

**TRAFFIC:** Neighbors want streets to be gated off

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during which time MMV was annexed into the City, and she was involved in placing the original restrictions on development of the property. She is against the current proposed development agreement.

As a part of the amended development agreement, Hayden will pay a total of \$50,000 into the City's Affordable Housing Fund, build the 20 AHUs, and not be subject to any subsequent

CET that might be instituted prior to the completion of MMV. Meyers voiced his concern that the City "left a pile of money sitting on the table."

A few citizens spoke against approval of the entire MP application. A majority of those who testified were not opposed to the development of MMV, but were adamantly opposed to connection of Hill and Williamson streets to MMV, for the aforementioned reasons.

Board president of the Village at Cold Springs HOA, Doug Wills, provided a summary of the residents' concerns and highlighted several key points for the

Planning Commission to consider in their deliberations. He pointed out that in the Access and Circulation Code in the latest Transportation Safety Plan, Goal 1 addresses livability and Policy B states, "Protect residential neighborhoods from excessive through traffic and travel speeds." Goal 6, Policy A states, "Design streets to support their intended users."

Wills' question to the commissioners was: "How will the current codes protect the residents by connecting Williamson and Hill?" He asked that the commissioners recommend installation of emergency gates on Williamson and Hill.

**STA seeks manager**

Sisters Trails Alliance (STA) is hiring a part-time program manager to support its fundraising, membership and event-planning programs. This is the only paid position for the non-profit organization.

Since its inception, the activities of STA have been managed by a cadre of enthusiastic and capable volunteers and board members. According to the board of directors, the organization has grown to a point where having a consistent presence and point of contact for STA members, donors, sponsors and volunteers is a necessity.

Thanks in large part to

a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, STA was able to hire a program manager last fall who now has taken full-time employment elsewhere so the position is currently open. STA is looking for a dynamic, organized and enthusiastic person to help the organization manage its various fundraising activities and deepen relationships with members, donors and volunteers.

View position description at [www.sisterstrails.org](http://www.sisterstrails.org). Cover letter, resume and references to [info@sisterstrails.org](mailto:info@sisterstrails.org) or PO Box 1871, Sisters, OR, 97759 by April 15.

**Hayden provides affordable options**

Jeff Harris, Hayden's regional director, said that following the earlier problems experienced by homeowners in Village at Cold Springs during the heavy snow in 2017, Hayden has designed a quality process including 400+ point inspections of each housing unit, a warranty care program, updated designs and working with quality partners, and the institution of customer care meetings onsite throughout the build cycle.

Harris said MMV will provide middle-market housing, affordable for those who earn 100 to 120 percent of the area median income, which in Sisters is \$58,000 - \$66,000 a year. Ten of the homes will be set aside for

buyers earning 80 percent or less of AMI who qualify for a zero-down, zero-interest 30-year loan from First Story, Hayden's 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Because the loans come from private funds and are not government funded, the application process will be through the City and allow for prioritization favoring Sisters and Deschutes County residents.

Ten other small units will be privately owned and available at affordable rents for low-income residents. They will run from one-bedroom/one-bath at 400 square feet to three-bedroom/two-bath units at 1,100 square feet.

Single-family detached

two-story homes with alley access will run 1,201 to 2,500 square feet. Single-family detached homes with street access will run 1,201 to 2,500 square feet in a variety of one- and two-story designs.

Single-family attached townhomes will be two- and three-bedroom models at 880 to 1,100 square feet.

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**District seeking candidates**

Sisters School District has two board positions open on the May 21 ballot. Positions 3 and 4 will be elected for four-year terms.

The candidate filing period ends March 21. Interested candidates must file with the Deschutes County Clerk no

later than 5 p.m. on March 21.

Forms are available at the Sisters School District Administration Office, Deschutes County Clerk's Office and online at <https://www.deschutes.org/clerk/page/candidate-measure-filing-forms>.

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