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You Have a Second Chance to Weigh in on Ideas for Hiawatha Gardens' Future

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – If you were not able to attend the first community meeting on March 16 to find out about potential ideas for the transformation of the Hiawatha Gardens property, you have another opportunity to make your preferences known.

Make plans now to attend an in-person community meeting from 6PM to 8PM on March 30 in Memorial Hall (606 Manitou Ave.) A number of potential designs for the historic dance hall building and the surrounding parking area will be unveiled. Meeting participants will be encouraged to ask questions, discuss, and provide feedback about the many ideas that will be presented.

The comments received through the community meetings held this month will guide City staff and the Task Force of community volunteers determine which of the eight building options and four site plan alternatives are most preferred. The Task Force and staff will then narrow down the list of choices to create a draft plan. That plan will be presented to the community for another round of feedback in a few months.

If you would like to look at the ideas that will be presented at the meeting, visit the Hiawatha Gardens Virtual Information Center: <https://bit.ly/HiawathaVIC>. The Center provides detailed information about the ideas for the historic Hiawatha Gardens dance hall building, as well as for the surrounding parking area.

Per Manitou Springs City Council direction in 2020, the City and the Task Force have been working to “investigate and implement the restoration of historic aspects of Hiawatha Gardens with the goal to establish it for community use, including but not limited to a multi-modal transportation hub.”

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