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Battle lines drawn over Eagle's Eagle River Station

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

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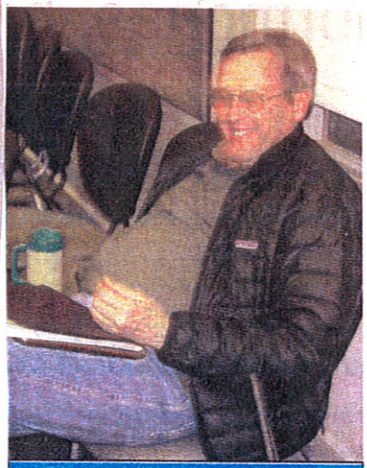
Opinion

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

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

He believes that many residents want some of the development 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 ays that economically troubled esidents don't want to move om here.

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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.