

# LDDA Board Communication

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**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017

## **Current Incentive Fund Availability**

Retail Conversion: \$60,000	Signage: \$52,909	DIP: \$135,104
Alleyscape West side: \$58,545	Residential: \$46,536	TIF: \$2,595,570 (net projected available)

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**Agenda Item:** Residential Advisory Committee

**Executive Summary:** At our last meeting, the Board directed staff to investigate developing a Residential Advisory Committee to collaborate with the LDDA Board. This type of initiative is compatible with our Master Plan of Development Section 7: Leadership and Management; 1. Champion Downtown as a Citywide and Regional Asset

Below, please see some proposed ideas. Staff would like to get more direction and initial thoughts from the Board.

**Why:** The committee will play an active role in ensuring that meaningful community involvement is part of Downtown's evolution. Downtown Longmont will be stronger and more efficient with a well-informed residential population.

**When:** Committee would meet quarterly

**Who:** This committee would encompass the historic eastside, historic westside and LDDA residents. Proposed committee make up could include:

- 1 representative of Historic Eastside Neighborhood
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- 1 representative of LDDA resident
- 1 representative of a live/work business owner
- 1 representative of mixed use housing (ie RPA, SMS, VP)
- 4 at large members (a mix of other residents)

It will be a requirement that members maintain residency in the areas of "Old Town" roughly defined as 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.; Sunset – Martin St.

**What:** Committee Members would act similar to our Downtown Block Captains. They would meet to have discussion and help give information to staff. Responsibilities can include:

- Giving feedback on projects such as Downtown Design Standards and parking study implementation
- Passing critical information to neighbors
- Being the eyes and ears for the neighborhood
- Planning activities or mixers to bring neighbors together

**How:** Staff can create an application for residents interested in being part of the committee. Questions would include:

- Contact information
- Other volunteer positions
- Other
- Why are you interested in serving on this committee?
- What is the biggest opportunity for Downtown Longmont?
- What is the biggest challenge for Downtown Longmont?
- Do you have experience on other committees? If yes, please explain

**Direction:** Staff is asking the Board for the following direction:

1. Who: Does the Board support the proposed make-up of the committee?
2. What: Are there other things that the Board would like to see discussed?
3. How: Would the board like an application? Is anything missing?
4. When: Is the Board comfortable with the frequency?

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**Agenda Item:** 313 Coffman St. Parking Lot

**Executive Summary:** Previously, the Board directed staff to initiate an appraisal on the 313 Coffman St. Parking Lot currently owned by the Elks Lodge. Staff received this appraisal and is seeking direction from the Board on how to proceed with negotiations.

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**Agenda Item:** Safety Issues

**Executive Summary:** Downtown Longmont has seen an increase of vandalism this summer. We are hearing from businesses and visitors that there is an escalation in issues. Many of these issues not only deter visitors or customers from returning, but are a real cost in both staff time and resolution.

Attached are photos of a few recent incidents. Many issues are happening throughout the night. Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in aggressive behaviors. Reports from businesses owners have included:

- Mother and child were visiting Downtown. Child was approached aggressively and ran. Fell and cut knee. Went into business and stated she will Never Come Downtown Again.
- A dance student had an attempted purse snatching at the 600 block bus stop.
- Bicyclist biking on sidewalk and hitting planters
- Illegal drug uses
- Public indecency
- Verbal abuse
- Illegal use of private electricity / loitering
- Vomit, feces
- Increased roof access, leading to damaged drain pipes, roofs, etc.

Staff would like to bring these issues to the Boards attention to be sure they are well informed. In the September 13 Business Owner Meeting we will have Karen Roney from the City present the Boulder County Homelessness Services Collaboration model as well as other initiatives.

**Questions:**

1. Would the Board like to do a formal letter to the police asking for more patrols, especially in the evening?
2. Would the Board like to have anything else presented in the future?