

Our Town Input – Basalt Town Staff

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Discussion during town staff lunch – Town Hall

- Parking is the first concern of Police Chief.
- Police will need to patrol any new parks – on foot and bikes.
- Labor costs for the town will increase with new infrastructure to maintain.
- There will be more trash cans to empty.
- There will be more dogs to control because people bring their dogs to parks.
- The water well on that property is a critical source for the town and will need to be accessed and protected.
- A central building is needed for town offices, public works, etc.
- The town should pay attention to existing problems before venturing into new development: sidewalk connections, road repairs, drainage, aged water systems, drainage issues, etc.
- The entrances to town should be enhanced to make them not only functional but attractive: Two Rivers Rd. and the Frying Pan.
- Basalt needs a bike path like Carbondale's Crystal River Trail.
- Water supply has to be considered to provide for new growth and irrigation for parks.
- A whitewater park would draw spectators.
- Parks and developments should not be planned just for summer. We have six months of winter that require snow plowing and other concerns.
- Sidewalks should be eight feet wide to allow for snow.
- There will need to be a place to pile up the snow without having to truck it out of town.
- We need to respect the power of the river and expect floods that could destroy in-river structures.
- A river front park will need riparian plants. Both native and exotics may be planted in town gardens.
- The promise of more parks brings a level of excitement and also concern for the maintenance and staff required.
- The town will need to create more resources and hire more staff for new development.

- Add handicapped amenities.
- Include a dog wash.
- Larger parking lots to handle an increase of cars will require security for those cars.