

From: [Rachel Huff-Doria](#)
To: [Madson Matthias](#)
Subject: Comments for Planning Board for Midtown Masterplan
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 1:47:25 PM

Dear Missoula County Planning Board:

My name is Rachel Huff-Doria and I supported the Midtown Masterplan efforts as the grassroots engagement consultant.

While further community engagement information is available in the appendix of the Masterplan, I wanted to uplift the extent of these efforts that included a focus on --

- Reducing barriers to public participation (ex: offering flexible times, child care, food);
- Outreach that meets community members where they are at (ex: visioning activities at Franklin to Fort and Lewis & Clark neighborhood events, Russell Elementary school, etc.);
- Targeted outreach with organizations and individuals who may be particularly impacted by changes in our community (ex: interviews, listening sessions with the Homeless Outreach Team at the Poverello Center, Missoula Food Bank, etc.);
- Direct collaboration with community members through the creation and facilitation of the Midtown Community Guide Committee - a 15 person community member committee that offered leadership insight throughout the course of planning efforts.

The Masterplan reflects input from a broad range of community members who are asking for safer crossings of major Midtown arterials, improved bicycle/pedestrian mobility, more attainable and affordable housing, and improved public spaces for Montanans of all ages and abilities.

Please don't hesitate to connect with me if you have questions about the grassroots engagement efforts. Thank you for considering the recommendation of the 2023 Missoula Midtown Master Plan by the City Council.

Rachel

Rachel Huff-Doria (she/hers)
Owner & Director, RHD LLC

From: [Jim Bachand](#)
To: [Madson Matthias](#)
Cc: [Dwight Easton](#)
Subject: Support for Midtown Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 2:57:20 PM
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Dear Missoula County Planning Board:

I am a former member of the consolidated planning board and business leader in Midtown Missoula and I'm writing on behalf of MOR to request your support in favor of adopting the 2023 Missoula Midtown Master Plan as a Neighborhood Plan of the Our Missoula City Growth Policy 2035.

Missoula Organization of Realtors® (MOR) has supported this community planning process since the inception and supports this cohesive vision to guide the redevelopment of the Midtown neighborhoods.

The plan accurately incorporates the input of residents and businesses wanting better transportation circulation and bicycle/pedestrian crossings of the major Midtown arterials, more attainable housing availability at all price points, commercial redevelopment to support livability and commerce, and improved public spaces.

Please recommend the 2023 Missoula Midtown Master Plan is adopted by the City Council and thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Jim Bachand

Change and Comfort cannot co-exist!



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Dear Missoula County Planning Board:

I am a business owner in Midtown Missoula from Tremper Shopping Center. I'm writing to request your support in favor of adopting the 2023 Missoula Midtown Master Plan as a Neighborhood Plan of the Our Missoula City Growth Policy 2035.

I was actively involved in this community planning process as a business owner in the heart of Midtown and with Missoula Midtown Association. Tremper Shopping Center had the opportunity to attend special meetings to express our concerns and strengths of midtown. Tremper was built in 1958, as Missoula's first shopping center. During these past 60+ years, I have seen incredible growth, making our out-of-town Center now part of the heart of Midtown. We need a thoughtful, organized guide for the development of Midtown for the well being of our businesses and all our community members! We support this cohesive vision to guide the development of the Midtown neighborhoods.

The plan accurately incorporates the input of residents and businesses wanting better transportation circulation and safer bicycle/pedestrian crossings of the major Midtown arterials, more attainable housing availability, commercial redevelopment to support livability and commerce, and improved public spaces. This is a community driven effort to improve our future Midtown area.

The Brooks Street/Russell Street/South Avenue intersection needs to be improved for the safety and accessibility for all users, including handicapped and children. Additionally, building out the greenway network will also improve safety and connectivity. All are needed to create an excellent place to live, work and recreate here in Midtown.

Many of the Midtown businesses are smaller, family-owned businesses. Supporting and guiding their development and growth will only strengthen and improve our Midtown community.

Please recommend the 2023 Missoula Midtown Master Plan to be adopted by the City Council. Thank you so much for your consideration and for your service to our beloved Missoula community!

Sincerely,



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Subject: Support for Missoula Midtown Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 4:26:02 PM

Dear Members of the Missoula County Planning Board:

I am honored to be active in the management of Tremper Shopping Center, a third- and fourth-generation family owned business at the heart of Missoula's Midtown. We are proud to have been a part of the revitalization of Brooks Street and Midtown through our renovations of our property, and we hope to continue to play an important role in the area's vitality in the future.

We have been active in the planning process for all of Midtown since the effort began nearly twenty years ago. We have been involved in the Missoula Midtown Association's development of the new Master Plan from its inception to its completion. We humbly request your support in the effort to have the new Master Plan adopted as a Neighborhood Plan of the Our Missoula Growth Policy 2035.

The Master Plan is aspirational, and yet its vision and drive appears to respectfully focus on the actual needs and desires of the community, including long-term, Missoula-based businesses such as Tremper Shopping Center. The Plan seeks to build on what has made the neighborhood strong, by helping current landowners and businesses look beyond what is currently in place to something that will work even better in the future, with their participation and input. We are impressed by the end result, and recommend it be adopted.

Thank you for your public service to the community, and for your support for the Missoula Midtown Master Plan.

- Glenn

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