

## Twisting the 'people's plan' in Eagle

RED now will bring "urbanity" to Eagle rather than a new "lifestyle," as it once touted. Is replacing a "blighted" area (a word of art to garner governmental benefits) such as a sylvan hay meadow at Eagle's door with urban sprawl a better presentation of the project's attributes?

At least an "urban" area is more exact in meaning than the nebulous term of "lifestyle," for we know what the former means.

To now approve the Eagle River Station project, the town authorities must fit a five-story "urban lifestyle" within the purview or definitions of the Eagle Area Community Plan (the people's plan), and in the interim somehow explain how that concept becomes a part of historical Eagle. The semantic stretch will be interesting!

When governmental forums seek to promote their predetermined agenda, it is ingenious how the people's plan, constitution, charter or what-have-you is either ignored or parsed to facilitate passage of their works.

At a higher level, this is witnessed by way of enactments such as the Patriot Act, the National Defense Authorization Act, or the Healthcare Reform Act of 2010.

The people's plan was the handiwork of a consortium of citizens who expressed their hopes, aspirations and vision for the future of Eagle — that being to maintain its unique small-town "Americana" ambiance, kind of like the small and limited government envisioned in the Constitution of the United States.

Like the modernday federal bureaucracy, and in approving the application of RED, the town of

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Eagle's governing board will be expanding its parameters and reach beyond the people's plan, beyond its constitution, so to speak, and for what purpose? To accommodate the property rights of one of its "citizens" (RED) in disregard of those vested rights of the noncorporate citizens of Eagle as manifested in the people's plan.

The year 2012 will be a defining moment in history. Will we return to our Constitution and elect a different president who will restore the vision of the founding fathers, the opportunities sought by today's youth, and a more humble America as remembered by today's graying segment?

Will the denizens of old Eagle again deny the pre-approved ERS project and return to the grass roots of their plan?

Will agenda once again trump the people's plan? At the very least, let's change the people's plan to fit RED's project rather than parse or spin that plan to accommodate RED's aspirations.

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