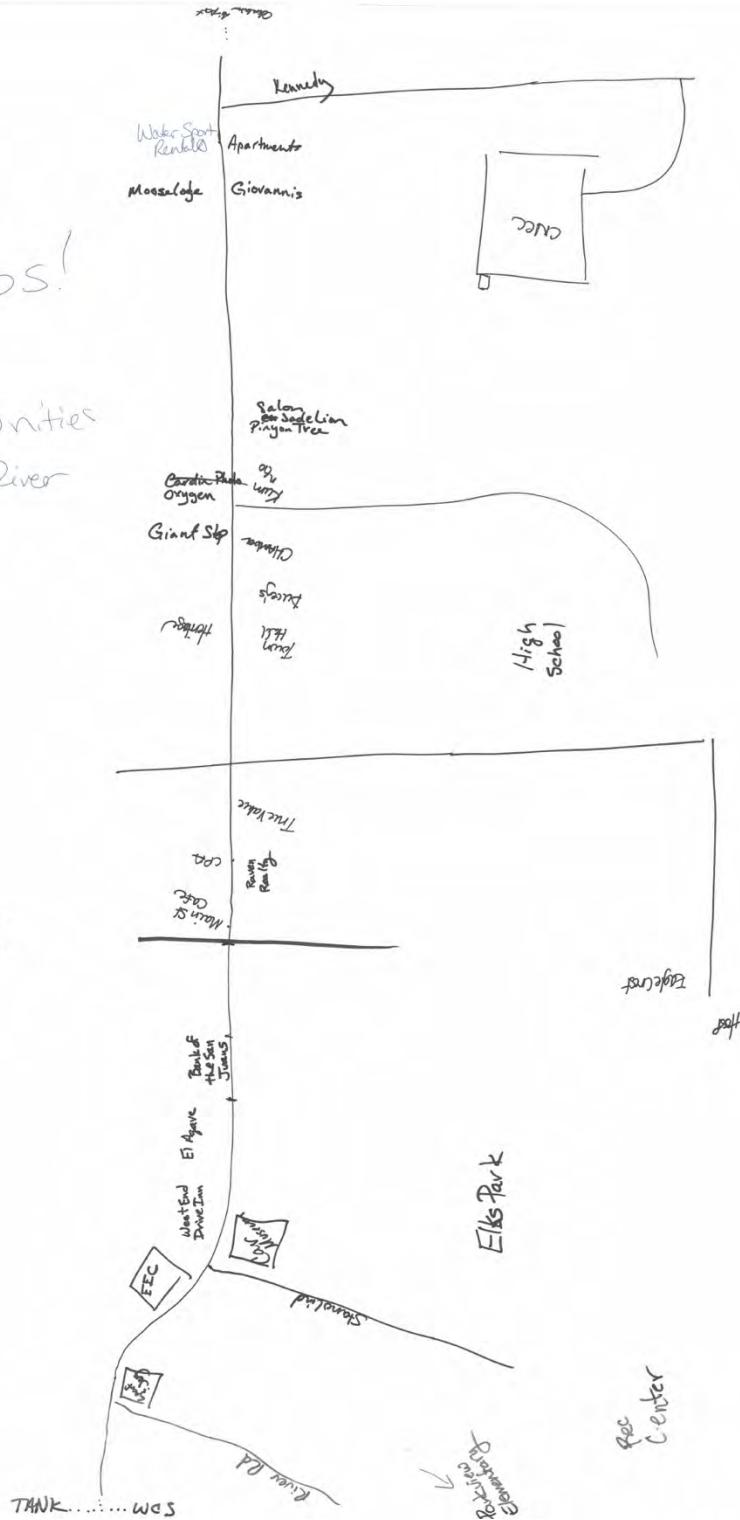
New Businesses:  
Fill in the Gaps!  
(Don't sprawl!)

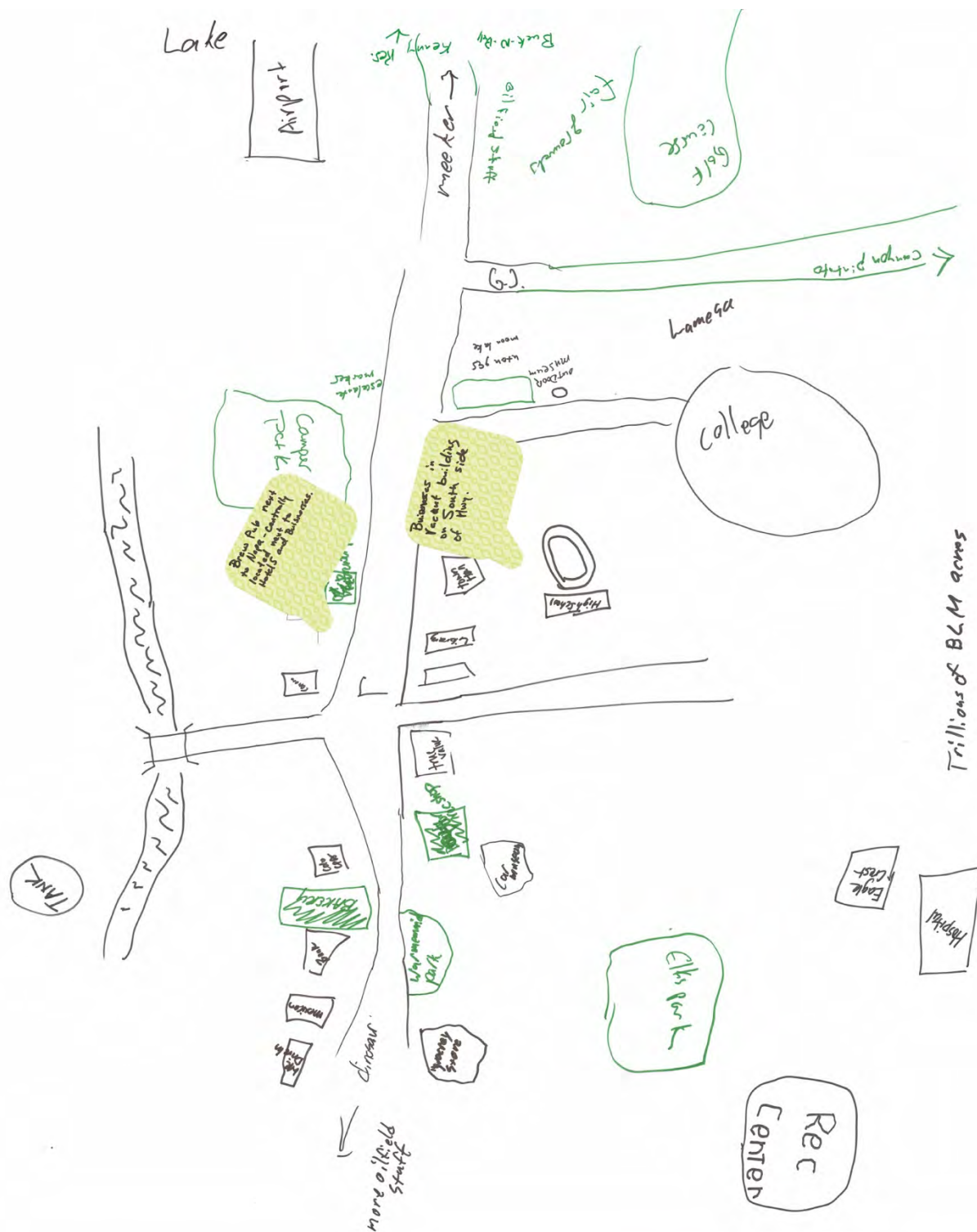
Recreation Opportunities  
\* Take advantage of the River

\* Increase Communication!  
\* Pedestrian Friendly



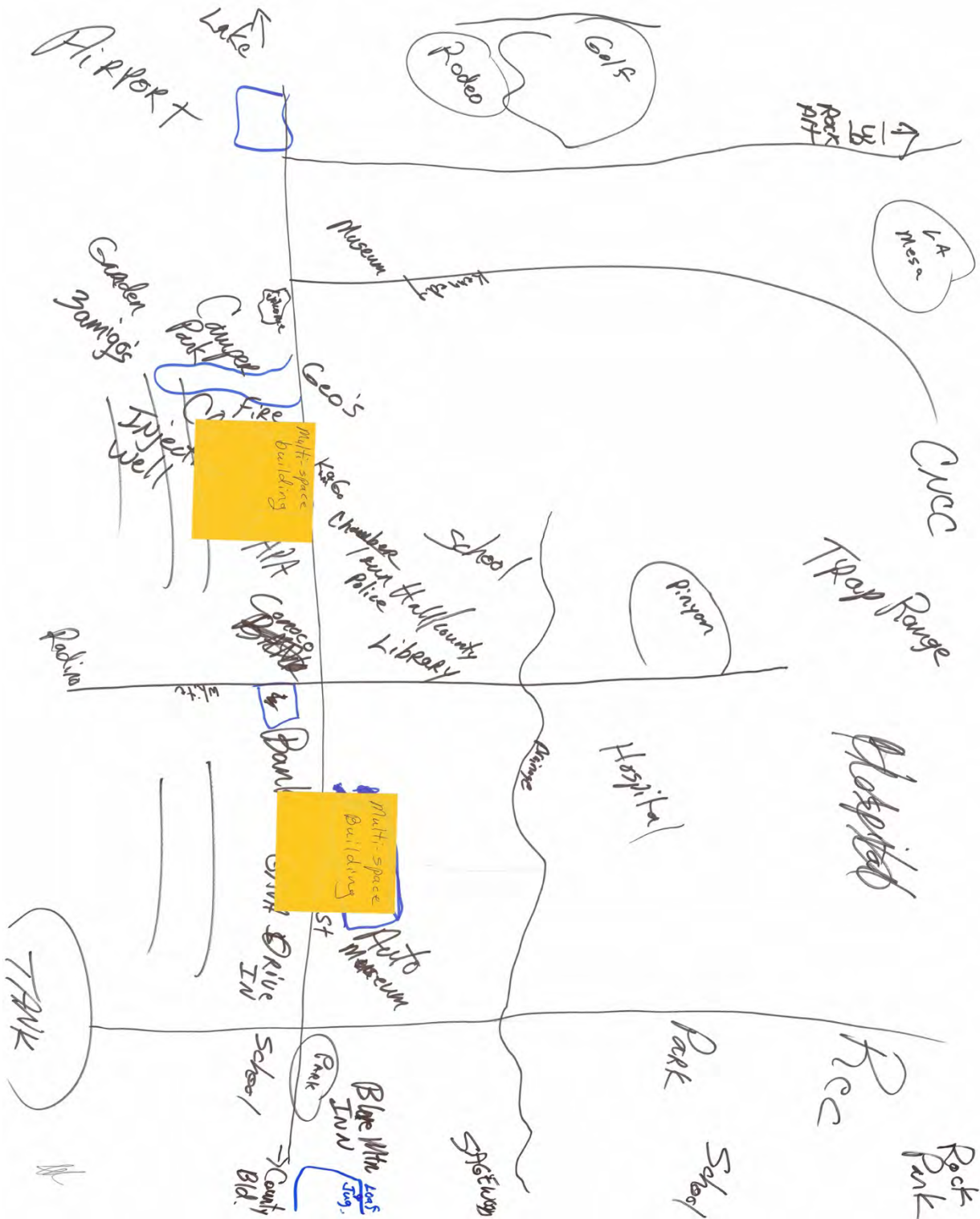
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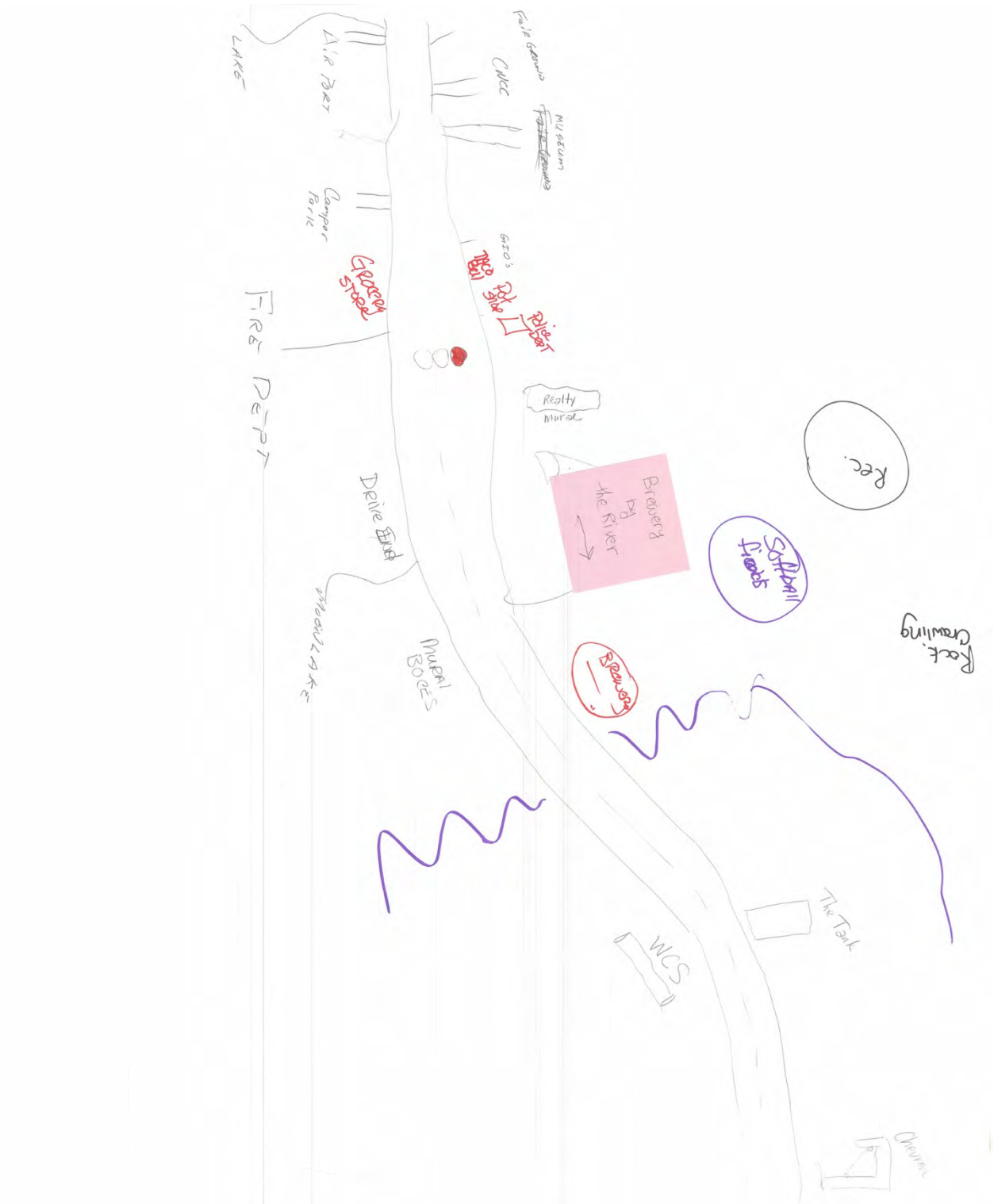












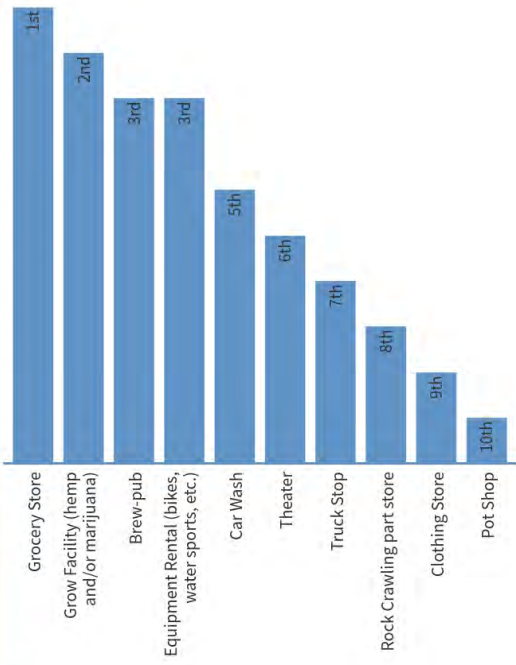


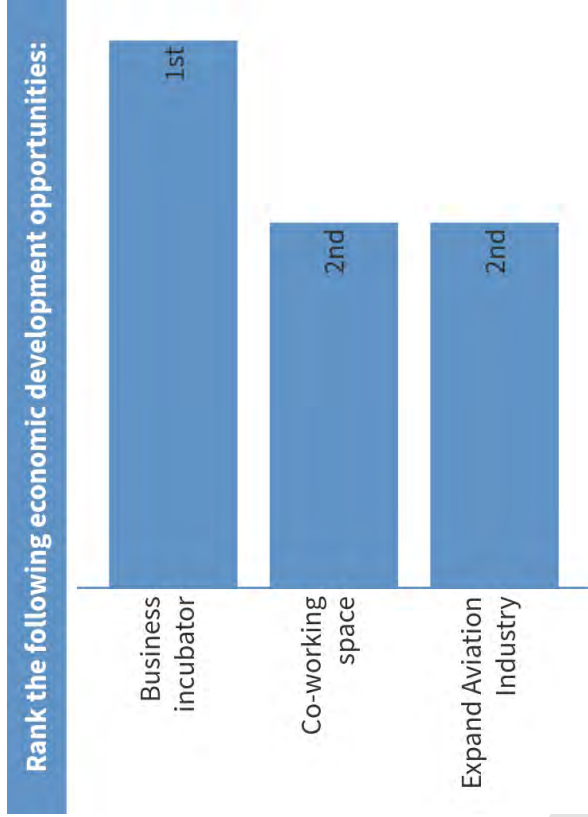
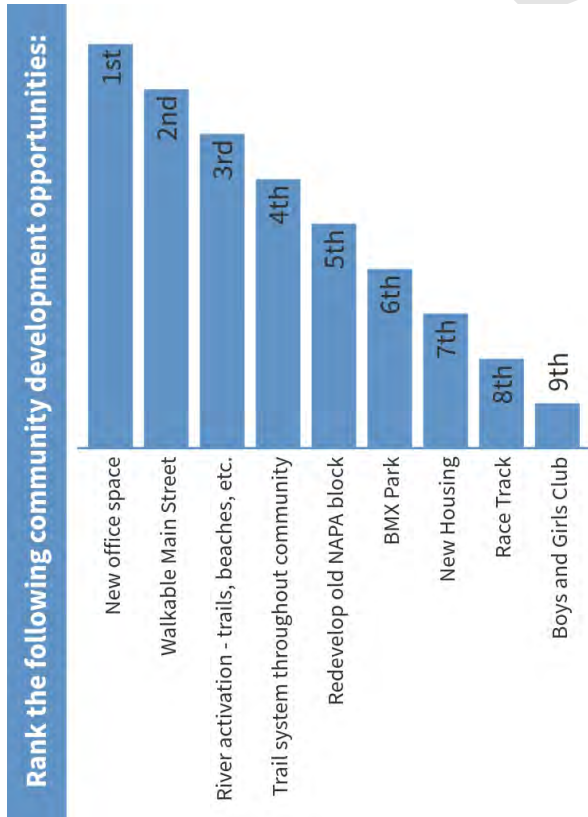
## CONSENSUS BUILDING

Each group was given the opportunity to present their map, highlighting the initiatives that their group felt were most important, and showing where those projects were placed in context of the Town. During each presentation, Better City personnel took notes of the key projects that were mentioned by each group. During a 10-minute break, these key projects were compiled, and separated into categories based on if the project was a new business idea, an economic development concept, or community development opportunity. The final activity of the evening consisted of presenting the participants with a list of all the key initiatives by category, at which point the participants ranked them in order of priority.

It is important to note that a number of participants were not able to stay during the entire meeting, so the number of individuals voting on the final priority ranking activity was smaller than the total group of participants. However, it is assumed that the ranking was not significantly influenced by the smaller group size because the priorities and ranking were similar to the results from the initial brainstorming activity.

### Rank the following new business opportunities:





## MEMO

**TO:** Community Networking Group

**RE:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017

12 noon to 1:30 pm

Weiss Conference Room

The next Community Networking Group meeting will be on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 in the Weiss Conference Room from 12 noon – 1:30 pm. **COMMUNITY NETWORKING PRESENTS:** Matt Scoggins, RE-4 School Superintendent to discuss the school system items on the upcoming 2017 November ballot. He will explain what 3A & 5A means to Rangely citizens on the ballot and what it will cost tax payers when it passes.

## AGENDA

1. Ron Granger and Jeff Rector  
Networking Group Co-chairs
2. Patrick Swonger  
Affiniti
3. Sam Tolley, Manager  
Alliance Energy
4. Kent Walter, Field Manager  
BLM White River Field Office
5. Mark McGowan  
Brainstorm Internet
6. Bill de Vergie  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife—area Wildlife Manager
7. Mark Foust, Superintendent  
Dinosaur National Monument (National Park Service Update)
8. Beth Robinson, Artist  
Elizabeth Robinson Studio
9. Niki Turner, Editor  
Herald Times
10. Robert Amick  
Meeker Arts and Cultural Council
11. Stephanie Kobald, Executive Director  
Meeker Chamber of Commerce
12. Reed Kelley, Agricultural Producer—stringer for Herald Times  
Meeker Colorado
13. Joe Livingston  
Meeker White River TalkAbout - "Connecting Ideas and People"
14. Brad Casto, Board Chair  
Moon Lake Electric
15. Bob Kissling  
Moon Lake Electric
16. Konnie Billgren, Executive Director  
Rangely Chamber of Commerce
17. John Payne, Board Chair  
Rangely District Hospital

18. Nick Goshe, CEO  
Rangely District Hospital
19. Ken Parsons, Member  
Rangely Junior College District
20. Vince Wilczek, Chief  
Rangely Police Department
21. Lisa Hatch, Trustee  
Rangely Town Council
22. Peter Brixius  
Rangely Town Manager
23. Matt Scoggins  
RE-4 School Superintendent
24. Renae T. Neilson  
Rio Blanco County Assessor
25. Anthony Mazzola, Sheriff  
Rio Blanco County
26. Katelin Cook, Economic Development Coordinator  
Rio Blanco County
27. Blake Mobley, IT Director  
Rio Blanco County
28. Shawn Bolton / Jeff Rector / Si Woodruff  
Rio Blanco County Commissioners
29. Alden Vanden Brink  
Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District
30. Lane G. Earl  
Strata Networks
31. Tim Webber  
Western Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District
32. Alan J. Michalewicz, General Manager  
White River Electric
33. Dick Welle, Retired General Manager  
White River Electric
34. **Next Community Networking Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21 2017** in the Weiss Conference Room at 12 noon – 1:30 pm. Presenter will be Sharon Raggio with Mind Springs MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS (Health/Mental illness and Addiction care). Sharon will present on plans for a new psychiatric hospital in Grand Junction, new licensed clinician availability in Rio Blanco, and provide updates on Mind Springs in the changing health care environment. She also wants to hear from community leaders regarding needs for mental health and substance abuse care.