Revitalizing Riverton’s Downtown

A Redevelopment Master Plan
For Main Street

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Project Summary and Recommendations

Project Summary
This master plan represents the culmination of two and a half years of intensive planning effort on the part of the Riverton Main Street Committee. Efforts to revitalize Riverton’s downtown started as early as 1993. This report gives not only the Main Street Committee’s recommendations for refurbishing Riverton’s downtown but is the development of a unifying theme of visual improvements that are recommended to be extended in phases throughout the major corridors of the community. These phases are:

1. Main Street from City Park to the recreational path.
2. West Main to Hill Street and beautification of the three main entrances to the city.
3. One block each side of Main Street between Federal Boulevard and First Street West.
4. Federal Boulevard from the river north to Prison Farm Road.

It is not intended that all of the features scheduled for Main Street itself will be included in all portions of the subsequent phases.

Recommendations
It is the recommendation of the Main Street Committee that this Master Plan be adopted by the City Council as our community’s plan for refurbishing Riverton’s downtown. This plan is centered on a master theme that is uniquely Riverton.

Because the very name of our community reflects our setting, the Committee has adopted a river theme and the attributes of flowing water in the context of “a river runs through it” as the master theme for our community’s revitalization project. That master theme has been carefully integrated into specific project components that accent and unify that overall theme and carry it throughout the project.

In addition to the river master theme, the project elements include specific features that tie into Riverton’s downtown architecture. This is discussed in more detail in the body of this report. The main features recommended for the downtown portion of the project are:

- Raised planter bed medians with cobblestone or large exposed aggregate on their sides.
- Trees, other plantings, and decorative pedestrian level lights in the medians.
- Decorative pedestrian level lighting.
- Colored river-patterned sidewalk
- Trees lining both sides of Main Street.
- A major water feature/fountain in City Park at the end of Main Street.
- Furnishings that tie architecturally to the selected style of lighting.
Project Background and Development

The first significant meeting for the Riverton Main Street Project was held March 29, 1993. There were 29 people in attendance. Throughout the spring and summer of that year, a committee met to discuss initiation of a downtown reconstruction effort. Those efforts subsided in mid-year 1993.

The consideration of revitalizing Riverton’s downtown was resumed by many of the same people in January of 1998. The committee again began holding regular meetings. The committee began researching other downtown projects across Wyoming and the mid-western and western U.S. Several members of the committee talked with community leaders of towns and cities who had completed downtown projects. They received advice on what proved successful and what drawbacks were found in these projects. They brought back numerous rolls of film of these projects to share with the rest of the committee.

A front page article in the April 4, 1998 Riverton Ranger reported on a presentation made to the City Council regarding the downtown and its changing character. The general loss of retail businesses was discussed, and the question was asked whether it was time to begin a community wide effort to master plan a downtown renewal effort. Throughout 1998, business owners and individuals interested in a revitalization project continued to meet.

In January 1999, the project development had progressed to the point where monthly meetings were being held. A standing committee was appointed in February of that year. Most of the original members of that committee continue to serve today. Between March and May of 1999, the committee explored options on how to proceed with the envisioned project.

In May 1999, the committee decided to seek funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for a “Planning Only Grant”. The committee and the Chamber of Commerce jointly assembled the application in June. In July of 1999, the committee formally requested the City of Riverton to act as sponsor for the grant application. The city agreed to that request in August and held the required public hearing on the grant application that month. The application was made for $24,500 in funding of which $18,375 was to come from CDBG as a grant with the remaining 25 percent, $6,125, being city-matching funds.

The grant was awarded to the City of Riverton at the early November 1999 Wyoming Business Council meeting held in Evanston. On January 14, 2000, the City of Riverton began advertising for Requests for Qualifications from interested engineering and planning firms. The Main Street Committee interviewed prospective firms and made a selection on March 29, 2000. The selected firm, James Gores and Associates, developed a proposed agreement for services and presented it to the committee on April 6. The committee concurred with the proposed agreement and forwarded the agreement to the city that same day. After rewriting the agreement, the City Council approved the professional services agreement on June 30, and work formally began on the Riverton downtown master planning effort.
Development of Project Objectives

Throughout the year of 1999 and the first half of 2000, the Main Street Committee, by consensus, developed and articulated specific objectives that they wanted to accomplish through the redevelopment of Riverton's downtown. The results they wish to realize from the project are:

- Improve the attractiveness of downtown Riverton,
- Develop an area that the entire community views with pride,
- Create a unique and memorable downtown with a pleasant sense of place,
- Make downtown uniquely Riverton, not looking like or having the historical theme of most of the other communities that have upgraded their downtowns,
- Create a place where people enjoy spending time,
- Make our downtown pedestrian friendly,
- Transform downtown into an area that attracts and holds private investment and reinvestment, making it an enviable business location,
- Fashion downtown into an area that expresses Riverton's unique character and charm.

These goals embody the needs of downtown Riverton, which went through a significant transition in the 1980s. Through the late 1970s, Riverton’s downtown district was the center of the community's retail trade and commerce. In the late 1970s, K-Mart opened in the North Federal Shopping Center. In 1990, Wal-Mart opened on North Federal, one-half mile farther north at the edge of the city. K-Mart soon responded by opening a new and larger store directly across North Federal from Wal-Mart. As a result, Riverton's downtown found itself geographically and economically isolated from the area that had grown into the community's primary retail area.

During the time that these transitions in retail were occurring, the local mining industry went into steep decline. Some 2,800 high paying mining jobs were lost out of the local economy.

These two events in combination had a dramatic effect on the character of downtown Riverton. The combination of reduced personal income and increased price competition from the big discount retailers resulted in the loss of several downtown businesses. The community’s downtown area still has not recovered from the effects of the economic shifts of the 1980s. Today, some of the former retail stores have transitioned into office space and other non-retail use. In spite of these changes, it was found in the public meetings for this project that nearly all community residents feel that the downtown still most exemplifies the soul of Riverton.

Developing a Theme for Riverton’s Downtown Revitalization

It has been an exhausting task for the Main Street Committee to formulate a series of physical improvements that will deliver the community's expressed goals and expectations for the project.

A copy of all the public and committee meeting agendas and their resultant minutes are attached as an appendix to this plan. Highlights of this public process are presented in the next few pages.
Following the July 2000 authorization for the design team to begin its planning work, the consultants and Main Street Committee resumed monthly meetings. The committee held a July 13 meeting to start the planning process. Over 25 invitations were mailed to people who had been involved in various previous committee meetings.

The committee’s first priority was to begin a public process directed at meeting the objectives that had been set in 1999. The committee’s goal was to maximize public involvement in selecting a theme that would garner broad public support and enthusiasm.

The design team and in particular Mark Kucera (who has worked with the downtown architecture over the past 20 years) proposed some basic parameters that would likely contribute to the visual continuity and success of the project. Those included the following concepts:

- There are repeating architectural elements in Riverton’s downtown buildings (brick, diamond shape accents, terra cotta detailing) that if integrated into the streetscape could visually tie the buildings and streetscape together.
- Because of the wide span of age of the downtown buildings, the streetscape could not center on any particular time period and still blend with the downtown architecture.
- The streetscape would be most effective if it reflected Riverton’s unique setting (on the river) and the blend of its human cultures of agriculture and Native Americans.

**First Public Meeting**

The committee held an August 16, 2000 public meeting to kick off the project. The goal of this first meeting was to develop a solid understanding of how the community felt about our downtown and what they wanted to see come out of the revitalization project. The meeting was broadly advertised in both the newspaper and local radio stations in the week preceding the meeting.

In the meeting the consulting team showed a series of over 150 slides of other downtown projects. There was a public discussion of the characteristics of vigorous downtowns. Some of the unique benefits that the team’s out-of-town consultant felt downtown Riverton had, included:

- Two operating movie theaters (few communities have a downtown theater any longer),
- A post office,
- Medians,
- Trees,
- Banks,
- Residential homes within walking distance,
- The large city park at the east end of Main Street.

These are features and advantages unique to Riverton’s downtown.

The main constraint faced in considering renovation themes is that Main Street through downtown Riverton is a U.S. highway. As such, its traffic (trucks in particular) and the

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Wyoming Department of Transportation’s (WYDOT) attendant oversight will bear on viewpoints of what could or should be done in the redevelopment efforts.

The highlights that came out of the August 16, 2000 meeting were:

- People felt that the “heart” of Riverton was Main Street between City Park and the former railroad.
- Residents take visiting guests downtown to the theater, restaurants, coffee shops, flower shops, and other niche retailers.
- Residents and visitors alike best liked Riverton’s downtown flowers and trees, the theaters, the depot, and the fact that the downtown is clean.
- The things they least liked about downtown included: bad sidewalks, disrepair of storefronts, street furnishings, “hodgepodge” signage, and inadequate street lighting.
- Improvements that the public most wanted to see are: more attractive entrances to the city, a river theme, more parking, raised medians, more trees and flowers, wider sidewalks, lighted trees, public restrooms, a progressive theme, and consistency in signs.

Second Public Meeting

Based on the information gathered from the public meeting, the committee directed the consultants to develop conceptual sketches of a theme that conveys the public's expressed desires. The results of the consultant's work were presented at a second public meeting held October 11, 2000. At that meeting, the design team presented several conceptual streetscape sketches. Many different combinations of features were visually presented to the meeting participants by the design team's landscape architect. The concept of each and how each could blend into the final streetscape was explained. These showed possible streetscape themes and configurations from which the community could further refine their vision of what downtown should look like. At the conclusion of the meeting, participants were then given an opportunity to cast their vote for the combination of features they most favored.

On the morning of October 12, the design team made a short presentation of the same information to the Riverton Community and Economic Development Association (RCEDA). This group also was asked to vote for the combination of elements they most favored. A tabulation of the voting from these two meetings is presented in Appendix B.

Two major newspaper articles reported on the public meeting and the presentation made to the RCEDA.

From the public meeting came the fundamental "river" theme of the project. This theme is now planned into the project so that it is reflected in different ways throughout the two major features of the project, the medians and the sidewalks.

Based on the input from the August and October meetings, the committee, over the following months, painstakingly incorporated the public comments into its formation of a conceptual streetscape.
Feeling uncertain that they had gathered sufficient public comment, the committee decided to place the questionnaire used in the October 11 meeting at seven downtown businesses and the Chamber of Commerce. The objective of this effort was to gain further public input. The questionnaires were available between the end of December 2000 and February 10, 2001. A display of the renderings showing the theme and possible features was set up in the Teton Sertoma lobby for public viewing.

It should be noted that the voting by those attending the public meetings and those who were able to both view the concept sketches and hear the explanation of their concept was significantly different from those who later filled out the same questionnaire but had not seen the concept sketches nor heard an explanation of them. This voting difference was most pronounced in the voting on bump-outs. By a margin of 27 to 4, those attending the meetings favored bump-outs. Of those who filled out the questionnaire but did not attend a meeting, the margin was 75 to 37 opposing bump-outs.

In summary, the public, by a margin of 85 to 45 favored retaining and enhancing the medians. They wanted decorative pedestrian scale lighting, 104 in favor versus 45 preferring the current lighting. They felt trees and plantings should be expanded, and they endorsed the river theme. They favored patterning the sidewalks by a margin of 85 to 56.

A copy of the questionnaire and a summary of responses from it are provided in the appendix.

Third Public Meeting

A third public meeting was held March 14, 2001 at which time the committee presented the conceptual plan that it had developed. Preceding the meeting, as was done with the previous meetings, newspaper articles and radio public service announcements informed the public of the upcoming meeting. In addition, the committee put the conceptual plan on display at the March 10 home show held at Central Wyoming College. Two of the committee members stayed at the display throughout the day explaining the project, taking public comment, and handing out leaflets for the March 14 meeting.

At the public meeting, the conceptual plan was fully explained. With only a few exceptions, those in attendance were members of the Main Street Committee itself. Nearly all comments received from the public during the home show and at the public meeting were supportive of the plan. A copy of the typical block presented at the second and third public meetings is in the appendix of this report.

In the time from October 2000 through April 9, 2001, the Main Street Committee met 12 times in their efforts to painstakingly develop into the streetscape the expressed public preferences.

Just preceding and then following the third public meeting, the streetscape element that caused the committee the most work was the bump-outs. In an effort to help the committee and the community visualize the bump-outs, the engineer, architect, and committee chairman painted typical bump-outs on the two north corners of Main and Broadway the southeast corner of Main.
Street and Third Street East. First designated to be on all street corners, the committee, after many hours of deliberation, eliminated bump-outs entirely from the final plan.

Features Selection Process

To better understand the context of the built environment as it exists along Main Street, the committee reviewed a number of slides that had been taken around the community. During this review, several facts were revealed. The architecture along Main Street, Riverton represents a wide spectrum of styles. The existing buildings also span relatively broad age groups from around 1914 to the present time. The study also revealed that an arched form is utilized in different architectures across the different groups. A diamond, or rotated square shape, is also prevalent along Main Street and can be seen as a detail in the built environment. This detail can be seen in various materials, including brick, glass block and glazed terra cotta.

As a starting point, the steering committee determined that the furnishing group should be compatible with the context of Main Street and that the elements of the group itself should coordinate with one another. The committee believes that the decorative lighting should be the most visually prominent feature and that the other furnishings could be selected as subordinate elements.

To select the style of decorative lighting, the committee studied 117 different fixture types. These generally included three separate categories of fixture type by six different manufacturers. The three categories studied include “globe”, “hooded”, and “shoe box” type fixtures. While all three categories have been utilized on Main Street at different points in time, the “hooded” type fixture is believed to be the first variety to appear on Main Street, Riverton. The “shoe box” type fixture is seen as a more contemporary style and is the most recent type to appear on Main Street.

The committee narrowed the field of light fixture options to three. Two different families of “hooded” type fixtures and one “shoe box” type fixture were selected. A subcommittee was formed to assemble possible furnishing groups. The three light fixture options were paired and presented to the committee with different furnishing elements determined to be compatible with each type of fixture. The three different groups were then presented to the steering committee for selection of a single furnishing group to be recommended to the city and community.

The steering committee voted to make a hooded type light fixture the nucleus of the furnishing collection. Various options of the hooded fixture were explored including shape of the hood, type of luminary, shape of mounting pole, and type of mounting bracket. A mounting pole with a moderate amount of detailing was selected to be consistent with context. A flared hood and arched mounting bracket were selected to repeat the arched form found in existing architecture and to strengthen this form as a unifying element in the environment.

Following open discussion and by committee vote, the complete furnishing group was determined. Other elements of the furnishing group were considered in terms of compatibility with the preferred pedestrian light fixture and ease of maintenance. Dark green was determined to be the preferred color for the furnishing group.
Selected Features

The work of the Main Street Committee and its furnishings selection subcommittee are summarized in the following description of the selected features. A list of the specific furnishings, their specifications, and the specific color all selected by the committee are given in the next several paragraphs. It is not possible to detail all of the logistic thinking that went into the selection of these features. Because the Main Street Committee very deliberately, and for specific reasons, selected each project element and each option available for those elements, it is specifically recommended that the Main Street Committee be consulted before any of these features are altered in any way by the City Council, city staff, or the designer of the project.

Streetscape

The streetscape is planned to include raised, planted and lighted medians, color patterned sidewalks in a river theme, a distinctive imbedded diamond patterned crosswalk at Main and Broadway and five trees per block on both sides of the street. A drip irrigation system is to serve the trees and medians.

The concept for coloring and patterning of the sidewalks incorporated two sinuous ribbons of colored concrete interwoven with standard concrete. The Committee intends that the colored ribbons be contracting shades of tan or brown. They specifically do not want red shades. Test pours with committee involvement, are recommended prior final and pattern selection. It is recognized that this will require separate forming and pouring of each color of concrete (see typical block sketch and photos of similar sidewalks). The surfaces are to be finished in a flat, broomed surface that will facilitate easy removal of snow.

Medians

The medians are to be raised 24 inches to a planter bed style. The base is to be standard curb and gutter with inward sloping walls extending 18 inches above the top of the curb. The inward-sloped walls are to be large exposed aggregate or imbedded cobble to express the river theme. The planting area of each median is to have two pedestrian level lights, two Toba Hawthorn trees, and areas for planting Buffalo Junipers, native bunch grasses, and a sagebrush.

Color of Lights and Furnishings

The color of the lighting and all metal furnishings is to be deep green Architectural Area Lighting color code DGN, TGIC Super Polyester Powder with polymer undercoating.

Lighting

The pedestrian level lighting is to be a dual luminaire by Architectural Area Lighting equipped with a DB6-4R14, 14' high pole, a SLA 18-2 arm, a 2-UMC head, flare hood (FLR) and solid ring (SR) luminous elements on the hood with an H3 lamp. Bollard lights at both ends of the planter box portion of the medians are to be Architectural Lighting CBR 36 Cutoff Dome MSB.
Trees
The trees selected are seedless Green Ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica ‘Patmore’) and Honeylocust (Gleditsia tracxanthos ‘Impcole’). The tree grate with up-light is selected to be a Neenah R-8706-A. Each tree is to have a light mounted at its base to provide up-lighting of the tree.

Furnishings
The following furnishings were selected by the committee for the specific reason that they are of the same visual style and shape as the street’s dominant feature, the lighting. Trashcans are to be DuMor, Inc. 84-32-DM with a dome top. Benches are to be DuMor, Inc. 120-60. Tree guards are to be DuMor, Inc. 108-0. Planters are to be DuMor, Inc. 114-0. Circular benches are to be DuMor, Inc. 62-244-72.

City Park
A fountain/water feature is planned for City Park centered on the alignment of Main Street so that it is a visual focal point. This feature, coupled with the pedestrian lighting along the west side and through the center of the park, is for the purpose of tying City Park into the project. The fountain is intended to be the anchor to the Main Street project.

City Entrances
A clean pleasing grassed, flower planted and maintained entrance is planned for each of the city’s three main entrances as further described on page 18.

Drawings of the overall plan, a typical block, and the selected furnishings have been adopted by the committee and are presented on the following pages.
Conceptual rendering of final streetscape showing view from The Ranger
Conceptual rendering of final streetscape near the Post Office
Riverton Mainstreet Revitalization Project
Riverton, Wyoming
RIVERTON MAIN STREET
REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING
Examples of Colored and Patterned Sidewalks as Planned for Riverton
Project Phases

The committee formally recommends that the theme developed for Riverton’s downtown be extended in the future to the other primary corridors of the community. It was felt that having some common feature on all major corridors would provide a unifying citywide theme. This may be as simple as lighting and trees or as comprehensive as all downtown features.

The committee also recommends that as the West Main and Federal Boulevard segments of the project are implemented that the entrances to Riverton also be cleaned up and a pleasing entry sign be constructed. As envisioned these signs at the three main entrances to the city would be sited in a well lit grassed, flower planted and maintained area. The signs would have a common theme, be professionally designed and constructed of precast concrete slabs depicting a river flowing from a mountain range profile.

Phase One
The committee recommends that the first phase of the project encompass Main Street from the recreation path near First Street, east to and including City Park. Decorative lighting is recommended to extend through the center of the park and along the park’s western edge on Federal Boulevard. A fountain/water feature is planned for City Park centered on the alignment of Main Street so that it is a visual focal point. The enclosed concept sketches depict this feature. Major modifications to the highway signage at the east end of Main Street are also recommended. This is recommended in part to reduce visual interference with the planned fountain, but more importantly to reduce the visual clutter imparted by the signs and signal poles. This concept is depicted in the enclosed sketches.

The final inclusion in the first phase of the project is to carry the lighting and trees around the entire perimeter of the downtown parking lot.

Phase Two
The second phase of the project (at a future date yet to be determined) is recommended to extend project elements from the recreation path west to Central Wyoming College and Hill Street. It is recognized by the committee that this phase may require two or more construction projects. When completed, it would give our entire Main Street a common theme and appearance.

Phase Three
The project’s third phase is recommended to encompass one block each side of Main Street (Fremont and Washington streets) from Federal Boulevard west to First Street. This phase may also require more than one construction project.

Phase Four
The fourth and final phase recommended would be to construct the theme on Federal Boulevard from the Wind River north to Prison Farm Road.

The result of the project would be a citywide unifying theme and identity for the entire community. The committee believes that this would meet the objectives listed on page 3 that the community wants to achieve through this project.

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Project Costs

In the opinion of the design team, the total budget for Riverton’s Main Street reconstruction will fall between $5.8 and $6.7 million dollars. The breakdown of these costs is detailed in the Opinion of Probable Project Costs.

In compiling these costs, the design team has collaborated with materials suppliers, contractors, and the Wyoming Department of Transportation. The budget derived should be valid for the next year to 18 months for the purpose of securing funding. Beyond that time frame, the budget should be updated. In making this statement, it is with the assumption that inflation in the construction industry remains below 4 percent per year.

OPINION OF PROBABLE PROJECT COSTS
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**Subtotal of Construction Costs**

$4,206,060.00

**Total Construction Costs**

$4,836,969.00

**Non Construction Costs:**

- Architectural/Engineering Design
  - $483,696.90
- Engineering Construction Monitoring
  - $483,696.90

**Total Non Construction Costs**

$967,393.80

**TOTAL PROJECT COSTS**

$5,804,362.80

**Other Costs:**

- Early Completion Incentive
  - $290,000.00
- Financing Services - Bond Attorney/Bond Underwriting
  - $20,000.00

**Total Other Costs**

$310,000.00

**TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST**

$6,114,362.80

Expected Cost Range $5.8 to $6.7 million dollars
Conceptual Funding Plan

In order to make the project locally affordable, the Riverton Main Street reconstruction will require funding from several sources. In all likelihood, a mix of state, local, and perhaps federal funding will be blended to accomplish the project. The sources of funding that are most promising include:

- Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT),
- Wyoming State Lands and Investments Board,
- WYDOT Transportation Enhancement Activities Local (TEAL),
- City of Riverton Water Account Enterprise Fund,
- Local General Obligation Bond Funding,
- Special Assessment District Bond Funding.

As the Main Street Committee and the City of Riverton pursue funding, additional sources may become available. Those that warrant exploration include:

- U.S. Economic Development Agency Funding,
- Community Development Block Grant Funding,
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Administration programs,
- Other sources as may be identified.

The design team expects, however, that the sources first listed will offer the most promise of funding.
# POSSIBLE FUNDING MIX

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## Estimated Cost Range

- 50% to 65% of total project cost
- 5% to 8% of total project cost

## Project Notes

- Costs are estimated and subject to change.
- Funding sources include federal, state, and local contributions.
- The project is planned for completion within the next 24 months.
Conceptual sketches presented at the October 11, 2000 public meeting.
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TYPICAL BLOCK
ATTN: JIM CORES
FROM: ROB LATTEN
3 PAGES
Downtown

Many Main Street businesses don't have water spigots along the fronts of their buildings and have no way to hose off sidewalks, he said.

Urbigkit said with the decision to buy a new sewer jet, the possibility of adapting an old piece of city equipment to wash sidewalks exists.

Kinzler wondered if council people think Main Street is cluttered.

"Do we have any limits for how much we can put out?" he asked.

"If there are too many flower planters, tell us. If our sandwich signs aren't good, give us a standard size. As property owners, we don't feel we want to come and ask you," Kinzler said.

Confusion about signage regulation is a problem for many business people, Kinzler said.

"There are lots of little gray areas, and that's especially discouraging to people just starting out," he said.

"I think we need some direction from people, because if we're breaking the law, we need to know," Kinzler said.

Committee chairman George Oetken said the city has worked on a sign code in past years.

"People were outraged. So we put it back somewhere, and it's collecting dust," he said.

Oetken said he would try to get "them" to bring the sign code forward.

Addressing parking, Kinzler said he thinks the two-hour limit "is a problem. We have sales people who come and show wares, and if they have to move their cars, it's a problem."

He also mentioned that out-of-town shoppers often need more than two hours to visit multiple stores in downtown Riverton.

When those kinds of people get tickets for parking longer than two hours, it leaves a bad image of Riverton and discourages them from shopping downtown.

"I don't think we need parking limits. We want to keep people downtown shopping," Kinzler said.

After hearing from Urbigkit that the city has budgeted money to erect 45 signs indicating two-hour parking zones, Kinzler said he thought those signs would create more clutter in the downtown corridor.

Police Chief Mike Hays said whether the city has a two-hour parking limit in downtown Riverton "doesn't make a nickel's worth of difference" to the police department. Installing signs would just make the law "more enforceable," he said.

Enforcement of that regulation could end, he said, but he cautioned that the city must continue to enforce parking violations in handicap and loading zones.

Urbigkit asked if he should "hold off" on ordering the signs. Oetken answered "yes, until we decide, and that might be three years."

"I fully agree with what you're saying," committee member Jim Davis said to Kinzler. "It all comes down to dollars and cents."

Davis said there is no master plan "of what to do with downtown. So, we'll toss it back to you. You come back to us with specific projects. The plan should come from downtown business owners."

The approach mentioned by Davis was endorsed by Clay Hendrix, another downtown business owner.

Kinzler expressed his worries about the decline of retail businesses in downtown Riverton.

"If we don't have retail business downtown, we don't have much," he said. "Six retail businesses have closed in downtown Riverton this year. People's image of Riverton has become discount stores."

"We have less to attract people here than we used to," Kinzler said.

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Obituary

Fred D. Miller

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Riverton Main Street Questionnaire

Please express your preference regarding the following items.

Medians:  □ Leave them as they are now
           □ Redo them in a new style
                  □ Raised
                           □ Plantings
                           □ Lighting
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           □ Add medians in side streets
           □ No medians (remove the Main Street medians)

Lighting:  □ No, leave it like it is
           □ Pedestrian/Decorative Lights
                  □ Old fashioned (Historic)
                  □ Contemporary

Bump-outs: □ No, leave curb as is
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Sidewalks: □ Standard - Reconstruct as is
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Comments:
**SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM QUESTIONNAIRE HANDOUT**

**October 11, 2000 Public Meeting**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

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Handouts Left at Various Riverton Businesses Between December 21, 2000 and February 10, 2001
131 Voters

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SUMMARY of COMMENTS

- Simpler is better. Accent the buildings and some intersections.
- Low plantings. No trees.
- Bump-outs - Individual landowners could decide what kind of corner they wanted (within the overall themes)
- Need input from City on their desires and requirements (they could scotch the whole thing).
- Have someplace for garage sale signs to reduce clutter.
- Make sure that trees and plantings do not obstruct driver views.
- Will existing trees be lost?
- Plantings - Flowers and winter greenery.
- Park: Boulder and water idea issuing down Main is very good.
- Like mid-block crossing idea very much - especially by theater.
- Like water feature in park w/pattern in median down the street.
- Like "commerce corner idea.
- Critical to obtain building to knock down to build covered and lighted pedestrian pathway to access parking lot behind North side of Main. That will do more to bring people downtown than anything.
- Special focal points not on every corner.
- Pattern for median and corners. Lighting in bump-outs.
- We need to involve the entire community through a survey, possibly in the newspaper asking the same questions. We must have the whole community supporting this with an assessment district or we cannot afford any extra items.
- Light the sidewalk area without brilliance.
- Bump-outs - Every other block.
- Bump-outs - Not on all blocks - Only Broadway.
- Special Pattern Sidewalks - On corners only.
- Contemporary Lights - Not too many.
- Raised Medians - Not the full length of each block.
- Bump-outs - Maybe every other street corner, alternate sides of street.
- Special Pattern Sidewalks - At bump-outs only.
- Water Feature in Park - Large rocks with waterfall and pool vs. fountain.
- Raised Medians - River pattern.
- Bump-outs - Alternate corners to aid snow removal.
- River theme from fountain/boulders in park.
- River theme down median echoed by river theme at street corners. Boulder from park fountain reflected by smaller boulders in median worked into evergreen plantings. Another fountain at Rails to Trails crossing or repeat of theme for emphasis. Extend up hill.
- Bump-outs - Only on Broadway and Federal and railroad area, etc.
- Water theme at park and running down middle of Main Street is great.
- The less fancy we get, the less time downtown will be under construction.
- Bump-outs - On alternating corners/blocks only.
- I like the river pattern. Would it be possible to use a little glazed tile (blue) to accent the "River"?
• I would like to leave as many of the trees as possible and not take them out or move them in any way.
• In landscaping, use more conifers so it is green year-round.
• For water stream to park, use river rock with "real" water flow. At park spectacular waterfall with lots of native rock and conifers (lots of green).
• I love the waterfall in the park idea.
• Remember to leave room for snow removal and salt and sand removal.
• We need a new look!
• With benches, attractive garbage receptacles.
• Particularly like water feature in City Park.
• Must get City officials involved at this stage.
• Tub planters OK with winter removal.

Comments from Public Handouts

• Brick crosswalks. See Main Street Reconstruction Longmont, CO.
• More plantings and historic lamp posts.
• We said at the beginning of the planning that we didn’t want it like Casper—now guess what! This would be a mess. It wouldn’t make me shop downtown more.
• I still hear a lot of negative comments from the ignorant public. They still think Riverton is initiating the project, it is coming out of their pockets, no need for project etc, etc. I don’t know what can be done to improve this because a large number of Riverton people have evolved into cynical people who form opinions against anything new. You just need to keep reminding the general public of the facts. I think the project will be very positive and improve the image of Riverton.
• Would have decorative lighting in medians. Street lighting is lost in the downtown buildings.
• Bump outs - It is hard enough now to make the corner with long wheel base pickup and not get in the other lane. I see this happen often. It is bad enough now for street crew to clean out gutter of snow and ice - at least it seems that way on south side of street where it doesn’t melt very fast. As one person on Board of Directors of 3 at Masonic Temple Building. I feel a nice clean look that is easy to maintain and safe for everyone year round. I don’t feel being fancy will help bring downtown business, which I want to see.
• Colored sidewalks - red, green, and pink.
• I really like the features in the sketches.
• Don’t make it like Casper - Lander looks good - Do something like that.
• I like Lander’s Main Street with the old fashioned streetlights with flowers and trees nearby.
• Don’t make Riverton’s Main Street like Casper - Straight is nice.
• Casper has problems with their bump outs. Traffic problems are also caused by this.
• I think we need a theme. If we remove the medians, hanging flowers could be used to decorate Main Street.
- Medians - Broadway maybe. I like the architect's idea of replicating lights in front of Post Office.
- Our downtown needs a face-lift. It will instill more pride in our community and maybe attract more shoppers.
- Refund the fees illegally charged to residents in the ½ mile zone.
- Everything such as medians, etc. are fine now. The problem I see is signs and trees blocking the view at intersections.
- Decorative Lighting - Western. Don't want anything that decreases the amount of parking. Don't destroy the trees that are already there.
- Find a way to funnel the bulk of the traffic away from Main Street. Bump outs-put bump outs in and make more parking. Not parallel parking.
- Don't look like Lander. Brighter lights.
- Need brighter lights but not more. Medians-paint to you can see.
- More lighting.
- Leave medians as they are now-plant grass on them. Add medians in side streets-for one block. We need median.
- Side streets need sidewalks worse than Main Street.
- Sidewalks-Cobblestone.
- Contemporary Lights-As long as PP&L will maintain.
- Sidewalks are too narrow to effectively make changes in design.
- Don't change the street!
- The Main Street Committee seems to forget that Main Street Riverton is also U.S. Highway 26. Everything we consume and send away mostly comes in and or goes by truck. Ask the highway haulers, stock haulers, bus drivers, and delivery people what they wish for a Main Street (Highway 26). Why do you want to create obstructions to the smooth flow of traffic on a section of a U.S. highway? A local example of the difference the median strips make, compare the amount of snow remaining on the downtown medians to the clean unobstructed condition of West Main with all the snow removed. Downtown Main could be just as clean as West Main were it not for the median strips. I can't believe the proposed median, bump outs, trees, benches, etc. will improve the amount of business in the downtown. If a merchant has the product the customer wants at the price the customer wants to pay, they will stop. If you insist on obstructing the flow of traffic on Highway 26, maybe we should be considering the installation of a truck bypass route around Main Street.
- Any effort, any improvement would be good. The town is to non-descript, this is a wonderful town and the design should reflect the personality of our town.
- Clean up areas on outskirts of Riverton and in town. Maybe use volunteers or a grant to employ youth in summer. People passing through notice those things and it influences their opinion of our town.
- Remove median strips so as to facilitate snow removal and to cut future maintenance costs.
- Medians-I love the trees and beautiful flowers. I always feel sad when the first freeze comes. Lights-Maybe brighter lights. Leave curbs as they are now-We need the handicap entries to sidewalks. What's wrong with gray sidewalks? Smoother would be nice. Plain sidewalks would be easier for storeowners to clear snow. There
should be better snow removal and gutters mainly on south side of Main. Riverton is wonderful. The only improvement would be not quite so many empty buildings.

- Median no larger or higher than we have with minimal planting area. Water and power-no trees. We need more light on the sidewalk area. Bump out will cause congestion, snow removal and cleaning problems. Sidewalks—with color if reasonable cost. We must be able to sweep and clean snow. Clean and neat is important.
- Need bronzes at entrance of town. Indian history.
- Need bronzes of trapper/Indians rendezvous era at corner of Main and Federal. Historic lights in medians.
- Flowers around trees. Clean medians.
- To get more synergy and community support, use this project to create a community wide clean up and face lift project which involves all people’s energy and involvement. Call the project something like "Riverton Improvements for Lasting Enhancement" (?) RIFLE Project. Having experienced a city wide project when I lived in Lander which was initially borne out the Main Street funding opportunity I saw the whole community raise to the concept of what they called the "LIFE project (Lander Improvements for Everyone). I was enlisted as a block captain in both my residential and business location. My job was to try to get each block resident to clean up trash, paint, move dead vehicles, etc. etc. Paint was sold at near cost from Pamida, Alco and the hardware stores. Everyone, (of course not 100%) but most of the energy was positive. The city got very strict about enforcing already existing codes about weeds, trash, etc. If you go the Lander today, it’s a new town in not only looks but attitude. There’s much more pride in the people, and property values have escalated. My suggestion would be to enlist a close knit group of property and casualty agents and real estate (positive and big thinking) people (They will be big direct beneficiaries of overall community improvement) to design this type of project, of which, the Main Street renovation is a part of the bigger picture. It can be done but it is essential to have a tight and focused team that remains the driving force. I’d love to see our city come alive and beautify itself. Bringing people together/unified in a project that everyone really "deep down" wants is a big undertaking but the benefits will last. New industry, etc, love communities with high self esteem. Change can happen.
- Would like area around trees for flower plantings.
- Bump outs—Only on Main and Broadway.
- Sidewalks as they are now—With colored concrete.
- Leave it up to the people who have to pay for it.
- I want to know how everything will be paid for.
- Don’t mess up a good town.
- Public restroom.
- Medians—Clean them up. If storeowners pulled the weeds in front and side of business would be an improvement. It’s disgusting. It’s crazy to spend money on the above decorative items.
- Will the patterning and colored concrete be more slippery? Can you use ice salt to melt the snow and ice? Also need flowers in the medians.
- Getting rid of the medians would facilitate snow removal in winter, open up the appearance of Main Street, less maintenance, lower costs, facilitate better traffic control. The only benefit of medians is cosmetic.
- I like idea of a crosswalk-mid block by the theater.
- Bump outs-Broadway only. Colored concrete only.
- We need good traffic flow-the 2 lanes going each way.
- Public restroom downtown.
- Make parking spaces uniform. Some spaces are too small or too large. Give us back the colored Christmas lights and the Christmas decorations on the light poles on Main Street. Bump outs are bad with traffic lights.
- Medians-Make this area more distinctive. Lights-the style would depend on the theme. Bump outs-Makes it more pedestrian friendly. Patterned sidewalk-Or brick or some stone to let the citizens know they are in a special section of the town. Please lengthen the walk light time. It is too short and it is hard to sprint across snow/ice.
- Get rid of trees on sidewalk.
- New street and new sidewalks would be great. Otherwise leave fancy things out.
- You need to keep 2 lanes of traffic going each direction (total 4 lanes plus turning lanes). You can make it attractive without spending a fortune. I don’t have a choice of style.
- Colors or patterning are okay as long as they don’t cost too much or create problems for people walking or shoveling snow. If you do anything to slow down or restrict the traffic flow, you will just make a big mess. I shop downtown for the shops available not the décor.
- Leave side streets alone. They were paid for by the property owners. This will lead to lawsuits. Remove trees on sidewalks where there are no traffic lights, i.e. 1st and Main is a traffic hazard.
- Do not do the sidewalks like Worland because they are slick in the winter.
- Add medians in side streets-Just on Broadway. Historic lighting-to match 1940s to 1950s. Some type of loans made available for businesses that will miss revenue during construction so they won’t go out of business because of reconstruction.
- You are wasting everyone’s money. New construction of Main Street is not going to bring the business back there. Don’t even think about going to the side streets for this dumb idea.
- We are way behind other Wyoming towns such as Powell, Lander, etc.
- Level sidewalks from street to buildings. Better snow removal on south side of Main Street.
- Medians with Plantings- Possibly spend money for nursery to plant and care for.
- Medians with Plantings - If properly cared for.
- Leave well enough alone.
- Our downtown district looks fine just as it is, especially during the summer when the flowers and trees are in bloom. If we have to pay a nursery to maintain them, it is a better way to use our monies than new innovations. We also have many streets that need repairing - this money could be used for that.
- Why not spend the money on some nursery to take care of beautiful flowers on the medians, and not worry about fancy lighting, "bump outs" on curbs or medians.
- No medians - Makes plowing snow easier.
- No bump outs - Looks like Second Street in Casper.
John Neel called the meeting to order 7:02 p.m.

Lew moved that the minutes of the April 9 meeting be approved, Tonia 2nd, motion carried. Tonia moved the Treasurer’s Report of $121.68 be approved, Barbara 2nd, motion carried.

Jim Gores reported on the rough draft of the final report. The report covers the history of the project, lists the beginning objectives set in 1999, discusses the conceptual plan, covers decisions arrived at from each public meeting, outlines the phases of the project, and discusses conceptual funding and potential costs. Jim said the appendix would contain all the minutes from Main Street meetings. He said an executive summary and the recommendation to the city council and the council’s action will be included in the final report.

Jim discussed possible funding from Special Improvement District, a General Obligation Bond and WYDOT Teal money. He suggested that the fountain budget stay high for now.

The committee thanked Jim for the good job in preparing the draft.

Jim reported that Item 44 estimated the cost of keeping Main Street open full time during the construction. That plan would increase cost around $1m and add three to four weeks per block to the total construction time. Bud said he was concerned about the financial loss to owners if as many as 3 blocks at a time were shut down completely. Lew said he was more concerned with time and not being able to cross the street anywhere if the entire Main Street project had an open trench at once for replacing water lines. Jim Gores talked about the sequencing that would probably take place during construction. The construction crew would start with removing the surface and opening the trench in the first block. While they were doing utilities in the first block they would strip the next block and as they moved to block three they would close the trench and do the base gravel on the first block, and start utilities in block two. He said that it would be almost impossible to keep a block open while the trench was open for the water line. Bud asked if the committee could recommend which end of the street to begin the project and how to set up detours? Jim said yes, that planning detours and adequate signage was part of the construction process. It was also suggested that the money budgeted for keeping the street open during construction would be better utilized offering an early completion bonus. Bud asked if the incentives for early completion were worth it. Jim said yes that
the early completion incentive was captured on the Lander project.

John reported that in order to prepare for front doors being closed, Powell did a back door push months before the project started and suggested that would be a good project for the Downtowners. He said the drugstore in Powell built a better backdoor entrance and rearranged their store to accommodate the back door business and reported an increase in business during construction. John also reminded those in attendance that there would be front door access and temporary sidewalks during the project.

Jim said the project would probably begin during March or early April to avoid fall weather problems. Storm sewers will not be replaced but some catch basins will be replaced.

Linda moved that a sub committee be appointed to develop an alternate traffic and signage plan to be used during construction, Tonia 2nd, motion carried.

The Committee Recommendation: Start the project on the hill and have a formal traffic plan that gives the most access to business.

The renderings (done by an artist Rob Layton picked) were discussed. Jim said that there is a good chance WYDOT will want to place their lights in mid block and intersections and our decorative lighting (5 per side, per block) will provide the rest of the lighting. He did not recommend the yellow lights. John will approach 1st Interstate Bank to see if they are interested in adding the lights to their parking lot. Jim said all the drawings and pictures of the renderings will be in the final report.

Ed Steel told Jim the highway department would be against designated crosswalks in the middle of the block but had no foreseeable problems with the off set cuts for pedestrians in the median.

Jim said the report should be finished by early next week and WYDOT needs the plan presented to them. Jim asked people to call him with any changes for the draft report. John said he would contact the Major before May 3, to be set on the City Council Agenda. The final draft will be ready for the next meeting to be followed the report to WYDOT on May 8.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 7, 2001 7:00 p.m.
James Gores and Associates
RIVERTON MAIN STREET STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2001
JAMES GORES AND ASSOCIATES, 450-A S. FEDERAL BLVD

IN ATTENDANCE: John Neel, Jim Gores, Mark Kucera, Ed Steele, Tonia Burnett, Linda Bebout, Louis Maulik, Carol Maulik, Lynne Hawk, Barbara Muir, Ron Warpness, Bud Chappell, Gwen Vircks, Jerry Kintzler, Lori Kintzler, JoAnne Clark, Judy Johnson

John Neel called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Bud Chappell moved the Minutes and Treasurer's Report from the previous meeting be dispensed with, Jerry 2nd, motion carried.

Photographs from towns John Neel visited this last week were passed around. John reported that it was interesting to look at the sites three years after his first visit. Speaking about bump outs, he noted that it was critical to leave room to turn and that 36' appeared to be the minimum width to allow for turns to be made cleanly without larger vehicles going into the wrong lane or blocking traffic. He observed turns in each town he visited and found that the 36' in Cody seemed to be adequate, the other towns had problems with turning radius.

John also pointed out how important maintenance is to keeping the Main Street project looking nice. In Worland, Pioneer Park was not being maintained. In Powell, there was damage around restrooms, trash cans were dented and faded and the pours in the sidewalk were moving and the patches were obvious.

John measured galvanized poles and suggested that in order for them not to be so obvious that they be painted a dark green or black. The circumference of poles is 43" for holding one sign and 52" for a pole that holds two signs.

John said that he recommended maintenance as a priority; he said the committee needs to be practical about the project and they need to request a maintenance plan from the City.

Tonia had pictures of lights like the ones chosen by the committee and commented that the dark color was going to be better than a light green. She also had a picture of a fountain.

During an extended discussion of bump outs, committee members recalled that the bump outs were first considered as a place to have benches and display flowers, art and facilitate pedestrians crossing streets. There was general agreement that smaller 10' bump outs would not meet those goals and would require more shoveling. John did say that Powell had purchased a rotary broom and twice a year they power washed their bump outs. He said that he interviewed store owners that said if they were responsible for the cleaning of the bump outs they would not like them. He said that in Cody they just shoveled the width of the sidewalk.
Mr. Steele said that he would check about the pedestrian walkways in the median and get back with Mr. Gores. He said that the higher medians do slow traffic.

The committee discussed presenting two plans to the City Council. They generally agreed that it was important to make one recommendation to keep the City from being left with the same dilemmas this committee had dealt with.

The water feature in City Park was discussed. If the water feature is set back from the street, it is important to leave enough room around the band shell. Jerry said there is a lot of room between the street and the band shell. Jerry said there are three memorial trees that need to be incorporated into the landscape of the water feature.

The Eagle Scouts have offered to paint benches. The Downtowners have dollars for that type of project. The pipe needs to be prepped and it was suggested the pipe around the City Parking Lot be included in the Scout's project. The benches will eventually be relocated to the path, so they need to be maintained. Ed said that Riverton is not scheduled for Main Street work for three or four years, but that it may occur sooner.

Ed reported the State roughly had $3M of the total $5M projected for the highway portion of the project. The City has set aside money for the water lines and for decorative lighting. Ed said that underground conduit for wiring is available from WYDOT and they will be including sidewalk (not the color) in their portion of the project. They also have potential funding for a portion of tree replacement and decorative lighting. Other money will come from grants, loans, bond issues and local funding. Jim said he thinks the committee will be pleasantly surprised at how the cost of the whole project is funded.

The committee agreed they would like to present the plan to the City Council at an open work session before the regular public meeting.

NEXT MEETING (in two weeks)
Monday, April 23, 2001 7:00 p.m. at James Gores and Associates.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
The Main Street Project

Committee Meeting Agenda
April 2, 2001
James Gores and Associates Office

1.) Call to order
2.) Minutes of 3/26 Meeting
3.) Discussion of City Park Fountain
4.) Discussion of Median Appearance
5.) Review of Updated Preliminary Cost Estimate
6.) Discussion of Colorado Springs Airport Entrance Signing and Art.
7.) Other Topics: ____________________________________________________________

8.) Adjournment
RIVERTON MAIN STREET STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2001
JAMES GORES AND ASSOCIATES, 450-A S. FEDERAL BLVD

IN ATTENDANCE: John Neel, Jim Gores, Linda Bebout, Louis Maulik, Carol Maulik, Lynne Hawk, Barbara Muir, Ron Warpness, Bud Chappell, Richard Roller, Gwen Vickers, Jerry Kintzler, Lori Kintzler, Dave Parker, JoAnne Clark, Judy Johnson

John Neel called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Linda Bebout moved the minutes of previous meeting be approved, Barb 2nd, motion carried.

Richard moved the treasurer's report be accepted as unchanged and Judy be approved to buy stamps and envelopes for future mailings, Jerry 2nd, motion carried.

Concept sketches of a fountain for City Park were shown. Jim said that the landscape architect recommended that the fountain be set further into the park to maximize the view coming down the street. Jerry moved that the architect's sketch showing a change in signage be presented to the City Council, Dick 2nd, motion carried. Jerry will add color to the sketch.

Jerry presented photographs of preformed slabs and proposed them as an alternative, more attractive place to hang banners in the park. The committee agreed some arrangement needs to be made for more attractive signage.

Jim presented pictures of medians by Rob. Jerry said that Fort Collins people told him it was important to leave tails on the medians. The tails were left off in Fort Collins and then needed to be added on because drivers would make U turns at the end of the median.

Jerry moved that Rob's drawings be adopted as the concept for the median but modified to show the sloped median sides with a smaller aggregate, off-set pedestrian walk-ways, height approximately 24", and an optional brick cap, Bud 2nd, motion carried.

Estimated Cost Update: Item #23-25 show the cost of color in the concrete vs. gray. The cost is about $14 a square yard to add color.

Item 26- Field painting (touch ups)

Item #45 the water feature estimate between $200 400 thousand.

Item #50 Jim said it would cost approximately 20% more to keep traffic open full time during construction and increase the time to complete the project by 30 to 40%. Jim visited with several contractors and got an estimate of 6 weeks per block average from tear up to resurface. He suggested the cost of keeping Main open at all times during construction could be used to offer an early completion contract and letting the contractor
set the schedule. He estimated the project would run from April or May through August. The question of using the side streets as parking lots was asked; it is up to the committee to recommend. There will be an opportunity to discuss recommendations to orchestrate how the work progresses. Bud said a detour route on Fremont would help his business that is dependent on people driving past his motel.

Jerry said that he had received numerous calls concerning the bump-outs indicating that the people to whom he spoke wanted a bump out on each block. He reminded people that the original plan included bump outs as a place to sit down, display art work and flowers, a place that would beautify the street and offer handicap and elderly an shorter distance across intersections. The original plan of one on every corner was modified to one at the head of each block. Jerry said he would like to make a motion to remove the bump outs voted in last week but would like to continue the discussion of bump outs.

Jerry moved to eliminate the bump outs on Broadway and the bike path, Barb 2\textsuperscript{nd}, motion carried 9 to 2.

The discussion regarding bump outs continued with Linda saying that it was important to make the way for pedestrians easier. In previous discussions the plan called for one bump out at the head of each block according to the traffic flow. Continued discussion centered around concern for the number of parking spaces bump outs would effect. Jim said because the parking spaces are not uniform now, when the resurfacing is complete the new spaces will be equal in size and that will change the number of parking places that now exist. John asked that issue be allowed to settle. That the committee can present two options one with bump outs and one without. Bud expressed that would be unfair to the City Council, that the committee's job was to take them solutions. Ron said he likes the idea of two conceptions that the City Council will also take public input and the idea of bump outs isn't going to go away.

Jim asked the committee to expand their thinking beyond the next five years, as this project will decide the look of Riverton for the next sixty years. He asked what would attract potential buyers and make them select Riverton over other communities. He asked that committee members back away from their emotions and look at what they want the community to be. Customers are those walking by. Jim said providing beauty that people will want to take care of is important and to create a visually delightful community. The project concerns what direction and legacy do we leave for the next sixty years?

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, April 9, 2001, 7:00 p.m.
James Gores and Associates

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
RIVERTON MAIN STREET STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2001
JAMES GORES AND ASSOCIATES, 450-A S. FEDERAL BLVD

IN ATTENDANCE: John Neel, Jim Gores, Mark Kucera, Linda Bebout, Louis Maulik, Carol Maulik, Lynne Hawk, Barbara Muir, Ernie Over, J. R., Ron Warpness, Bud Chappell, Richard Roller, Marlee Meyer, Gwen Vrcks, Jerry Kintzler, Lori Kintzler, Jock Cross, Judy Johnson

John Neel called the meeting to order. At 6:05 p.m.

Following discussion on the placement of bump outs Bud Chappel moved that bump outs be eliminated with the exception of both sides of the street at the bike path and on all corners of Broadway and Main. Linda Bebout 2d, motion carried 7 to 6, with 2 abstains.

People who were not present last week for Kim's presentations questioned the planting plan. Jim explained that was his recommendation was based on the river runs through it theme and a washed aggregate surface on the sides of the median. He also suggested plantings that reflected the Wyoming landscape. Jim further commented that it was the committee's decision what plantings to finally recommend.

Jim will ask for the contractor to present a concept of the median based on the committee's recommendations to show a washed aggregate or river cobble finish on the sloped sides; 18" 24" high; two pedestrian lights; two to three trees; two bollard lights at each end; low maintenance. The suggestion is to leave the tails on the median put tapering them down to 6" to help facilitate traffic control.

Jim was asked to figure sidewalk costs with a design in a different color, all the same texture versus the cost of a plain sidewalk.

Preliminary cost updates include the cost of decorative lights through City Park along the west perimeter of the Park and around the City Parking Lot (Item 32). Jim also included (Item 34) four tree style benches. Item 23 sidewalks include the bump-outs that were eliminated tonight.

The committee decided it was a good time to add the cost of a focal point in the Park (Item 45). Linda Bebout moved that Phase I include the dollars for a water effect in the park at Federal and Main, Lori Kintzler 2d, motion carried. Rob Layton will be asked to present a concept and cost. The committee would like to see a waterfall feature with large boulders (like you would see in the Sinks). They would like it big enough to show and hear the water. Jerry suggested boulders but with flat plains where the water cascades off in sheets. A landscape artist cost, lights, planting and the circulation system would be part of the cost factor. In order to have a water feature the committee will need to coordinate changes to the signage at Main and Federal with the WYDOT.

Bud asked if Jim's cost figures included construction that would not close Main to
traffic. Bud moved to modify the construction costs to include in the projected dollars to conceivably keeping traffic open on Main during the project. Jerry 2nd, motion passed.

NEXT MEETING APRIL 2, 7:00 p.m.
James Gores and Associates
RIVERTON MAIN STREET STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2001
JAMES GORES AND ASSOCIATES, 450-A S. FEDERAL BLVD

IN ATTENDANCE: John Neel, Jim Gores, Mark Kucera, Linda Bebout, Louis Maulik, Carol Maulik, Lynne Hawk, Barbara Muir, Kim Wilbert, Judy Johnson

John Neel called the meeting to order. At 7:03 p.m.

Jim said there was a good turnout at the Home Show where the committee had a booth to elicit further public comment. Mark was there to explain the fixtures and the reasoning that went into the selection and to explain what features would help centralize the theme. Kim Wilbert said that he thought it would be difficult to save any of the current trees to reintroduce onto Main Street because for the most part they weren’t very healthy and they were not uniform in size. Don Ackerman said he would like to have the design embedded in the crosswalks. John said there was an example of concrete work at the golf course, Kmart and the Sundowner where the wet cement was washed to expose rocks to use as a permanent texture to crosswalks. That type of finish will hold paint better too.

Other ideas were going to the public more through civic clubs and asking for more public comments. The committee talked about public responses being about equal for and against on the different concepts in the plan and how hard it was to get a consensus. Vern Heizler reiterated the idea of alternating bump outs so the city can plow snow straight through to the intersection.

Louis asked for an explanation of the grant. The Planning Grant expired December 31, 2000. There was $25,000 approved for the planning process. The committee needs to report to the City so they can be reimbursed $18,000 from the Grant; the City pays the rest. The City has an extension to May 1 to report the committee’s expenses.

Jim talked to people in Fort Collins about their snow removal process. He was told they use a loader. He is waiting for a return call from the main person in Fort Collins responsible for snow removal operations.

Jim and John painted approximate bump outs on some corners on Main Street so there was a visual of what space the bump outs would occupy. John commented on how dirty the street was from the winter and that how important it will be to keep the new street clean. The higher medians will not allow the plow to push snow to the middle of the street. Jim explained the bump outs are in an S curve pattern with a blade radius of 23’. It is difficult to determine how many current parking spaces will be lost. Currently, corners are not the same. When WYDOT puts the parking to code there will be some parking lost.

The committee was asked to remember that this is a 50-60 year plan. Jim said, “Do keep considering what you want. Are you looking for a village atmosphere or to accommodate big truck traffic?” He asked where is the
middle ground to serve the community and business. Lou said we are on a state highway, "Do we want a village or just clean and attractive?" Barb commented that people were complaining to her about bump outs, but personally she would like to see all four corners on Broadway and Main with the bump outs. There was another comment that if there were serious complaints about the plan we would be hearing them on Chit Chat and seeing Letters to the Editor in the paper expressing concern. Common ground for the committee was bump outs on all four (4) corners of Broadway and Main and both sides of Main Street. John said he would like to have as many as possible that were regular attendees to vote on any changes. Jim encouraged people to keep the plan interesting, that it was important to leave it better than the committee found it. He also said this a recommendation and that the Council will need support from the committee. He and John asked that the committee members drive around the painted bump outs. Jim said that they were not painted exactly as they would be placed, that they would be more gently curved than the paint job reflected.

Kim Wilbert presented his recommendations for downtown landscaping (see attached).

Jim reviewed the preliminary cost estimate. He said the first page is primarily the WYDOT expense and the second page refers more to the beautification project. He based it on the Lander cost plus 30% to cover increases over the last eight years. He commented that the benches are more than $1200 and flowerpots could be traded for bike racks. He said after listening to Kim that the tree cost was probably too low and the sidewalk coloring may not be accurate. The committee has not addressed the cost of a fountain or other features in the Park. Nor, have they considered the cost of mid-block access to the City Parking Lot. The cost of the signal system is the States; the beautification cost for lighting is about 10% of the total cost. The City has set aside $75,000 to $100,00 for decorative lighting. The City has also said they would help transplant trees from Main into the Park. The lighting is to be on Federal along the edge of the Park too and around the City Parking Lot.

The committee would agreed that they would like the same lighting fixtures to go into the Park and that some of the around the tree benches would be nice in the Park too.

Another concern is the signage and poles at Main and Federal. That will be up to WYDOT but the committee can lobby for some changes.

The committee asked Jim to redraw the medians without a strip to the corner.

The cost of matching lights for buildings on Main is estimated at between $200 and $350.

Jim was asked to price the grates with upward lights around trees on Main.

Linda said Judy brought her the books, she said there is $122.00 in the treasury. She will
change the address of bank statements to John's house.

THE NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 26, 6:00 P.M. COUNTRY COVE
# Riverton Main Street Redevelopment Planning
## Public Meeting
### March 15, 2001

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The Main Street Project

Committee Meeting Agenda
February 26, 2001

1.) Call to order

2.) Approval of February 12, 2001 minutes

3.) Discussion of plantings and bumpouts

4.) Consideration of any other streetscape elements to put before the public:
   a. Sculpture or Art
   b. Fountain(s)
   c. Centerpiece or anchor theme at City Park
   d. Centralized newspaper boxes, if any, and where do we want them
   e. Traffic signing preferences
   f. Public sound system
   g. Flower pots or planters
   h. Clocks, if any, and where do we want them
   i. Provisions for seasonal lighting
   j. Public restrooms

5.) Review of Preliminary List of Construction Items

6.) Scheduling a public meeting to unveil central theme, take input, and select furnishings

7.) Other Topics: ________________________________________________________________

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The Main Street Project

Committee Meeting Agenda
February 12, 2001

1.) Call to order
2.) Approval of January 29, 2001 minutes
3.) Report on tabulation public input from questionnaires placed in downtown businesses
4.) Report on funding discussion with City Staff - Jim
5.) Report from lighting and fixtures subcommittee
6.) Selection of other streetscape furnishings to put before the public, including:
   a. Sculpture/Art
   b. Fountain(s)
   c. Centerpiece/anchor theme at City Park
   d. Central newspaper boxes
   e. Traffic signing preferences
   f. Public sound system
   g. Flower Pots
   h. Clocks
   i. Rocks

7.) Adjournment

Future Meeting Topics

8.) Provisions for seasonal lighting
9.) Provisions for public restrooms
10.) Scheduling a public meeting to unveil central theme, take input, and select furnishings
11.) Others:
RIVERTON MAIN STREET STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2001
JAMES GORES AND ASSOCIATES, 450-A S. FEDERAL BLVD

IN ATTENDANCE: John Neel, Jim Gores, Vern Heizler, Ron Warpness, Mark Kucera, Bud Chappel, Richard Roller, Linda Bebout, Louis Maulik, Carol Maulik, Tonia Burnett, Lynne Hawk, Jerry Kintzler, Lori Kintzler, JoAnn Clark

John Neel called the meeting to order.

Louis moved the minutes be approved, Linda 2nd, motion carried.
Judy reported she had talked to Sue and that she didn’t have the books with her for an exact amount in checking and that the only check written was for postage and envelopes to reimburse John Neel. Sue asked her resignation as treasurer be accepted, as she is unable to attend meetings on Monday. Linda Bebout volunteered to take the position and was so appointed by John. Judy will pick up the books from Sue. Tonia moved the treasurer’s report be accepted, motion 2nd and carried.

Jim reported that he had a 107 questionnaires he had tabulated since Christmas with public comments. It was noted that from the comments there was confusion about what the committee was trying to do. (Summary in Jim Gores office) John asked if there was any response from the public that would indicated that the committee was going in the wrong direction. Jim said no, that the responses favored medians, lights, plantings, bump outs, sidewalk patterns. Bud suggested that the questionnaire be run in the newspaper. Jim said there have been articles about the questionnaires being out there and Tonia commented that getting a response back from a questionnaire in the paper wasn’t likely. In a previous meeting the vote was to end the surveys with this collection. Comments are always welcome but it is time to put a presentation for a public meeting together for mid March.

Vern Heizler said he had talked to Dwayne Hudson and CDBG grant expired and that the committee needed to close the grant out. He further stated an extension was being applied for but he felt May 1, would be the latest date that would be granted. In order to close out the grant all bills need to be turned in and the result of the study and a planning document needs to be prepared.

A community event to show the plan from the committee and accept input will lead to a final plan. At that point cost elements and sketches for presentation to the Council in May will be made available so the Council can incorporate the plan costs into their budget as a line item. Then the whole concept needs to go to the DOT to obtain their expect date for resurfacing.

Louis asked Vern about clearing snow around bump outs. He responded that snow would be a maintenance problem. Richard believes that owners of corner buildings will be
responsible for snow removal on the bump outs. The committee realizes there will require more maintenance. Lori and Tonia will investigate how other towns handle the bumpouts.

The lighting and fixture sub-committee met with Mark Kucera and developed three different views for the committee to chose from. Pedestrian level lighting is set about fourteen feet. Mark suggested that the lighting fixture be picked first. (Options available at Jim Gores). John thanked the sub-committee for their work. Lynne moved the committee vote on the light fixture, Jerry 2\textsuperscript{nd}, motion carried. The Universe lighting was chosen. Discussion on the hood shape followed. Louis moved for the vote, Lynne 2\textsuperscript{nd}, motion carried. The flared hood was chosen. Lynne moved for the vote for the luminous element, Jerry 2\textsuperscript{nd}, motion carried. The solid ring was chosen.

Following a break, Jerry moved the pole and base be chose, Richard 2\textsuperscript{nd}, motion carried. 2 UCM pole, 18 SLA base was chosen.

Tonia moved that the flare trash receptacle, round element in bench, bench around tree, tree w/flare guard, bike rack and dome bollards be recommend to complete the design. Jerry 2\textsuperscript{nd}, motion carried.

Mark will put a presentation of the selections together. Jim will look at the parking lot to recommend lighting. Recommendations for plantings and bumpouts will be considered at the next meeting to complete the recommendations to be presented at the public meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

James Gores and Associates
Monday, February 26.

Richard moved the meeting be adjourned, Linda 2\textsuperscript{nd}, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:07 p.m.
The Main Street Project

Committee Meeting Agenda
January 29, 2001

1.) Call to order

2.) Approval of January 8, 2001 minutes as mailed

3.) Treasurer's report

4.) Report on public input from questionnaires placed in downtown businesses - Tonia

5.) Consensus discussion on areas that we will recommend be ultimately covered with the theme
   - How far west on Main St.?
   - How far each side of a Main St.?
   - Beginning and end of coverage on Federal Boulevard, if any.

6.) Developing a selection of streetscape furnishings to put before the public, including:
   a. Sculpture/Art
   b. Fountain(s)
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   d. Benches and/or chairs
   e. Trash receptacles
   f. Central newspaper boxes
   g. Traffic signing preferences
   h. Public sound system
   i. Flower Pots
   j. Clocks
   k. Rocks

7.) Provisions for seasonal lighting

8.) Provisions for public restrooms

9.) Scheduling a public meeting to unveil central theme, take input, and select furnishings

10.) Adjournment
John Neel called the meeting to order.

Jerry moved the minutes be approved, Linda 2nd, motion carried. There was no treasurer’s report. Judy will call the treasurer for an up-to-date accounting.

Jim Gores reported delivering about 100 questionnaires. The comments returned to day from the public do not show a consensus toward any one idea. The committee is glad to have the input from the public. A letter (residing in Jim Gores’ files) was read from Dick Ellington concerning the project. Tonia will retrieve the rest of the questionnaires by Saturday, February 10. Jim will tabulate all the public comments and report on the responses as a future meeting.

Tonia said the City was receptive to the ideas from the group working on a policy regarding trees within the City. It was agreed that once the committee has a plan, they should present it to the City first, perhaps as workshop so the Council understands the reasoning behind each portion of the plan.

Comments about funding led Jim to explain that if we were funded like Lander other portions of the community would be included; Lander improvements were supported by more than Main Street owners. The committee concluded they would work toward more participation at the next public meeting to educate people on the reasons behind the choices in the plan. Building owners were assessed in Thermopolis to pay for their project. In Worland, the city planner wrote grants and a citizen donated money for lighting. Riverton hopes to get as many people involved in planning and money from as many different sources as possible.

Ideas from other projects included sub-committees to work on specific parts of the plan, doing a booklet for educational purposes, working on various funding ideas and making recommendations to carry out the theme city-wide.

City-wide recommendations included the idea of a ten-(10) year plan and carrying the theme to the edges of town. After discussion Tonia moved to include Main Street from the light on the top of the hiss at 9th Street West to the bike path and on Federal from the Honor Farm Road through town to the bridge as Phase II. Lynne 2nd, motion carried. Jim moved that the blocks on Washington and Fremont between Federal and the bike path be included in the overall theme as Phase III, Linda 2nd, motion carried. Tonia moved that Phase I include circling the park and city parking lot with lighting and perhaps additional
features of the theme, Linda 2nd, motion carried.

Mark Kucera presented examples of lights and street furnishings. He suggested beginning with choosing lighting. He also suggested choosing a material to work with either concrete or metal for benches, trashcans, etc. The group narrowed down the choices for light fixtures. Tonai moved that Mark put together three (3) packages with the light fixtures and items that would compliment them to present to the committee at the next meeting, Jerry 2nd, motion carried. Tonia and Jerry will work with Mark as a sub-committee.

The next meeting:

    February 12, 2001
    7 p.m.
    James Gores and Associates.

Meeting adjourned 8:36 p.m.
The Main Street Project

Committee Meeting Agenda
January 8, 2001

1.) Call to order

2.) Approval of November 13 minutes as mailed

3.) Treasurer's report

4.) Report on public input from questionnaire set up at downtown display

5.) Review update of sketch of typical block

6.) Discussion of the areas that are ultimately to be covered with the theme
   - How far west on Main St.?
   - How far each side of a Main St.?
   - Beginning and end of coverage on Federal Boulevard, if any.

8.) Adjournment

Topics for Upcoming Meetings:

1. Any unfinished decisions from tonight's meeting

2. Developing a selection of streetscape furnishings to put before the public, including:
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RIVERTON MAIN STREET STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001  
JAMES GORES AND ASSOCIATES, 450-A S. FEDERAL BLVD  

IN ATTENDANCE: John Neel, Jim Gores, Ron Warpness, Jerry Kintzler, Mark Kucera, Richard Roller, Don Aycock, Barbara Muir, Carol Maulik, Louis Maulik, Lynn Hawk, Linda Bebout, Tonia Burnett, Judy Johnson  

John Neel called the meeting to order.  

Minutes - Linda Bebout moved the minutes be approved, Barbara 2nd, motion carried. Treasurer’s Report No change. Dick moved the report be approved, Tonia 2nd, motion carried.  

John Neel said that Vern Heisler and the Mayor Bill Eichler stopped by his office to talk about the sketch. They said the City isn’t concerned about anything presented to date as long as there is no median on Broadway. The City expects the Main Street Steering Committee to guide them. In discussing snow removal, they indicated they would like a straight shot to an intersection for easier snow pickup. Continued discussion of snow removal centered on how to remove snow from bump outs because the plow would not be able to clear them. They will require shoveling or perhaps a lawn tractor with a blade. The committee felt it was important to ask the city to remove snow properly and promptly. There was no discussion during the meeting with Mr. Heisler and Mr. Eichler about maintenance of trees. Tonia reminded the committee that another group is planning to approach the city about a tree friendly ordinance. John Neel said he was satisfied after the meeting that the steering committee won’t be surprised by the City when the committee does reach a consensus on plans for Main Street.  

It was suggested that the cost of purchasing a store for space for a walkway and the cost of building a walkway to the city parking lot be obtained.  

There were three questionnaires filled out at meeting time. More questionnaires will be distributed throughout the city along with the concept drawing. Tonia will distribute them along Main Street where they will be left for one month. Another article in the paper is needed to alert citizens that the questionnaires and drawing are in the Main Street businesses and asking for response.  

Jim led the continuing discussion of how the typical block should look. His personal feeling is that color concrete, with an integral color would be more interesting, structurally sound, and just as durable as solid gray. He is concerned about texture not providing the needed contrast to convey the design. He said that at some time there would be concrete torn up in front of buildings and the color concrete would be easier to match than texture. The idea is to put the interest in the median and bump outs utilizing foliage. It was concluded that it would be best to figure the cost with and without the design in the sidewalk. Jim said that he can get test strips of how the concrete would look. He also pointed out that having personality in everything would appear too busy.
John agreed that simple is cleaner and that the raised median with a brick collar that matches the brick on the buildings would be a clean look. There is already a drawing that displays how the raised median would look.

Other concerns were discussed. Crosswalk patterns and bricks can be worn down by tires. Owners would be responsible for installation and maintenance of heat coils in the corners and on the south side of Main Street if they wanted them. It was suggested that all four corners on Broadway and Main have bump outs and that other corners use opposite sides to aid in snow removal.

The committee thought the first phase of revitalization should be from the railroad pathway to the park and future phases extend the unifying theme with its common elements to other areas. Other areas considered were from the railroad path up the hill to 5th Street, around the park, down Federal. The committee’s duty is to look where the community is heading as things change and recommend that other places unite with the theme. Ideally, the project will continue up Main and down side streets. Hopefully the unification of theme will be a long time community goal. Costs will be a factor. Wyoming law says costs have to be distributed equitably in an improvement district. The group involved has to decide what is equitable and affordable. Tonia moved that the initial Main Street Project encompass the Main Street from the Depot at First Street to the City Park. The motion was amended to read through the City Park, Linda 2nd, motion carried.

Linda moved that the deadline for having a proposal ready for the first of four phases be June 1, 2001. Lynne 2nd, motion carried.

The committee agreed to step up the number of meetings to two a month. The NEXT MEETING is MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2001 AT 7:00 P.M. at JAMES GORES AND ASSOCIATES.

Meeting adjourned.
The Main Street Project
Agenda
December 4, 2000 Committee Meeting

1.) Call to order

2.) Approval of November 13 minutes as mailed

3.) Treasurer's report

4.) Discussion of public questionnaire for downtown display

5.) Discussion of revised sketch of a typical block as mailed out.
   - Further modifications/improvements to the conceptual theme
     - Sidewalk pattern
       - River pattern full length or partial
       - Patterning in non-river areas
         ✓ Broomed
         ✓ Smooth
     - Sidewalk color
       - Gray only
       - Colored River on gray background
       - Colored throughout
     - Tree placements
     - Bump-outs
       - On Main St., side streets, or both
       - Mid-block
         ✓ Which blocks?
     - Medians
       - Where:
         ✓ On Main St., Federal, or both
       - Style:
         ✓ Raised with river rock on bevel sides
         ✓ Plantings, trees, or both
         ✓ Lights
   - Approval of concept theme

6.) Report on meeting with City Staff regarding their participation and input

Further decision items, if we can get this far:

7.) Discussion of the areas that are ultimately to be covered with the theme
   - How far west on Main St.?
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8.) Adjournment
Topics for Upcoming Meetings:

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IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Gores, Ron Warpness, Bud Chappell, JoAnn Clark, Jerry Kintzler, Barbara Muir, Carol Maulik, Louis Maulik, Lynn Hawk, Linda Bebout, Judy Johnson

Jim Gores called the meeting to order. Jerry moved the minutes of the November 13 meeting be approved as submitted, Linda 2nd, motion carried. No treasurer’s report was given.

**Questionnaire**
Jim shared a sample Questionnaire designed to leave with the display of the proposed changes to Main Street. The object of the display is to elicit comments from the general public. Jerry suggested that the display should be corrected to show the latest changes. Linda asked that a copy of the new drawing be included in the display. Lou said that the focal point is to let the public know that this is an opportunity to beautify Riverton’s downtown area because of the DOT plans for the Main Street. The group liked the idea of a preamble to the questionnaire that explained the project. They suggested Ernie Over write an article, to be printed in the Ranger, inviting people to Sertoma to see the display and fill out the questionnaire. The group would like a signature line added to the questionnaire in the hopes that would cut down on silly ideas and give a contact name to the committee to discuss comments.

Linda moved that a paragraph be added to the questionnaire to explain that the State is resurfacing Main Street and the City is replacing the water main. She further moved that a place for an optional name and phone number be added to the questionnaire. Jerry 2nd, motion carried.

**Revised Typical Block Plan**
Discussion on the typical block plan was held. The sidewalk design would be in concrete and would be flat with a troweled joint that would not be in a straight line. The river pattern would run the full length of the sidewalk. The smooth part of the sidewalk would be a steel trowel finish and river pattern section would be a broomed finish. Cindy Pfister said she would welcome committee members to look at the river rock pattern in her driveway. Lynne suggested we table the discussion until some installations could be looked at. Linda 2nd, motion carried. Jim said other options to consider include embedded rock in the concrete. Jerry said he would take pictures of some examples of local work.

Color: Jim said that dark colors are more expensive and harder to sweep clean, integral colors don’t fade. There is always an option to do color in the bump outs if the committee chooses, but gray with a textured design is less expensive and easier. The committee liked the natural concrete gray.
Cost: The cost would be the difference paid between what the State pays and what the committee chooses. The cost in Lander to business owners was $1570 for a half lot. Jim said, the cost in Riverton can’t be calculated until we determine what is wanted, then, if it is more than is affordable the plan can be trimmed back.

Trees: The trees on the street now could be moved to the bike bath but probably not moved and held to place back on Main. It was recognized that at some point trees obstruct signage. Jim said that there are options to manage that problem. There was a question about who is responsible for trimming trees, the business owners or the city? Jim reminded members there is the option to use greenery, but not tall trees. The committee agreed to limit trees to the current number on Main and that they would like them placed both in the median and on the sidewalks.

Mid-block Bump Out: The committee liked bump-outs on Main and side streets. The mid-block bump out is a concern because it cuts down on parking and loading access. It was suggested that the median be opened to allow pedestrian traffic to cross at mid-block. Jerry moved that there not be a bump out in the middle of blocks, Linda 2nd, motion carried.

Medians: There was discussion regarding placement of medians on side streets. Jerry moved that the committee work toward medians only on Main Street, Bud 2nd, motion carried. Jerry further moved that the medians be raised, with sloped sides, beveled edges and that an imbedded rock pattern be stamped in the sides, Linda 2nd, motion carried. Jerry also moved that the medians hold rocks, trees, other plantings, flood lights on the trees and outlets to accommodate seasonal lighting, Bud 2nd, motion carried.

Crosswalks: The committee discussed designs for crosswalks. There was question as to where a special design should be implemented, whether in all crosswalks or just at Broadway and Main? The crosswalk needs to be apparent to all traffic and could be stamped or painted. Linda moved that the committee explore further into crosswalk designs, Jerry 2nd, motion carried.

Jim visited with the City staff about representation on the committee. They have been reading the minutes and feel it is not fair or ethical, since they are responsible for reviewing the plan, that they be involved in the development of the plan.

The remainder of the agenda was tabled until the next meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001
Jim Gores and Associates
7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.
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John Neel opened the meeting at 7:06 a.m.

Treasurer’s Report: John reported an expense of $68.73 for envelopes and stamps. Tonia moved the report be accepted, there was a 2nd. Report accepted.

Jim Gores presented a concept sketch based on the votes from the public meeting. He said he incorporated the most popular ideas from the previous public meeting. A typical block shows crosswalks at the theater, diamonds at the intersection, bump outs on main and side streets, a median on Broadway and the river feature on the Main Street median. He explained that at this point the drawing is still purely conceptual. Jerry said that he was confused by the presentation at the public meeting. He expected the river theme to be carried out in the sidewalks. Jim explained that the river down the middle would be hard to make. With the median raised the design would need to be on the sides.

There were comments that the fire department would not be happy with a median on Broadway. It was decided to leave it in new drawings because it was selected during the public meeting.

Jerry said he had a neat comment from a lady in the store about keeping the bump outs simple. She had told him the ones in Rapid City are a mess because they catch all the trash. John commented that the same thing happens in Worland.

Tonia commented we needed to meet with the city early on, especially with a new city council in place. She reported that she was working with a group to change a city ordinance to a tree friendly ordinance to protect the trees in public places. She said that Lander needed to have their ordinance changed in order to protect their trees.

Louis Maulik expressed concern that community members think the Main Street business people are responsible for the changes being proposed for Main Street. He wants the committee to take every opportunity to explain that the committee is taking the opportunity of the DOT’s street job to enhance the looks of the City for everyone. That it is NOT a project to make money for downtown business people. He said that the letters in the paper have been primarily negative and that we need to rally public support.

Discussion followed that the purpose of the public meetings was to fully explain the project and that it is not a quick process. Jim said the drawings are on display at Sertoma. John said that he has been on ChitChat four times and will continue to take every opportunity that is afforded him to bring the project to public attention. He
commented there are several people on the committees that are not attending meetings that need to be encouraged to attend. Discussion continued that the paper is good about articles and there seems to be a good cross-section of the public that attend the public meetings. Lander is receiving a lot of positive reaction to their main street project. The committee realized that there will always be mixed comments, that you can't expect 100% approval and it is important to do the best you can. There was concern about the cost and who would pay the bill, but realization that a plan must be formulated before the cost could be determined. The committee agreed that you can not inform people too much. When there is 85 to 90% committee agreement on a typical block it will be time approach the city and to publish in the newspaper.

There was discussion on a possible survey of public opinion. The idea was tabled for a later time.

John will contact Vern Hizler and make the committee concerns known to the city and encourage him to attend meetings.

The committee liked some of their old ideas the best, to keep the look simple. Ideas included using textured rocks stamped into the sidewalk edge, using gray on gray pavement, making the park more accessible and highlighting a fountain of rocks at the end of Main Street in the park.

Questions and comments about bump outs. Bump outs soften buildings. Who will be responsible for keeping the bump outs and down ramps clear of snow arose John said that the corner building owners removed snow around corners now. Other concerns voiced were about street snow removal if there were bump outs on all corners.

Jim said the task is to implement the theme into something we can implement, keeping in mind the objective of making downtown pedestrian friendly. Then sort out the type/selections of styles to put before the public before another public meeting. The committee wants a distinctive look for our community. The process is not easy and they need to keep hashing things out to make it work continuing towards a final idea.

Tonia moved that the plan keep the raised median with out a design in the concrete, the riverbed theme be implemented on sidewalks, include mid block crosswalk(s), bump outs be designed on main and the side streets and the fountain in the park. Lynn 2nd, 12 for, 2 oppose. Jim will redraw the concept. Johns asked him to include the brick edge on the median. Jerry asked about the idea of using chevrons in crosswalks instead of straight lines to pull in Native American design.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., December 4, 2000, at James Gores and Associates, 450-A, Federal Blvd. Jim will have the redraw complete. (Note: redraw will be included in mailing of minutes)

Meeting adjourned 8:31 p.m.
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Rob Layton and Jim Gores reviewed the information from the previous meeting prefacing their presentation of ideas. Rob explained that the drawings were a preliminary step to incorporate the committee's ideas into possible scenarios for the improvements to Main Street.

A review of the ideas previously presented listed a water theme (River Town), lights in the trees in the median, more parking and connecting to off-street lots, public restrooms, raised medians, evergreens in the median, different sidewalk textures, awnings, consistency of signage no aluminum, a music system, more/less trees and flowers, murals, heated walks on the south side, bike racks, consideration of pedestrian Vs traffic needs, drinking fountains, where is the "heart" of Riverton, connecting to the river, and drinking fountains. Some of the positive things the committee likes about downtown are the art gallery, movie theaters and coffee shop; some of the negatives are the disrepair of the sidewalks, shabby storefronts and signage.

Rob explained the different options pictured in his drawings:

Option 1 bumping out curbs at intersections, this view showed bumps into Main and into side streets. He said they did not have an accurate map of downtown yet. He also said the scope of the project has not been finalized as yet.

Option 2- Main Street curbs were unchanged and only the side streets were bumped out. Crosswalks could meet or be separate. Medians could be placed in side streets allowing pedestrians to cross the street in segments. The bumps take approximately 25' off the distance to walk across the street.

He explained that bending Main Street lanes could capture the end of the block to give a wide median in Main Street. The result is a loss of corner parking but it can happen on one side of the intersection, bending every other block. Rob showed pictures of Longmont, CO., which is comparable in size to Riverton. Their main street is a federal highway. To compensate for off street parking they created mid-block passages ways that could be used in Riverton with or without a bump out where the passageway meets the curb. He also explained it would be nice to have wider walks in front of theaters and that might be a good place for a mid-block crossing.

Five (5) main things were incorporated into his examples of sidewalk treatments. He reminded the group they preferred not to use colored pavement.
Pattern 1: BigRiver/grid w diamond shows a river pattern in the sidewalk down the full block.

Pattern 2: has a piece of river theme at intersections instead of the whole block. It would be cheaper to focus on intersections.

Pattern 3: a simple square grid that features patterns in buildings. They could be made with pre-case pavers. This view takes the river pattern down the median or up on the median and down into the street. The diamond pattern is in the intersection.

This also features a focal point that starts in the park. It could feature the water theme with boulders and water jets or a fountain with the paving pattern spilling out of the feature and down the middle of the road. It could incorporate the boulders into the median to carry out the theme.

Pattern 4 features diamond corners and simple square grid.

Different ideas for the bump-outs on corners were presented:

Idea 1: Café corner with café tables and a railing to separate the area from the sidewalk. It could incorporate large flowerpots, different paving patterns, umbrellas, etc...

Idea 2: Social corner with a table with a built in check board, river pattern in the walks, chairs (he recommend little arm chairs over benches so users would not be facing with their back to the traffic or the sidewalk). The chairs would be bolted in place and are more comfortable than a bench without a back.

Idea 3: Commerce corner with vending carts, message kiosk, racks in combined units for printed media, trash cans, club chair groupings and flowers.

Idea 4: Play corner modeled after the Pearl Street play area in Boulder, CO., featuring rocks for kids to climb on and a cushion area around the rocks. It could feature play sculpture, small animal sculpture for the kids to climb on. Seating could be cut out of boulder. The city would be liable as they were in public playgrounds.

Idea 5: Landscape corner with a sidewalk that meanders through landscaping.

Different lighting ideas were reviewed. Contemporary fixtures can still fit in nicely with a restoration area. Placement could be anything, in the median, on the walks, only at intersections, every 50'; there are a lot of options. For shade canopies could be used, trees, or an arbor. Other ideas for interest include a
large clock or fountains.

Raising and sloping medians helps prevent splashing and offers protection for plants while the draining protects pavement.

WHAT'S NEXT

1) Input on style and configuration
2) Coming back with a more consolidated theme and getting into specifics on lights, paving patterns, features, what to do in different areas.

Jim Gores said there is no specific feedback from the highway department yet but they are planning to do pavement on Main Street that includes replacing the 1920 water line that goes down the middle of the street. The city is charging enough on water bills to be able to pay for the water line replacement. Curbs would be part of the highway department redo of the street but responsibility for sidewalk replacement is an unknown, although WYDOT’s main street project was building line to building line. Jim said that Worland is a good example of getting the bump-outs incorporated into the highway department’s planning and he doesn’t expect Riverton would be treated differently. The current highway department plan to do Riverton Main Street is on or before 2004.

Barbara asked if the committee would get a price sheet to work from? Rob said that after the committee chose their preferences he could develop a price sheet that could be changed easily as different options were considered.

Tonia asked, that as a professional, Rob indicated his preferences of the ideas he presented. He said it was only his opinion but that he would like to see simpler and nicer but to avoid big attention draws. He liked the diamond patterns because they were already on the buildings and didn’t compete with the present architecture. He liked the special focal points at some or all of the intersections. He liked the river theme down the middle of the street but, didn’t think is should be overdone. The bump-outs have merits, like the median in the street but to widen the sidewalks, the left turns need to be removed.

There was a question about the bump-outs causing drivers to feel constricted? He explained in a subtle way the cause drivers to slow down; the enhanced vision but you lost about one space of parked at the corner. The city has indicated they would prefer bump-outs only on opposite ends of blocks because of the problems they would have with snow removal. The need for adequate draining to help with the snow and ice problem on the south side of Main Street was brought up. John Neel said that more drainage is already in the plan and that he feels the attention to snow removal is already better. Heated walks would be up to individuals but it can be done as sidewalks are poured. There are different types and they vary in upkeep and expense.
The group was invited to pick which features they were most interested in and to fill out a questionnaire about their preferences.

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting is Monday, November 13, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at James Gores and Associates, 450-A S. Federal Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned 8:33 p.m.

Judy Johnson
For the Committee
Riverton Main St. Planning Meeting
October 11, 2000

Attendance List

Name

Jim Gomes
Bob Lupton
ERNIE OVER
Lee Peters
John Hall

Judy Johnson
Bud Draper
Barbara Main
Richard Rollins
Lee Main
Carl Maulik
Tom Wagner

ALAN MOORE
Tim Moore

Linda Winkler
Bud Burrow

Jenny Bedott

Bjorn Hauk

Donia Lesselton

Shinda Denison 221 E. Main (Send minutes of all meetings)

Daniel Bell

11/13 next meeting at our office, Mon. 7:00
MAIN STREET PROJECT
September 14, 2000

PRESENT:
John Neel
Sue Peters
Lynne Hawk
Jody Coleman

Jerry Kintzler
Jim Gores
Linda Bebout
Mark Kucera

MEETING TO ORDER: Chairman John Neel called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM on Thursday, September 14, 2000 at the offices of James Gores & Associates.

Linda moved that the minutes of the August 18, 2000 meeting be approved, seconded by Jerry and carried.

Sue stated there was no official treasurer’s report at this time as little activity had taken place in the checking account. She had just written a check for $19.57 to the Ranger Printers for sending out meeting notifications. She will present a financial report at the next meeting.

TOWN MEETING: With regard to the letters in the Riverton Ranger, John felt it would not be appropriate to respond as he does not want to have to respond to all others. Tim Thorson, Chamber Director had put a very good letter in the paper and that should suffice.

Jim said we need to consider preparing an Agenda or Statement of Facts or a list of what we see as options, benefits, etc. to the community. We need to state that WYDOT will be redoing Main Street as it is old and needs to be redone. The community can have input into the project. The Statement of Facts could then be posted in a public place, such as the Sertoma Building, and could be updated after each meeting.

John felt the names and phone numbers of the steering committee and what the members do should be posted so the public will know that it is not just John Neel and Jim Gores.

It seems that the biggest question people are asking is – what’s it going to cost? And we should let it be known that we are working on that.

The issue of a theme started the discussion. Jerry drew what he envisioned as the theme of Riverton – A river or rivertown. He showed those present his concept of paving, etc. and after seeing his drawings, the Rivertown theme was adopted.

Jim then asked what Rob Layton was to express in his next drawings. After a lengthy discussion, the following list emerged and is to be forwarded to Rob.
1. Rivertown – a river theme with river rocks, gravel and sand weaving its way down the street. In gray colors. Probably stamped concrete as opposed to pavers.

2. Trees in the median (if it is kept), trees on the sidewalks and under tree lighting or on tree lighting. Lighting in the median. Perhaps a raised median with river rock on the sides but kept smooth enough to walk on without falling.

3. Decorative pedestrian lighting. Jim stated that WYDOT will pretty much dictate this matter.

4. Median could (should) have an "island" effect, similar to the sidewalks. Rob should also sketch of the street without a median.

5. Flowers and greenery.

6. Bubbles around the corners on alternate corners.

7. Light concepts should tie in with the building owners' ideas on building lighting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2000 at 7:00 PM at the School District #25 meeting facilities at 121 North Fifth West.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.
Meeting Agenda

1. Introduction

2. Purpose and Expected Outcome of This Meeting

3. Project Overview and Timeline

4. Format of This Meeting

5. Program Slide Presentation

6. What Works and What Does Not

7. Discussion and Workshop
   - Issues and Concerns
   - Opportunities
   - Ideas

8. Summary and Conclusions
   - What Happens Next?
Public Meeting

8/14/00

MCE School Bldg.

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George Kantzler 856-4280
Mary Kantzler
Tonya Burnett
Nancy Shelton 856-7437
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Bill & Michelle Winter
Donna Clark 856-2244
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1. John Neal (MFP Chairman) introduced the Main Street Redevelopment Effort and offered a brief history of this effort. John stated that this meeting tonight is the first public input meeting and that there will be several others to follow as the plan evolves. John turned the meeting over to Jim Gores as the Lead Design Consultant.

2. Jim first pointed out that an agenda had been developed and copies of that were handed out. Jim also mentioned that a questionnaire survey had been prepared and requested all in attendance to complete that survey form and return to the design team.

3. Jim stressed that the primary purpose of the initial meeting was to listen to interested citizens and that there were no intentions to make any decisions at this meeting. Jim went on to explain the general phasing of the planning effort in that the first phase would be the gathering of public input such as being done tonight. The next phase would be to evaluate and synthesize the public input, along with the thoughts and ideas from the design team, into a conceptual sketch of what Main Street could be. The next phase would involve review and refinement of the concept and development of a master plan which would include things such as the master plan, associated costs, scope of the plan, and the geographical extremities of the proposed development area. All information would be compiled into a master plan document which would then be used for pursuing funding and incorporation into the repavement of Main Street when WYDOT has that work scheduled into their program. Jim then turned the meeting over to Rob Layton.

4. Rob started by reviewing a “flip chart” that Jim had prepared which basically outlines the philosophy of the design team as it pertains to Main Street, Riverton. Rob touched on the high points on the flip chart as he went along, pointing out such things as listed below:

   a. Downtown is the heart and soul of the community
   b. Downtown is the visual face of the community
   c. Main Street is the place or the theater for special events
   d. Main Street must present a positive image to benefit the community
   e. Everyone in the community should be allowed a say in what Main Street is and what Main Street should become.
   f. Main Street should portray the unique character of Riverton.
5. Rob stressed that downtown is probably the core of the community but it is more important to think of it in terms as how this area related to the entire community.

6. Rob explained that he had a number of slides to show and that he would run through these fairly quickly. The first tray of slides includes shots from around Riverton intended to point out issues and opportunities as they exist around the community. As the slides were presented, Rob mentioned that for the most part, Main Street could currently be viewed as "anywhere" downtown and that the character of Riverton should be drawn out to allow a lasting impression that would stay with both visitors and members of the community. The citizens in attendance offered several pertinent comments during presentation of the slide show and they are as follows:

   a. When mentioned that the light posts in front of the Post Office were appealing, one member suggested that perhaps that was a result of the curvilinear form of the globe.
   b. It was pointed out that modular pavers (bricks) may not be a desirable walking surface for people who rely on the use of canes or walkers.
   c. It was stressed that maintenance is very important to presenting a positive image, things such as burned out light bulbs in multi-globe light fixtures and cracked or deteriorating pavement are very noticeable details in a downtown area.
   d. One person stated the belief that the medians make the downtown area much more pleasant than the feeling of a large vacant corridor that might exist otherwise.

7. After the slide show, Rob listed items which he, as an objective observer, feels are positive features that currently exist in downtown Riverton and these include:

   a. Presence of a Post Office downtown
   b. Retail shopping downtown
   c. Two movie theaters downtown
   d. Restaurants or places to grab a bite to eat downtown
   e. Actual residential units downtown
   f. Trees throughout the downtown area
   g. The existence of a large and nice park adjacent to downtown

8. Rob then asked the citizens present for any questions or comments that they might have regarding the image and environment downtown. The comments and suggestions include items such as:

   a. Little clear lights in the trees year round
   b. A water theme such as a fountain or waterfall
   c. Fountains
   d. More parking or perhaps a better visual connection between the parking and Main Street
   e. Public restrooms
   f. Development of a focal point, possibly in the City Park at the intersection of Main and Federal
g. Sculptures
h. Narrower median, possibly with the center area raised slightly and some type of vegetation that would have green or color year round and or lights in the medians
i. Two different textures in the sidewalks, a rougher texture near the street and a smoother texture near the store fronts and a coordinated awning system which would keep the areas in front of the store fronts protected from the elements
j. Consistency or a less chaotic display of signs
k. Less aluminum
l. A sound system and possibly a connection to the band shell in the park so that when, for example, Hot Nights, Cool Notes program is going on, the music could be piped through to the downtown area.
m. Drinking fountains
n. Up lighted tree grates
o. More trees
p. Fewer trees
q. Art Murals and/or sculptures
r. No galvanized light poles
s. Banners
t. Benches, possibly three per block, orientation of the benches being important
u. Heated sidewalks
v. Bike racks

9. Rob then offered a list of items that he believes could add to the vitality of downtown Riverton, and these include:

a. Tables on the sidewalks for possibly grabbing a bite to eat
b. Recreation
c. Special events such as arts and crafts shows, auto shows, farmers market, car wash, skating rink, hot dog carts, areas with equipment for children to play on.
d. These events could happen in empty lots around and/or in the areas of the side streets.

10. Rob then opened the meeting up to a general question/answer session.

Question - Is the width of the sidewalks fixed?

Answer - Probably to within a few inches and the width would be dependant upon whether the medians stayed or where removed.

Question - Do we want a pedestrian friendly space in downtown?

Answer - This is one of the items we need to address and there would most probably be three different spaces; vehicular, pedestrian, and theater or open communal space.

Question - Do we want a theme such as old west/Jackson Hole or Kennedy Space Center?
Answer - This needs to be worked out, but probably consistent with the strengthening of the character of Riverton, Wyoming.

Comment - Do we want to constrict traffic flow along Main Street, and if we do, then a bypass will probably happen sometime in the future.

Comment - We need to consider more than just the downtown core or the city limits and need to consider the impact on the 10 or 15 mile radius around Riverton.

Comment - Riverton has some residual vitality and our effort here might be more appropriately termed maintenance rather than redevelopment.

11. Rob then asked several questions of the audience, questions that are similar to the ones on the questionnaire/survey.

• Where is the heart of Riverton?

  Broadway and Main, 300 Block of Main, Bi-Rite or Wal-Mart

• Where should it be?

  Broadway and Main

• What would you do if you went downtown?

  Visit an art gallery, go to a coffee shop, go to a movie

12. One person suggested it was a chicken and egg situation, do we offer amenities hoping to draw people downtown or do we only provide the amenities as people downtown demand them.

• What do you like most about downtown?

  Flowers and trees, a relatively clean environment, the Acme Theater marque, The Riverton Depot

• What do you like least about downtown Riverton?

  Shabby store fronts, inadequate street lights, disrepair of the existing furnishings, chaotic signage

13. Several comments were offered by the people in attendance and these include:

a. People say they want to live in Lander, not Riverton because Lander is “charming” and the charm is the result of the efforts along Main Street. This situation is effecting
property values in Riverton.
b. The name Riverton implies a river, but there currently exists no public access to the river.
c. We should look into the cost of extending the theme beyond Main Street.
d. Need to pay attention to the entrances into the city
e. Where the bikepath crosses Main Street, there is potential for a special node.
f. Riverton has been and should continue to be a “modern” and progressive city.

14. Question was asked, “what’s next?” and Jim Gores replied that the design team will be taking what has been discussed tonight and pulling the different elements together into conceptual sketches. These sketches will then be brought back to the community for discussion.

15. Question was asked, “when in the process will costs and cost sharing be discussed?” to which Jim replied towards the end.

16. Question was asked “who decides who pays how much?” to which Jim replied, everyone including business owners, property owners, and the general public.

17. The meeting ended shortly after 9:00 p.m.
Main Street plans shown Thursday
Public meeting on downtown improvements starts at 7 p.m.

By Ernie Over
Staff Writer

Riverron's Main Street redevelopment project is beginning to take shape, and the third and perhaps final public meeting on the project is scheduled Thursday.

Following two years of planning and community input, the Main Street Project Steering Committee will unveil its proposal for the street design and other improvements at the Thursday meeting, set for 7 p.m. at the School District 25 Administration Building.

The proposed design calls for "sidewalk bump-outs" on each street corner along Main Street from City Park to the start of Trailhead pathway, with decorative lighting, park benches, trash cans and planters to be featured in every block. The plan calls for the center median strip to be retained, but landscaped in height and containing lighting, landscaping and a drip-injection system.

Committee President John Neal said the design was displayed at the past weekend's housing fair in Rockwall, "and there was overwhelming support and enthusiasm for it," he said.

Decorative pedestrian lighting, with four or five poles per block, is a centerpiece of the proposed Riverron Main Street improvements.

The engineer for the project, Jim Goree, said 120 people were not in favor of any improvements stopped by the home show display.

"Next year, a new concept, the project was proposed because the Wyoming Department of Transportation is going to tear up Main Street anyway, and this is our chance to rebuild it the way we want it," he said.

At previous public meetings, various options for the street design were proposed, and members of the public were able to "vote" by placing stickers near the features they most wanted to see incorporated into the design.

"We've taken those votes, plus the other comments we've received, and come up with this final design," Goree said. "We detailed information from a number of sources, plus our own research, to come up with these suggestions. People now have something concrete to look at."

Neal said two out of every three people wanted the street bump-outs, to increase the safety factor for pedestrians. They'll be closer to the corner, and I think the design really gives a personality to the street," he said.

Even though Goree said this will most likely be the final public meeting on the plans, he said pub-

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A layout of a typical downtown block under the Main Street improvement proposal features curb "bump-outs" intended to improve both appearances and pedestrian safety.

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The color of the decorative lights and other furnishings will be a dark, forest green, he said. The decorative lights would be spaced so that there are four or five light poles to a block. This committee has struggled long and hard with these decisions," he said.

The next steps in the project, according to Goree, is to develop a cost estimate for the work and then develop a funding package to finance it.

"So we'll at least another year or two years away, and, of course, it depends on when the highway department decides to rebuild the street," he said.

Goree said the suggested improvements will be done only on Main Street.

"There was some early discussion to extend the improvements to the side streets in the downtown area, but this Phase 1 will only include Main between the park and the pathway," he said.

Neal said future phases of the project could extend the theme farther west to Central Wyoming College, or side streets in the downtown area, or up and down Federal Boulevard.

"There's also some discussion about incorporating these street features into City Park and the trail system," Goree said.

He said some ideas, such as a central feature in the park such as a waterfall or fountain,

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Jetta Kintzler is worried about the decline of retail shops in downtown Riverton.

Businessman Jerry Kintzler wants to revitalize downtown Riverton.

Downtowners President John Neel intends to again meet with the council.

Businessman Jerry Kintzler recently spoke at a council streets and alleys committee meeting, at the request of Mayor Bill Eichler.

According to Kintzler, he and Eichler were discussing "our downtown image. I asked (Eichler) how the council viewed downtown, the leaving of businesses, is the council trying to do anything?" Kintzler said.

"Do you have any direction to give us?" he asked. "What do you as a city council want your downtown to look like?"

"It's time for you people to help us. We do need a plan. We need to look at our Main Street and see if it's what we want," Kintzler said.

Kintzler specifically asked if there were any plans to improve the road surface of Main Street and sidewalks in the downtown corridor, similar to the improvement project which occurred in Lander several years ago.

"If so," Kintzler said, "maybe anyone planning new sidewalks should wait."

He said Public Works Director Bill Urbigkit had told him the Wyoming Transportation Department does not have plans to work on Main Street.

Kintzler asked if the city intended to plant any more trees along Main Street.

An easy beautification step suggested by Kintzler is to place new benches on Main Street and put the benches built by FAA students, which are now on Main Street, on the Rails to Trails.

Responding to a question, Kintzler said he hopes that someday the permanent pieces on Main Street garbage cans, benches and flower planters could be uniform.

Another topic about which Kintzler questioned the council was cleaning in the downtown area.

"Beautification isn't just trees or flowers or grass," he said. "The city used to wash sidewalks. Who's responsible..."