

Chat Session

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What about the Roaring Fork Mobile Home Park? (RFMHP) Are there flood issues there, too?

- Yes, and they are just as bad or worse than at the Pan and Fork MHP

What does Pitkin County think about the RFMHP?

RFMHP is blight in the middle of all this other work.

What do we have to do to get Pitkin County moving on it?

- It needs to be annexed into Basalt
- It's in private ownership
- Need to have a place ready to receive displaced residents

Everybody's drawing buildings but where do we put the cars?

How many cars could be parked in a parking garage?

There is a high water table in the area.

Need to provide general parking area – this is a design parameter.

A hotel/business over a parking garage would make building 50-60 feet high or about 6 stories.

Need one parking space for every 300 sq. ft. of commercial use.

Just changing the parking requirements won't help if you don't have a place to park cars.

I would like to see the old Emma Bridge opened back up to cars.

The RFMHP is in the bull's eye of what needs to happen with all this redevelopment planning.

One of Basalt's problems is that it has only one main street.

Is RMI planning underground parking?

- No, on-grade only.

Will the RMI site provide public parking?

- No, but car-share and RFTA will be promoted. Also bike riding.

The trend in Denver these days for young professionals is that they live downtown and don't own a car. They use public transit and the car-share program.

RFTA is one of the best rural transit systems in the USA.

We need more on-street parking, pedestrian scale.

Electric cars are smaller and require charging utilities.

What are the Town's plans for Town Hall? Do they have a preference where they're relocated?

Put Town Hall in the building behind Riverwalk and help bring people to that end of Midland.

Could the Clarke's space be turned into something like the PAC3 at 3rd St. Center in Carbondale?

Could the Wyly relocate and expand into the Clarke's space?

Carbondale's success is due to a steady stream of events and gatherings that bring people downtown.

Maybe this process will help Basalt develop a better sense of itself.

Would the Town government offices have to stay all in one building?

It was a mistake to move the Planning Dept. over to the Wyly building – the space it occupies should be used as public meeting space.

Where could RFTA stops/connector be located?

We need a mom and pop theatre (like the Crystal) in Basalt.

We need people living downtown.

Business/government could offer incentives to bring people downtown.

We need to have PAC3-style activities downtown.

The kayak park will be located by Fisherman's Park. We need a kayak park in the middle of town!

We just need a big casino.

We need more people like Rene. The town came alive when Heather's Restaurant opened up.

We need to think of people's needs when they're in wheelchairs, on crutches, pushing strollers. Right now you have to "know the town" in order to know the best route to take to avoid narrow sidewalks, benches, and trees/planters.

Accessibility for everyone needs to be built into everything, everywhere.

Most developers just do the minimum required to meet ADA requirements.

Public awareness/attitudes about accessibility could be changed.

Make access "just flow" so everybody can use the same entrance and special ramps aren't needed.

We need a visual cue on Hwy. 82 to slow down drivers so they are aware we're over here.

Plant more trees along the highway or install medians.

When the Hwy. 82 bypass was being built there was a popular bumper sticker that read, "Bypass, my ass! Go to Midland Bar and Grill."
Turn the RFMHP into Basalt's main entrance.

The Riverside Grill is so popular in the summer because of the dining deck. We need more of this.

Salida in the summer is a carnival. They're not afraid of their river and have built along it.

Can we just ignore the floodplain?

Construction mitigation can make it possible to build in the floodplain by putting buildings on stilts or installing movable panels at the structure's base (to hide stilts) that allow water to flow underneath.

We need to have teenagers innertubing through town and people watching them from restaurant decks.

The locals are the ones who will visit the downtown parks the most often so design the parks for their use/desired activities.

Visitors want unique things so provide interesting retail and restaurant options for them.