

Chapter 12 Implementation

For over three years the City of Salida Community Development Department and Planning Commission have worked to gathering community input on what issues are the most important to citizens. After three years of work by staff, three community surveys, five public workshops, monthly public hearings in front of the Salida Planning Commission and countless hours working with and listening to individuals and community organizations the City of Salida has begun to prioritize what items in the comprehensive plan are the most important to it citizens.

Each chapter in the plan contains principles, policies and action items that have been reviewed and commented on by the community at large. Below are the highest priorities for actions to be taken that have been echoed throughout the public process over the past year for each chapter. This list of actions should be revisited annually to ensure accuracy as conditions change, to update items that have been accomplished, during development of annual budget and department work plans.



March 4th 2010 Public Meeting

Chapter 2 Community Character

Review and revise the Land Use Code to ensure it is aligned with the principles and policies of the Community Character chapter and maintains Salida's small town character. (Actions CC-I.5.a, CC-II.1.a, CC-II.1.d)

CC-I.3.b – Assess the fee structure for park rentals, street closures and special event liquor permits to balance the demands on staff time with the public benefit provided by public events.

CC-III.1.a – Seek ways to improve or provide additional public access to the Arkansas River.

CC-III.2.a – Work with Chaffee County to encourage agriculture and low density residential development in the open lands within the Municipal Planning Area around the city.

Chapter 3 Land Use and Growth

LU&G-I.1.a – Amend Salida’s Land Use Code and Zoning Map to advance the objectives of this plan and consider appropriate zoning designations, densities and overlays that utilize setbacks and promote the traditional historic built environment.

LU&G-I.4.a – Changes to the Land Use Code and Zoning Map shall include public process in accordance with local and state laws.

LU&G-II.1.a – Proposals for annexation should demonstrate that the development will not create a fiscal burden on the city.

LU&G-III.1.a – Public spaces should be inventoried and a requirement for providing additional space should be a condition of approval for new development.

LU&G-III.1.b – Encourage the creation of an eclectic range of infill recreation opportunities in existing neighborhoods for all residents of the community to enjoy.

LU&G-III.3.a – Work with the Chaffee County Building Department to ensure updates to the Building Codes allow for sensible adaptive sustainable building practices and use of the abundance of natural resources to heat and power existing structures in Salida.

Chapter 4 Economic Sustainability

E&S-I.1.a – Partner with the SBA, Chamber and others to create an on-going ‘buy local’ campaign and educate the community on the benefits of buying local.

E&S-I.1.b – Investigate steps the city can take to foster local markets for regionally and locally produced goods.

E&S-I.4.a – The city should maintain memberships with the Heart of the Rockies Chamber of Commerce (HRCC) and Salida Business Alliance (SBA) and should appoint a Council member or staff person to regularly attend meetings of these organizations.

E&S-I.4.b – Participate in supporting community sponsored economic development efforts such as the Chaffee County Economic Development Corporation and the small business development center.

E&S-II.1.a – Review and enhance commercial design standards to ensure that franchises and corporate businesses develop in a manner that fits Salida’s character.

E&S-II.2.a – Adopt land use policies that allow for development of commercial and industrial sites in the City to attract investment in green renewable industries.

E&S-III.1.b – Promote the expansion of information technology infrastructure to the Arkansas Valley.

E&S-IV.2.a – Create a marketing strategy to target Front Range communities to promote Salida as a destination for small conventions.

Chapter 5 Environmental Sustainability

ES-I. 1.a. – Engage the public to develop a visual resources map.

ES-I. 1.c. – Amend Salida’s Land Use Code to locate construction or development activities to avoid detracting from valued visual corridors and resources as seen from the public right-of-way.

ES-I.2.a – Continue to promote and enforce Dark Sky standards for new construction projects.

ES-III. 1.a. – Require drainage/grading plans for new or expanded development to reduce non point and point source pollution. Also encourage use of natural run-off filtration such as bio-swales, pervious pavement, etc. for on-site retention.

ES-III. 1.c. – Increase drainage design requirement from 25-year to 100-year storm event.

ES-III. 2.a. – Educate the public on water conservation strategies and effects of excessive water consumption in an arid environment.

ES-VIII.1.a. – City will actively seek access rights along river corridors and create trails and habitat.

Chapter 6 Housing

H-I.3.a – Work with neighborhoods to identify and prioritize infrastructure deficiencies such as sidewalks, curbs, lighting, stormwater drainage and street trees.

H-I.4.a – Review the annexation, subdivision and development standards of the Land Use Code to ensure new neighborhoods contain a mix of housing types, a variety of lot sizes, open space, parks and amenities.

H-II.1.d – Revise development standards, procedures or fee structures that are barriers to the free market development of affordable housing.

H-II.3.a – Maintain and strengthen relationships with affordable housing providers in the community and examine ways the city can provide both monetary and non-monetary support for housing agencies in the community.

Chapter 7 Recreation and Open Space

R&OS-I.1.a – Yearly prioritization of the implementation goals outlined in the Master Plan should be set in accordance with the yearly fiscal budget cycle.

R&OS-IV.2.b – Continue to provide community support funding for projects brought forward by a local organization with demonstrated community support.

R&OS-IV.3.a – Continue to work to help implement the land management plans of the Bureau of Land Management, State Parks, Forest Service and Division of Wildlife and establish working partnerships to help with their goals of preservation and wilderness awareness.

R&OS-V.1.e – Create an Open Space plan for the management and prioritization of acquisition of parcels in and around Salida.

R&OS-V.1.f – Pursue opportunities to provide localized neighborhood parks in areas of the city that are underserved.

Chapter 9 Transportation

T-I.1.b. – Maintain the current requirements for new development to provide improvements including sidewalks, trails and open space areas that allow for viable connections to other neighborhoods for pedestrians and bicycles.

T-I.1.e. – Improve ADA access by providing ramps, curb cuts and improving sidewalks throughout the different neighborhoods of the city.

T-I.3.b. – Implement crosswalk improvements throughout town and along the Salida trail system.

T-I.3.c. – Identify and implement bike lanes where needed along well-traveled corridors.

T-I.4.a – Review streetscape standards for parkway widths to allow adequate space for large, long-lived street trees.

T-I.4.b – Investigate grant or partnership opportunities to bring sidewalks to all established neighborhoods that desire sidewalks.

T-II.2.a – Create a comprehensive sign plan for the city for the replacement of old signage and the future placement of new signage.

T-VIII.1.a - Investigate possibilities for use of the railroad corridor for expanding commerce to the valley.

Chapter 10 Public Safety

PS-I.2.b- Maintain training and equipment to meet an expanding scope of services and utilize new technology through continuing education and capital replacement plans.

PS-I.3.a – Continue to use the model of ‘Community Oriented Policing’ in working with the community to help reduce crime and develop safer neighborhoods.

PS-III.1.a- Require all full-time city personnel to complete the basic level of NIMS training and require administrative and public safety personnel to have advanced certification.

PS-III.1.b – Create training opportunities and yearly emergency preparedness drills that help staff best utilize the new operation center in the time of a large scale emergency.

PS-V.1 – Continue to provide fiscal responsibility in public safety through aggressive grant research and application, responsible capital replacement plans and interagency cooperation.

Chapter 11 Community Services

CS-I.1.a – Review the LUC to ensure that major new development is required to provide sound analysis of the fiscal impacts and benefits to the city.

CS-II.1.b – Review lease agreements for tenant spaces to ensure that lessees are responsible for adequate maintenance of facilities they occupy.

CS-II.2.a – Create a prioritization matrix to be utilized by staff and the Council in evaluating new projects.

CS-III.1.a – Amend the City’s annexation policy to require future annexations to dedicate water rights to the City in an amount equal to or in excess of the anticipated demand or provide cash in lieu for the purchase of water resources.

CS-III.3.a – Create digital maps of the water/wastewater distribution system including staff training on utilizing the maps.

CS-III.3.b – Create long-range plans for replacement of aging infrastructure within the system taking into account projections for areas of future development to anticipate the need to increase line sizes where necessary as replacement occurs.

CS-III.3.c – Evaluate the need for capital improvement dollars to replace existing water/wastewater infrastructure and ensure that user fees can accommodate these anticipated expenses.

CS-III.3.g – Evaluate rates periodically to ensure that there is adequate funding for ongoing operations and maintenance.

CS-III.4.b – Annually update the street improvement plan to reflect work that has been accomplished and changing conditions of the streets.

CS-III.4.c – Annually review the street improvement plan to anticipate immediate and future funding needs.

Implementation of the Plan

We have also heard that the priorities of the city are also subject to change during the duration of the Plan. To allow this to be “living” document that can be implemented in an ever changing community the plan should be revisited yearly to evaluate what priorities have been completed, to provide the city’s citizens with an annual progress report, to help guide budgeting and planning for the upcoming year, and to be updated as priorities change.

Each year has the city continues to grow, so should this section of the plan. Tables should be developed annually to provide citizens an update of projects that have been completed, the budget priorities for the upcoming year, and a chance for the citizens of the community to provide input on what they feel are the highest priorities for the community.