



Kuna

Downtown Revitalization Newsletter for March 2015

Meet the Steering Committee for Downtown Revitalization...

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This exceptional group of people is interested in the viability of the community, invested through business ownership and volunteerism, and brings an enthusiastic mindset to the committee. They are tasked with working with the City and other stakeholders through input from larger meetings, coordinating the goals of downtown with the Kuna Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Corridor plan. They will define a theme and vision for downtown Kuna to promote it as a destination to further economic development.

Want to help, participate, or offer ideas?

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Next Steps...

- Define a scope of work with the new planning grant from Capital Matrix Foundation. The results will help put the priorities in place to pursue further funding and projects.
- Display Flag and Banner contest winners and provide awards at the Kuna Downtown Art Walk and Spring Festival.
- Develop an "adopt" a bench, light, bike rack or flower pot program.
- Continue to hold stakeholder meetings.

Summary of the October 2014 Downtown Revitalization Meeting

Common Goals

- Make Kuna a destination – keep Kuna residents in Kuna
- Community pride
- Create better connectivity/walkability
- Create a safer feel downtown
- More opportunities for events
- Improve parking and sidewalks
- Attract new business
- Incorporate art and history
- Improve/utilize underdeveloped areas
- Create better environment for biking
- Businesses willing to put skin in the game

Specific Projects

- Clean up storefronts/façade program
- Fix sidewalks
- New landscaping
- Better lighting
- Public art program (Birds of Prey theme?)
- Murals and other history elements
- More/better signage
- Event venues (music, recreation, children, etc.)
- Outdoor seating/café areas/benches
- Flags/banners
- Decide what to do with the old school gym – maybe demo for parking
- More prominent crosswalks
- Engraved bricks (could use for fundraiser)

Actions to date

- The city applied for and received a planning grant from the Capital Matrix Foundation in the amount of \$7,300
- The city has moved the History Center to the Main Street public works building. The interior and exterior was updated to house the new and improved Historical Museum. It looks nice...go and check it out!
- A steering committee was developed for the downtown revitalization. This committee welcomes others who are interested in participating in this ongoing effort to revitalize downtown.
- The Kuna Chamber of Commerce and the city have partnered to bring a spring festival to Main Street on May 16, 2015.