

Organization

Cheyenne Mural Project

The Comic mural is underway and being outlined. Community painting days are June 7-June 30th and will be time lapsed by Visit Cheyenne.

The mural above Marv's Pawn Shop is underway!

The artist call is out for the mural next to the cherub. Pabst Blue Ribbon (PBR) is sponsoring a party in the parking lot of across from Quizno's the Tuesday of Frontier Days. There will be a Battle of the Bands. PBR is paying for a mural on the wall next to the cherub. We are partnering with this effort by writing and releasing the artist call (it is out). On June 16th there will be a selection party at Sanford's for the community to select live with artist presentations that day.

Main Street

Desiree, Charlotte, and Sam Weinstein attended the National Convention in May and will be giving reports.

Adopt the Block

We have 15 blocks adopted. The first clean up was May 10th from 3p-7p and we had over 40 volunteers. The Adopt the Block kick off day will be June 13th at 5:30.

ReRide

The program is rolling right along and has received a lot of good press and use. Nancy and Jeff at the City have nominated the program for an innovation award and George Anadiotis for a Community Hero Award through the Wyoming Association of Municipalities. Bikes take about 10 hours each to get ready for use. 35 should be ready for the summer. Great job!

Core Plan

Anja, Dale, Darren and I continue to meet weekly and are making good progress on the Core Plan items. Please see report card.

Stakeholders

I'm getting ready to walk the district in June and July. I am working with Organization Committee on what information to collect and we likely will take this opportunity to update our retail data base, log vacant properties, and identify upper empty floors and reasons why they are not redeveloped.

West Edge

I had a great tour with Brandon Cammarata and Dave Tuebner in the West Edge to catch up on where projects are, project needs and priorities, and how the DDA can better help with efforts. Brandon will give a monthly report to the Board for a start.

Design

Water Feature

Our water feature design grant was not awarded. I have requested that we used CIG funds for the design. The Design Committee is working on the RFP for the designer and will release that after the funding is identified.

17th St

We are waiting for final confirmation of final timeline and construction documents but should start this fall.

Economic Restructuring

Shared Artist Work Space

We have moved into our space at 1718 Capitol Ave and will have a Grand Opening on June 22 at 5:30. Please join us!

Business Recruitment and Retention

Himalayan Café: An Indian restaurant, is going to open June 9th.
The Depot restaurant, Accomplice Brewing Company, will have a soft opening on June 9th.
Tasty Bones and Bakery opened on May 18th.
The old Cheyenne Club has a lease in place for a family game center.
Still looking for space for a guitar store.

TIF

Mark Rinne and I have been working with the City to reset the base of the TIF. We need to collect all of the current retail stores, identify who to include and at what % (for those with multiple locations), and then have a resolution with the Council. We will look at including a property TIF within this as well. We will gather the info this summer, submit to the Revenue Department, and then plan on the resolution this winter.

Abandoned Building Coalition (ABC)

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Amy Surdam, Executive Director

Annette Williams and myself are investigating solutions for abandoned buildings, what has not worked before and why, what has worked in other communities, and putting together a group of key people to move this issue forward.

Promotions

Business Owners

The Promotions Committee has figured out the ice rink vendor. YAY!