*June/July*

Press/PR & Cross Organizational Work

**Recent Press Org/Project Acknowledgement:**

<https://www.fox21news.com/news/local/plans-moving-forward-to-renovate-colorado-springs-auditorium-in-downtown/>

<https://www.csbj.com/city-auditoriums-rebirth-could-cost-53m/article_62989ed2-ce28-11eb-a4f5-f7c3a5f13528.html>

<https://www.csindy.com/news/new-nonprofit-seeks-public-money-to-overhaul-city-auditorium-to-boost-cultural-offerings/article_aebe9954-d375-11eb-bad9-075bfb8305d3.html>

<https://www.csindy.com/news/local/iconic-downtown-bridge-opens-this-week/article_5e299a40-d8ff-11eb-8712-87d825585297.html>

<https://gazette.com/premium/from-in-n-out-to-downtown-hotels-colorado-springs-commercial-construction-not-slowing-down/article_311cf1a2-ce30-11eb-b28c-ef401978ecb4.html>

https://www.csbj.com/premier/commercial-real-estate-keeps-cruising/article\_112bb654-7d1c-11eb-a995-eb5591d7dd50.html

The URA received prominent acknowledgement at both the bridge opening cocktail party (6/30) and the bridge ribbon cutting ceremony (7/1).

**Non-reoccurring outside organization meetings:**

Met with the Mill Street Neighborhood reps and the Pro-Housing partnership to discuss their concerns over lack of affordable housing within downtown URAs.

Met with First Tee to discuss URA mechanism and our activities within the S/E area.

**CSURA sponsored DCI Thursday Statewide Call Events:**

7/1 Let’s talk about Tax

7/8 Downtown Excellence

7/15 Why a URA might Benefit your community (I lead this call)

7/22 Why art is smart for business

7/29 Incentives for development

8/26 What is TIF

9/23 Taxes + Economic Health

-Monthly State URA committee calls (I lead)

**Monthly Board/committee work with CSURA representation/seat at the table:**

-Downtown Colorado Inc. – Vice Chair

-Colorado Springs Downtown Partnership – Advisory Member

-Greccio Housing – Board Member

-Urban Land Institute Southern Colorado Committee – Co Chair

-Urban Land Institute Colorado State Executive Committee – Member

-Colorado Municipal League URA committee – Member

**City and CSU Committee Work/Meetings (with URA focus)**

I take part in both planning and economic development staff meetings (monthly) to discuss URA driven projects.

I take part in monthly Chief of Staff Meetings (monthly) to update city directors on URA news and projects.

I sit as a member of the city’s special district committee (quarterly), Colorado Springs Utilities Economic Development Sub-Committee (quarterly) and the City Strategic Plan Committee (quarterly).

**Some media over last year during COVID:**

<https://gazette.com/business/colorado-springs-lexus-dealer-moving-to-north-nevada-avenue/article_576e71e2-caf6-11eb-a640-27b6024343c5.html>

<https://www.csbj.com/premier/businessnews/south-nevada-avenue-to-see-new-burst-of-development/article_4e025bbc-f610-5076-a949-248a249d59e3.html>

<https://www.csbj.com/premier/businessnews/creekwalk-accelerates-on-south-nevada/article_c8217bc3-b987-5b9c-bf84-50f8b999eaf0.html>

<https://gazette.com/business/affordable-housing-apartment-complex-eyed-for-colorado-springs-southeast-side/article_4f85ca24-b630-11ea-98a4-53fa79a8fe91.html>

<https://krdo.com/lifestyle/2021/01/11/creekwalk-project-in-colorado-springs-continues-despite-delay-from-pandemic/>

<https://www.csbj.com/premier/businessnews/south-nevada-development-sidesteps-pandemic-rolls-on/article_883bc4bf-9de8-53d7-b271-c7d8b3785ebe.html>

<https://gazette.com/business/colorado-springs-retail-center-once-called-a-boondoggle-continues-rapid-growth/article_68414d36-6684-11eb-b316-f37e6c57211f.html>

<https://gazette.com/business/a-wave-of-new-apartment-projects-planned-for-southeast-colorado-springs/article_4278b28c-1a04-11eb-a6c1-1f5849ea14b7.html>

<https://www.southeastexpress.org/news/a-proposed-development-would-turn-the-empty-king-soopers-building-into-affordable-housing/article_a31d9b68-34c4-11eb-8caf-2bbfb44642ad.html>

<https://www.csindy.com/news/solid-rock-updates-progress-on-affordable-housing-project/article_65e3af44-ad37-11eb-84ce-4f0f332d5663.html>

<https://www.csbj.com/premier/businessnews/special-districts-help-developers-fund-major-projects/article_ed0ca1ca-f92c-11ea-ac90-47bb049d9c79.html>

<https://www.csindy.com/news/developers-face-greater-barriers-pushback-on-the-city-s-westside/article_c7e49d52-8be5-11eb-a9f2-1f16ad4db0d2.html>

<https://gazette.com/premium/weidner-field-expected-to-drive-big-economic-development-in-downtown-colorado-springs/article_1b6fe9f6-a6ce-11eb-8178-778c624b8389.html>

<https://gazette.com/news/air-force-academy-visitor-center-getting-back-on-track/article_569aa09a-dd8c-11ea-a274-2754f49104a4.html>