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## **DURANGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES MOVE**

The Durango Chamber of Commerce announced today they will be moving from their offices located in Santa Rita Park.

The Chamber moved into its current offices in 1986 and last year announced plans to renovate the thirty year old building. Working towards that goal, a Capital Campaign project was initiated – but midway to reaching their goal the Chamber was approached by the City of Durango with an offer to purchase the building to use during the construction of the Waste Treatment Plant and the future needs of Santa Rita Park. With Santa Rita Park in the middle of the construction zone for possibly the next three years, moving the Chamber offices out of the park seemed like the best option.

The Chamber is excited to announce they will be moving temporarily into the Bank of Colorado building (1199 Main Avenue, Suite 217) and will begin plans for a new office building on the site of the A-frame located in the 2300 block of North Main in Brookside Park. The Chamber is excited to have the opportunity to be part of the North Main revitalization vision. With designing, planning review process, and building the new building, it is projected the Chamber will move into the new facility in the next 18-24 months.

According to Jack Llewellyn, Executive Director of the Durango Chamber of Commerce, "Change is inevitable, and history repeats itself as we return to our past location in Brookside Park. The Chamber and City of Durango worked diligently to find a location that worked for both organizations, benefitting the community and members for years to come." Llewellyn added, "I want to thank my board of directors and building committee for their efforts, leadership and vision in the process."

The Chamber looks forward to serving its members, as it has for the past 101 years, through networking and educational events, advocacy, referrals and brochure display at their new 1199 Main Avenue, Suite 2017 location.