

How Grand Should Limon's Plan Be?

Limon Community Meeting No. 1

Monday, April, 17, 2017

Limon Community Building



Creating a Vision

Economic Effects

Community Health and Safety

Quality of Life

Concerns or Threats

Other Items

Creating a Grand Plan Vision Projects by Category

Operation Needs

- **Creating a Vision Questions**
 - What are the Economic Effects of these categories? How does it bring jobs and/or retain jobs in the community?
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 - What are the Concerns or Threats about this category?
 - What Other Items should be included in this category?
- **Limon Ambulance Service**
 - While included in the John Rohr Legacy funding at an estimated \$30,000 per year, this would cover less than the salary of one paramedic. Funding is regularly needed for staffing, facility improvements, equipment purchases and grant matches. The fee reimbursement rates continue to drop due to legislation and while grant funding is currently fair for capital equipment purchases what if that situation changes?
- **Limon Memorial Library**
 - This is another project included in the John Rohr Legacy funding at an estimated \$30,000 per year. While this may address the current needs, the library certainly needs to be considered for future expansion of facilities and programs.
- **Limon Municipal Airport**
 - With a significant investment already by the Town and the availability of federal and state grant funding covering 95% of projects, the Town still needs to provide matching funds. The largest project, runway rehab and widening, is projected to be in 2026 and would require \$483,333 in matching funds for a \$7 million project.
- **Operation and Maintenance of New Facilities and Programs**
 - New facilities and programs in this and other categories require additional long-term funding for insurance, staffing, heating, cooling, maintenance, etc.

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Economic and Community Development

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- **Broadband**

- Any significant investment by the Town would require voter approval allowing the Town to have any role in providing broadband/internet services, even if we were just providing infrastructure to existing or new service providers.

- **Downtown/Mainstreet Programs**

- This could be infrastructure improvements or for programs to assist Limon business interests. It could be downtown or more general. This would create a pool of funds with the flexibility to create and change how the programs work over the years.

- **Financial Incentives**

- The Town currently has a policy for financial incentives for new or expanding businesses that reduce property taxes for a few years based on job creation at higher than average salaries and investment. The policy requires an economic impact study to see the return on investment makes the financial sense. Retail outlets do not generally meet the criteria. Over the past 15 years, only one financial incentive has been provided. The newly adopted program for providing backfill material for new construction sites is designed to enhance new construction affordability.

- **Housing**

- This could take the form of financial incentives or infrastructure incentives designed to encourage development of housing. The cost of streets, sewer, water and electric infrastructure is passed on to the developer to keep utility rates lower for those already on the system. While keeping utility rates lower, it adds significant costs to any new housing development.

- **Infrastructure Incentives**

- As with Housing, the same is true for new or expanding business facilities. These could be used provided to businesses based on the same criteria as financial incentives but be offered in terms of funding, materials or labor to businesses.

- **Local Business Programs**

- Like the Downtown/Mainstreet program, this could provide financial assistance to small business start-ups, small expansions, home-based businesses that might not meet the thresholds for other incentives of the larger financial incentives but contribute to the community.

- **Non-Profit Assistance**

- Non-profits in the community provide services that affect many within the community. Non-profits provide preschool services, cultural services like the Heritage Museum and Lincoln Theatre, senior center, child care, education and medical services. These organizations can often benefit by proving grant matches, capital and operational assistance.

Creating a Grand Plan Vision Projects by Category

New Recreation Facilities

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- **Dog Park**
 - This is also covered in the vision for trails from the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design but this might include another location(s) in Town developed separately from a new trail system.
- **Pool and Bathhouse**
 - This could be at the existing pool site or at a new location possibly associated with a recreation center.
- **Recreation Center or Recreation Center with Community Building Expansion**
 - Significant visioning has been done over the years and the alternatives are wide. Would it include additional community meeting space?
- **Splash Park**
 - This could be in conjunction with the existing pool, a new pool and even a recreation center.

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- **Amphitheater**
 - Both a theater and amphitheater has been suggested. This would provide a venue for community events, concerts, etc.
- **Community Building Addition**
 - This could be to the west of the current community building. Another category is also looking at the option of including additional community large event space as portion of a recreation center.
- **Eastern Colorado Veterans War Memorial**
 - This project is planned for the Limon Memorial Cemetery to honor eastern Colorado veterans that served actively in war and special recognition for those that gave their lives in service to their country.
- **Emergency Access to/from South**
 - What can be done to provide an alternative route to and from the south, especially for emergency vehicles when Highway 71 is blocked by a train?
- **Visitor Center**
 - Visitor information is important to helping travelers obtain information about the community. The Limon Chamber of Commerce has considered this project but funding the construction and operation has not been identified.

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Improving Existing Parks, Recreation and Heritage Facilities

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- **Fishing Pond**
 - While fish have been stocked again by the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife, improvements are still needed to enhance the usability and maintain the long-term viability of this facility.
- **Golf Course**
 - Projects include a variety of safety, accessibility and operational needs.
- **Heritage Museum**
 - This Limon Heritage Society project is a jewel with a vision that continues to grow. There continues to be an ongoing vision for the future by the many volunteers who continue to serve this project.
- **Lincoln Theatre**
 - The local asset is owned the Your Community Foundation and operated by volunteers. There are plans for continually renovating and upgrading the facility and expanding its type of use.
- **Railroad Park**
 - Significant investments have been made in the Railroad Park but new improvements continue to be suggested. These can be accelerated with new funding or continue developing as current funding becomes available.
- **Smith Baseball Field**
 - From recreation programs at all levels to the high school and regional tournaments, this baseball field continues to be a well-used site. Projects are the current needs to increase functionality, address safety concerns and to enhance the user experience.
- **Softball Fields**
 - Same as the Smith Baseball Field.
- **South Limon Park**
 - Although a major facelift was completed in the past year, it did not address all the future needs. Other improvements will be on the horizon.