

IDAHO CITY GEM COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2009

Business Retention & Expansion

General Plan Goals

Establish better awareness of community businesses and what they provide

Businesses and local organizations communicate and serve as resources for each other

Local businesses successes will encourage and support new businesses to form

Long Range Goals

1. Improve communications between businesses and incoming new events to benefit the local community
2. Provide technical assistance to new local businesses.
3. Develop partnerships between special interest groups; land management agencies, local, state, and federal agencies.
4. Encourage cooperation between GEM Communities and new perspective investment and development enterprises.

One-Year Action Plan

1. Pursue policy regarding even banners across Highway 21 with ITD and Ponderosa Pine Scenic By-Way to promote community advertising/marketing.
2. Investigate or provide feasibility study on promotional advertising
3. Pursue cell tower
4. Revitalize and refocus Chamber of Commerce and reestablish Web site.
5. Master calendar of events for Boise County
6. Complete Capital Improvement Plan
7. Support monthly Community Club Calendar of Events.

Economic Diversification

General Plan Goals

The community will sustain a healthier, more diverse and stable economy

Jobs will be created with better wages resulting in permanent residents and increasing tax revenues

A feeling of community will be created that includes residents at commute to Boise for jobs.

Long Range Goals

1. Mores Creek and Elk Creek Flood Plain Restoration project.
2. Continue representation of Southwest Idaho Travel Committee. Call Renea 334-2470
3. Develop grant research center at the new library, 123 Montgomery Street. Call Beth
4. Complete Economic Preparedness Review

One-Year Action Plan

1. Encourage festivals, theatrical presentations, concerts, rodeo arena events and activities to promote historical education
2. Complete ½ mile of the Mores Creek Flood Plan Restoration Project
3. 3. Promote GEM community accomplishments and spearhead project campaign through town hall meetings.
4. Encourage participation in living history activities such as costuming and arts/crafts.
5. Expand Cowboy Poetry Gathering to Western Festival and find funding opportunities.
6. Support collaboration between DEQ and private land owners along Boise Mores/Grimes waterways.

Infrastructure and Quality of Life

## General Plan Goals

Improve and develop infrastructure that benefits the community

Maintain ongoing communication between all non-profits, governmental entities and local businesses

Create a feeling of community amongst the various entities

### Long Range goals

1. Elk Creek Flood Plain Restoration project
2. Update maps designating desired trails, open space, parks, parking, recreation and signage along the Scenic Byway
3. Work with a local historical organization to build and store a collection of documents describing the history of the Boise Basin and encourage development of mining interpretive sites and education activities within the new library.
4. Develop new fishing pond at the airport to include handicap and general public access. Call Scott or Doug Gochnour
5. Explore funding for upgrading Visitor's Center bathrooms and improving handicap access
6. Develop Pon Yam historical interpretive exhibits
7. Continue the Downtown Revitalization Project
8. Implement Scenic Byway Plan
9. Obtain grant to inventory water lines and meters
10. Improve Idaho City's appearance
11. Pursue historic building restoration grant
12. Build garage for Senior Center

### One-Year Action Plan

1. Obtain funding to build Idaho City's maintenance shop out side of the Historic District
2. Pursue funding for pavement/surfacing of Centerville Community Center lot and landscaping
3. Encourage hotel/motel convention center
4. Opening of Credit Union branch in Idaho City.
5. Complete a multipurpose trail plan for East Boise County
6. Support
7. Utilize new transportation van with handicap/disability access for all citizens
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9. Develop local social services outlet
10. Develop Welcome to Boise County Directory
11. Assist Odd Fellows Hall in obtaining funding for historical restoration
12. Obtain propane generator for disaster preparedness at the health center
13. Explore Senior Center disaster compliance
14. Complete a Community Hall restoration plan
15. Complete painting of Visitor's Center and reestablish signage
16. Support Lion's Club project to landscape Visitor's Center
17. Support Library/Historical Foundation Humanities Smithsonian Root Music Project