





NEW MEXICO MAINSTREET

## **History behind "Main Street"**

- Historically, Main Street was the community's primary commercial hub (pre-WWI).
- Suburbanization and marketplace changes created a movement away from traditional commerce centers.
- Changes in local and federal policy affected how historic buildings were managed, maintained.
- "The Main Street Approach" is a movement to preserve historical assets while rebuilding vital economies in it districts.



### **Design Point**

**Design** means getting Main Street into top physical shape. Capitalizing on its best assets — such as historic buildings and pedestrian-oriented streets — is just part of the story. An inviting atmosphere, created through attractive window displays, parking areas, building improvements, street furniture, signs, sidewalks, street lights, and landscaping, conveys a positive visual message about the commercial district and what it has to offer.

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#### **Design Point**

- Educating others about good design
  - enhancing businesses as well as the district
- Providing good design advice

- encouraging quality improvements to private properties, public spaces

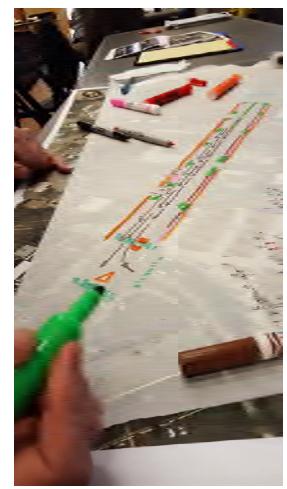
Planning your district's development

- guiding future growth and shaping regulations

- Motivating others to make changes
  - creating incentives and targeting key projects
- Supporting and/or driving physical improvement projects

#### **Design Education**





exploration





experience

input

#### **Community Engagement**









#### **Transformation**



#### PROCESS: Partnership building Incremental/catalytic change Community buy-in Enthusiasm building

PHYSICAL CHANGE: Trees + landscaping parkways Wider sidewalks Lighting Crosswalks Paving materials Curb extensions + bump outs









PHASE II PLAN VIEW

OUTCOMES: Traffic calming Higher visibility More walkability (park once) Social interaction Higher property values Space for events

Higher spending Reduced crime Multi-modal connections Cultural/historic expression Promotion of local assets Safety and accessibility



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#### **Paint**

Paint is an amazingly magical substance for transformation. Expressing architectural character while also providing a barrier from the elements - paint can be one of the best tools in the revitalization toolbox. When painting a building try not to exceed a palette of three colors and trim typically will be the darkest of the colors.



#### **Awnings**

The addition of awnings can be a simple way to add character to buildings with unremarkable facades and they also have utilitarian functions. Awnings can help to lower air conditioning costs, provide shelter to pedestrians and reduce merchandise from UV fading.







#### Signage

Business signage often is one design tool under utilized. A good sign is worth its weight in gold. Drawing potential customers in and enhancing the downtown - signs are often not given the proper attention they deserve. The most successful signs are compatible with the character of the building and the image of the business.



#### **Window Displays**

Use windows to inject vitality. Visual displays not only sell the merchandise selected; they set the image of the business. Fresh, creative displays that target only a few ideas of items come to life with dynamic arrangements, selective color, and good lighting.

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#### **Historic Preservation/Ethic**

Common projects for historic buildings within your downtowns involve returning them to their original beauty. Some of these projects might include uncovering transom windows, removing "slip covers" and stabilization of historic materials.

Historic preservation for sites and streetscapes is also important and may include consideration of street pattern, features, materials and/or views that are considered contributing or significant.



#### **MainStreet Façade Squad**



#### ROSWELL FACADE SQUAD PROPOSED SCHEMES





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#### **Placemaking / Urban Design**





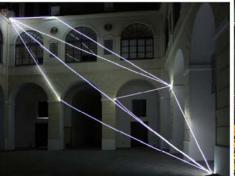


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ainted Garage Doors





Integrated Lights & Constellation Mural



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Shade Ideas

Wood Seating and Tables

Fiber Optic Lighting Option

Artful Downpouts to Irrigate Plants

Proposed Amenities for Parklette at Jeff's Auto

Silver City Strand

February 2018

#### **Placemaking**

In creative placemaking, partners from public, private, non-profit, and community sectors strategically shape the physical and social character of a neighborhood, town, city, or region around arts and cultural activities. Creative placemaking animates public and private spaces, rejuvenates structures and streetscapes, improves local business viability and public safety, and brings diverse people together to celebrate, inspire, and be inspired.

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#### **3-part focus**

- 1. Place-based
- 2. Community-centered process
- 3. Integration with other strategies
  - Center for Community Progress



# **Temporary/Pop Up Installations**

Christina Sporrong "TaranTula"

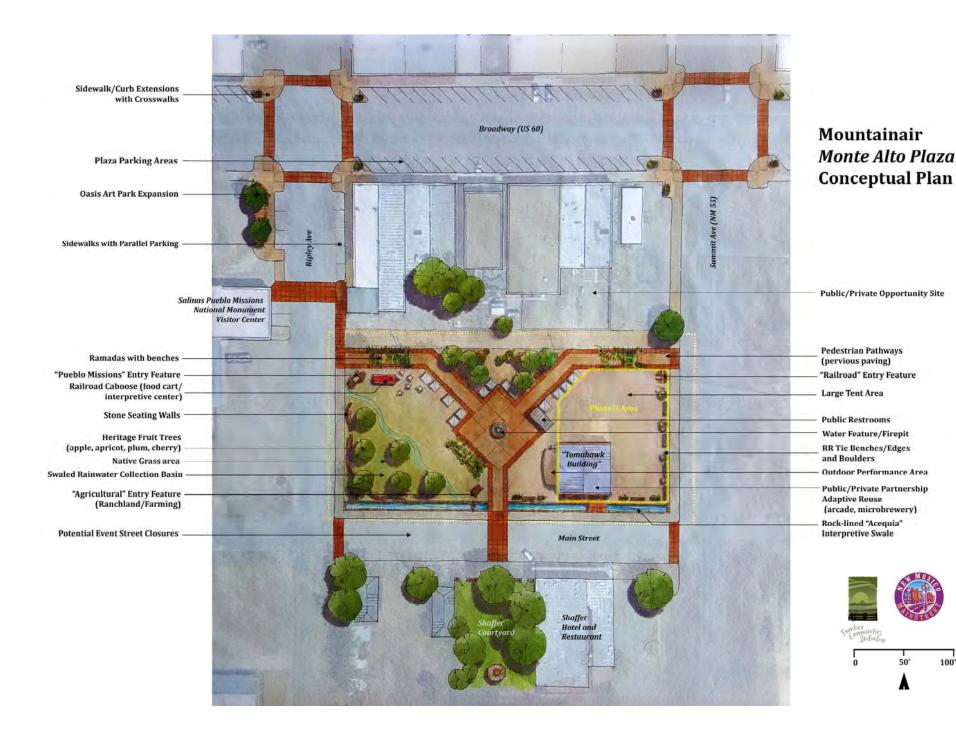


Lauralin Kruse and the Mobile Museum of American Artifacts











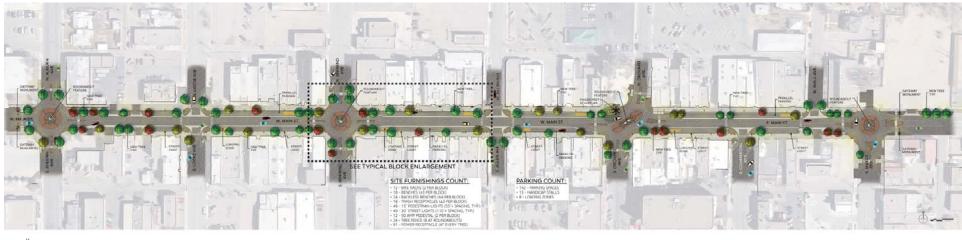


## **Professionally Designed/Built**





## **Combining Scales for Maximum Impact**



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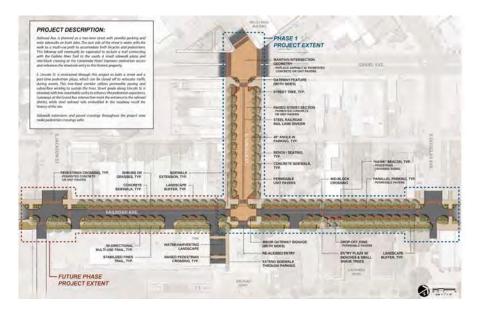
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## **Great Blocks on MainStreet** Public infrastructure investment

- Innovative and intensive design redevelopment project within the MainStreet/Arts & Cultural district
- Focusing on a viable core twoto-three block commercial area
- Resulting in "shovel-ready" construction documents
- Public infrastructure investment to catalyze and leverage private sector reinvestment, resulting in higher economic performance





# **Adaptability**

 What constitutes creative placemaking is unique to each community, which makes it uniquely suited to local economic development

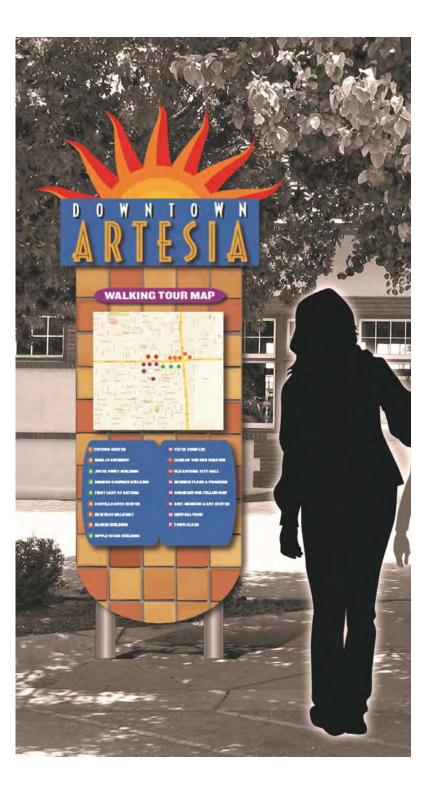
 Creative placemaking projects are designed to be flexible and adaptive, evolving with the community and supporting long term vitality

## **Great Blocks on MainStreet**



### Wayfinding





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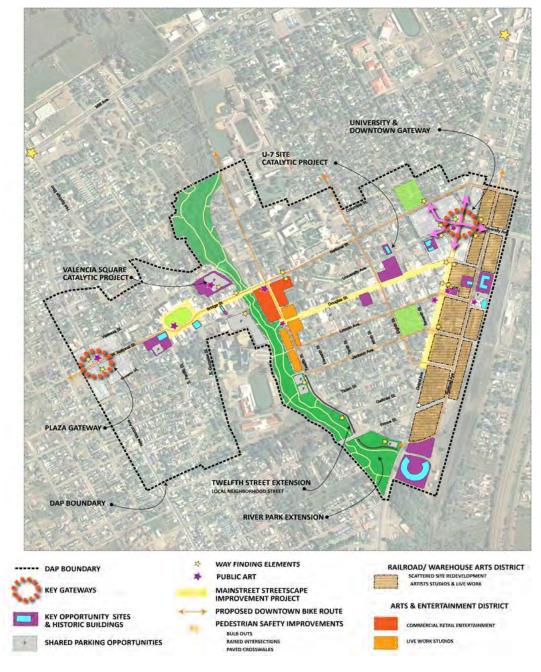




#### **Downtown Master Plan/MRA Plan**







# **Economic Impact**

- Partnerships that result in investment
- Activation of space / "Eyes on the Street"
- Recirculates residents income at a higher rate
- Youth retention/training next generation of cultural workers
- Re-uses vacant/underutilized land, buildings and infrastructure

## **Economic Impact**

Creative Placemaking fosters entrepreneurs and cultural industries that generate jobs and income, spin off new products and services, and attract and retain unrelated businesses and skilled workers.

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# For more information or questions...

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