

Chamber of Commerce Candidate Questions

Responses by Frank Lockwood

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1. Do you think the city should be pro-active and begin installing water, sewer, fiber etc for the infrastructure down La Posta Road for future business park mixed use development? Yes/No and Why?

The decision to invest in areas that have potential for annexation must be weighed along with all other areas with similar potential. Once assessed and weighted, such areas will fall into place, or prioritized consistent with the city's overall goals and objectives. We should not cherry pick areas based upon loud voices or perceived public pressure. All development must be done consistent with the city's stated goals and in conjunction with the County where areas are designated for future annexation by the City.

2. Do you think the city needs to begin construction on a parking garage at the transit center? Yes/No and Why?

No. The location is a bad one for the city unless there is a more important need for parking in the immediate vicinity, such as a performing arts center or conference center. But not for normal citizen or visitor use. There are already underutilized parking spaces in Durango. We should encourage other modes of transportation. Also, the driverless car is only a few years away which could make a parking lot a dinosaur.

3. What can the city do to encourage development of workforce housing?

- Increase density, including the increase of the number of ADUs per neighborhood;
- increase height limits;
- reduce additional infrastructure costs that could be absorbed by the city;
- reduce parking requirements per housing or per development;
- take advantage of Urban Renewal Authorities to provide tax incentives and tax increment financing for development;
- require developers to build workforce housing without the option to pay their way out of it.

4. What is your vision for Durango Mesa Park?

- A world-class mountain bicycling, moto-cross, BMX tracks;
- complete rodeo venue plus fairgrounds,
- outdoor music venue, bluegrass festival, etc.,
- camping, RV Park.

5. What would be the best use of the current fairgrounds if/when relocated to Durango Mesa Park?

Affordable housing, mixed use, new North Main community development.

6. What can the city do to help retain businesses and help business start ups?

Reduce additional development costs that are discretionary & have nothing to do with safety or building code requirements. Pave its own sidewalks, and provide and pay for ingress and egress lanes. Act like a partner to small business and provide good customer service to support a small business to thrive and improve. Have planning goals linked to the successful completion of projects related to the starting or increasing of small business enterprises.

7. Please include a (home page) link to your candidate webpage.

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