

**New Castle Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 7:00 PM**

Call to Order

Mayor Art Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Carey
Councilor Mariscal
Councilor Hazelton
Mayor A. Riddile
Councilor Copeland
Councilor Leland
Councilor G Riddile

Absent None

Also present at the meeting were Town Clerk Mindy Andis, Administrator Dave Reynolds, and members of the public.

Meeting Notice

Clerk Andis verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2025-1.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest

Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no citizen comments

Consultant Reports

Consultant Attorney – not present
Consultant Engineer – not present

Items for Consideration

Presentation – Western Slope Veterans Coalition – Patty Buxman

Administrator Reynolds said Western Slope Veterans Coalition (WSVC) mission “is to improve the quality of life for service members, veterans, and their families. Providing outreach to all service persons including Veterans and their families by connecting veterans to local and national agencies and veteran resources.”

Patty Buxman introduced herself to the council. She said she is a volunteer for the WSVC in Glenwood Springs. Ms. Buxman reviewed the slideshow presentation with the council.

(Exhibit A)

Ms. Buxman said the coalition is a resource center and are not funded by VA. The funding comes

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from private donors and grants. She said WSVC is able to refer to other nonprofits if WSVC is not able to assist.

Ms. Buxman said on Friday, October 17, 2025, from 10:00am – 4:00pm at the Rifle Moose Lodge will be Stand Down Day. At the event there would be VA representatives available to assist along with other nonprofit organizations to assist the veterans.

Ms. Buxman said future project is tiny homes in Silt for unhoused veterans. WSVC are still working through the approval process. She said once the WSVC has full approval, they will start fund raising and breaking ground.

Mayor A. Riddile asked Ms. Buxman when WSVC would have a decision on the project by Silt. Ms. Buxman said tonight is the Silt P&Z meeting for the Planned Unit Development presentation.

Mayor A. Riddile asked to be informed when Silt does make a decision and what the decision is.

Ms. Buxman said she would let the town know what the decision is when she finds out. Ms.

Buxman said all the money raised goes to the veterans.

Presentation/Update – YouthZone

Administrator Reynolds said Youth Zone operates from offices in Glenwood, Rifle, Aspen, and Carbondale. Offering services that include Juvenile Diversion, CYDC Screening and Monitoring, Substance Use Prevention, Mental Health Services, Life Skill Training, Community Service, and Peer Support Groups, Youth Zone is sure to touch the lives of youth and families in New Castle and throughout our region.

Administrator Reynolds introduced Lyn Williams Director of Operations for YouthZone.

Mr. Williams reviewed the slideshow presentation with the council. **(Exhibit B)**

Mayor A. Riddile said Fentanyl use has increased; has YouthZone notices it filtering down to the youth in the area? Mr. Williams said yes, if it is out in the general community then the youth would have access to it. He said YouthZone has a substance group with several teens at once. There is a higher success rate when counseling a group of teens vs. one on one.

Councilor Leland asked if YouthZone has clients that would need to be rehabilitated. Mr. Williams said they do. They will discover the level of need once the client has been evaluated. Councilor Leland asked where the client would be referred to. Mr. Williams said it depends on the extent of help and financial need.

Councilor Mariscal said the number of Latinos is alarming. She asked if YouthZone is seeing any patterns. Mr. Williams said he didn't have an answer.

Councilor Carey asked if Mr. Williams knew where Coal Ridge High School fell in the list of schools attended by clients. Mr. Williams said he didn't have an answer but would find out.

Councilor Carey asked if the general public whose children are not referred to YouthZone but are looking for parenting tools could come to YouthZone. Mr. Williams said YouthZone does do parent consulting and can refer the parent to other organizations for help.

Councilor Carey suggested having resources for families available on YouthZone website.

Councilor Hazelton asked when YouthZone interviews the children, where are the children getting the drugs from. Mr. Williams said since the legalization of Marijuana the use of it has increased. He said there are parents who view the use of Marijuana not harmful, and others do. Where the child gets the drugs sometimes does not come directly. He said YouthZone has two main courses for that information. First is subjective, which is done by the interview process, and the second is a quantitative in the survey.

Update/Direction Concerning 600 W. Main Street

Administrator Reynolds gave a brief update on the proposed development of 600 W. Main Street. The council may discuss and consider potential amendments to the Restrictive Covenants recorded with the property in 2024 when it was sold by the town to private individuals. Under the existing Restrictive Covenants, the property must be used in whole or in part as a restaurant, the foundation must be completed within two years of purchase, and the building must receive a Certificate of Occupancy within five years of purchase.

Owner Aaron Shockley said he has completed a survey and received a soils sample of the property. Mr. Shockley explained some of the issues that he has run into during the process. He said the plan as to have a restaurant and a catering business in one facility and would need to be one level. He said the survey revealed that the back right corner of the lot to the front left of the lot has a 6 foot slope, which means the building would need to be about 5 feet off of the sidewalk. He said working with the town, the building needs to be street level and unfortunately would not work with the current plans. Mr. Shockley said he would continue to work with Planner Paul Smith and propose other ideas. He said with having an elevated building would be to have elevated seating which would be better views of the Hogback and downtown. The soils sample revealed there would need to remove 5 feet of soil from the entire property to build a foundation. He said that alone has added a lot of unexpected cost to the project. Mr. Shockley said he is currently working with two contractors. One contractor has given a cost estimate of \$500 per square foot and the other is uncomfortable giving a cost estimate until Mr. Shockley has hired an architect in Colorado to finalize the plans. Mr. Shockley said the building and the garage is about 2800sft in total. Mr. Shockley said he doesn't have the funds for the additional expenses and costs. He said this was an investment for his family's future and would need to go into debt to build the project. He said he understands the contract he has with the town which states he has to start construction by July 2026. Mr. Shockley said he is asking for an extension because building costs are high and needs sometime to go back to redesign the building. The original plan for the Rolling Fork was to build a facility to house the catering business, which revolves around a garage and a commercial kitchen. Mr. Shockley said he understands that it's important for the council to have a place that could be open to the public. He said being a catering business he doesn't service the public very much. They do New Castle Community Market, Burning Mountain Festival and music at the park in Glenwood Springs. He said he continues to commit to New Castle events and

want to continue to have the public presence in Downtown New Castle. New Castle is where Mr. Shockley said he wants to build the facility for Rolling Fork. At the current time it's not feasible to include the restaurant in the plans. Mr. Shockley said it's not out of the question to grow into the restaurant but right now it's not affordable to do everything at once. Mr. Shockley said the town does have the opportunity to buy the property back. He said he would be building a facility for Rolling Fork and want it to be in New Castle and on Main Street. Mr. Shockley said he is envisioning a catering kitchen and garage constructed on the property with the ability to add indoor restaurant space in the future as the economy and finances allow. In the meantime, would be interested in having an outdoor food court with a service area that would highlight Rolling Fork Food Truck or local vendors. The commissary kitchen space would allow other food vendors to lease space for prep work, ware washing, food deliveries, which would bring more opportunities to the community. He would be able to use the garage space as an event space for charity events, dances and private parties. Mr. Shockley said that Rolling Fork is a very successful catering company and would like to utilize the property to build the catering facility and to continue to grow in New Castle.

Councilor Hazelton asked Mr. Shockley about doing facility, and catering but not the restaurant. What is the roadblock on going that extra little bit for the restaurant. Mr. Shockley said it would remove about 1800sqft of indoor seating. The restaurant part of building would not be built, just the garage and the kitchen.

Councilor Hazelton asked Mr. Shockley why he wants a building like that on Main Street. Mr. Shockley said he believes he could create something to serve the public on Main Street. He said it would be something similar to Down Valley Brewing. He said there could also be a food truck in the front and the food truck would be open all the time. It would be more affordable to have a nice patio than building a whole restaurant space.

Councilor Hazelton said he doesn't want to see it just being a warehouse that you are backing your truck into. Mr. Shockley said he understands and is asking for time to create different drawings. He said he is very interested in doing a food delivery service in New Castle.

Councilor Carey asked about the plan for of the food court if it would be gravel or paved where you could drop one side of the building and you could serve food year-round. Mr. Shockley said ideally paved with some grass. The building was originally up against the sidewalk. The garage and the kitchen space would be in the back of the property and leave the entire front of property open. Then could get creative with the space to have the public gather. He said he wanted the building to be more western and fit the Downtown New Castle is a cost factor. Then, moving more towards a warehouse with big doors in the front that would open up and possibly have some seating inside for people in the winter.

Councilor Copeland said she supports the idea of building in sections and thinks it's a good idea.

Councilor Leland said from the beginning the plan was to have a commercial kitchen and a garage. The restaurant would come later. He said he supports the idea of the commercial

kitchen and a garage with the restaurant coming later.

Mayor A. Riddile asked Mr. Shockley if he was asking for a one-year extension after July 2026. Mr. Shockley said yes, but also asking for a one-year extension on all the timelines.

Administrator Reynolds said the Restrictive Covenants has three parts first states: The foundation of a building to be used in whole or in part as a restaurant shall be completed on the property no later than two years after the date of the closing date. The second states: A building to be used in whole or in part as a restaurant shall be completed and receive a certificate of occupancy no later than five years after the closing date. The third states: The property shall be used in whole or in part for the operation of a restaurant or other food and beverage establishment open to the public for a period of at least two years from the date a certificate of occupancy is issued for the property.

Administrator Reynolds said there are projects in New Castle that are struggling right now due to the building costs and interest rates being high. He said staff is recommending have the town attorney rewrite the Restrictive Covenants to extend all the timelines by one year. Administrator Reynolds said the council would receive another update from Mr. Shockley in a year to hear about the progress of the project.

Council agreed to have the town attorney rewrite the Restrictive Covenants to extend all the timelines by one year.

Consent Agenda

Items on the consent agenda are routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen requests it, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda.

August 19, 2025, minutes

August Bills \$1,092,068.93

MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Carey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Town Administrator –Administrator Reynolds reminded the council about the council retreat on September 27, 2025, at the Lakota Rec Center. He said he has received some ideas from council and staff. Administrator Reynolds said he has spoken with Riverside Middle School Principal about the school has a project that they would like the town to help with for a grant. The middle school will be presenting to the council at the next council meeting about the project.

Administrator Reynolds asked Mayor A. Riddile to speak about Steve Rippy's memorial service. Mayor A. Riddile said he was approached by former Mayor Bill Wentzel, who would like for staff and council to get with Becky Rippy to create a formal legacy in remembrance of Steve Rippy. Mayor A. Riddile said possible renaming something and one thought was to name the new roundabout after Steve Rippy. Councilor Leland said he

thought it might be possible to speak with the library and renaming the remaining half of the history room after Steve Rippy and might be a place to store his photographs. Administrator Reynolds said every councilor and mayor has their personal phone number on the town's website. He would like to see if the council is still comfortable with their phone numbers being on the website or would like something different. Councilor Hazelton said he has a separate number that goes to his cell phone with a separate ring and a separate mailbox. We might consider getting additional lines with a separate number for the council. If something was to happen or get out of control it wouldn't be a big deal to change the phone number without having the need to change the personal number. Councilor Carey agreed to have a conversation regarding the councilor's phone numbers. Administrator Reynolds said the town has received a thank you from the New Castle Chamber of Commerce for supporting the Block Party The town also received a thank you from the Focus Kids Team which was for an outgoing grant. Also, one from Great Expectations for the grant they received from the town.

Administrator Reynolds gave an update regarding the resolution to support the CECE ballot issue. He said the town attorney wanted to see the final ballot language to put into the resolution. The resolution will come before the council at the next council meeting. Administrator Reynolds said it's time for reviews for the Town Administrator, Treasurer and Clerk. For a couple of years, the council has talked about doing a 360 review and getting input from other staff members. Administrator Reynolds has spoken with both Treasurer Ehlers and Clerk Andis about the 360 reviews. After speaking with them they are on board with the 360 reviews, and he is as well. The council could move forward with the 360 reviews and also have department head fill them out or continue with the reviews as they have been done in the past. The council agreed to move forward with the 360 reviews. Administrator Reynolds said Assistant Rochelle Firth could collect the reviews in a sealed envelope and get them to the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem. Administrator asked the council if they would like to spread out the reviews or have all three in one meeting. The council agreed to have all three reviews in one meeting.

Administrator Reynolds reminded the council Burning Mountain Festival is next weekend. **Town Clerk** – Clerk Andis said Deputy Samantha Sorenson has resigned and her last day will be Friday, September 12, 2025. Clerk Andis said she had completed one of two CBI Audits, and the state approved the audit. She is working with Police Clerk Jessica Hernandez on the IT Audit for CBI and hopes to have that complete by the end of the week. Clerk Andis said she did start train Deputy Sorenson on court.

Town Treasurer – not present

Town Planner – not present

Public Works Director – not present

Commission Reports

Planning & Zoning Commission – Councilor G. Riddile said they did meet. The owners of the Walters Center had presented to the commission an amendment to the PUD. The proposed plan is commercial space with highly stacked townhomes. Councilor G. Riddile said R2 might be breaking ground this fall.

Historic Preservation Commission – have not met

Climate and Environment Commission – Councilor Leland said CEC awarded two business grants from the bag fee. Home Town Real Estate Company received \$800. They were going to shred old documents and go paperless. They also had lightbulbs and computers that needed to be recycled. Salon West received \$1600. They are going to create a waste diversion program to responsibly recycle materials such as hair, excess color, foils, aerosol cans, plastics and more.

Senior Program – Clerk Andis said the BOCC had approved their plan to change the age requirement from 65 to 70 to help increase the ridership on the Traveler. The town should see that change in the MOU at the end of the year.

RFTA – have not met

AGNC – Councilor Hazelton they didn't meet but there was an Economic Summit in Rifle.

GCE – Councilor Leland said Morgan Hill had asked if she needed to present to the council. The council agreed to have Ms. Morgan email her presentation and Clerk Andis would put it in the council packet.

EAB – have not met

POSTR – have not met

Council Comments

Councilor Mariscal reminded the council of the community worship service on Sunday, September 14, 2025, at 10:30am at Burning Mountain Park. Councilor Marical said she is concerned about court interpretation. Administrator Reynolds and Clerk Andis explained, they have had conversations with the municipal judge and prosecutor about court interpreter. Both the judge and prosecutor are comfortable with who is currently interpreting for the court and don't feel there is a conflict. Clerk Andis said she does have a backup interpreter if needed for council meeting. Councilor G. Riddile asked if the interpreter feels uncomfortable with a court case if there is someone else to interpret. Clerk Andis said yes, she would call her backup interpreter to fill in.

Councilor Carey said she would like to have a conversation about the law regarding people on e-bikes. Administrator Reynolds said he would look in it.

Councilor Hazelton asked about the CUP and business on County Road 335. He said there are three businesses on County Road 335 that have RV storage on their property. He said he has been informed there is a mechanic shop in the Livery building. Administrator Reynolds said he would look into it.

Councilor Leland asked if Xcel Energy has gotten back to the town regarding the number of power outages. Administrator Reynolds said Xcel said it was either due to high demand, peak hours, work in the area, or high winds. No, formal answer was given. He said notice about Steve Rippy's passing was in the current CML newsletter.

Items for Future Council Agenda

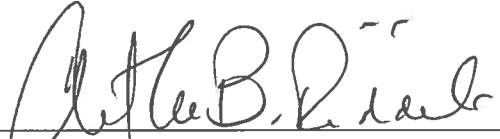
There were none.

Adjourn

MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Leland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Art Riddile

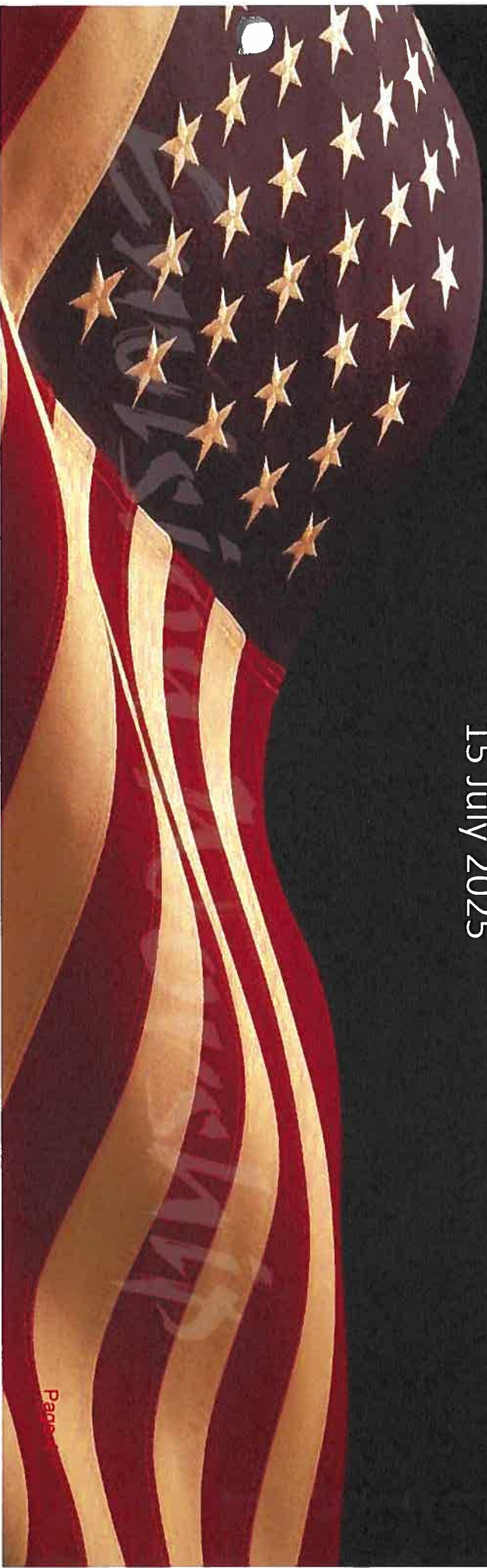


Town Clerk Mindy Andis, CMC

Exhibit A
to
9.2.2025 Council Minutes

Western Slope Veterans Coalition and the Jesse Beckius/Casey Owens Veterans Housing Project

Evening Rotary
15 July 2025





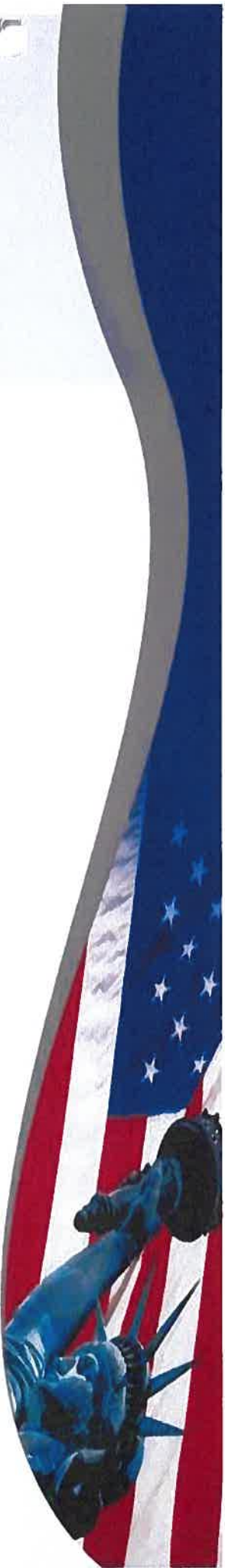
Western Slope

Veterans

Coalition

Background

- In 2015, after the suicides of two Marine Corps Combat Veterans Jesse Beckius and Casey Owens, a group of veterans from the Roaring Fork and Colorado River valleys banded together to assist fellow veterans.
- A need was identified to increase coordination and resources in support of those with military experience.
- From the work of this committed group of individuals (all volunteers) throughout the Colorado, Roaring Fork and Eagle valleys, the Western Slope Veterans Coalition was born.
- WSVVC is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3).



Western Slope Veterans Coalition Core Mission

To prevent veteran suicide by fostering a supportive community where veterans feel valued, connected and cared for, providing critical points of connection to other veterans and all veteran-related services.



Western Slope

Veterans

Coalition

Currently

- Today, the Jesse Beckius/Casey Owens Veterans Resource Center in downtown Glenwood Springs provides a hub for the information, action, programs and activities that support, honor and connect veterans in the Colorado, Roaring Fork and Eagle valleys.
- The Coalition is an organization supported by and open to all citizens, organizations and businesses that support veterans.
- The WSVVC holds monthly meetings and events, provides a forum for information sharing, best practices, and the coordination of resources for veterans.



Jesse

Beckius/Casey

Owens

Veterans

Housing

Project

Background

- At any given time, there are 18-20 unhoused veterans in Pitkin, Eagle and Garfield Counties.
- Housing across the board is very difficult to obtain for low/lower income demographics in the 3 county area.
- Currently there is no dedicated temporary or permanent housing for these veterans. With particular points of high risk being the winter months and severe weather hazards.
- Highest concentration of these unhoused veterans is between Glenwood Springs and Parachute.



Western Slope Veterans Coalition

- Jeremie Oates – President
- John Pettit-Treasurer and Founding Member of WSV
- John Beckius-Board member and father of Jesse Beckius.

Continuum of Care for the Roaring Fork Valley

- 20 non-profits supporting unhoused veterans in Pitkin, Eagle and Garfield Counties.

Housing

Project

Stakeholders

Garfield County Housing Authority

- Cheryl Strouse – Executive Director
- Cindy Pfalzgraff-Housing Specialist/VASH Coordinator

Project Planners / Architects

- Yancy Nichol – Sopris Engineering (Engineer)
- David Rosenfeld – Rosenfeld Design (Architect)

Developer and Land Use Consultant

- John Kuersten – Kuersten Construction /Red River Development



Concept

- Partner with and co-locate on land currently owned by the Flattops Cowboy Church in Silt, Colorado. We will purchase the land.
- Homes would be constructed on site with a phased build as fundraising proceeds.
- Homes would be for short or long term occupation for Veterans and families.
- Site would include a unit for an on site, full time manager that would be responsible for monitoring behavior, compliance with WSVc rules and regulations, and assisting veterans as needed.
- Project includes a Community Building with an office for as well as recreation and meeting/counseling rooms.
- Development and Construction costs estimated to be \$3M at this time

Concept



YouthZone presentation

MISSION

YouthZone provides comprehensive assessment and advocacy to inspire healthy relationships between youth, families, and communities.

VISION

Hopeful Youth, Strong Families, & Safe Communities

CORE VALUES

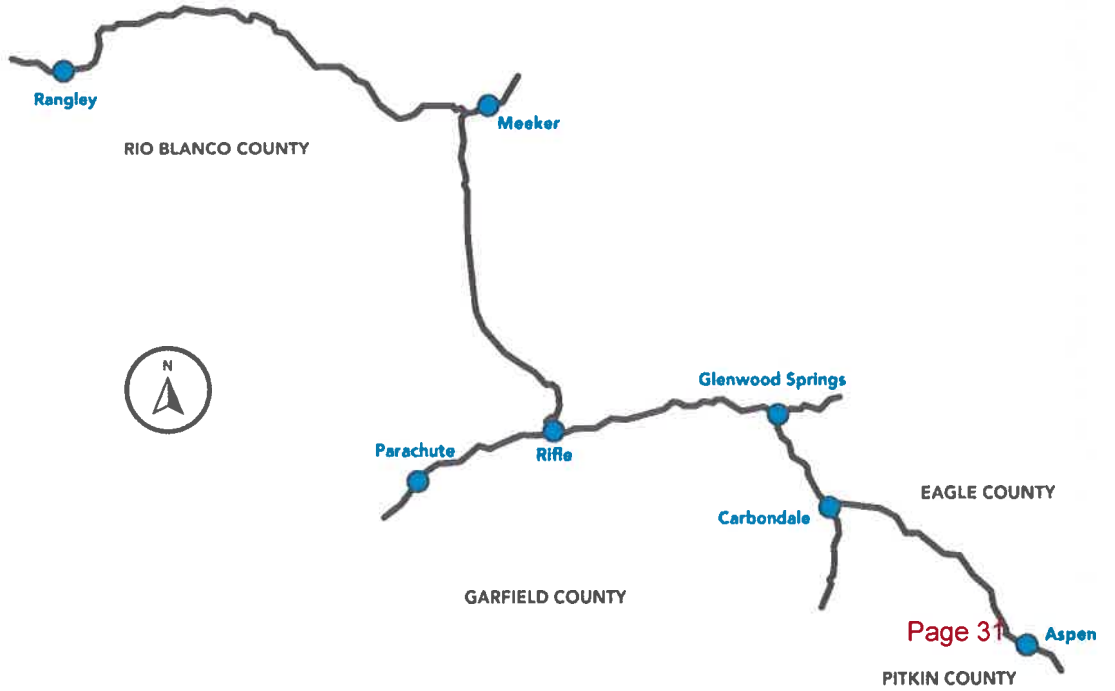
Inspire with Integrity. No judgements, Stewardship and believe in Possibilities, Inclusiveness, Restoration and Encouragement





YouthZone presentation

9th Judicial District and YouthZone





YouthZone presentation

GOALS AND OUTCOMES



- To intervene with youth who exhibit risky, disruptive or criminal juvenile behaviors,
- YouthZone:
 - Provides youth tools and resources to **reduce risk** and elevate success
 - Supports the entire family unit and promotes **healthier family** relationships
 - Supports **mental health** through coaching, counseling and education
 - Intervenes with **substance** use through intervention, education and counseling
 - Heals communities through **restorative processes**



YouthZone presentation

SCREENING FOR POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

**Evidence Based: Sensitive to program effectiveness, completion, and client recidivism. The screener includes 60 questions, of which seven are identifying and demographic. Staff collect quality screening answers, as well as assets and risks. The screener is at a 7th-grade reading level and takes about 15 minutes to complete.*

The YouthZone survey measures the following five domains:

- Substance Use
- Alcohol Use
- Optimism and Problem Solving
- Delinquency and Community Engagement
- Trauma





YouthZone presentation

PROGRAMS & SERVICES



Youth Services

Assessments – Youth and Family
Youth Advocacy - Case Management
Counseling – Individual
Substance Use Counseling & Education
Restorative Justice
Victim/Offender Mediation
Peer Support Groups
Useful Public Service
Deferred Sentencing Programs through Courts
Diversion
Life Skills Classes
Youth Coaching
CYDC Detention Screening 9th District

Parent Support

Parent Consultation
Parent Education
Family Mediation
Peer Support Groups

[Online Referral Form](https://www.youthzone.com)
www.youthzone.com



YouthZone presentation

COST & SOURCES OF INCOME

- \$200 fee per client to initiate services- Sliding fee schedule for reduced or waived fees
- Average overall cost per youth is \$2,000 for a 3-6 month program (Avg cost to detain a youth is \$66,000 for 6 months)
- FY24-25 budget at \$2.2m
- FY25-26 budget at \$2.0m





YouthZone presentation

OUR GOALS:

- 1) Leverage **community partnerships** for better outcomes and outreach. This includes coordinating with schools and law enforcement agencies to identify pre-ticket youth
- 2) Reduce **barriers to access**, including transportation, language, cost, and timeliness.
- 3) **Improve capacity** to serve youth and families in need of mental health and substance use intervention

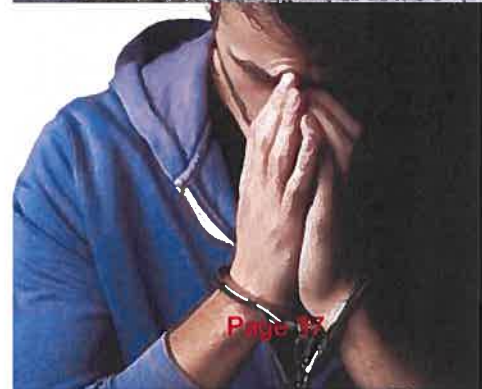




YouthZone presentation

DEMOGRAPHICS AND OUTCOMES

- 62% of referrals come from courts, offering both pre- and post-file diversion.
- 24% of referrals are from schools and pre-ticket law enforcement contact, allowing us to provide preventative services prior to formal engagement with the judicial system.
- 14% of referrals are youth or parent self-referrals.
- 6% of our clients are adults.





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YouthZone presentation

DEMOGRAPHICS & OUTCOMES

	New Castle	Organization-wide
Top Reasons for Referral	Possession of marijuana	Possession of marijuana
	Possession of alcohol	Possession of alcohol
	Harassment/menacing	Harassment/menacing
	Petty theft	Criminal mischief
	Resisting/obstructing	Parent consult
Top Referral Sources	New Castle Municipal Court	Glenwood Muni Court
	Garfield County Court	Rifle Muni Court
	Garfield District Court	Garfield District Court
	Glenwood Municipal Court	Garfield County Court
	Self/parent	Internal

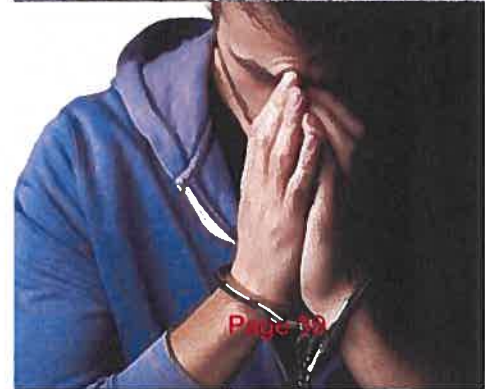




YouthZone presentation

DEMOGRAPHICS & OUTCOMES

	New Castle	Organization-wide
Total assessments	69	461
Unique clients	55	392
Total community members served	236	1515
CYDC cases	6	40
Non-recidivism rate	84%	90%
Contract completion rate	98%	91%
Survey improvement	42%	50%
Gender	31% female, 69% male	37% female, 63% male
Ethnicity	33% Caucasian, 58% Latino, 9% other	41% Caucasian, 51% Latino, 7% other



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YouthZone presentation

Support Staff and Key Consultants



Jami Hayes, ED



Ali Naaseh-Shahry-
Development Director



Lyn Williams, Director of Ops



Vanessa Otero,
Administrative Assistant



Tania Beltran, Business
Manager





YouthZone presentation

Direct Service Staff

**Airen Goodman,
Program Director**



**Chelsea Smith,
Clinical Supervisor**



Substance Program



**Michelle Medrano,
Substance Coordinator**



**Erin Greenwald,
Substance Specialist
and Youth Advocate**



**Keri Sorenson,
Substance Specialist
and Youth Advocate**

Restorative Justice Program



**Pete Durrance,
Restorative Justice
Specialist**

Parent and Community Program



**Sarai Quintana,
Parent and
Community Outreach
Coordinator**

CYDC/Diversion Program



**Airen Goodman,
CYDC/Diversion
Coordinator**



**Aida Bonilla,
Pretrial and
Diversion Specialist**

**Abigail Jurado,
Youth Advocate**

Municipal and County Court Program



**Mariah Dickson,
Court Coordinator**



**Becca Paturalski,
Youth Advocate**



**Lupe Loya Elliott,
Youth Advocate**



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Key Partnerships



GARFIELD SHERIFF



Town of **NEW CASTLE**
Colorado



Garfield Re-2 School District



COLORADO
Division of Criminal Justice
Department of Public Safety



COLORADO
Department of Human Services



Office of Gun Violence Prevention
Colorado Youth Detention Continuum (CYDC)



Contact:

Jami Hayes, Executive Director

970-945-9300

Lyn Williams, Director of Operations

970-930-1993

YouthZone Main Line

970-945-9300

Donations to support our work can be made at:

www.youthzone.com

YouthZone Organization Wide

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

YouthZone provides comprehensive assessment and advocacy to inspire healthy relationships between youth, families, and communities.



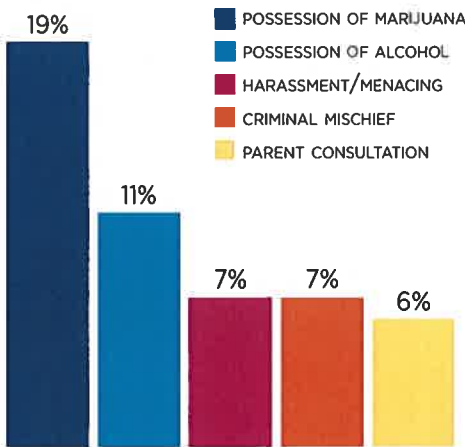
Clients are **37% female, 63% male.**

They are **41% Caucasian, 51% Latino, and 7% other race.**

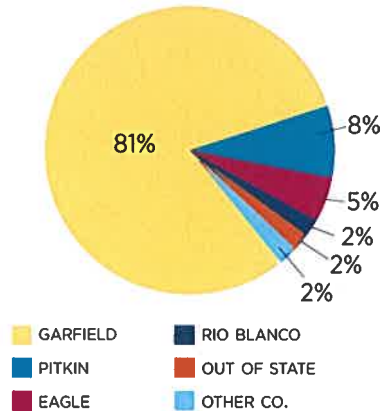
90% did not reoffend while working with YZ, and **91%** were able to **complete their contracts** successfully.

50% of clients **reported an improvement** in at least one post-survey focus area.

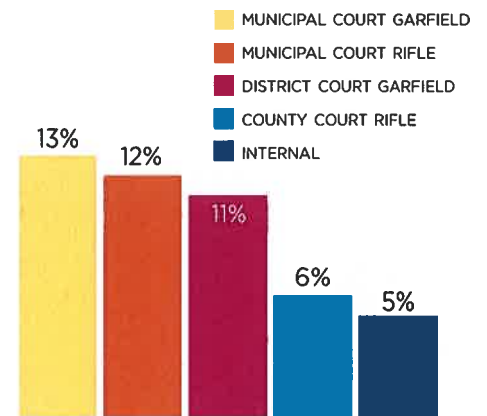
Top 5 Charges



County of Residence



Top 5 Referral Sources



Top 5 Schools attended by clients



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Connect and Grow

YouthZone

MISSION

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VISION

Hopeful Youth, Strong Families, and Safe Communities

CORE VALUES

Inspire with integrity, no judgments, stewardship, believe in possibilities,

YouthZone is proud to partner with the following organizations in serving our clients:

Colorado Division of Criminal Justice - Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment - Colorado Youth Detention Continuum - 9th Judicial District Attorney's Office - Rocky Mountain Health Plans - Roaring Fork RE1, Garfield RE2, and Garfield 16 School Districts - Pitkin, Garfield, and Rio Blanco County Governments, Sheriff's Offices, and Collaborative Management Programs - Aspen, Basalt, Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, New Castle, Parachute, Rifle, Silt, and Snowmass Village Municipal Governments and Police

Testimonials

What experience made a difference for you at YZ?

"Hacen un buen trabajo. Me puedo expresar."

"Always nice and looking out for my best."

"YA helped me a lot with my attitude and morals."

"Always listened to what I had to say."

"They are always welcoming and understanding. It was a safe place to come to after a hard day."

"The groups taught me a lot about self-care."

"There were always people here to talk to and guide you through and give you ways to overcome anything."

"They helped me by showing support and believing that one mistake doesn't define you."

Parents:

"Gracias por la ayuda a mi hija fue muy eficaz para ella y muestra familia."



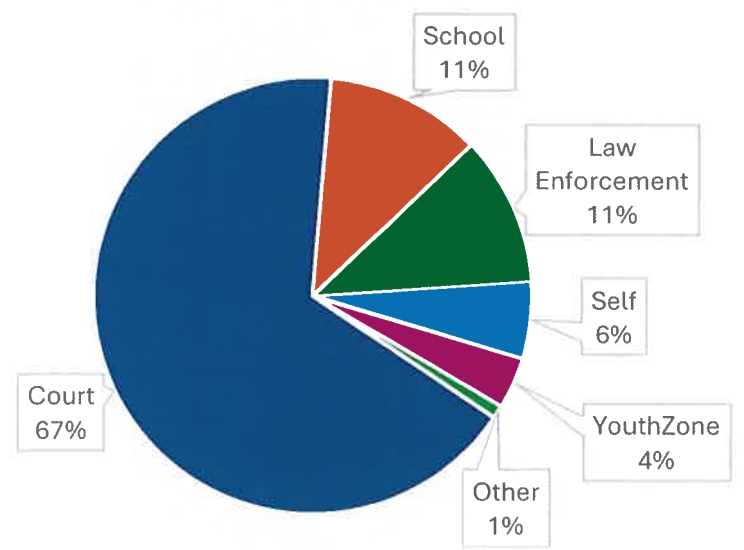
89%

of clients completed their contract requirements successfully and did not reoffend while working with YZ.

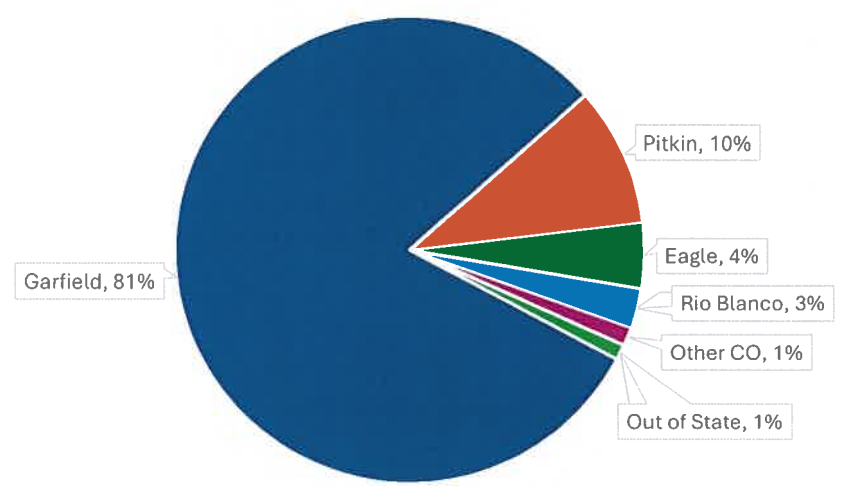
Quick Facts

- **67%** of youth feel more optimistic after working with YouthZone
- **62%** report being more engaged at school
- **52%** feel safer in their community
- **52%** refuse alcohol more readily than before
- **63%** refuse marijuana and other drugs in a way they were previously unable to do

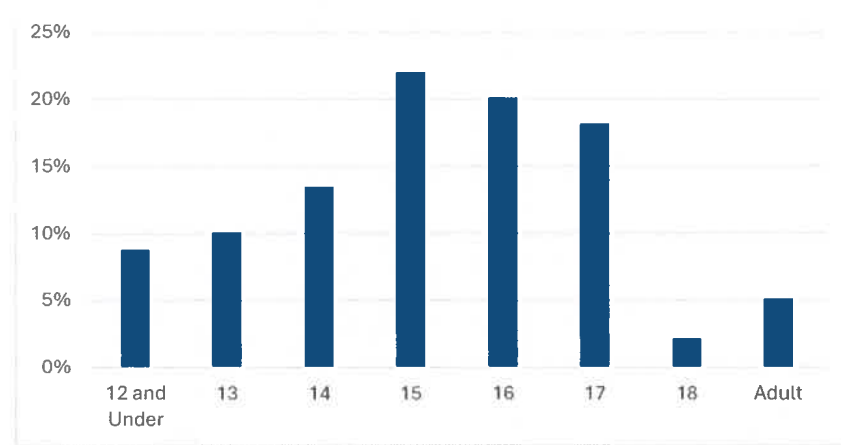
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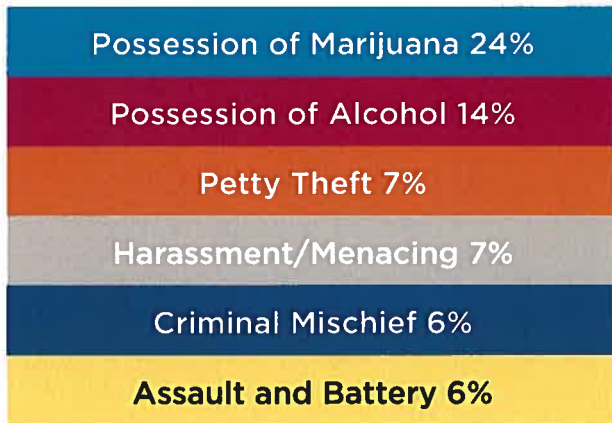
Intakes by County



Age at Intake



Top 5 Reasons for Referral



*“Working with YouthZone has been life changing, I had the privilege to work with my case manager to help me complete my apology letter and **get my life balanced again**. They have also become a great support through the court process, I really appreciated their wise words and good encouragement. Being able to create art for YouthZone was something special for me as well and I thank my case manager for her creative support. Going through this process has made me affirm that **I want something better for my life and that is possible.**”*

- Former YouthZone Client

Youth & Family Programs

- Juvenile Diversion
- Life Skills
- Youth Advocacy
- Restorative Justice
- Substance Intervention
- Substance Education
- Counseling
- Parent Consultations
- Parent Education
- Family Advocacy
- Family Mediation
- Youth Coaching
- LBGTQIA+
- Support Groups

Clients by Ethnicity & Gender

