



Agenda Item: Presentation

Title: Parklet Planning

Recommended Council MOTION:

No motion can be taken as this is a work session item.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Thrive Laramie and Comprehensive Plan - Future Land Use:

Strategy 8. Promote Laramie as the Culture Capital of Wyoming:

“Research what other successful communities are doing, tapping into the expertise of the Wyoming Arts Council and Americans for the Arts. Explore creating a City/County Arts Deputy position to staff the program. Look at successful, productive arts organizations in the community, like LPAC, to provide a best-practice implementation model for how to collaborate with the city to support more art in public places.”

[The Case for Parklets -](https://www.universitycity.org/sites/default/files/documents/The%20Case%20for%20Parklets%202015.pdf)

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Execution of the Thrive Laramie Plan is also a Council Goal; A: Holistic Economic Development – Milestone #1.

This item is also related to Council Goal; D: Maintain and Improve Municipal Infrastructure – Milestone #4 – Continue expansion of Recreation Amenities.

Background:

City Staff in partnership with Main Street has developed the basis of a “parklet program” and hope to engage with local artists and builders in the creation of Laramie’s first parklet. Staff has created a draft RFP in order to receive submission from any applicant in hopes of coming up with well-designed parklets than can be mobile, efficient and sturdy, while providing highly desired additional public space.

- Parklet
 - These temporary seating platforms placed flush with the curb, created an extension of the sidewalk by replacing one or two parking spaces with a small, new “parklet”. That dry definition though belies the strikingly vibrant little hubs of activity that

these new public spaces have become in our residential neighborhoods and our commercial corridors.

- For modest cost, well-placed Parklets can attract huge and diverse crowds, animating sidewalks and bolstering neighborhood businesses, while truly creating “places” where none existed before.
 - Parklets can create a sense of place and contribute to the model of a Complete Street.
 - Parklets can attract a large amount of users for the businesses that surround them.
 - Parklets are not just for patrons, they are a public space that any member of the public can use.
 - Parklets have been found to have a substantial boost in sales.
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Attachments:

- Presentation (20 pages)