

Media Contact:
Nick Johnson
Public Information Specialist
970-375-5088
Nick.johnson@durangogov.org

949 E. 2nd Avenue
Durango, CO 81301
DurangoGov.org

Follow us:
[Twitter.com/CityofDurango](https://twitter.com/CityofDurango)
[Facebook.com/CityofDurango](https://facebook.com/CityofDurango)
[Instagram.com/CityofDurango](https://instagram.com/CityofDurango)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, JUNE 21, 2022

NEWS RELEASE

City Council appoints new library director

Durango, CO: Durango City Council appointed the new director of the Durango Public Library, Chad Lucas "Luke" Alvey-Henderson at Monday's city council meeting

Luke comes to Durango from the Moore Memorial Public Library in Texas City, Texas, where he's served as a library director for past four years. In total Luke comes to the city of Durango with 12 years of library experience.

"We look forward to welcoming Luke to Durango, and to meeting him." said Mayor Barbara Noseworthy.

In other action:

- Council took another key step in addressing the city's housing shortage by providing preliminary approval of the River Trail Apartments. The new housing development would bring 71 new housing units to Durango. The River Trail Apartments will be located south of the Mercury Building along Mercury Village Drive.

"I'm thrilled at the idea of a new community being built there, and having housing units coming in," Noseworthy said.

- Additionally, council made the decision to approve a preliminary plan for eight new townhomes on the Animas Cliffs property at 1700 County Road 203. The townhomes are the third phase of development for the Animas Cliffs, with the first two phases having successfully converted a hotel into condominiums.
- Council approved two donations to the Durango Police Department that total \$15,000. After reading an article written in *The Durango Herald* about Durango police using drones to locate suspects who were later charged with robbery, assault, and domestic violence, a private citizen donated \$10,000 to the department for additional drone-associated training. Police also received \$5,000 from Mothers Against Prescription Drug Abuse to support the departments co-responder team with Axis Health System.

"I wanted to thank the chief again for the community services that your team provides,

and I love the fact that the community recognizes and appreciates it too," said councilor Kim Baxter.

###