

Saguache Downtown Revitalization Project
Economic Revitalization Input Survey

As of November 20th, thirty-six (36) surveys were collected and tabulated below.

Infrastructure (already existing)	Beautification Ideas (new elements)	Other Ideas to Consider	Economic Vital & Tourism Ideas
24 Fix roads, gutters, curbs & sidewalks	15 Solar lights on 4th Street	7 Focus on 4th Street	9 Freebie publication with map of businesses info
22 Refurbish community building	10 No garbage trucks on 4th Street	8 Focus on Loop (285 - 4th Street)	11 Visitor Center
7 Better signage on 4th St.	9 Put up awning on 4th Street businesses	7 Use sustainable methods	12 Recreation Center
14 Tend existing trees	Enlarge intersections on 4th Street	11 Make it authentic restoration (real)	4 Chamber
14 Support a community garden	4 Add a median on 4th Street	11 Consider maintenance in plans	11 Create a draw -something to bring tourists
8 Bring more art to downtown	10 Plant trees on 4th Street median	6 Put lights at street level	7 Link to other sites (PR)
3 Replace 4th Street	18 Install planters	6 Put electric underground	14 Farmer's market
2 Narrow 4th St.	16 Install pedestrian benches	9 Wi-Fi throughout town	4 Art Crawl
8 Invest in public infrastructure/bldgs.	3 Expand sidewalks on 4th Street	1 Make 4th St. commercial only (write-in)	14 Historic walking tour
4 Revitalize Post Office	2 Cobblestone the streets		9 Use local sign makers
1 Recycling Center (write-in)	1 Cobblestone the sidewalks		16 Use local contractors, artists, professionals
1 Add pay phone on 4th (write-in)	4 Install bike racks		1 Offer help to existing businesses (write-in)
	9 Develop bike/walk paths		
	15 Recycling area		
	3 Install newspaper boxes		
	10 Add flea market vestibules in park		
	11 Add amphitheatre in park		
	4 Vacant lot into information area		
	11 Display with info about town & businesses		
	4 Mini-park		
	10 Info plaques at historic sites		
	3 Feature signs		
	8 Tree identification markers (yr/type)		
	6 Directional signs		
	12 Informational signs on highway		
	8 Historic signs/kiosk at sites		
	11 Welcome signs		

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OTHER COMMENTS:

- * A cemetery walk can be very interesting (about early settlers).
- * Get more businesses on 4th Street.
- * We are not here to run our local business out of town.
- * I would like to see our town to grow more and have more things to see and do.
- * Bring businesses back to 4th Street. Stop letting people buy property as residential. Make it commercial only. Revitalize Saguache!!
- * I absolutely don't think that cobblestoning is appropriate for historic restoration. I think the wide tree-lined street affest is best. I think Christie Street with the big public building should be included in th tour. Also, the beauty of Christie, tree-lined in both directions is a wonderful sight and experience from one end to the other. PROMOTE "Tree City USA"
- * Planters on corners could help define parking areas and appear to narrow streets.
- * Add to the mini park we already have.
- * Relocate county shops out of city. This will help with noise, fumes, traffic, etc.
- * Paint main street buildings neutral colors. Not Hippy colors.
- * Some type of Rec. Center for the teenagers would be great! It might keep them out of trouble. Beautification ideas: your people should be ashamed of yourselves. This town needs economic growth that would provide employment for residents who need jobs. Why doesn't anyone think about that?
- * Add pay phone on 4th Street. Add gameroom for kids or a park & Rec. So kids stay out of trouble! What are your thinking beautification? Residents here need jobs. Why don't you guys think about that? Bring in a factory or plant. Something that would stimulate economic growth for the residents. The residents should be your first concern not the beauty. Saguache is beauty itself.
- * If you want a tourist town it must stay in it's original form as much as possible. That means sidewalks, building, just bring in lights, some fresh paint. Business along with the rest we have ourselves a tourist back to the past home town!
- * Contact owners of defunct hotel and try to either refurbish or turn into a combined art/antique/game/entertainment center, perhaps with rooms and dining available. Intice them with financial, tax breaks and punitive measures. Open theater!!!!
- * A four lane bowling alley would really be nice.
- * I suggest the Town of Saguache should deal with the abandoned and neglected historic buildings by lobbying Saguache Co. commissioners to develop an enforcement and significant policy of taxation to encourage those property owners to maintain their property or sell. The revenue from this special tax could be used to keep these buildings from being a detracting element - especially the hotel and house on Christy & 5th.
- * Restore Mr. Smith Park next to town hall. New equipment and seating. We need a park for small children away from the highway.
- * Museum is a great draw - place for folks to stop; park is also great!
- * 4th Street will never be a hustle-bustle center as many of the slots are private residences. Perhaps encouraging mixed-use areas throughout Saguache will invite more people to stop and explore all that Saguache can be. Low-impact small businesses inter-spersed with residential would be a vital mix. Also, admit that 285 is a valid small businesses are and making it more pedestrian friendly will encourage travelers to linger longer. A safe walking path along the highway would be a big help to those businesses already located along the highway. Spread the resources throughout Saguache as well as along 4th Street.
- * Why run businesses out of town when the business has been there longer than you have been in town. There's not enough businesses downtown so why make businesses move like the garbage trucks. The owners are lifers of Saguache - leave them alone.
- * I like the wide streets - it's a western touch rather than the narrow streets of Boston or NY or even in Europe. Remember that public vs private ownership mean different commitments. Public needs to remember they can suggest for private owners not demand or expect. Differentiate walk areas and intersections - maybe not with cobblestone (snow plow damage, etc.) but with colored asphalt to have area stand out. You have already one a great job!!