



TOV work began on the Dobson Arena in the early 1970's with completion in 1979.

# *Letters to Vail*

VAIL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Town to Take Up Awarding a Contract for the Remodel of the Dobson Ice Arena and to Consider the Installation of Bollards in the Town.**

February 20, 2023

## **The Dobson Ice Arena**

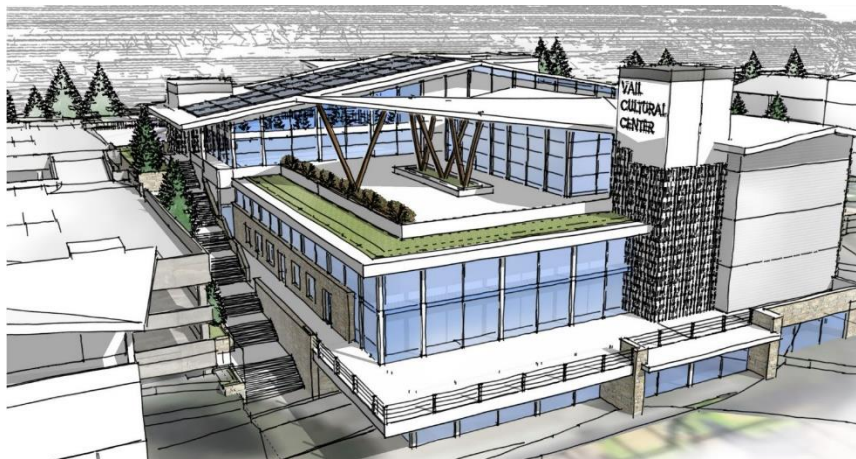
On Tuesday evening, the Town Council will consider awarding a contract to Populous Architects for the renovation of the Dobson Ice Arena. The Arena is due for an overhaul. It was originally constructed in 1979 and, since then, has only had one addition and a few other improvements. Recently, the Town had a structural analysis of the arena which determined the building was sound and did not have to be replaced. As a result, it now plans to have a major remodel of the facility. It is anticipated that the Town may use Vail Reinvestment Funds from the Vail Reinvestment Authority to fund all or a portion of the project. It is the intent to have the project designed, entitled and construction initiated by the spring of 2024.

The proposal to be considered Tuesday night is in response to a request for proposal that had been issued in November. According to the Town, it received 8 proposals and narrowed the presenters down to Populous. It is the intent of the Town to have Populous provide a conceptual design, schematic design, design development, entitlement and ultimately construction documents. This is part of the Civic Area plan that was adopted in 2019.



**Dobson Arena Remodel is Option 3 in the 2019 Civic Area Master Plan.**

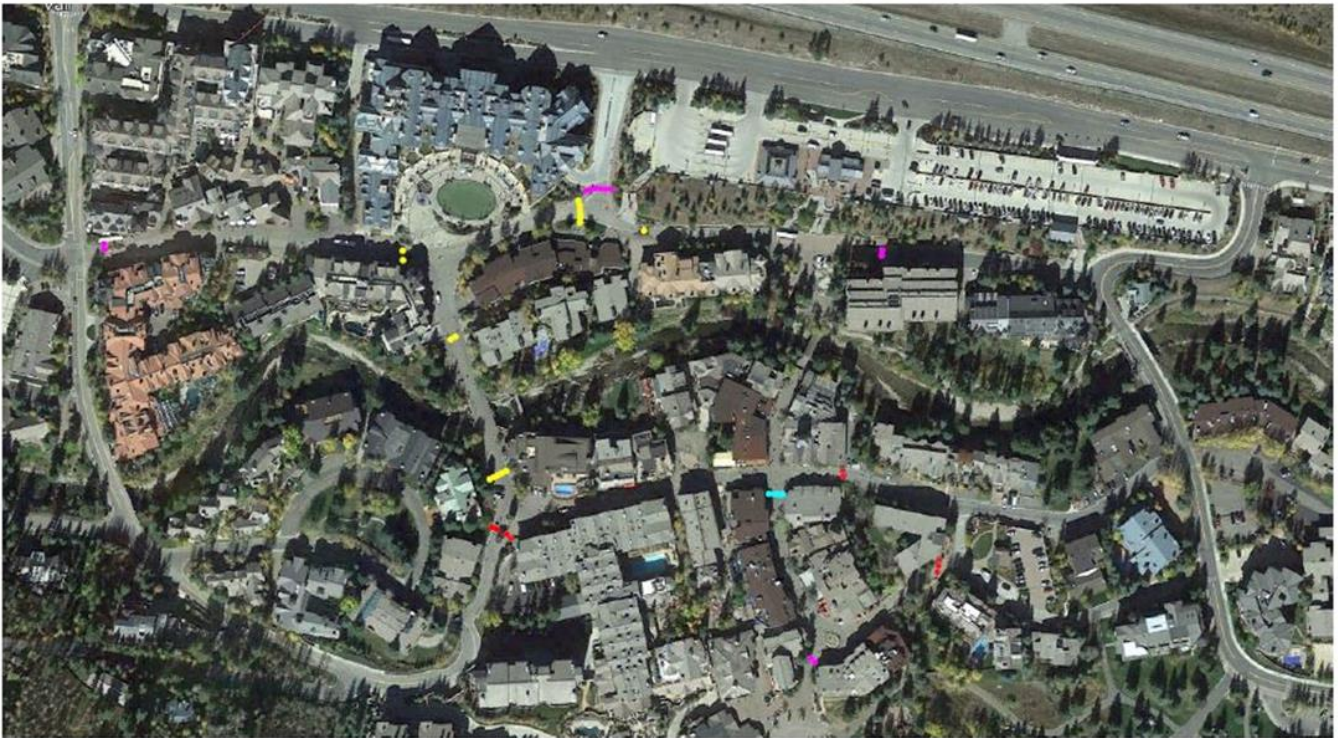
While this proposal involves only the Dobson Arena, it is considered to be [Option 3 of the Civic Area Plan](#). Other aspects of that plan include space for cultural events and potentially the Town’s administrative offices. Recently, a new Cultural Alliance group presented plans to the Town Council for the area at the east end of the Lionshead parking structure—the old Charter bus lot which is currently occupied by the Children’s Garden of Learning, but those plans are not part of this process.



**Vail Cultural Center proposed in October 2022 for the east end of the Lionshead Parking Structure.**

Dobson should be complementary to these proposed uses but, first and foremost, serve the recreational needs of the community. It is anticipated that conceptual scenarios would be provided and sketch plans developed which extensively remodel the existing building and seek to add additional space most likely to the west and south of the building

# The Bollard System Proposal



Note:  
Final locations to be field verified. Some locations may allow for alternate solutions (i.e. Combination of fixed and retractable bollards and/or combination of fixed planters and retractable bollards)

VAIL BOLLARD LOCATION (DRAFT)  
Vail Village

- Phase I (L&D Control)
- Phase II (Perimeter Control)
- Phase III (Internal Control)
- Phase IV

The Town is also proposing to contract with a consultant to complete the design of the Vail Pedestrian Village Safety Project which includes the selection of and the design of approximately 70 bollards and or equivalent safety measures and barricades to be placed at various locations within Vail Village, Lionshead Village and Ford Park. The purpose of the discussion Tuesday night is to confirm the project goals, review the initial concept and identify initial concerns. [Staff memo to Town Council](#) and [detailed presentation of the proposal](#).

The proposed bollards, which could be used to block vehicular traffic in commercial areas, could have an effect on surrounding neighborhoods depending upon their impact on the flow of traffic. Questions that should be considered are why does Vail need such a system, how and when will it be used, what will be the impact on traffic in surrounding areas and what is the cost of such a system.

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