



Kuna Downtown Revitalization Plan

Steering Committee Meeting No. 2

City of Kuna | October 8, 2015 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes

~ Interactive Charette ~

Project concept discussion – review downtown corridor concept, discuss changes, achieve consensus

Lisa's Table: Avenue E/Main Street Frontage

- Incorporate section of Indian Creek through concrete (Driggs city hall)
- Road themes
 - Indian Cree, Kuna Caves, Silver Trail
- Color Tiles? Example: New Century Link Building
- Okay with lights (LED)
- Want power outlets, dual, water into lighs
- Current watering schedule runs approximately 4hrs/day now for flowers
- More benches, garbage/recycling receptacles
- Mini park/pocket park
- Huge Focal Point Area
- Accommodate Bicyclists
- Hawk Signal/Water Feature on corner?
- Art, interpretive panels
- Gym Property:
 - Make a gathering area
 - City Buy, use as market/pavilion, craft fairs, farmer's market
- Trees, places to sit and relax
- Work to incorporate Sinclair (egress: open backside?)
- Decorative drinking water fountain
- Bike stations/air pump stations (free)
 - Artistic bike racks: Wag on Wheels, Birds of Prey
- Bird art on top of some lampposts, plaque identifying type etc.
- Yogurt shop coming soon! Make so that people can use this area of town.
- Landscape on Main St. portion as well.
- Start at Main St. but can consider money parameters coming off roundabout
- Building Façade issues need to be addressed (50/50 match program, incentives similar to Nampa's program.)

- Some business owner's are waiting until work is completed to invest in their business façade. Hesitant to invest away from Main St. as it won't incentivize them to make changes.
- Make more inviting for current and future business owners.
- Make this area safer and more inviting for families with young children at night.
- Start from roundabout project? Note: the topic of where to begin the project (east or west end) if phased was not resolved at this meeting.
- Incorporate wrought iron fencing around City Park and make that consistent throughout town.
- Add outdoor dining spots/opportunities
- 50/50 ACHD program
- Caldwell saves \$150k/year as match budget for lights, sidewalks, paving roads, work in the right-of-way.

Jon's Table: Main Street – Three Blocks

- Medians would enhance the look and feel
- Corners look sharp
- Need well marked crosswalks
- Incorporate design/décor at corners
- Wrought iron fencing and materials
- Trees/grass
- Large planters vs. medians
- Block by block themes
- Emphasize bike lanes on greenbelt roadway
- Allow for bikes in shared travel lane
- Natural seat areas
- Water feature
- Water tower custom lighting
- Minimal use of center turn lane
- Parklets
- Mixed use
- A number of business owners lease property which creates an issue within improving facades.
- City needs to work closer with business owners
- Keep the City youthful and young feeling
- Show the "before" and "after" of Main St.

Travis' Table: Overall Downtown Kuna Projects

Groups reviewed an existing list of priority projects for downtown Kuna and rated their top 3.

- No. 1: Landscaping/hardcaping and lighting are top priorities
 - Main Street remains the top priority area of improvement needs downtown.
 - Connect Main Street to Greenbelt pathway (Avenue C was considered a good option because of its direct connection to the Greenbelt path system).
- No. 2: Business façade improvement program, a big concern/need and priority in the downtown core.
- No 3: Included a combination of improvements throughout the study area.
 - Wayfinding signage
 - Art exhibits/theme
 - Sidewalks connecting Avalon and Orchard to downtown
 - Improve/add parking
 - Remove chainlink fencing
- Other notable recommendations that were important project focus areas:
 - 4th Street Gym repurpose and parking lot improvements (Most felt this would make a significant impact downtown).
 - Centrally located Splash pad to attract families. Location suggestions included the City Park near the Water Tower, 4th Street Gym, or the improved Sandstone Plaza outside area.)
 - Infrastructure (sidewalks, roadway) improvement on 4th Street