

THORNTON REVITALIZATION ADVISORY BOARD CHARGE

The City Council recognizes the crucial affects that the health and vitality of the City's residential and commercial areas have on the quality of life, local economy and vibrancy of the community.

The City Council also recognizes that some specific areas within the City are in need of additional attention to encourage reinvestment and enhance the long-term stability of the community overall.

The City Council believes that this priority is best addressed by the engagement of those most qualified and most affected by the opportunities and challenges within the areas in need of revitalization.

The City Council understands that the specific opportunities and challenges of the individual revitalization areas are connected to the unique geographic, physical and social conditions and constraints of each area.

The City Council has determined that a means of achieving the necessary revitalization is to form a standing Thornton Revitalization Advisory Board (TRAB) by appointing representative Board members from Thornton's residential areas, the business community, and other relevant stakeholders.

The purpose of TRAB is to provide the vision, leadership and continuity necessary to produce the on-going revitalization of Thornton's residential and business neighborhoods. The Board will bring a community-wide perspective of revitalization and provide recommendations, alternatives, and advice to Council and staff on feasible revitalization strategies.

Specific elements of this charge include:

- Review and incorporate, if applicable, the recommendations of the June 2009 Revitalization Task Force report (Exhibit A) REVITALIZATION: CREATING AN ENGAGING AND LASTING PROCESS FOR SUCCESS, as clarified by this Charge and the Ordinance formally creating this Board, into the Advisory Board's efforts.
- Formulate and recommend to City Council a revitalization plan for each priority revitalization area, which will include several alternative revitalization strategies. The Advisory Board shall evaluate the feasibility of each strategy and develop recommendations based on the urgent need for revitalization, the opportunity for economic development, the ability to

leverage resources, the cost versus the benefit and the impact on the City's image.

- Involve the community members that live and work in an area in the revitalization process in an open and transparent manner. These community members or stakeholders of a revitalization area reflect the area's relevant values and can provide insight to the Advisory Board as they fulfill the charge.
- Recommend strategies and action steps to partner with other entities such as school districts, DRCOG, RTD, churches, civic organizations, business organizations and appropriate nonprofits to assist with the implementation of the adopted revitalization plans and goals of the City. This also includes collaborating with other City boards and commissions to ensure a coordinated revitalization effort.
- Review City policies and regulations, providing advice and recommendations related to effective revitalization.
- Be a repository for a growing inventory of applicable revitalization tools and strategies.
- Identify and recommend additional revitalization areas once sufficient tools, strategies and processes are in place to ensure the successful revitalization of the original three priority areas.
- Periodically assess the implementation of the adopted revitalization plans, recommending modifications where appropriate.
- Work on special projects in regard to specific revitalization topics as assigned by the City Council.