



Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Mayor Smith Hymes,

On behalf of The Vilar Performing Arts Center and Vail Valley Foundation, we wanted to share our thoughts with you regarding the Hahnewald Barn relocation project for the purpose of providing a new events venue in Avon

Whether it's The Red Rocks Amphitheater, The Great American Music Hall in San Francisco or The Bluebird Café listening room in Nashville, all of these places have become focal points attracting people not just to pull over to take a photo but to get out their cars to stay. Iconic entertainment venues play a vital role in establishing a community by providing an anchor of activity to drive traffic to year-round. Differentiated enough, people would make the pilgrimage near and far and, as an indoor venue, it could serve to deseasonalize the appeal of our great valley.

In my opinion the barn certainly is unique and already has built-in equity in the fact that it has heritage (a story to tell). Combining that with great programming will only further enhance the offerings our community and its residents can enjoy and the options available are only limited by places that can host such events. In our valley the content and ideas are there but the venues aren't plentiful enough for all valley partners to use them to their full extent: think about Vail Jazz, The Vail Symposium, Bravo and the Vail Friends Of Dance as just a few examples of local groups that exist without a space to present their programming. Now add on the abundance of possibilities and interests not represented by our community and the need for such a facility becomes obvious.

As the Executive Director of a neighboring performing arts center it seems counterintuitive to promote the need for what could be a competitive venue, but I truly feel that such a concept will only serve to further enrich us culturally and allow all boats to rise. I spend far too much time having to reject great uses for our facility due to it, mainly, not having the calendar dates available. A need for other public venues clearly exists, especially indoors, to attract greater resources, audiences and investors to stay engaged year-round, rain or shine. To be clear, our Vilar Performing Arts Center and the Vail Valley Foundation would not look to the barn venue as a new venue that we would program into. The Barn would not necessarily fit into the programming vision and objectives for our organization but we can see the Barn as a venue that could meet a wonderful space for us to hold business meetings as well as an attractive venue for other nonprofits in our valley looking for a smaller venue to help deliver against their respective Missions.

I look forward to this project taking off and serving to revitalize a historic landmark in a way which will serve us long into the future.

Sincerely,

Duncan JB Horner, Executive Director - Vilar Performing Arts Center

## Preston Neill

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**To:** Preston Neill  
**Subject:** RE: Old barn

On Dec 21, 2018, at 6:03 PM, jb <[bahans@comcast.net](mailto:bahans@comcast.net)> wrote:

Dear Avon town council.

As a longtime resident, living here since 1996, I am TOTALLY AGAINST the refurbishing of the old barn soon to be up for consideration!

Please stop wasting our tax dollars! The road diet was a total waste of money, in fact I think you should stop the plan to redo the east side of benchmark road next spring. I think the new road revision sucks and was a total waste of taxpayers money.

Look we spent what 6 million for the underused stage? I dont want to spend another dime for an under used refurbished barn.

And as far as the one council member who's agains a town vote by the residents, I think because of her connection to this barn she should "excuse" herself from this matter and vote since she's obviously emotional attached to this structure and it's clogging her better decisions regarding this project.

She 's there to represent the citizens not her own special interest.

Thank you.

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**From:** Kristi Ferraro <[kristi@kristiferraro.com](mailto:kristi@kristiferraro.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 07, 2019 4:25 PM  
**To:** Avon Council Web <[avoncouncilweb@avon.org](mailto:avoncouncilweb@avon.org)>  
**Subject:** Hahnewald Barn

Dear Avon Town Council,

I would like to voice my support for saving Avon's historic Hahnewald Barn. Moving and re-purposing Avon's Hahnewald Barn is a step toward helping Avon regain its uniqueness and authenticity. It will re-purpose a historic building to serve as an iconic image from the past, and also to serve as an invaluable community gathering place that is sorely needed in Avon.

Many of our fellow communities have been able to save historic structures and create community gathering places, and these have become treasured community assets. I strongly believe that Avon can and should save this last, best vestige of its agrarian history. Although it's often difficult to justify the costs of these grand projects at this conceptual stage, twenty years from now, the citizens of Avon will be glad that you did. I have often heard the story of how controversial it was for Vail to spend the funds necessary to purchase and develop Ford Park. Now, we can't imagine Vail without it. I feel the same about our Harry A. Nottingham Park, Avon's precious community asset. Let's now honor that irreplaceable asset by preserving another beautiful asset and slice of Avon's history – the Hahnewald Barn.

If the Town of Avon will continue to take steps toward saving the barn, I am confident that we can raise a variety of funding sources, large and small, to make this unusual project succeed. This is not the type of decision that should be made by the voters. The voters of Avon elected you to do the necessary deep dive into issues like this. It would be a mistake and would establish a terrible precedent to cede your responsibilities as the elected decision-makers for the Town in this way.

I urge you not to throw the Hahnewald Barn onto the trash heap. Re-purposing Avon's Hahnewald Barn will enrich the lives of Avon citizens and visitors who will enjoy this exceptional building both inside and out, for years to come.

Respectfully,

Kristi Ferraro

Citizen of Avon

**From:** Kimberly Langmaid <[kimberly.langmaid@gmail.com](mailto:kimberly.langmaid@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 07, 2019 8:35 PM  
**To:** Avon Council Web <[avoncouncilweb@avon.org](mailto:avoncouncilweb@avon.org)>  
**Subject:** Historical Assets = Unique Experiences

Dear Avon Town Council,

Avon is the only place in the world where the Hahnewald Barn exists. This storied historical asset offers many possibilities for you to create unique iconic experiences that will make Avon stand out among all Colorado mountain communities.

Protecting and celebrating historical cultural heritage is one of the four pillars in creating sustainable destinations. The world is quickly losing much of its cultural heritage. The Hahnewald Barn is a diamond in the rough, waiting to be rediscovered and brought to life.

The price tag for restoration of the barn must be daunting. At the same time, there are many potential partners from state government, to private foundations, to local philanthropists, who all place strong values and investments in protecting Colorado's disappearing cultural heritage. There can be a financial "win" for Avon if the right partners are brought in to the project.

Please consider your important role at this moment in our valley's history, where we have so few remaining opportunities to save real, tangible, iconic cultural assets like the Hahnewald Barn. Current and future generations of Avon residents will be grateful for your foresight in protecting our valley's unique sense of place.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Kim Langmaid & Peter Casabonne

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(We live in Vail and we love all of the Eagle Valley)

**From:** Kim Nottingham <kimn1960@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 08, 2019 10:57 AM  
**To:** Avon Council Web <avoncouncilweb@avon.org>  
**Cc:** Kim Nottingham <kimn1960@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Hahnewald Barn Restoration

Dear Avon Town Council,

As a community we stand at a crossroads; we can choose to embrace and celebrate the history of Avon by saving the Hahnewald Barn, or we can lose forever the last remembrance of our pioneering history. Avon is in a unique position to have such a historic landmark within the town in the first place and now to be able to relocate and repurpose the barn structure is a defining moment for our future. When the barn was built by hand in 1908, Avon was a ranching community where people worked hard for everything they had. The fact the barn is still standing and functional over 100 years later is a testament to the fortitude and resilience of the people who built and maintained the barn all of these years.

Avon did not become a town when it was incorporated in the 1970's, Avon has been a community since the late 1800's. Our history did not begin with the I-70 corridor or with the opening of Beaver Creek, Avon history goes back to the first settlers who staked a claim on a homestead here. The Hahnewald Barn is our last link to this story of Avon, please do not let this story end now. Please look at the future value you will be adding to the Avon Community by creating a space that will be a focal point for the town and the valley. I realize there is a cost to the relocation and restoration of the barn and I believe the return on the investment will be good for the economy of Avon. This is critical decision that cannot be made purely for financial reasons. This is a once in lifetime opportunity to preserve an important piece of our history and to add to the future story Avon. This building can become a priceless symbol of the heart and soul of the Town of Avon.

Thank you for your time!

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**From:** RICH CARROLL <richcarroll4@comcast.net>  
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**Cc:** Rich Carroll <richcarroll4@comcast.net>  
**Subject:** Hahnewald Barn

Dear Avon Town Council;

This email is to address the Hahnewald Barn situation. Unfortunately family commitments will prevent me from attending tonight's, 1/8/2019, Council meeting.

When the Hahnewald Barn first came to the surface my initial reaction was Boy that is a lot of money for a barn. Over time my opinion has changed. A barn is now The Barn.

Big decisions that are larger dollar amounts, that have the potential to be iconic, are visionary, and truly impact in a positive manner the fabric of our community, are rarely cheap nor easy.

I strongly encourage the Council to continue to evaluate all the possible alternatives including more modest options as well as potential grants and partnerships. When The Barn is gone it is gone. It will not come back. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that is worthy of making sure that all the options are completely and thoroughly investigated.

If The Barn is developed correctly it has the potential to be a superb place-making Landmark that further develops Avon's sense of community. Years from now we will wonder why The Barn was such a difficult decision.

When the dollar amounts of a project are large there are always people that will be against the project. And this is a good thing as it should drive Council to make sure the project is developed as well as it can possibly be and all options are vetted.

It is all too easy to look at a spreadsheet or a dollar value and say "No". It is much more difficult to look at the heart and soul of The Barn, image all it can be, and see that vision to fruition.

It is easy to say this project is controversial so... "Let's put it to the voters". It is difficult to embrace the controversy, Vote on this as you are elected to do, and see The Barn to its place 10 years from now as integral to Avon.

Each of you are elected to make decisions; especially the difficult decisions. There are many high dollar and tough decisions that Council has made in the past such as the work on West Beaver Creek Boulevard, The Westin, the roundabouts, and the heat recovery project. Citizens have the Referendum process for decisions with which they disagree.

It is your job and your duty to Vote on The Barn after all options are thoroughly explored and vetted. This what you are elected to do. You have the breadth and depth of knowledge to make tough decisions. There is a phrase for passing the buck that is best not placed in an email. Please excuse my bluntness on this subject but it is something I feel passionate about.

I encourage Council to thoroughly explore and vet all the options for The Barn. Then after this process Vote on The Barn to make it an iconic part of Avon.

Thank you

Rich Carroll

Avon Resident

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***Have Fun Out There***

**From:** Richard Wheelock <richcardow@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 08, 2019 3:53 PM  
**To:** Avon Council Web <avoncouncilweb@avon.org>  
**Subject:** Barn

As a Avon business owner and resident for over 15 years i am in favor of keeping buildings of character and interest --especially in a town that has little to show of a historical nature---

But over \$7M is extreme to say the least---  
to spend that amount of money on the historical barn is a serious overspending of taxpayer dollars---

I'm sure we can buiild a reproduction of the barn for 1/3 of the projected cost and nobody will really be able to tell the difference

Richard Wheelock  
Owner Agave  
Wildridge resident



From: russell andrade <rja0479@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 4:13 PM  
To: Avon Council Web <avoncouncilweb@avon.org>  
Subject: Barn

I am going to attempt to attend the meeting this evening, but just wanted to drop a quick note on the barn issue.

Let me start by being clear, I have nothing against the barn. I just want to be sure that all options are being explored. The 7 million plus price tag seems crazy for a town that has more pressing needs. As a small business owner in town, it seems as if the council is out of touch with the local business community. Those 15 or so parking spots that will be gone for two years are extremely important to the local businesses. I also feel the 7 million could be used to solve actual problems. The rental crisis is killing the small businesses. I had to personally risk 42000 of my business money to rent the old fire house for employee housing. If that fails, 42000 is enough to put a business my size out of business.

I just feel that the funds needed to relocate to the old town hall site could be better used.

Thank you.

Russell j Andrade.