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## Residents Invited to Public Open House for Urban Renewal Proposals

Event set for June 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

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Hermiston, Ore. – The public is invited to join the Hermiston Urban Renewal District Planning Advisory Committee (URD-PAC) at an open house showcasing the group's proposals for revitalizing Hermiston's downtown. The event will run from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. June 13<sup>th</sup> in the breezeway of the 200 block of Main Street between Bendixsens' law office and Andee's Boutique.

Members of the URD-PAC will be on hand to explain the proposals and listen to public feedback. Input from the June 13 open house will be combined with input from presentations to community groups including Rotary, Kiwanis, Altrusa, the Realtors Association, and the Chamber of Commerce when the URD-PAC makes its final recommendations for an Urban Renewal Plan.

The URD-PAC, made up of business owners and interested stake-holders, was appointed by the City Council to establish priority projects and programs to be funded by an Urban Renewal District to revitalize the downtown area. Some examples of the proposals include creating an outside event space, providing grant money for exterior renovations, and making improvements to parking lots.

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The City of Hermiston is a vibrant, and growing community of nearly 17,000 residents located at the cross-roads of the Pacific Northwest. Located near the intersection of Interstate 84 and Interstate 82, just minutes from a Columbia River port and the Washington state line, Hermiston is capitalizing on its strategic location as a transportation center and gateway to Oregon. To learn more about the exciting future of Eastern Oregon's largest city, go to [www.hermiston.or.us](http://www.hermiston.or.us).