

## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Downtown Group  
**Date:** May 5, 2015  
**Re:** Downtown Group Project Ideas

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this item is to consider two project ideas and if appropriate authorize funding and/or staff resources.

**Background and Discussion:** The Downtown Group meets once per month and members can propose ideas for consideration to the Group. If the Group finds merit in the idea it will bring the ideas to Council for consideration. At the DT Groups meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> two ideas two ideas were received positively:

1. **Street Art** - Susan Ruggles (DT Group member) and her family created a street art prototype (flower and birdhouse, which will be shown at the meeting). The idea is to place 5-flowers and 1-birdhouse on the town owned 6<sup>th</sup> Street lot near the bus stop (PW is also securing a bus shelter for this site) in order to bring color and art into this area of downtown. Materials will be donated and construction of the street art will be done by Susan and others. Their request of the Town is to have PW dig the holes and pour the cement to secure the street art.
2. **Painting Picnic Tables** – As part of the June 1<sup>st</sup> Downtown Clean Up Day (1PM to 4PM), Patti Ringer is proposing to use volunteer labor to paint the wooden picnic tables in BM Park and Ritter Plaza. Colors would be similar to the colors in the gazebo. If Council approves, the DT Group would like Council to authorize funding from the DT Group budget to buy paint and brushes and supplies.

**Financial Implications:** The street art will cost PW several hours of time and materials (concrete) for installing the art. The paint for picnic supplies may cost \$200 and this funding can come from the DT Group budget.

**Recommendations:** Both projects will bring color and art to downtown. Staff's concern is that if the picnic tables are not prepped properly then the paint will peel and create a maintenance problem for PW. If that problem can be solved, staff recommends approval.