



July 29, 2022

Dear TOSV Town Council:

The SWHA, RFVHC and POSTR met on July 28, 2022 to discuss the Town Park /Rodeo site plan concerning mitigation for rodeo safety and function issues.

Sara Tie of Connect One Design did an excellent job by considering and implementing the changes and additions for stock-pens, entry gates, return alley and placement of concessions and bleachers. The new rodeo layout now includes a much needed warm up area, contestant gathering area, entry gates for vehicles into the arena, a contestant bleachers and a staging area for outfitter trail ride operations.

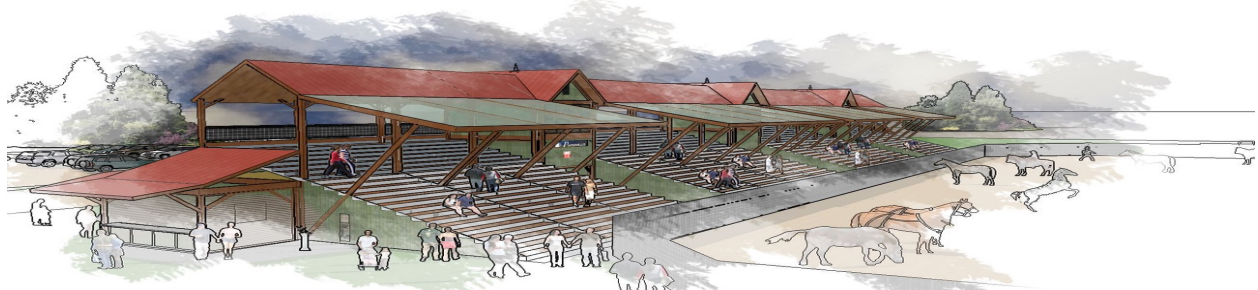
The RFVHC supports the changes made to the Snowmass Rodeo arena for safety and function. However, there are serious safety issues with parking, and we have concerns about the impact on the wetlands that will occur by the new rodeo grounds orientation.

At this July 28th meeting it was recognized by SWHA, RFVHC & TOSV – POSTR that current Town Park Plan does not provide enough parking for trucks and trailers. Not only will the current parking configuration severely reduce the numbers of trucks and trailers able to park, but it will also restrict the spacing between rigs, which will be dangerous for horses and their riders to move safely. Parking is a weekly problem in TOSV both in summer and winter, as confirmed by Pitkin Alert's phone texts about Snowmass Village Parking – July 21st - Two Creeks Full, Upper Village Full, and on July 27th, 2022, the Wednesday night rodeo reached the limit of spectator tickets sold by 6:15 PM and turned people away at both the Recreation Parking and the Black Saddle Parking Lots, which were full. The RFVHC also agrees with SWHA that the parking for the contestants will be insufficient to accommodate the number of contestants necessary to put on a rodeo.

It was suggested that the large berm between Brush Creek Road and the Recreation Center Parking could be used for perhaps 40 cars and on rodeo nights 10 additional trucks and trailers could have parking spots. If this area is added into the current proposed Truck and Trailer parking along with the "Check Point Charlie" area, then the parking will improve greatly.

As requested at our meeting regarding the Town Park Master Plan, RFVHC puts in writing its approval of the layout of the rodeo arena and facilities generated with the help of Sara Tie of Connect One, Andy Worline and Riley Bonilla with POSTR and Jim Synder and Jamie Knowlton of SWHA on July 28, 2022.

We also support the idea of permanent public restrooms placed below the covered bleachers for future use. The bathroom facilities can share the space with the POSTR maintenance storage. We are attaching the iconic building design below that was presented in prior meetings, for Town Council's further consideration. If there can be added funding from other sources, the RFVHC asks that this iconic building, which will include covered spectator bleachers and POSTR Maintenance below, would be constructed in phase one of this Town Plan. We believe that Snowmass Village's Western Heritage will never be forgotten. In every photograph of our rodeo – the iconic building will be recognizable and stand the test of time.



The RFVHC has included all issues that still concern us to avoid any surprises for Town Council.
We will send our safety list to Sara Tie as a guide for all items that have been discussed and resolved.

On behalf of the RFVHC Board of Directors,
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