

Dec. 20, 2022

Attn: Ms. Sally Ross et al,

Regarding your notice PL20220098 for a variance request, numerous questions arise. I ask why you even bother to send this notice at all? Apparently, a building permit was issued without variance for a dwelling unit that doesn't conform to Routt County zoning regulation and construction has been initiated thereupon. Has someone already assured the owner that a variance is forthcoming that would in due course legitimize the permit based upon historical designation? There is much more that needs to be revealed relating to this application. You should make the facts and pertinent regulations public in succinct form so that we, the public, can understand what is going on in preparation for the commissioner meeting. These details need to be revealed and communicated before the decision meeting. This has all the markings of a faint accompli*.

Routt county planning has recently scheduled the Commissioner decision meeting the morning after our Christmas holiday, during working hours in the short Christmas-New Years' week when school is out and most people are reveling, traveling, and otherwise occupied with family matters and the holiday spirit. Do you really expect genuine public involvement and input? A quickie meeting under these circumstances smells pro-forma and specially favors the applicant. It appears this decision is already foregone.

Respectfully,
Ed Neish

*Websters dictionary: *a thing that has already happened or been decided before those affected hear about it, leaving them with no option but to accept it.