

VAIL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.



Visioning Vail - Where Do We Go From Here?

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With the completion of the 2015 World Alpine Championships, which many hope will bring resurgence in Vail business, reports that Vail is already at capacity during peak periods, and an upcoming Town Council election, is this not a logical point to pause and reassess priorities? The Vail Homeowners Association believes it is. The worse effects of the Great Recession are now in the rear view mirror and in many respects the future for Vail is bright. But questions remain. Is the emerging Vail what the community wants or should there be some adjustments of priorities? Is the community satisfied with continual across-the-board growth or are we reaching capacity levels that could degrade the quality of life in Vail? Is it time to place more emphasis on solving the parking issue? Are the plans for protecting the environment adequate? Should these and other issues be seriously debated?

Over the course of 2015VHA will seek to encourage an open community dialogue focused on the policies, strategies and tactics that can sustain Vail in its premier leadership position within international mountain resorts. The questions VHA believes should be addressed by current community leaders, candidates for Mayor and Town Council are:

Quality of the Vail Experience:

- As Vail reaches peak capacity, what needs to be done to maintain the quality of the Vail lifestyle?
- What is the probability of the Vail experience becoming too commoditized; for quantity to overtake quality?

- What has to happen so that consumers and residents are still receiving premium level experiences?

Congestion:

- What can be done to reduce traffic congestion on the community's roadways?
- Is congestion creating public safety and other growth related issues that are being left unresolved?
- Should there be more/less parking on Frontage Road?
- Are the increases in street events and their impact upon available public parking adding to or diluting the Vail experience?

Environment:

- Is the Vail experience being degraded by water, noise and visual pollution?
- What can be done to reduce noise pollution from I-70?
- Are the plans for the Gore Creek clean-up adequate or does more need to be done and at a faster pace?

Governance/ Inclusivity:

- How can a higher degree of collaboration be encouraged among factional interests?
- What are the roles, advantages, and projects that should be address through public/private partnerships?
- What can be done to expand community involvement in decisions for Vail's future?
- Should efforts be taken to increase voter participation in TOV elections, such as with the use of mail balloting?
- Does there need to be more transparency in Vail governance?

Community Accessibility:

- How should air accessibility to the Eagle County Airport be financed?

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