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## TOWN OF BASALT MEETINGS

Parks, Open Space and Trails Committee (POST)

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

By Teleconference

**Basalt Town Hall**

**101 Midland Avenue**

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| <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>1. Call to Order</b>   |
| <b>4:03</b>    | <b>2. February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes</b>   |
| <b>4:05</b>    | <b>3. Confluence Park Intersection/Emma Bridge Discussion about Temporary Improvements Plan</b> |
| <b>4:35</b>    | <b>4. Arbaney Playground Update</b>   |
| <b>4:45</b>    | <b>5. Willits Lane Plan Appointment of POST Members to Subcommittee</b>                         |
| <b>4:50</b>    | <b>6. POST Member Comments and Questions</b>  |
| <b>5:00</b>    | <b>7. Adjourn</b>   |

Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes. Those who wish to speak should email [james.lindt@basalt.net](mailto:james.lindt@basalt.net) before the meeting starts with their name, phone number, and identify what item they would like to address. During the meeting those wishing to comment may also email [james.lindt@basalt.net](mailto:james.lindt@basalt.net), but it is not guaranteed that the email will be seen in a timely fashion.



**Parks, Open Space, and Trails Committee**

**ACTION MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Groves, Paul Hilts, Julie Kolar, Ligia Bonilla

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michelle Bonfils Thibeault, James Lindt, Chris Belser

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mercedes Brown, Sam Daniel, Jessica Garrow, Basalt Girl Scout's Troupe

**DATE** 02/14/24

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT** 4:05 PM

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair
2. Confirmation of Meeting Time
3. Presentation of Design Workshop's Emma Bridge/Confluence Park Pedestrian Improvements Concept
4. Whitewater Park Update
5. Project Updates
6. POST Member Comments and Questions

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Staff identified that the chair and vice chair appointments are something that each of the Town's citizen committees consider every year at the beginning of the calendar year. The idea of having a rotating chair was considered but it was determined that Jason Groves would continue as chair.

**CONFIRMATION OF MEETING TIME**

Staff raised the topic of whether POST's standard meeting times of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 4 PM were working for everyone. It was concluded that the days and times were acceptable to POST members and that Town Staff would determine when it was necessary to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month based on POST's workload.

**PRESENTATION OF DESIGN WORKSHOP'S EMMA BRIDGE/CONFLUENCE PARK PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS CONCEPT**

Staff introduced that Design Workshop does an annual MLK Day of Service where they do pro-bono design work on a community project. It was further explained that this year they had chosen the Emma

Bridge/Confluence Park Area to help design improvements to the Emma Bridge and temporary pedestrian improvements around the Confluence Park entrance until a permanent plan for pedestrian improvements is instituted. Sam Daniel and Jessica Garrow of Design Workshop introduced the Girl Scout Troupe that they worked with to do a design charrette. Sam and Jessica presented the designs that were generated for the bridge and the pedestrian walkways near the bridge. The POST members and Staff thanked Design Workshop and the Girl Scouts for their work. Julie expressed that she was more in favor of natural elements such as boulders/planters rather than the jersey barrier scenario to delineate the walkway next to the Confluence Park entrance and that she liked elements with elevation to create barriers.

Paul confirmed that the area on the north side of 7-11 was still going to be 2-way traffic and Town Staff confirmed it. Paul also asked whether there is budget for temporary installations on this project this year. Michelle responded that the temporary installations should be pretty low cost in that it will primarily consist of drive-over bollards, some planters and painting the asphalt, but expressed that Staff will develop a cost estimate for the temporary improvements and bring it back to POST.

Julie expressed that it would be great to inventory the built elements on the Emma Bridge and figure out what aspects are in the biggest need of replacement. It was agreed that Staff will conduct such an inventory. Staff also identified that they would give Design Workshop updates on how the temporary improvements proceed.

#### **WHITEWATER PARK UPDATE**

Staff expressed that Town Engineer, Catherine Christoff, had met with Pitkin County to understand their plan for further improvements to the Whitewater Park. A draft plan was presented that included an elevated walkway above the in-stream features with an emergency access to Two Rivers Road on the east side of the elevated walkway. The plan also included a restroom in the Whitewater Park parking lot and moving the road to the north slightly to make room for the elevated walkway. It was noted that they had not had the engineering done as of yet so it is likely that the improvements would not get completed this year. POST members indicated that there was need to for Pitkin County to finish off the Fisherman's Park area so that the boulders could be cleaned up from that area. Town Staff expressed that the potential to clean up the Fisherman's Park area would be discussed with Pitkin County Staff.

#### **PROJECT UPDATES**

Chris Beiser expressed that the tree work in Ponderosa Park was completed.

#### **POST MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Town Staff identified that there will be a site visit on the Willits Lane Plan and that Town Staff will let POST know when that might happen and that there will be a mix of site visits and zoom meetings for the Town Committee members that are interested in the Willits Lane Plan.

**M/S BY JULIE KOLAR AND LIGIA BONILLA TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 5:11 PM. MOTION PASSES 4-0.**



TOWN OF BASALT  
PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAILS

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Groves, Chair

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Bonfils Thibeault, Planning Director

## Confluence Park Intersection Temporary Installation



-  Drive-Over Bollards of Various Colors Spaced 7-10 feet
-  Planters

-  Colored Crosswalk Pattern Painted on Asphalt Vertical

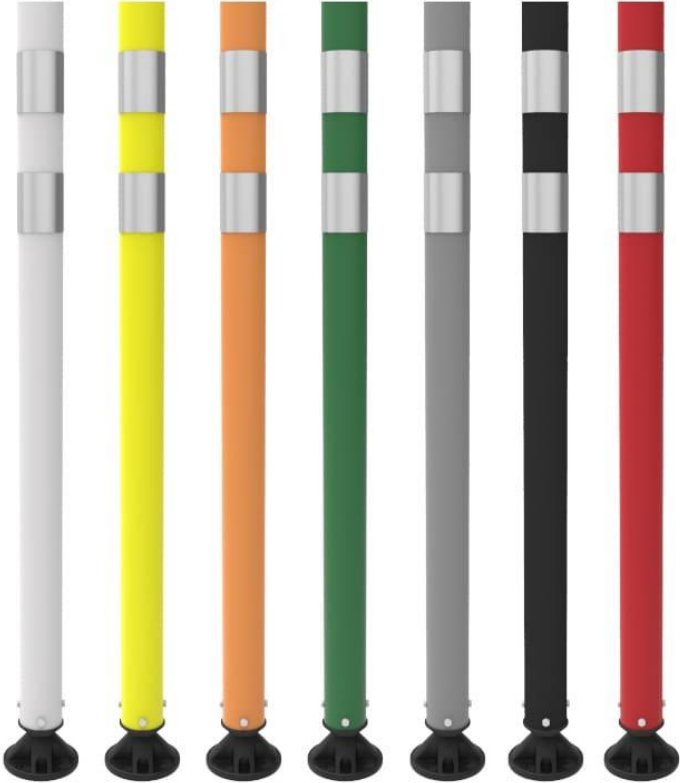
## **Confluence Park Intersection-Temporary Installation**

17-20 Drive Over Bollards at \$55 each= \$1,100

3 Planters at \$650 each= \$1,950

Painting of Walkway= Approx. \$2,500

Total= Approx. \$5,550





## Elevated Corten Steel Modular Raised Bed, 2' x 4'

DESIGNED BY GSC

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- Made from durable, corrosion-resistant Corten steel
- Rot-resistant cedar stand is sturdy & long-lasting
- 17.5" planting depth & 260 quart soil capacity
- Fits 2 of our innovative Self-Watering Inserts
- Also available without cedar stand: 2' x 4' or 2' x 6'
- Designed By GSC

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The distinctive aesthetic of Corten steel is actually a protective patina of rust shielding the base metal from further corrosion. A perfect complement to durable steel, the all-wood stand is made from 4" thick planks of naturally pest- and rot-resistant cedar. The raised bed will arrive in its natural grey steel state, and in 4-12 weeks will naturally develop its perfect patina in one afternoon. (If you're feeling impatient for nature to take its course, try our easy patina spray for your perfect patina in one afternoon.)

For best results, we recommend filling with 15 bags of our premium potting mix

- Organic Raised Bed Mix (20 qts.)
- Potting Mix (20 qts.)
- Organic Potting Mix (20 qts.)

## James Lindt

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**From:** Chris Beiser  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 6:44 PM  
**To:** James Lindt  
**Cc:** Matt Wagner; Boyd Bierbaum; Trevor LaLonde  
**Subject:** Re: Confluence Park Planter Options

James,

Trevor and I did a walkthrough of the Emma Bridge after our meeting last week. We identified some obvious items that need repair, and noted opportunities for improvements that would make a big impact on the aesthetics of the area. See my list below, including comments about infrastructure we agree *don't* need to be worked on, but were considered in the refresh design.

- Lighting (**Repair**)
  - o Existing lighting on the bridge is non-functional. I need to stop by at night, but as far as we know, none of the lights work on the bridge. This includes recessed lighting along both the upper and lower walkways, as well as an unknown power cable running on the underside of both railings on the bridge. The problem is these are mostly installed in the planters, and may be a challenge to locate cables (buried in the planters) to fix. **This would be worth hiring an electrician or the original installer to look at, and hopefully be a cheap fix.** The problem may actually be related to the power source, we frequently have problems with the nearby streetlights. We don't think the lighting situation is worth a full redesign, unless POST is interested in larger overhead streetlights. You could potentially add to the recessed lights as well.
- Paver Flooring (**Full Replace, see notes**)
  - o This is the biggest standing issue. There are several areas where pavers are broken and pitted in large sections. Primarily, the damage is on the lower level; most likely the damage is due to the aggressive machinery that uses this as a shortcut to town (skidsteer, toolcat). I've been told this cut-through is critical. Last year, PW looked into replacing a good portion of the pavers. They are cheap to purchase, but PW all agrees that a simple replacement will snowball into a much larger project. There is probably significant issue with the underflooring, that will only be apparent when we start removing tiles. I keep being told there are literal holes in the metal underflooring. Also, the grouting is in such a state that simply popping out and replacing individual pavers is unrealistic. **POST should pursue a full replacement of the paver flooring, and be aware that there may be structural issues underneath that will need addressing.** The existing pavers have lasted well enough (10?+ years), so we could keep cost lower if we replace with identical cheap pavers. However, this would be the time to choose a different option if we want a different style. The only requirement for the replacement is it needs to handle heavy pedestrian and light machinery traffic. Concrete or asphalt is an option if we could pour a thick enough slab. Additionally, if replace with identical pavers, we can get away with only replacing the lower floor. If POST decides on a new flooring style, the upper floor will need to be replaced to match.
- Benches (**Partial Replace**)
  - o The benches are functional as is. We would not recommend relocating them, as they are currently bolted into place to prevent their migration into the river. They are simple wood block benches with metal backing frame. They are currently painted what I describe as a "sad flat brown" color. **In our opinion, this is an excellent opportunity for a relatively low cost, high impact face-lift.** My recommendation would be a replacement of the existing wood with new live edge wood slabs, similar to what is on the Midland Bridge coming into town. I potentially have a wood dealer in Carbondale that could provide the wood, which we could smooth and clearcoat in-house to save costs. This would provide a fresh, natural look that matches another bridge in town. I need to investigate for certain, but the metal hardware shouldn't need to be replaced. Alternatively, you

could find entirely new benches (that need to be bolted in), or repaint the existing wood block benches in a less sad color.

- Center Plaza (**Add furniture**)
  - o There is a center plaza on the bridge, elevated from the main path, that is *empty*. **We could easily add some tables and chairs to this area.** The only requirement is that they are (1) extremely heavy, or (2) bolted/chained to the bridge. This will prevent “migration” into the river. We recommend 1-2 ADA accessible picnic tables that match what’s on the Ponderosa Trail, or matching furniture to River Park/Midland Streetscape that we can adhere in place.
- Decking (**No Change**)
  - o The non-paver decking is in acceptable shape, PW replaced this a few years ago. This decking covers the center plaza, an integrated planter bench, and connecting ramps between floor levels. **We would leave this alone.** It’s a weathered gray color. Potentially, you could replace the integrated bench with a new material, to make it stand out.
- Planters (**Fix top boards, add plants**)
  - o The physical planter boxes are, in our opinion, in excellent shape. They have aged exactly as expected, with a lovely rust/patina on the corrugated steel siding. There are minor metal edges that should be bent back into place. However, the top edger boards have been broken and replaced many times over. **We recommend replacing the top edger boards only, and leave the rest alone.** The edgers are screwed in, and match the existing decking; you could easily replace with something more aesthetically unique.
  - o Existing plant material is alive, but has thinned over the years. **For another high impact change, we recommend adding to the existing plant material in the planters.** We recommend using the Design Workshop plant palette, or matching to the future plant bed installation with the Two Rivers intersection redesign. The planters get lots of water due to the trees that were planted.
- Trash Bins (**No Change**)
  - o The trash bins are fine and match the others in town. There are two sets of two bins, and are heavily used. **They do not need to be replaced, and they should not be relocated.**

That should cover everything on the bridge. I included pictures of all the items mentioned above, [at this link](#). I will be at the next POST meeting to answer additional questions.

As a side note, I wanted to bring attention to the condition of the paved area between the bridge and sidewalk where students walk. This is the intended location of the temporary mural, and I want to note its exceedingly poor condition. We need to take that into consideration as we talk about crosswalk and mural painting, the pitted area may make this difficult.

Thanks  
-Chris



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**From:** James Lindt <james.lindt@basalt.net>

**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 2:38 PM



Town of Basalt - Arbarney Park Playground Renovation *Estimated Schedule*

Estimated load date from Brno CZ July 17, 2024

Estimated transit into the Port of Houston and through customs August 21, 2024

Transit from TX to CO 3 days; receive equipment on site August 26, 2024

Installation of play equipment 2+- weeks August 19-30

Curbing 5+- days September 2-6

Stone Base for poured in place 3+- days September 6-10

Concrete cap stone base 2+- days September 10-12

Poured in Place installation & cure 4+- days September 12-18

Engineered Wood Fiber/Fabric installation 1+- day September 19

Summit Recreation will collaborate with the Town on the demolition of existing equipment and site preparation. If the Public Works crew is unable to perform the work on the estimated timeline due to other seasonal load, Summit Recreation will engage our team to complete the work to remain on schedule.

KOMPAN and Summit Recreation will participate with the Town in creating a grand opening event. Details and dates to be determined.

Summit Recreation will provide a "coming soon" banner for the Town to display in the park.

