

Executive Summary – 2009 Minturn Community Plan

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2009 Minturn Community Plan – Executive Summary

Introduction

The settlement of Minturn began near the confluence of the Gore Creek and Eagle River in the late 1800s. The town's earliest inhabitants created homesteads and farmed the land or mined silver in the mountains above town. Prior to this period, the Ute and Arapahoe Indians battled in the mountains above Minturn, from which Battle Mountain derives its name.

With the arrival of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad in 1887, the town was named Minturn, in honor of Robert Bowne Minturn, former director of the railroad. The town was officially incorporated in 1904 with approximately 400 residents. The town is currently comprised of approximately 1,200 residents.

Throughout most of its history, Minturn was traditionally a mining and railroad town. The Empire Zinc Company consolidated private mining claims to form the Eagle Mine at Gilman in 1912. Numerous labor strikes temporarily idled the mine throughout the 1900s and it was permanently shuttered in the early 1980s. In 1985, the Eagle mine was listed on the National Priority List for environmental cleanup and declared a Superfund site by the Environmental Protection Agency. In 1997, the Tennessee Pass rail line was deactivated and rail traffic through Minturn was halted. The Union Pacific Railroad currently owns the rail lines and a substantial tract of land on the north side of town where the possibility exists for future development.

Throughout the recent past, Minturn has strived to maintain its own identity separate from the other communities in the Eagle Valley. In 2008, residents voted to approve the annexation of approximately 4,300 acres on Battle Mountain to be used as a private ski and golf resort community. The prevailing sentiment of the residents was the desire to guide their own future by controlling the development on Battle Mountain, while maintaining the authentic 'small mountain town character' of the original Town site.

Any potential growth will require effective master planning to serve the newly developed areas, as well as to mitigate any potential impact upon services of the current Town. This in mind, the Town has recently begun a comprehensive update of its Community Plan, the specific name the Town of Minturn has chosen to give to its Master Plan.

Role of the Community Plan

This Community Plan, or Master Plan, will outline the Town's vision and the goals, objectives and action plans aimed at making that vision a reality. The plan will encompass a 20 to 30 year timeframe, will be reviewed every two to three years and updated as warranted by changing conditions.

The Mayor, Town Council and Planning Commission have recognized the Community Plan as an important tool to prepare for and manage the future growth and development of the Town of Minturn. As such, the update of the Community Plan has been established as a high priority goal of both the Council and the Commission.

Many of the activities and responsibilities of local government such as development plan approval, capital improvements, infrastructure and facility planning and zoning recommendations require conformance to a community's master plan. The 2009 Minturn Community Plan will serve as a guide for these and other decision making processes in the future.

Process Summary

With the recent changes in the economic and development climate, The Town of Minturn has realized the importance of creating an updated plan for the long-term future of the community. Over the past 18 months, planning efforts have been underway which have set the groundwork for the update of the Town's new master plan. This 2009 Community Plan will identify long-term goals which will help to guide future growth and development in the Town while working to preserve the unique character of the community that sets Minturn apart from other communities in the Vail Valley and the State of Colorado.

Existing Conditions

A 'picture in time' of the Town of Minturn will be assembled which will serve as the opening for the 2009 Minturn Community Plan. Information included in this section of the plan will include demographic data such as population, age, income, home value and employment, as well as graphic data including (where available) current zoning/land use, building locations, property ownership, infrastructure (roads/water/sewer), floodplains, vacant land, parks and trails, vegetation, wildlife, slopes, soils and natural hazards. We must know where we currently are before we decide how we are going to get where we are going – this section of the Community Plan will provide that information.

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary is to serve as a synopsis of the work completed to date by the entire Minturn community – residents, focus groups, Town Council, Planning Commission and staff. The vision, goals and objectives outlined by the community will serve to drive the development of their respective sections of the Community Plan. For this reason, these items will be verified during the preliminary phase of this process (fall 2008 through spring 2009) with the Town Council, the Planning Commission, and finally, with town residents during a series of community meetings planned for the month of February. Based upon the input received during this period of verification, the vision, goals and objectives, and even the structure of the plan document itself will be refined.

Once verified and refined as necessary, this Executive Summary will be endorsed by both the Planning Commission and the Town Council prior to the production of the actual plan elements.

Plan Development

Once the vision, goals and objectives are verified and refined, and the Executive Summary of the Community Plan is endorsed by the Town, the framework for the new plan will be in place. At that time, work can begin on developing the bulk of the Community Plan – the actual plan elements. Each plan element will build upon its respective goals and objectives outlined in the Executive Summary, adding to and modifying the goals as is necessary through the development process, and providing prioritized action plans for obtaining the goals and objectives.

How to Use the Community Plan

When adopted, the Community Plan should be used by staff, elected and appointed officials, and the at-large community to help direct decisions on the timing, location, type and character of growth and development (physical, economic and cultural) in the Town of Minturn. The Plan will provide prioritized goals, objectives and action plans by which to review ongoing and future activities within the Town, helping to ensure each individual project contributes in a manner envisioned by the Town to the ‘whole’ of the entire community.

Role of the Executive Summary

This Executive Summary serves as a guide and starting point for the preparation of the Community Plan components. The goals and objectives are statements that will be evaluated, refined and updated during the planning process. Through a number of related community planning efforts, the goals have been developed over the past 18 months by the Community, the Planning Commission and the Town Council. This process represents the culmination of those efforts, through which the goals and objectives will be tested and confirmed prior to endorsement by Council or Commission.

A Community Vision for the Town of Minturn

As part of the master planning process, it is critical to have an over-arching vision, a direction to which the plan and all of its component parts can focus on. This vision should paint a picture, providing an idealized outcome. In the case of the Town of Minturn Community Plan, this vision should indicate what it is the community envisions for itself in the coming 10 to 20 to 30 years – It should be a Community Vision.

One of the first steps completed as part of this planning process was a community visioning workshop. At this February 5, 2009 community meeting, participants were invited to share their ideas, not on what the Town currently ‘is’, but on what they want

for the Town during the 10 to 30 year timeframe covered by this plan – what they envision for the community. Raw input obtained during this community working session can be found in *Appendix A – Synopsis – February 5, 2009 Community Vision Open House*.

The input obtained from community working session was documented, reviewed and consolidated into the following community vision for the 2009 Town of Minturn Community Plan.

Town of Minturn – 2030 Community Vision

The Town of Minturn values:

- Its natural environment
- Its people living in community
- Its history
- Its funky, eclectic style*

From our roots as a mining and railroad town, Minturn has evolved into a one-of-a-kind Rocky Mountain town with a vibrant sense of community. We have built and continue to foster a unique environment which is sensitive to its natural setting, with a wide variety of housing opportunities. We possess a diverse economy based on the support of local business and complementary land development.

* What does this mean? It is all the ‘stuff’ that gives Minturn its unique feel, look and character – the small lot development, the diverse architectural styles, the vibrant colors of the buildings, the unique one-of-a-kind businesses, the pedestrian scale of the narrow streets, the streets that function as sidewalks, the alleys that function as streets and our natural setting in its narrow valley along the Eagle River – It is the Town’s essence, and what sets it apart from any other place on earth.

Goals and Objectives

The Goals and Objectives for the 2009 Minturn Community Plan find their origins in the community visioning workshops and focus groups conducted as a part of the production of the Minturn Revitalization Plan, Vision Guide, 2008. Focus group discussions during this effort generated a number of broad goals and objectives related to the following community plan component parts.

1. Community Character
2. Sustainability and Green Building Practices
3. Land Use
4. Transportation
5. Housing
6. Public Services and Facilities
7. Economic Development

8. Natural Resources
9. Parks and Recreation

Goals: Broad aspirations to guide Town achievements – The ‘What’

The goals articulate the future of the plan. They are those things that the Town wants to accomplish over the life of the plan. Goals:

- Will serve as the framework for future land use decisions
- Identify necessary public improvements and services
- Establish priorities for public investment

Objectives: Course of action required to achieve a stated goal – The ‘How’

Objectives have been added to identify possible actions that are needed to accomplish the goals. The list of objectives is not exhaustive. As the process continues, new objectives will very likely be added, and existing objectives refined as needed. Objectives:

- Outline action steps
- Are understood by both the decision-makers and the general public

While the goals and objectives began as ideas generated through the workshops of the Revitalization Plan, they have been considerably augmented, cut and generally overhauled since that time. First generated in the fall 2008, the goals and objectives of this executive summary were modified by town staff, followed by Planning Commission, and the Minturn Town Council. Following a series of meetings with Planning Commission and Council began a period of open review by the community, which resulted in a number of additional modifications.

The last round of edits took place as a result of the community working session of February 19, 2009. This meeting saw community members making direct changes to the goals and objectives of each of the community plan topic areas. The raw data from that working meeting can be found in *Appendix B – Synopsis – February 19, 2009 Goals and Objectives Open House*.

The following pages identify the goals and objectives as developed and modified by the Minturn community.

Community Character

Goal: Maintain, Build Upon and Promote the Town's Image as a Unique, Eclectic Non-Resort Town with a Strong Sense of Community

- Encourage and promote the use of public venues for a wide range of community events
- Develop Town signage including information kiosks, gateway signs and way-finding system
- Develop and implement methods to maintain the Town's eclectic architectural style and vibrant color palette
- Develop and implement methods to help support and build upon the 'small-town' feel
- Investigate methods to preserve and protect historic structures
- Ensure unique, contextual, high quality development
- Incorporate local public art into new development and public improvements
- Support and enhance the Minturn Market as an integral part of downtown
- Enforce existing ordinances aimed at maintaining the Town's aesthetic – snow, trash, nuisance abatement
- Develop policies to discourage the development of chain retailers/service providers
- Encourage development to utilize non intrusive lighting systems
- Examine existing hillside development regulations for improvement

Sustainability and Green Building Practices

Goal: Encourage Green and Sustainable Practices throughout the Community

- Develop and incorporate green building guidelines that address resource efficiency, indoor air quality and on-site energy generation
- Incorporate low impact development (LID) standards for site design into development requirements
- Promote and Encourage increased opportunities for businesses, residents and town government to recycle

Goal: Develop and Practice Green and Sustainable Processes

- Incorporate the concept of green infrastructure into the planning and design of improvements to Town systems
- Develop and insure the integrity of a comprehensive recycling program for Town facilities
- Ban the use of plastic bags in the Town

Land Use

Goal: Enhance the Town's Status as a Walkable and Bikeable Community

- Develop a future land use plan for the entire Town (land use element of this Community Plan) which encourages a compatible mix of land uses promoting mass transit, the use of bicycles and increased walk-ability/accessibility
- Promote the development of a cohesive downtown
- Develop alternative parking strategies aimed at increasing parking efficiency /ease of development/redevelopment
- Develop methods to remedy existing encroachment issues
- Implement streetscape improvements with pedestrian scale site elements including sidewalks, paving, signage and site furnishings
- Enforce the land use code
- Promote existing redevelopment areas as mixed-use centers
- Allow a variety of lot sizes (small and large lot) as appropriate to specific areas
- Partner with owners of large land holdings on mutually beneficial redevelopment projects
- Investigate opportunities for future annexations

Transportation

Goal:

- Support and Promote regional transit system
- Support and Promote regional transportation planning
- Support and Promote the expansion of public transit service
- Develop a future land use plan for the entire Town (land use element of this Community Plan) which encourages a compatible mix of land uses promoting mass transit, the use of bicycles and increased walk-ability/accessibility

Housing

Goal: Promote Affordable Housing

- Leverage town owned property for the development of affordable housing
- Develop a housing assistance program for Town employees
- Develop a housing assistance program for Qualified Town residents
- Promote the development of housing opportunities for all income levels throughout all areas of Town
- Develop an affordable housing fund
- Partner with owners of large land holdings on mutually beneficial redevelopment projects

Public Services and Facilities

Goal: Ensure that Public Facilities are Planned and Implemented to Support New Growth and Existing Population Centers

- Develop a Capitol Improvement Plan prioritizing upgrades to existing infrastructure including roads, water and storm water drainage and pedestrian/bicycle amenities
- Ensure that impacts from new development on existing infrastructure are mitigated
- Incorporate the concept of green infrastructure into the planning and design of improvements to Town systems
- Develop and implement a comprehensive sidewalk and trails plan addressing both accessibility and bicycles
- Develop and implement a plan to bury utilities throughout the Community
- Support and Promote infrastructure which is attractive to small business – snow removal, loading zones, sidewalks
- Support the development of Wi-Fi technology throughout the Town
- Incorporate the future use of alternative energies into planning processes

Economic Development

Goal: Diversify the Town's Economy

- Encourage and provide incentives for business to locate in the Downtown area
- Attract essential services necessary to form a 'complete' community – grocery, pharmacy, hardware store, movie theatre
- Partner with the Minturn Redcliff Business Association to develop a comprehensive marketing strategy for the Town
- Utilize redevelopment opportunities to help expand and diversify the Town's economic/employment base
- Support and Promote practices which are attractive to small business – infrastructure, taxes, city services
- Investigate opportunities for future annexations
- Develop policies to discourage the development of chain retailers/service providers
- Develop a Town web-portal for residents, businesses and visitors

Natural Resources

Goal: Protect and Promote the Eagle River as a Community Asset

- Support and fund ongoing river restoration efforts
- Improve and enhance public access to the Eagle River
- Establish development standards supporting habitat restoration and protection of the river
- Promote the Eagle River as a focal point of the community/gathering space

Goal: Protect and Promote USFS lands as a Community Asset

- Maintain and Improve access to public lands
- Promote development of USFS lands where appropriate

Goal: Preserve, Protect and Enhance Environmentally Sensitive Lands

- Examine existing hillside development regulations for improvement
- Maintain historic wildlife migration corridors

Goal: Preserve, Protect and Enhance Ridgelines and View Corridors

- Develop methods to regulate development on ridgelines and preserve specific view corridors

Parks and Recreation

Goal: Enhance Recreational Opportunities for all Town Residents and Visitors

- Support and promote the development of recreational facilities and programs for multiple user groups
- Support and promote the development of a regional trail system
- Support and promote the development of a centralized gathering space in the downtown area
- Investigate opportunities for the development of playgrounds and pocket parks
- Maintain and improve access to open space
- Maintain and improve access to the Eagle River

Next Steps

Work on the individual elements of the Community Plan will begin immediately following the endorsement of the Executive Summary by both Planning Commission and Town Council. This endorsement is expected to take place during the month of April, 2009. Creation of prioritized actions plans for each element will begin with the Land Use and Transportation components of the plan, with the creation of additional elements to be prioritized thereafter.



APPENDIX A

2009 Minturn Community Plan

Synopsis – February 5, 2009 Community Vision Open House

Introduction

On February 5, 2009, Minturn residents gathered to discuss issues they feel should be central in the development of a new Community Vision to guide the development of the new master plan for the town – the 2009 Minturn Community Plan.

The 2008 Minturn Vision Statement:

“Minturn is a small, tight-knit, vibrant community that values its natural setting and builds on its mining and railroad heritage.”

While this current vision statement makes reference to the Town’s origin, it says very little about where it is the town is headed into the future. A vision statement should act as a vivid, idealized description of a desired outcome that inspires, energizes and helps to create a mental picture of a target, goal or outcome.

The vision statement for the 2009 Community Plan may address ‘big-picture’ issues related to any of the component parts of the plan including, but not necessarily limited to the following.

- Community Character
- Sustainability and Green Building Practices
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Housing
- Public Services and Facilities
- Economic Development
- Natural Resources
- Parks and Recreation

The goal of the February 5 meeting was to engage participants to develop ideas which will integrate into a revised draft vision statement which does just that – one that creates a vivid picture of what the community desires for the towns future.

The information that follows is summary input from each of four teams that participated in the brainstorming session during the February 5 community meeting. It is important to note – these are summary ideas provided by each team at the conclusion of the working portion of the meeting. All ideas provided are worded in present tense, as the idea is that the information provided is a snapshot of what ‘will be’ in the future of the Town.

Summary Visioning Ideas

Orange Team

- The Town supports its local businesses through the development of economic development programs

- The Town maintains and celebrates its small mountain town character
- We maintain our vibrant commercial core
- We support the development of mixed use facilities
- We support the development of public gathering spaces throughout the Town
- We incorporate our strong sense of community in all Town activity
- We are a community that offers housing opportunities for a diverse population

Blue Team

- Minturn is primarily a town of primary residences
- We have a very distinct and eclectic core of businesses
- We respect our natural resources
- The Town is a community of ‘year-round’ lights – someone is always home
- We partner with property owners (large holdings) on development projects – We treat them as important stakeholders/part of the community
- The Town has debt free, well maintained infrastructure
- Minturn is home to a thriving arts scene
- We honor and celebrate our unique place in the Valley – small mountain town character, non-resort – We are not our neighbors
- We offer a great variety of year-round recreational opportunities and events
- As a community, we are committed to ‘green and sustainable’ practices
- We preserve and honor our open spaces

Black Team

- Demographically, Minturn is a very diverse community
- We have a strong sense of community and know our neighbors
- Minturn is a safe, walkable community
- We are an affordable, family-oriented community
- We are a community that works to preserve our natural resources and vistas
- We preserve the density of our ‘old-town’
- We are a community that has regular ‘block-parties’ – maintaining and enhancing our strong small-town sense of community
- We hold regular community based events – fishing derbies, movie nights
- We actively promote Minturn as the unique non-resort mountain town that it is
- We celebrate and support our unique (destination) small town businesses

- We welcome the world to our Town – Share our uniqueness
- We are a community of active, outdoor minded dog-people
- The Town has a laid back attitude
- We continue to be, as we have been, a ‘diamond in the rough’ – we maintain this feel as it is part of what sets us apart from other communities in the Country
- The Town promotes and supports outdoor music festivals
- Minturn is a highly walkable/bikeable community with related facilities
- We embrace the community of Red Cliff – similar communities
- We are known for our diverse outdoor activities, such as Nordic trails, kayaking, bike paths, skate park and our annual ice sculpture contest

Red Team

- Minturn has a thriving and vibrant business community composed primarily of destination retailers/businesses
- We support our locally owned businesses
- We honor and support the continuation of our eclectic built environment (architecture)
- Minturn is a multi-generational community – demographical (age) diverse
- Minturn continues to be, as it always has been, a very walkable community
- We discourage the development of single family residences which are excessive in size (McMansions)
- We strictly enforce our zoning ordinances which regulate development density (limiting high density development)

Analysis

The summary of input from each of the participating teams at the February 5 community meeting suggests the following main ideas be addressed in the revised Community Vision Statement for the 2009 Minturn Community Plan.

- Community Character – The maintenance, enhancement and utilization to the towns advantage of what it is that makes Minturn, Minturn.
- Economic Development – The development and continued support of a thriving core of locally owned/destination retailers and businesses
- Sense of Community – The nurturing of a ‘small-town’ climate where a demographically diverse community is regularly introduced to itself (know your neighbors) through a variety of indoor/outdoor community events and activities
- Built Environment – We support development that helps add to the Town’s unique ‘spot’ on the map which is sensitive to the natural environment/resources and adds value to the town’s walkability and public spaces.

- Housing – We are a community that offers a variety of housing opportunities to help support our wide ranging year-round demographic – from singles, to young families to established families.
- Town Economy – Our economy is strengthened through its diversity – based in not only in expanded sales /property tax base through development/redevelopment of large land holdings, but through investment in local business, infrastructure and utilization of the Towns unique position in the world market – There is really is only one Minturn.

Over the coming weeks, this information, with additional input provided by the community, will be used to develop revised draft vision statements for use in the 2009 Community Plan. A draft of the new vision statement, along with revisions to the Goals and Objectives (based upon input from the February 19, 2009 community meeting) will be available for review in advance of the final review meeting to take place March 26, 2009.



APPENDIX B

2009 Minturn Community Plan

Synopsis – February 19, 2009 Goals and Objectives Open House

Introduction

On February 19, 2009, Minturn residents gathered for the second of three community open houses to discuss matters related to the development of the 2009 Minturn Community Plan. The focus of this meeting was to review, discuss and provide input on the goals and objectives for each of the topic areas of the new community plan:

- Community Character
- Sustainability and Green Building Practices
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Housing
- Public Services and Facilities
- Economic Development
- Natural Resources
- Parks and Recreation

The information that follows is raw input received during the evenings meeting – exact wording which was written by participants, then transcribed into an electronic format. All input will be considered when compiling the next draft of the community plan executive summary. Many excellent ideas were expressed during this meeting; however, a majority of the input received was in the form of a strategy or path of action. This input is of a much more detailed nature than a general goals and objectives. Regardless, all input has been included in this summary document, and those comments which do not fit in the category of a goal or objective will certainly be of great value during the next phase of this process – development of action strategies.

Goals and Objectives

Goals: Broad aspirations to guide Town achievements – The ‘What’

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- Identify necessary public improvements and services
- Establish priorities for public investment

Objectives: Course of action required to achieve a stated goal – The ‘How’

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- Outline action steps

- Are understood by both the decision-makers and the general public

The following are the goals that have been developed by the Minturn community over the past 24 months, and edited by participants at the February 19 community meeting.

Community Character

Goal: Maintain, Build Upon and Promote the Town’s Image as a Unique, Eclectic Non-Resort Community

- Encourage and promote the use of the Little Beach Park Amphitheater for community events
 - Block parties/pot lucks/family movie nights/kids parades/wine and cheese events/bring back fireworks and parades/bike rallies/music festivals ← **Formatted: Bullets and Numbering**
- Develop Town of Minturn signage including information kiosks, gateway signs and way-finding system (welcome and thank you for visiting signs)
- Evaluate methods to maintain the Town’s eclectic architectural style
 - Encourage bright colors – people like Pope’s bike shop, not the townhomes (too monochromatic) ← **Formatted: Bullets and Numbering**
- Ensure high quality development
 - No strip mall architecture! ← **Formatted: Bullets and Numbering**
- Encourage the development of the arts
 - Arts center ← **Formatted: Bullets and Numbering**
 - Performing arts ← **Formatted: Bullets and Numbering**
 - Community theater ← **Formatted: Bullets and Numbering**
 - Need more artists at market, less mass produced crap (beads)
 - Not overpriced crap like Vail
- Incorporate local public art into new development
- Support and enhance the Minturn Market as an integral part of downtown
 - Control growth and character of Market – Do we really need belly dancers? ← **Formatted: Bullets and Numbering**
- Investigate methods to preserve historic buildings
 - Historic registry, historic walking tours ← **Formatted: Bullets and Numbering**
 - Encourage saving historic buildings – best recycling program
- Develop design guidelines which strengthen community character
 - Welcome Wagon Town newsheet ← **Formatted: Bullets and Numbering**
 - Good design/eclectic ← **Formatted: Bullets and Numbering**
- Enforce the nuisance ordinance
 - Require commercial buildings downtown to maintain exteriors so town image is not diminished ← **Deleted: <#> ¶**
 - Look at snowmobile Ordinance (enforcement) and Open fire regulations ← **Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.5", First line: 0.5"**
 - Encourage no ordinances. If you want Ordinances, move to Vail or Beaver Creek. ← **Formatted: Bullets and Numbering**
- Encourage development to utilize non intrusive lighting systems
 - Get rid of sodium halide lighting – Dark Skys Ordinance, new and existing buildings ← **Formatted: Bullets and Numbering**
- Examine existing hillside development regulations for improvement

- Encourage community pride in taking care of homes: exterior, lawns, flowers, etc
- Need a prettier town gateway before Chilly Willy@ waterfall needs landscaping and walkways
- Focus on what we want Minturn to be, not on what we don't want to be

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Sustainability and Green Building Practices

Goal: Encourage Green and Sustainable Practices throughout the Community

- Incorporate the use of resource efficient technologies into the building review process
 - Lower permit fees if green standards instituted
- Incorporate low impact development (LID) standards for site design into development requirements
 - Smaller lots for new housing
- Promote and Encourage the use of beetle-kill wood in new construction
- Promote and Encourage increased opportunities for businesses, residents and town government to recycle
 - Make this #1 – it is cheap and immediate
 - A free box like Telluride or compost center
 - Develop a barter system of goods and services
- Be creative with new green architecture plans and methods

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Goal: Practice Green and Sustainable habits on a regular basis

- Incorporate the concept of green infrastructure into the planning and design of improvements to Town systems
- Develop and insure the integrity of a comprehensive recycling program for Town facilities
 - Educate on recycling of plastics and other materials
- Ban the use of plastic bags in the Town
 - No grocery store, why bother?
 - Dark Skys

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Land Use

Goal: Enhance the Towns Status as a Walkable and Bikeable Community

- Develop a future land use plan (land use element of this Community Plan) which encourages a compatible mix of land uses promoting mass transit, the use of bicycles and increased walk-ability/accessibility
- Develop plan for railroad property, create opportunity to develop benefit town
- Promote the development of a cohesive downtown
 - Tie in Railyard
 - In general parking from Nelson ave back to Chilly Willy
- Encourage the development of parking agreements, arrangements and configurations aimed at increasing parking efficiency
 - Allow 'parking-in-lieu' fees at downtown like Carbondale, Basalt etc to consolidate parking into a new municipal garage
- Develop methods to remedy existing encroachment issues

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- Promote streetscape with pedestrian scale site elements including paving, signage and site furnishings improved sidewalks
- Enforce the land use code
- Promote existing redevelopment areas as mixed-use centers
- Investigate opportunities for future annexations
- Designate some locations in town for lower density development, good feel
- Allow smaller lots (higher density) in some areas to provide for smaller, more affordable homes
- Allow smaller streets, less asphalt, more green area
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Transportation

Goal:

- Support and Promote regional transit system
- Support and Promote regional transportation planning
- Support and Promote the expansion of public transit service
- Develop a future land use plan (land use element of this Community Plan) which encourages a compatible mix of land uses promoting mass transit, the use of bicycles and increased walk-ability/accessibility
- Dowd junction forest service needs to improve and expand as a park and ride transportation center for county – perfect location

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Housing

Goal: Promote Affordable Housing

- Leverage town owned property for the development of affordable housing
- Develop a housing assistance program for Town employees
 - To keep employees local, important
- Develop a housing assistance program for Qualified Town residents
 - Develop criteria and ranking system
- Promote the development of housing opportunities for all income levels
 - Throughout the town, not just isolate locations
 - Smaller lots for single family homes of 2-3 bedrooms
- Develop an affordable housing fund
- Work with USFS, Railroad and School District for large parcels of land that can contain housing/public-private cooperation
- Small single family feel with duplex and townhomes as well

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Public Services and Facilities

Goal: Ensure that Public Facilities are Planned and Implemented to Support New Growth and Existing Population Centers

- Develop a Capitol Improvement Plan prioritizing upgrades to existing infrastructure including roads, water and storm water drainage
 - Set goals and establish long-term finances and sources for O & M

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- Ensure that impacts from new development on existing infrastructure are mitigated
- Incorporate the concept of green infrastructure (code) into the planning and design of improvements to Town systems
 - Walking path along river
- Develop and implement a comprehensive sidewalk and trails plan addressing both accessibility and bicycles
 - Trees and planters should line main st
 - Sidewalks/trails should connect to river
- Develop and implement a plan to underground utilities throughout the Community
- Support and Promote infrastructure which is attractive to small business – snow removal, loading zones, sidewalks
 - Snow storage that can double as summer rec space
- Support the development of Wi-Fi technology throughout the Town
- Water company property can be a center or attraction
- Alternate energy sources – homes and cars – plan for them

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Economic Development – new logo, overpriced and designed by someone from Texas

Goal: Diversify the Towns Economy

- Encourage and provide incentives for business to locate in the Downtown area
 - Used book store, niche business seem to work best
- Attract essential services necessary to form a ‘complete’ community – grocery, pharmacy, hardware store, movie theatre
 - Design and locate a facility that would ‘house’ a number of essential amenities – doctor, dentist, coffee and donuts, health store
- Partner with the Minturn Redcliff Business Association to develop a comprehensive marketing strategy for the Town
 - Most people think Minturn is far away, but we are not
- Utilize redevelopment opportunities to help expand and diversify the Town’s economic/employment base
- Support and Promote practices which are attractive to small business – infrastructure, taxes, city services
 - What can we offer to bring them here?
 - Provide/encourage development of more retail space downtown – need more sales tax revenue
 - Mixed use buildings should remain mixed use – they are for a reason
- Investigate opportunities for future annexations
 - Improve relationships with developers
 - More tax base
- Policies to discourage chain outlets
- Web portal for residents and businesses
- Understand that while Minturn does not necessarily want resort development, the Vail impae is real and not necessarily negative

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- Realize that Ginn is a reality and it will impact Town in terms of economic gain
- Second downtown in south end of Town of Minturn
- Though Minturn seems anti second homeowner, they have money to spend. If we don't get money from that sector and visitors, property taxes will go up. Find way to court wealthy second home-owners

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Natural Resources

Goal: Protect and Promote the Eagle River as a Community Asset

- Support and fund ongoing river restoration efforts
 - Beef up river setback regs
- Improve and enhance public access to the Eagle River
 - Very important, a missed opportunity
- Establish development standards supporting habitat restoration and protection of the river
- Promote the Eagle River as a focal point of the community/gathering space
 - Parking/pic nic tables?
 - Bolts lake as an amenity?

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Goal: Protect and Promote USFS lands as a Community Asset

- Maintain and Improve access to public lands
- Promote development of USFS lands where appropriate
 - Improve signage and parking, parks, tennis, fishing

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Goal: Preserve, Protect and Enhance Environmentally Sensitive Lands

- Examine existing hillside development regulations for improvement
- Maintain historic wildlife migration corridors

Goal: Preserve, Protect and Enhance Ridgelines and View Corridors

- Develop methods to regulate development on ridgelines and preserve specific view corridors

Parks and Recreation

Goal: Enhance Recreational Opportunities for Town Residents and Visitors

Make sure kids are included in this – Yes, they are residents too

- Support and promote the development of recreational facilities and programs for multiple user groups
 - This point should be last, rather than first
- Support and promote the development of a regional trail system
 - Trails should be compatible with bicycle/Nordic skiing/snowmobiling
 - Water front trail system too
- Support and Promote the development of a centralize gathering space in downtown area
 - Or pocket parks – town too long for people to walk to one location – people are lazy

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- Investigate opportunities for the development of playgrounds and pocket parks
- Maintain and improve access to open space and the river
 - Kids don't own cars, so they must be able to walk to parks
 - Increase/formalize parking at trailheads

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Next Steps

This information, as with the input received at the February 5 community meeting, will be used to revise the Executive Summary of the 2009 Minturn Community Plan. This revised Executive Summary should be completed by Mid-March, and will be distributed to all who participated. Your distribution of this document, once received, is encouraged.

There will be an additional community open house the evening of March 26, the purpose of which will be to review and take final comment on the Executive Summary. The Executive Summary – outlining the Community Vision and the plan goals and objectives will be the framework around which the plan itself (prioritized action strategies) will be developed.

It is anticipated that the Executive Summary will be endorsed by both Planning Commission and Town Council during the month of April, 2009. Once endorsed, work will begin on developing the individual 'component parts' of the Community Plan – action plans for achieving the goals for each of the plan elements.