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SOUTH ARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN BEGINS JAN. 2023

THE CITY OF SALIDA IS KICKING OFF A COMMUNITY PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE AREA ON JANUARY 31ST, 2023

Salida, CO, January 13, 2023 — The City of Salida is excited to announce the kickoff of the master planning process for the South Ark Neighborhood—an approximately 100-acre portion of the former Vandaveer Ranch property that is currently owned by the City. The process intends to identify the best uses for the site to serve the Salida community for generations to come—uses that could include recreational fields and facilities, housing (including affordable housing), natural open space, and educational facilities, among other possibilities. The process will culminate with an actionable master plan for the site.

The neighborhood plan will be guided by Studio Seed, a consulting group that includes professionals from around Colorado, including some from Salida. The process is expected to run through Summer 2023 and will include a variety of community engagement and public input opportunities. The first of these opportunities will take place on **January 31st at the Salida SteamPlant Ballroom from 5:30 – 7:30PM**. Come learn about the planning process and tell us your ideas and dreams for this important property. Light snacks and refreshments (including a cash bar) will be provided. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend at any point during the event. Child supervision and activities (for children 1+ and walking) will be provided. To stay informed and engaged in the process, follow along at: tinyurl.com/39bwjrzc or find the link on the City of Salida's Community Development Department webpage.

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The City of Salida, CO, is the statutory seat of Chaffee County with a population of approximately 5,700 residents. Salida is a family-friendly community ideally situated in central Colorado - known by many as the "Heart of the Rockies," both for its geographic location and the abundance of arts, cultural and recreational amenities found here. The city is dedicated to maintaining a safe, fiscally responsible and forward-thinking government where residents, businesses and visitors can thrive. Explore more about Salida at www.cityofsalida.com.