



Letters to Vail

VAIL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

VHA 2023-2024 Activities

February 1, 2024

Throughout 2023 and now into 2024, VHA will continue to work on behalf of its members and affiliates to prevent development of the big horn sheep habitat in East Vail and help establish a permanent conservation easement on the parcel and to defend against encroachments on other open spaces. VHA will continue to speak out about what appears to be warehousing community workers in sterile high-rise housing. Housing is advocated that fits into its neighborhoods and is consistent with long-standing community design standards.

VHA urges caution in the rehabilitation of the Dobson Arena. A smart, thoughtful plan is required in light of the financial failure and demolition of an analogous event center in Broomfield near Denver and failure or repurposing of other conference facilities due to operational and financial constraints. Concerns surrounding Dobson renovation are heightened as a result of the relinquishment of master plan requirements for conference facilities at the adjacent Evergreen Lodge Hotel when it is redeveloped and the effects that redevelopment will have on adjacent residential neighborhoods.

VHA authored a series of reports during the recent Town Council election as a means of setting out a forward-looking agenda to bring attention to inadequacies. The agenda includes working with the TOV to offset repeated attempts by the State legislature to intervene in local control over the management of land use for Single Family Housing and the taxation of Short-Term Rental (STR) properties.

VHA serves the Vail community with information having a perspective not readily found elsewhere. Our publications and activities are funded by membership dues and contributions from paid-subscribers and readers. By joining with VHA, as a member, paid-subscriber or reader, you can add your voice to sustain what is good about our community and to shine a spotlight on important issues.

VHA strives to provide clear and concise discussions of matters affecting the Vail community in the belief that an informed citizenry will be an engaged citizenry. Our intent is to promote more citizen involvement and community discussions of issues facing the Town.

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