

Downtown Now!

Derby's Blueprint for Progress



September 19, 2016

Dear Derby Students and Families,

As you know, the south side of downtown Main Street has been void of substantial economic activity for many years. Today, we are kicking off an exciting new project to change that.

The project, which we are calling ***Downtown Now!***, aims to restore economic vibrancy to this area while creating a welcoming entryway for those who live in and around our city.

What will this new downtown area look like? What function will it play in our community?

That's where we need your ideas since our goal is to create a community-inspired plan.

We are holding a series of public workshops to allow citizens to guide the plan from vision to design. We will have help from a team of experts to ensure that the path for development is marketable, implementable, and sustainable.

The workshops will be held on the evenings of **September 22** and **October 26**, and the week of **November 14**. Flyers announcing the time and location of each workshop will be distributed. In the meantime, you can visit derbyct.gov for more information.

To capture the vision of Derby's youngest citizens, we are inviting them to draw a picture of what they would like downtown to look like when they grow up. Entries are not limited to a specific size or art medium; multiple entries will be accepted. Please be sure the student's name and grade is included on each submission.

Please return all entries to your school's main office **by October 21, 2016**. The artwork will be on display at the November week-long workshop as an inspiration to all who attend.

I look forward to seeing you and your friends at the workshops as we create a better Derby together.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anita Dugatto".

Anita Dugatto, Mayor
City of Derby