

Organization

Cheyenne Mural Project

We are determining the next walls to do the next murals for the remaining \$6000 in grant funding. The funds need to be expended NLT June 1, 2016. We have four walls under consideration at this time and will narrow down according to budget (this step due to Main Street ASAP), issue an artist call, then convene the selection group to determine the artist.

Training

I attended the Governor's Business Symposium at Little American on Nov 17 and 18th which overwhelming included the support of downtowns for community revitalization.

Legislature

I was called to present information about downtown Cheyenne at the Legislature Committee. This was actually a testimony for a bill presented by Rep Byrd which would have allowed DDA's (3 in Wyoming) to fine owners of abandoned, deteriorating, or unsafe buildings. It was pointed out by several members that State Statute provides a condemnation process and that this process could be looked at rather than an entire new intermediate process. The bill failed.

Audit

The audit is complete.

Web Site

Desiree and I are still working on a new look for the website and more manageable way to share information.

Design

West Edge and 17th Street

I continue to attend the West Edge project planning meetings. The 17th St project contract for engineering design went to Finance Committee today and is going to Council tomorrow. The scope of work is scheduled to be completed by Dec 1, 2016. Work is anticipated to begin 2017 based on funding.

FIP

Strategic Planning continued on Nov 30th from 5-8 at the Asher.

Economic Restructuring

Ice Rink

An ice rink will be looked at for next year.

Atlas Theater

I have been working with Amy Gorbey on possible solutions for upstairs renovations for the Atlas. We have reviewed previous studies of the building from 2007 and had contractors in and next steps are structural and architectural analysis. I have connected Amy with EPA Brownsfield grant managers and there is the possibility to use that grant funding for lead abatement which could help restore the façade. Interior work costs are pending and will likely be, at minimum, \$3,000,000 or more. In the meantime first floor updates are underway and ribbon cutting occurred November 20th.

Shared Artist Work Space

CANVAS has several opportunities to share art work and support other organizations. No identified shared artist space yet. They are actively working on website and will be providing artwork for Arts Cheyenne Open House this Thursday at the Grier Bldg. on the 4th floor from 7:30-10 pm. We are now working more with Arts Cheyenne on this endeavor. Arts Cheyenne and the DDA will meet in December to revisit Art Space.

Property Owners

Working on a better way to communicate available properties to property owners to include photos and descriptions.

There is good movement with the Hynds and Bell.

There is significant interest in the Good Year Building.

Business Recruitment and Retention

Working with several restaurants that want to come downtown. Also anticipate the closing of several restaurants in the next several months.

I have been working with the new Steam Plant owners on resources and funding sources for their project.

Was involved with lobbying efforts to keep the liquor license downtown.

Grocery Stores

Have continued to work with the Mexican Grocery on signing and now budget for redesign. Reached out to several grocery chains for possible relocation to downtown.

DDA/Main Street Board Update November 4, 2015
Amy Surdam, Executive Director

Promotion

Business Owners

We are strengthening relationships and visiting each business. DCBC is gaining momentum.

Shop Small Saturday occurred on November 28th and was followed by the parade.

Adopt a Block

We did a thank you lunch from 1130-1 Nov 19th at the Asher for Adopt the Block and all other volunteers.