



Dear Friends,

As a result of your response to our request for help raising funds for downtown, I am pleased to report that **we have raised \$585 towards our goal of \$10,000!** Thank you so much for your help!

I also wanted to share with you a few other bits of good news about the projects that we currently have underway.

First, we have a new **Main Street Director** hired who will join us the first part of March. She is currently the Executive Director for a program in Florida, and due to the severe budget problems the State of Florida is experiencing, her program is being eliminated. Their loss is our gain! She is one of only 200 Main Street Certified directors in the country and will be a terrific addition to downtown. We hope you'll all help us welcome Kim to town when she arrives.

Second, it appears that the stars are aligning and we will have the **Fox Theatre demolition completed this summer.** We hope to have it done during the first part of the summer, but keep your fingers crossed for us; we need the weather to cooperate.

We also have preliminary information about the upgrade to the electrical system supplying the lights downtown and it appears that we will have **Zone 4 lighting upgraded to current safety standards this summer** as well. Bids still need to be confirmed and accepted by Council, but it looks like we're within our budget. Hooray!

And finally, the Downtown Plaza...All of the Main Street Committees have been working with our director to find ways to put the funding together to bring this project to fruition and if all goes well we may be able to break ground soon. We have money committed from a variety of sources and if it all comes through, **we believe we will have the costs for Phase 1 in hand soon.** That means we need to put construction out for bid and we can turn dirt! How exciting to have so many projects coming together at the same time.

Thank you all so much for the help and support you've shown and please, spread the word about the good things happening in Downtown Laramie!

Contributions can be made on-line by visiting <http://www.laramiemainstreet.org/>

Sincerely,

Mayor Jodi Guerin