

## SNOWMASS WESTERN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

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Dear Snowmass Village Town Council:

Snowmass Western Heritage Association ("SWHA") formally withdraws its support for the Master Plan for the Snowmass Village Town Park. SWHA withdraws its support for two reasons:

- 1) SWHA's request for a more permanent, attractive multi-purpose facility and
- 2) SWHA's desire as community members and partners with TOSV to follow the Town of Snowmass Village's Comprehensive Plan for the Entrance to Snowmass Village.

SWHA's support for the Town Park Master Plan in its February 10, 2021 letter was based on representations that the Town was open to considering a more permanent structure that could be used for a variety of purposes and provide a more attractive entrance to Snowmass Village than the current proposal featuring more paved parking and a \$800,000 maintenance facility. (SWHA is fully supportive of the Wetlands improvements)

However, recent communications from the Town indicate they are planning to use the existing grandstands on the new maintenance facility in the "near term". This is unacceptable to SWHA for a number of reasons. First, modifying the existing grandstands to fit atop the new maintenance facility subjects SWHA to potential unwanted liability because such reconfiguration risks compromising the structural integrity of these older grandstands. Second, pushing the design and commitment to a more permanent structure into the future does not give confidence that the Town of Snowmass is committed to the role SWHA rodeo plays as an important and integral part of the Town's resort and community character.

The Comprehensive Plan designates the Town Park as the entryway to Snowmass Village and provides guidance on the design of the Town Park:

- The Town Park should maintain and/or improve the Welcome Center, rodeo grounds and an event center.
- Relocated and redesigned Rodeo Ground facilities should be considered with accompanying paddocks and bleachers that would act as a multi-use facility that could be used for the rodeo and other events in the summer as well as ice skating in the winter.