

# West Broadway Revitalization Project Update

## Summer, 2007



Restoration of the historic Borden Building site began in November 2005, when voters approved the sale of City Hall with the proceeds to be used to help pay for its renovation. As the West Broadway Revitalization Project progresses, residents will see the Borden Building adaptively reused to house City offices and other commercial uses. Connections and the City's website will be used to keep all residents informed of progress as it becomes known.

## Borden Project Takes Its Next Step Forward

The West Broadway Revitalization Project (WBRP) is back on track following the State's May 3<sup>rd</sup> release of grant funding for Borden Building remediation work. At a special meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, the City Commission took action on several items to move the project forward, including award of the contract to remove lead from the interior of the building. This work began May 9<sup>th</sup>, with completion expected in mid-July.

While the project has been ongoing since voters approved the sale of City Hall 19 months ago, the focus will begin to shift from primarily planning to include

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*The Borden Condensing building, constructed in 1907, contained four layers of bricks to help keep the interior insulated year-round. Each layer contained 100,000 bricks for a total of 400,000.*

on-site improvements. Representatives of the City and the developer continue to work on construction timelines to ensure project efficiency and economy.

Upcoming work at the project site includes completion of lead abatement (including removal of lead from trusses, I-beams, support posts and various wall surfaces) and removal and replacement of the roof.

On May 29<sup>th</sup> the City Commission approved a .3 mill increase in 2007 so that enough money will be available to make the first bond payment. The City assured residents that an increase of no more than .6 of a mill would be needed to cover the City's share of the project cost. Since only one-half of a payment is required this time around, a levy of .3 mills dedicated to the project will cover the payment needed until June 2008. The remaining .3 mill increase will be levied in 2008.

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