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PRESS RELEASE

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Bethel Plaza Dedication Event

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The City of Glenwood Springs invites community members to a lunch and dedication ceremony of Bethel Plaza on October 4, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bethel Plaza will be dedicated in memory of Leslie Bethel, former Downtown Development Authority (DDA) executive director. Bethel Plaza encompasses the area under the Grand Avenue Bridge along 7th Street.

Councilor Steve Davis knew Leslie for many years and stated “Leslie loved Glenwood Springs. She had a great vision for Downtown and a vision for every detail that you see as you stand under the Grand Avenue Bridge today. Her fingerprint is on every detail from the elevator towers, the color of the brick and the stone, the railing details to the size of the mortar joints in the stone work. It is an honor to see her work come to life. She often talked about how to activate an area. Her vision for that activation is certainly on display here. When we were offered the task of naming this gathering place there was no question but to forever refer to it as Bethel Plaza. Thank you, Leslie, we are forever indebted to you for such an enrichment to our community and to our lives.”

Leslie contributed to the Grand Avenue Bridge project site design and the 7th Street landscape and hardscape design. Leslie's work has set an architectural standard by directing the design for the 9th Street and Cooper Avenue parking garage and Glenwood Springs Branch Library.

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