

Vision Process Summary

THE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Vision Workshop Meetings
December 29, 2008, January 27, 2009

Visioning Survey Results
August 2008 – February 2009

Mountain Village Merchant Meetings
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December 29, 2008 Visioning Workshop Results

The following summary highlights the major themes the results the visioning workshop held on December 29, 2008. Nearly 150 people attended this workshop and offered their visions and ideas for the future of the Mountain Village.

EXERCISE 1 – SPECIAL PLACES EXERCISE

In the first exercise, the participants at each table introduced themselves and state to the group why they live or work in Mountain Village. The purpose of the exercise was for residents to identify what is special and important to them about Mountain Village and the region. These are the characteristics and places that residents cherish, that should be protected and promoted. Participants were then led in discussion by the table facilitator in the following:

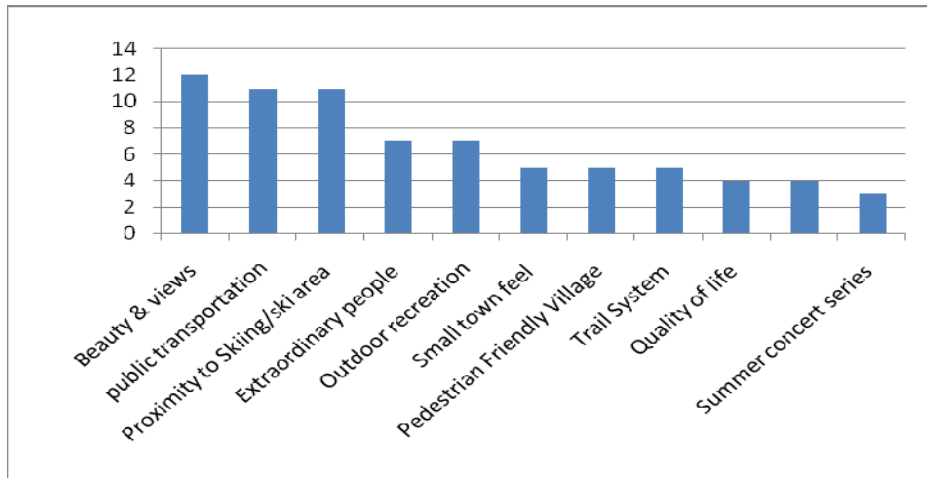
Part 1 - What are the strengths of the community? The weaknesses? The challenges?

Part 2 - Identify three places you like to take out-of-town visitors and three places you avoid.

Part I: strengths, weaknesses or challenges

Strengths

- Beauty & views
- Public Transportation (Gondola & Dial-a-Ride)
- Outdoor Recreation- hiking/biking/skiing/golfing
- Proximity to ski area with short lift lines
- Small town feel
- Quality of life
- Pedestrian Friendly Village
- Extraordinary people
- Sunset Concert Series
- Proximity to the Town of Telluride
- Southwest exposure & Sunshine
- Remote
- Safe
- Landscaping/cleanliness
- Dog friendly
- Climate
- Good leadership
- Proximity to national forest
- Walk able
- Family history and memories
- Charity per capita



Frequency of Comments from Strength Exercise

WEAKNESSES

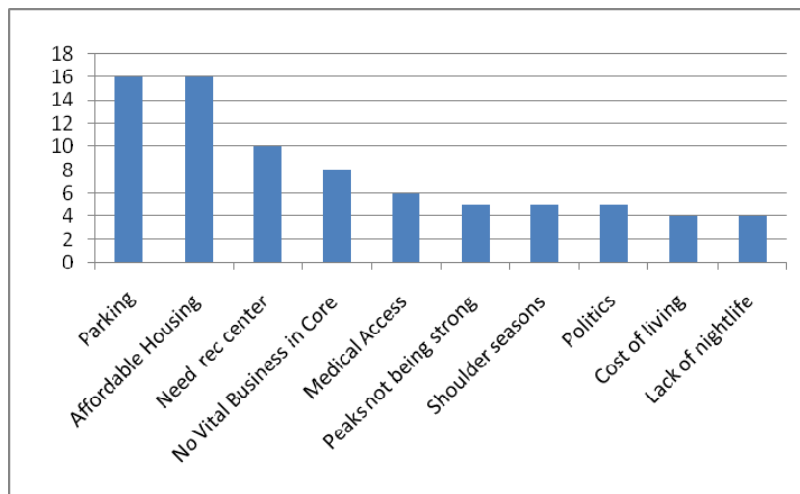
- Lack of parking
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of business vitality - especially in the Village Core
- Lack of a recreation center
- Lack of medical access
- Lack of attractions besides skiing/no anchors for shoulder seasons
- Lack of childcare
- Cost of living is expensive
- Politics between TMVOA/TMV/TSG/Telluride
- Connectivity/gaps in walkways/connect Meadows to Village Core
- Telluride Airport is limited
- Lack of community feeling
- Free parking and transportation for Telluride/people don't stay here
- Times of year the Gondola and Chondola are shut down
- Lack of being green
- No fenced dog park
- Poor snow removal
- Garbage pick-up
- Core development activities
- Tax dollars
- Lack of regional chamber
- Too many big empty houses
- Guest services
- Allowing students from outside the area to overcrowd our schools

What Challenges face the Town:

- Providing local affordable housing
- Creating more parking
- Sustainable business/Anticipating build-out and finding new industry
- Attracting tourism/seasonality

- Burden on tax payers to provide amenities for ski resort
- Clarity on open space preservation/development
- Sprawl outside of TMV
- Walking paths/connectivity
- Looking at the big picture/anticipating build out
- Continuing free access and amenities
- Understanding the existing environmental conditions
- Strict review of variance requests
- Providing more quality restaurants
- Politics
- Getting a pre-school
- Annex Alta Lakes

Frequency of Comments from Weakness Exercise



Part II: What features make the town special or unique & what takes away from the town's character?

What features make Mountain Village special or unique?

- Trails (9)
- Gondola (9)
- Village Core (9)
- Golf Course (8)
- Ski Area (6)
- Elk Pond (6)
- Town Hall Plaza/Market (6)
- Peaks Amenities/Tennis Courts (5)
- Town Entrance (4)
- Views from all sides (4)
- St. Sophia Station/The Ridge (4)
- Sunset Concert Series (3)
- Chondola (2)
- Waterfall (1)
- True residential open space (near Boston Commons)(1)
- Proximity to Telluride (1)
- Hood Park (1)
- Boulders (1)
- Meadows (1)
- Prospect Creek (1)
- Disc Golf Course (1)
- Events (1)
- Affordable central location between the Town Hall Plaza & the Village Core (1)
- The Cappella Project (1)
- Wetlands behind Town Hall (1)
- Dial-a-Ride (1)

What features take away from the character of the town?

- Parking Structure
- The gatehouse
- The Peaks Hotel
- Lack of connectivity of roads and walking paths (especially between Meadows & Core)
- Placement of Gondola Stations (should stop at Blue Mesa Plaza)
- Difficult to find a way around the Village Core and Heritage Plaza (Better signage needed)
- Big Billies
- Light industrial in the Meadows
- Sidewalk near trails edge
- Funicular on MVB
- Peaks Tennis courts are not indoors
- Sidewalk in Meadows needs maintenance
- Telluride Apartments
- Town Hall Plaza needs more parking
- Downhill biking not allowed near the Ridge

- The Ridge development
- Poor retail in the Village Core
- Town of Telluride events
- Town Hall Plaza needs more amendments
- Village Core is slick in the winter
- Poor signage at Town entrance
- Poor access to the Meadows
- Need a lit path to the Market from San Joaquin

EXERCISE 2 – SECTION OF TOWN EXERCISE

Each group was asked to discuss the future of these five sections of town:

1. Village Core Area
2. Meadows Area
3. Town Hall Plaza
4. Residential Areas North Mountain Village Blvd
5. Residential Areas South Mountain Village Blvd

Each group was asked to think about the following:

- What should be located in each section of town?
- How should it look?
- How should it function?
- What changes or improvements would you recommend?

THE VILLAGE CORE

What should be located here?

- Recreation Center
- Movie Theatre
- Library
- More restaurants
- Affordable housing
- Increased transient bed base/hot beds
- Amphitheater
- Museum
- Underground parking

How should it look?

- Plazas and walkways should be opened up
- Better signage
- Vibrant
- Get rid of “club/exclusive” feel

How should it function?

- The flow of the pathways should be user friendly
- Gathering place
- Attract people and make them stay by having a variety of retail
- More trolleys

What changes or improvements would you recommend?

- Increase transient bed base/ more hotels
- Rezone plaza level commercial space to include a mix of retail/service uses

- Get people walking through the core by moving the gondola base
- Stabilize existing infrastructure
- Increase summer activities
- Increase parking
- Visit the option of intra village electric transportation
- Proportionate retail/commercial/and bed base
- More restaurants open at night/night club/evening entertainment
- Convert empty commercial space into a gym
- Enhance conference center with break out rooms & have full utilization i.e. locals birthday parties
- More carts
- Look for alternative locations for community core & amenities
- Don't build Rosewood
- No more hotels
- Have more cultural uses
- Let businesses advertise on gondola plaza for free
- Convert bottom floors of the Peaks into conference center and convert conference center into multi-use

THE MEADOWS NEIGHBORHOOD

What should be located here?

- Affordable housing
- Maximize parking (i.e. another parking structure)
- Grocery/liquor/ convenient store/day care/bar/restaurant
- More community services

How should it look?

- Like a neighborhood community

How should it function?

- Function as a “real” neighborhood
- Need to deal with increased traffic

What changes or improvements would you recommend?

- Year round transportation to the Village Core (Chondola year-round)
- Add infrastructure connecting to Village Core
- More density at Telluride Apartments
- Redevelop Big Billies
- Move TMV shop to TSG shop area and build affordable housing
- Affordable housing needs to be dispersed
- Don't change the Meadows

TOWN HALL PLAZA AREA

What should be located here?

- Recreation Center
- Medical Center
- Affordable housing
- Finish parking structure
- Family friendly '3' star rated full service hotel with meeting space

How should it look?

- Add trees to the area around Town Hall

How should it function?

- As a locals gathering area
- Charge for parking
- Retail/services geared to full time residents
- Target for “secondary” core
- Make the Police Dept, Fire Dept and Town Hall more cohesive
- Upgrade Chair 10 so that it has a mid load at the parking structure

What changes or improvements would you recommend?

- Finish Parking Structure
- Take down the gate house
- Charge for parking
- Upgrade the shipping store to a real post office

RESIDENTIAL AREA NORTH OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE BLVD.

What should be located here?

- Affordable housing in Boston Commons area
- Shared common area i.e. garden

How should it look?

- Smaller scale of houses and structures

How should it function?

- Neighborhood
- Too many second homeowners on Adams Ranch

What changes or improvements would you recommend?

- Rezone for affordable housing
- Shuttle service to Boston Commons
- Incorporate diversity in building types
- Don’t change it
- Expand Lawson Hill to Valley Floor

RESIDENTIAL AREA SOUTH OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE BLVD.

What should be located here?

- Affordable housing in TSG maintenance area
- OSP-50 and OSP-51 for affordable housing and/or parking
- Possible land swap with Forest Service or Alta Lakes

How should it look?

- Residential

How should it function?

- Neighborhood

What changes or improvements would you recommend?

- Improve trail system to Village Core/Town Hall Plaza
- Proper enforced/enhanced national forest signage
- Don’t change it