Skeptical of ERS plan

If you are a taxpayer in Eagle, you are probably aware of the promises of a financial windfall for the town from Eagle River Station 2.0 even though there could be risk to you. You might find it interesting to know that the town staff could not provide the financial modeling/information used or that will be used to evaluate the financial viability of this project when a citizen requested this through the public records process.

And you should be questioning, if this project will be so wildly successful, why did a citizens' group request for time at one hearing to present another viewpoint from a retail expert get denied by the town planner (Tom Boni, who worked for the developer on ERS 1.0) after a discussion with the mayor?

This is being contested, as something doesn't add up in our town and it isn't just the developer's financial projection on this project.

Check out www.yestoeagle.com for details and happy holidays!

Brandi Resa
Eagle

***Editor's Note:* Eagle town staff offered the following response:**

Town staff and the ERS applicant representatives are reviewing preliminary drafts of financial documents pertaining to project costs, public improvement costs, revenues and other financial information. The information is being discussed between town staff and the applicant to assure accuracy and clarity of the information. The financial information is not currently available to the public or the Eagle Town Board because it is a work product and of preliminary nature. Confidentiality of preliminary documents and work product is permitted in the Colorado Open Records Act because availability of preliminary information my mislead the public before the final information is ready. Within the next two months, the financial information will be made public when subject matter is presented to the board of trustees in public meetings.

Staff is working hard as with any development application, to assure the Eagle River Station project meets the goals, policies and plans of the town. Town staff is also requiring absolute surety in any approval documents that the taxpayers and residents of Eagle are protected, if the project is approved and is successful or not successful. The information will be made available to the board and public giving sufficient time for reaction and decision making.

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Battle lines

McMahon says that economically troubled residents don't want to move from here.

"They came here because they love it!"

rom Page 1 rent town board pproves RED's latest proposal, vhich is a work in progress.

McMahon says RED will uild a quality project that Eagle esidents will be proud of.

He believes that many resients want some of the developıent jobs and the jobs that may ome down the road when the roject is completed.

During this time of economic ownturn and with over 2,000 ounty residents in foreclosure uring the last 3 years, McMahon ıys that economically troubled esidents don't want to move om here.

"They came here because

Battle lines drawn over Eagle's Eagle River Station

Mixed use center will mean many jobs - Will more Eagle voters support it?

See RED's ERS ad on Page 14 of 1st Section

Opinion

Eagle - Battle lines are drawn in what may be one of the most important elections in it's history

Local Attorney Allen Christenson works for opponents of ERS.

facing Town of Eagle voters, with implications reaching far beyond town borders.

It appears to be the classic battle between the establishment haves, and the working class have nots.

On the left hand, some residents and others who reside near the Eagle town border absolutely do not want a new subdivision with a new residential and retail impact.

On the right hand, some residents and other folks in the rest of the county want the new development, construction, retail and restaurant jobs that go with it.

It is the classic left versus right confrontation, with the left representing no-growthers and the right representing new growth and jobs opportunities.

The proponents, Trinity RED, a Kansas City, Missouri based company that has successfully built mixed use projects around the country, will try to turn around a recent close vote against a previous proposal that was called by some Eagle

Managing Partner Jeff McMahon of RED promotes ERS.

citizens to overturn a previous Eagle Town Board approval.

This new election will presumably come in the spring of 2012, if the cur-

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drawn over Eagle's Eagle River Station

they love it!"

Allen Christenson, a local attorney who is also the Minturn Town Attorney, recently attended the Eagle Town Board meeting. After being approached by the *Business Briefs*' publisher, who jokingly asked him why he was in attendance at an ERS hearing in Eagle, Christenson responded that he was working against proposed Eagle River Station.

However, Christenson declined to comment about who exactly he was working for.

Meanwhile, RED is beginning to step up a campaign to educate the public about the positive aspects of Eagle River Station, if built, while it is presumed that Christenson and whomever he is employed by will be working to educate the public about any potential negative aspects of the project.

McMahon touts that ERS will be "good for Eagle and good for Eagle County!"

He says, RED can't build the project without many in the community building it with them.

RED is running an ad in *Business Briefs*, asking supporters, potential contractors and workers to contact him soon and see how they can help.

Opponents ran ads in Business Briefs during the last election, and they prevailed.