

# Mountain Home

## IMAGINE DOWNTOWN

**August 2019**

### **Downtown Meeting**

To get the businesses in the downtown core ready for the upcoming construction, a meeting was held on July 31st. This gave the businesses in attendance the opportunity to meet the General Contractors from Guho Corp, gain more insight on the timeline and better understand how they plan to accomplish the project as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Anthony Guho, Vice President of Guho Corp, who led the meeting, started by sharing his experiences with projects in downtowns. He presented a PowerPoint to demonstrate how the project will flow - from pre-demo to trees, lighting and final touches. The meeting concluded with a Q&A portion and time for 1-on-1 interactions with representatives from Guho Corp, the City of Mountain Home and Horrocks Engineers.



## Walking Tour

The City of Mountain Home's continual partnerships with the Central District Health Department has proven beneficial to community members to raise awareness on health risks and identify multiple solutions. To tackle the issue of walkable communities, Mountain Home welcomed Chris Danley and Don Kostelec from Vitruvian Planning. Chris and Don aren't strangers to Mountain Home. In fact, they have conducted their Looking Glass Academy in Mountain Home back in 2012 to help with a Safe Routes to School project. This project had a special focus on students and parents safely traveling on foot from East Elementary and crossing all five lanes of American Legion to Hacker Middle School and vice versa.



The Looking Glass Academy on August 8th once again tackled safe routes to school as well as other walkability concerns. After Chris and Don shared some eye opening statistics, best practices and fun facts in the City Council Chambers, the group set forth to venture down to North 2nd East Street, down American Legion and wrap around Hacker Middle School back to City Hall.

Participants took advantage of gaining new perspectives by experiencing the tour by traveling in a wheelchair as well as using goggles that demonstrate visibility issues. This exercise not only shed light on mobility issues for a multitude of disabilities but also reinforced the necessity and importance of the infrastructure updates the downtown revitalization will soon address.



Vitruvian Planning will compile and deliver their findings as well as offer suggestions and solutions for Mountain Home. If you did not get the opportunity to join the Looking Glass Academy but would be interested in attending at a future date, please email [mhed@mountain-home.us](mailto:mhed@mountain-home.us).

## Downtown Construction

The Downtown Improvement Project will begin construction on September 9, 2019. Construction will begin on Main Street starting at the East Jackson to East 2nd North Street block and travel towards East 5th North Street adjacent to Albertsons.

The City of Mountain Home will be holding a Neighborhood Meeting at Calvary Chapel on Wednesday, September 4th from 6:00-8:00 pm. The entire community is welcome to join and participation is encouraged. We look forward to sharing the timeline in further detail, addressing any concerns and rallying together as a supportive community to help our business district downtown flourish.



# DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION MEETING

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS 9.9.19  
YOU'RE INVITED TO THE COMMUNITY  
MEETING TO LEARN MORE DETAILS  
AND INFORMATION FOR THE PROJECT

September 4, 2019 | 6-8 PM  
Calvary Chapel  
350 N Main Street

WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE YOU!



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## MOUNTAIN HOME

volunteers for a beautiful community

Interested in updating your facade?! There is a grant for that. The Downtown Beautification Grant allows businesses to make permanent improvements that will enhance the appearance of their facility. The city may pay the owner up to 49%, up to \$500, whichever is less, for the approved permanent, exterior project or improvement.

Stop by the Economic Development Office for a grant application today!!



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