

North Main Revitalization Initiative

Enhancing North Main - Energizing Sheridan!

Senior Center Event—June 24, 2008

1) What are North Main's biggest assets? (How it was and how it is?)

Old cabins—historical first motel unit? If so, acknowledge as a historical site.

Possible to restore cabins or are they too far gone?

Not in favor of wholesaling cabins for restoration. If restored they should be acknowledged as a historical site. Not restored to walk in and out, just restored to see them.

Business owner for 14 years on North Main—parking is a major issues to businesses. There is curbside parking from the blocks of 5th to 11th Streets; however, from 11th Street down there is no curbside parking.

Business development is scattered because it was originally a residential area. Those who opened businesses on North Main tend to be smaller parking users (small shops, antique stores)—less exposure than on Coffeen.

Val Vista and Spaulding—new WWII housing—paved in 1947.

WYDOT 1951 contracted the City to maintain curb/gutter/sidewalks

After WWII all action was on the north side of town. North was police station, Thorne Rider (slough), ice rink at the slough, root beer stands, drive-ins, skate rink at Val Vista & 15th Street and National Guard was out north. South of town were fields.

Now there is no reason for the average person to go to North Main—everyone goes out Coffeen. McDonalds and Kmart are the only draws with nothing in-between, especially now that Golden Steer is gone. There use to be community events in north end of town—like concert on-top of A & W roof.

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2) What is needed to generally improve North Main?

Main—new lights—beautiful

Car dealerships with old cars, okay to be there, but they are so scattered out. Need to blend individual properties through improvements so they don't stand out.

North Main looks scattered and messy.

Alley behind cabins—rehabbed and cleaned-up? Any hope that it will be? It could be attractive. Old trees might need to be cleaned out. It would be decent if it were cleaned up.

Remove light at Kmart—not necessary now that weight station has been removed; it is causing cars to stop and waste gas; objection—light is needed to slow traffic down entering from I-90.

Need a stoplight at Highland and Loucks—30 seconds

Some owners neglect their properties and there needs to be responsibility for the maintenance and care required for making that part of town to look good (cut weeds, trim hedges, mow lawns). Some people need to take pride in the appearance of their property. Vacant properties are part of the issue.

8th & Main St—big warehouse on eastside is sitting empty.

Sidewalks on 4th, 6th, & 14th Streets need to be shoveled in the winter up to Sheridan High School.

Other towns like Missoula/Hamilton, MT: lovely median w/ plants and trees but grew over—want plants if we do medians, but they have to be maintained! Who will maintain?

Need at least 6ft sidewalks with curbs and gutters.

Want lights at every intersection—possible to have low illumination lights to cut down on light pollution?

Walking path stops at 8th Street. Need to make it continuous. What activities are drawing use on the path?

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County bought old KFC lot. If new building is constructed, it must be good looking. An example would be the south side to the front of the current law enforcement building. Expansion would occur to the east.

5th Street heading east needs to be curbed and guttered on both sides, all the way to visitor's center with beautification of the barrow pits.

Trees on 5th Street by the Sheridan County Museum have not been maintained. City needs to cut the grass and replace the dead trees. This could be done of a minimal expense and make a big difference!

Trees on north side of 5th were planted by WYDOT as part of a project but maintenance was not WYDOT's responsibility. Who job to maintain trees? Are there volunteers to take care of trees? Community volunteers do a lot.

North Main businesses would appreciate flower baskets, lights, benches, etc, but are concerned with losing their street parking.

Recreation District has nine acres on east and west sides that are undeveloped. Asset to be developed!

Mini-golf and recreational options needed to draw people.

Rail road spur—never used anymore—remove or bury it.

Road from Kendrick Park to trail needs to have brush cleared; boardwalk deteriorating—need to do something 60-70 years old.

North slope of Kendrick is a jungle—need to trim and spruce it up!

Garden bed—need to clean it up.

The fountain in the park is missed—would like to see it again.

3) How do we engage people?

Really like the construction updates—should also be doing that with North Main