

Participate in the Downtown Design Charrette



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GREAT FALLS, Montana - A Design Charrette for the Downtown Access and Circulation Study will be held Wednesday, November 7, from 6-8 p.m. in the Missouri Room of the Civic Center (2 Park Drive South). The interactive workshop will involve design exercises related to streetscape, parking and road layout. Participants will also be asked to vote for their preferred options using an electronic keypad. This is the first design charrette to be held in Great Falls.

As a result of the Downtown Master Plan, the Downtown Access and Circulation Study was approved by the City Commission this past summer with the goal of creating a safer and more attractive and welcoming downtown street environment. This Study will be making recommendations, outlining processes and providing cost estimates for implementing key objectives included in the Downtown Master Plan. The Study is looking at pedestrian connectivity and safety, parking, wayfinding signage, one-way roadways, bicycle networks as well as downtown streetscape.

Design Charrettes are intensive, hands-on workshops that bring people from different disciplines and backgrounds together to explore design options. The goal of a charrette process is to capture the vision, values, and ideas of the community - with designers sketching to create alternatives and ideas as fast as they are generated by the participants.

According to Wendy Thomas, Deputy Director of Planning & Community Development, "Charrettes are a great way to engage the public in the process. They are fun and interactive and allow participants to be creative while providing input on their vision for downtown Great Falls."

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Anyone interested in the development of Downtown Great Falls is encouraged to attend the Design Charrette. For further information regarding the upcoming Design Charrette, please contact Wendy Thomas at 455-8432.

Supporting Documents



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