

## **EDC hires parking management consultant**

The Manitou Springs Economic Development Council has hired Casey Jones of Place and Plexus Consulting, Inc. out of Longmont, to assist with various aspects of parking management and implementation of the City-adopted Parking Management Plan.

Jones, who was previously the director of transportation at the University of Colorado at Boulder, was part of the consulting team who recently assisted the Metro District and the Parking Advisory Board with preparation of a Request for Proposals for new pay kiosks in the paid parking lots.

He will be working with the Metro District, the Parking Advisory Board, the EDC and Manitou Springs' residents and businesses owners in regard to parking solutions in the Downtown and other areas of the community.

Oversight of the installation and testing of the new paid parking kiosks for the off-street lots will be one of a variety of tasks assigned to Jones.

Other assistance provided will be developing recommendations for management and operations of the parking lots, including a revised pay structure, the purchase of updated enforcement equipment and technology, and continued evaluation of on-street parking management.

"Casey has been terrific to work with so far and we are fortunate to be able to bring someone with his knowledge and background to assist everyone involved with parking to move our shared efforts forward" said EDC President Tim Haas, Jr. "Parking is a critical issue to the continued success of our businesses and the enjoyment of the surrounding neighborhoods; the EDC felt this was something we could do to help keep the City working toward solutions."

Jones will be based out of the EDC office at 725 Manitou Ave. when he is in town over the next eight weeks.

The EDC wishes to thank the Villa Motel for donating two weeks of lodging for Jones. Donations for the rest of the time he will be working in the City are still being sought and allow more of the EDC's funding to be spent on work hours.

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