

11. If yes, what changes would you like to see for the Town of Dolores?

"Changes" is a loaded term. I'd like to see open space protection, fire hazard mitigation, dust mitigation and storm water drainage improvements, and my #1 issue - keeping OHV out of Dolores permanently and forever. I'd like to see our downtown area have viable businesses that attract shoppers, not residences in commercial space, office space that do nothing.

1. something needs to happen to the giant XXXX. It jus is an eyesore! 2. People need to stop parking RV;s in the streets for weeks. 3. Enforce drunk driving laws. People leave XXXX wasted. 4. we have 2 or 3 people living in cars here. that's unacceptable.

1.I would love to see the river access through town be better suited for pedestrian access. Right now it's kind of an unfriendly corridor with lots of signs to "keep out" and not great connectivity. Its such an asset to the community I hate to see in its current state.

2. A dog park would be great, the whole town loves our pups but there's not a great place to let them play off leash that is fenced in

3. More "unique" small businesses. When I tell people that I live in Dolores they say "oh the town with 3 thrift stores" or "oh the town with 3 (now 2) Mexican restaurants"

A few more dining businesses, not Mexican style. Have the speed limit of 35 mph moved to the town limits, and the 45 increase start outside(driving NE out of town) and a lite up traffic sign (flashing) for the 35 mph entering Dolores from Rico. Drivers race into town there, don't' slow down until mi-town.

A new town hall

Actual activities for youth and people who are adults 20-40. (The library is wonderful on the youth part, XXXX is a great organizer but we need more.) JOBS!!! That pot shop that everyone raised a stink about AT LEAST would have brought us more jobs. LIVABLE BUILDINGS!! 2 of three rentals I've had here have not been up to code. Also the cost of living vs employment rate is TERRIBLE. The only rentals Additional childcare opportunities for before and after school, on Fridays, school breaks and summers.

Promotion of XXXX at the Chamber. If feel she has done more for the economic growth of this town that any other in my 17 years here.

Affordable food, housing, and wages that reflect the standard of living increases each year.

Affordable housing

affordable housing and good paying jobs

Affordable housing, Water delivery upgrade to pipes, more restaurants, shops

Affordable housing. More events.

Allow OHV traffic, give people in the Dolores school district the opportunity to have a vote in changes. We can't all live in Dolores obviously, but it would be nice to have our voices heard for a change.

Bathroom at the baseball fields. out of town people don't like to come and use a porta pottie.

work on growth, It is coming and ignoring it is not an options.

pave the streets! long overdue

better communication between citizens and maintenance, citizens dont realize all the work they are doing.

if maintenance is plowing trail cant they plow cement town sidewalk?

i.e. 4th street to river trail and Central Ave for kids

better communication outside of social media

Better education. there have been issues at the schools particularly high school that are causing students to leave and receive their education in other towns.

better information on activities that are happening in town.

Better parking for the XXXX instead of along 145/6th. online payment for h20/sewer. later hours for business. (food particularly)

better restaurants

Buildings on Central, shops- the way it is today is nice keep the small town feel. The Colorado feel. It would be nice if I could pay my water bill on line.

business development

Catering to pedestrians and bicycles with public transportation options for out of town visitors.

Change is a healthy and necessary component of all things

change will come. need to keep it clean, simple and inviting to the town people. we don't want another Moab where you have to stand in line to get something to eat at a cafe.

changes that correlate with the changing times,

up to date town billing process

paved streets and alleys

City owned housing for the employees. I'm not a Democrat. I'm a business man and a pragmatist. My employees must be able to live where they work, otherwise they will be disconnected.

Clean it up ... make Dolores a destination for Christmas.. outdoor Concerts . Have the town manger actually be a town resident.

clean up commercial and residential properties (main street) Dolores / railroad,

code enforcement "Railroad" aesthetics of the properties. make Dolores inviting and unique to attract new businesses, tourists. curb, gutter and sidewalks.

clean up of local properties that look like junk yards including faster enforcement of getting people to cut their grass, before August! removal of junk!. beautification of the town.

Clean up or condemn and tear down all neglected properties. Economic development is vital- investors/business will not invest in a dump. All aspects of economic development need to be

explored. Stop the conversion of commercial property into residential property especially on Hwy 145

clean, beautify, accentuate cowboy history.

Cleaner, weeds are not mowed by private or town in a timely fashion. ex XXXX lot. try some more beautification, non sense of community.

cleaner. keep school here. larger businesses to employ more people. stores like clothing; Cortez doesn't really even have any.

code enforcement don't make rules that aren't enforced.

comprehensive planning of its parks and open space system so there is equity in access for residents of all parts of town. More protection and enhancement of natural landscapes in town: riparian areas, wetlands, heritage trees, wildlife habitat. Strategies for being able to absorb potential flooding IE: into the parks, etc. Work to mitigate wildfire - another water storage tank or two, education and consultation with property owners (including the Town itself) on effective wildfire management.

Comprehensive downtown development strategy - remove town hall from Flanders and return

Controlled growth. Clean up of old buildings and decrepit looking properties. Bet rid of old equipment and "dump" sites. Discuss converting buildings to practical uses including housing. once there were lots of buildings used for business and now the cost to modernize may be too great for

Coordinated master planning

Corridor improvements, town signage (what amenities and activities are available), Improved aesthetics of small businesses, etc... general 'spiffing up'

Cosmetic mainly, sidewalks swept and maintained. trash removed, old buildings? trash removed in parks and at events. better signage, ditches mowed and cleaned up.

Curb appeal

derelict buildings addressed (torn down rehabbed, cleaned up)

development of structures already existent in the town such as the XXXX and the XXXX

Development on the empty lots of what used to be Dolores' downtown. sidewalks to extend from the school to the city limits on N 145. Every day kids walk to to and from school on the shoulder of the Dirt roads in town cause a lot of dust. solutions are either pave them or regravell them. sidewalks on north to south side streets need to be redone, more need to be put in. snow removal on the highway need to be resolved. C-Dot pushes snow onto sidewalks and in front of side street entrances which becomes dangerous for both pedestrians and motorists. making water fill station look better. it looks disallow additional more than 2 story single-family residences. like XXXX address

Do things to attract all forms of recreation. Not just hikers and bicyclist.

Dolores city Park could be made into such a better community park. We need play equipment for all the young families wo live locally. it is closer to most of the areas where families live and we would prefer not having to go across town to Joe Rowell. it seems more like a "locals" area that could use

DONT CHANGE A THING!

Don't let more people in.

Dust abatement (chemical) to some or all dirt roads.

dust retardant or pave all streets

need more sidewalks and some repaired

post office building cleaned, repaired and maintained

our chlorine levels are too high plus at times our water smells bad, stinks, calcium levels are too high.

Dolores used to have the best water around.

Dust suppression on the dirt roads in town during the summer; roads regraded so water runs into storm drains, instead of pooling in front of homes.

Econic / recreational growth

Economic development, more walkable routs (expand the river trail)re-rout so that there's a clear business district. people just motor through town and we miss opportunities to capture their business. could there be a 'town square' developed around Flander's Park? start paving more streets.

Economic growth. clothing, different restaurants, Town appearance, better beach at the river.

Encourage affordable housing

encourage more small businesses, cafes, lodging. maybe a music fest?

Encourage rebuilding in the spaces that the buildings have burnt down. Do something to the XXXX. It is a shame he does nothing to that building, when he claims he is going too.

Encourage smart growth. & more recreation activities. Economic development, without franchises.

Enforce rules and regs. There are too many properties leaving junk in the front yards. For example, one property on XXXX has had a mattress in the front yard for over a year. Let's make Dolores beautiful

enforce the traffic laws. not even school busses follow the speed limit on d now one stops for people everything for the goo of course.

find out, c:expert

Expand-growth-East-improve services-annex southwest (top of Hill)- annex provide services north-annex improve services.

expansion, more shops

Extend the trail along the river and up to the Boggy Draw trail system.

search and rescue station in ore near town to town to respond to the National Forest

Fewer vacant buildings, more childcare options

Find a way to rebuild town square lots. Reduce traffic speed farther up river.

Build better drainage systems for flood control.

Cut down fire danger on South Hillside.

Add water capacity for fire fighting.

Add trails leading to v.6 thru May canyon area.

More trees in Joe Rowell.

Lobby county to add large shoulders on rd. 31 up to W.

Encourage more summer events.

Make community center more accessible by lowering cost.

fix and utilize the vacant bldgs. the one across the street from the XXXX could have business on the 1st floor and apartments on other floors. it's a beautiful building!! same with XXXX across from the town hall. If a new school is built, use the old buildings for apartments as well. it has been done in

Get Colorado Fish and Game to commit to plant more fish in the river to help attract tourists.

Growth, Business stability, and Diversity.

I don't know how to answer question 10 because I feel both ways. I believe in growth and I appreciate this survey. With that, I have also watched Mancos become a town that I don't recognize. When growth happens, it needs to be thoughtful and intentional because small communities need to be able to sustain that growth instead of pushing people out who have been here forever. Glad a conversation is being started and I don't want Dolores to become Mancos (a hipster community). I tend to

I would like to see a more vibrant downtown with local shops, restaurants, lodging and other businesses. there are very few places you can go to during the day with children just to hang. it's sad to see places like the XXXX and the XXXX sitting vacant.

I would like to see the Town and Chamber work together to figure out what Dolores's niche is in a local and regional sense, work together to identify the types of businesses, engage the public, and then actively attempt to recruit those businesses.

I would not go so far as to say changes need to be make. but there is room for improvement on current practices. road maintenance, dust mitigation and storm water run off would be a good place to start. there seem to be no real plan in place for any of these problems.

I'd like to see the properties that the town currently owns to be sold to the public and I would like to see a new road put up on the cliff ban called cliffside and open that up to public lots for sale

I'd like to see us mindfully embrace the tourism economy.

improve streets/drainage

paving I hate the dust and mud

Improvement in the existing dining scene (more variety of food, better hours, focus on quality ingredients), restoration of downtown buildings (the character of the buildings is awesome, just need to be updated), increased murals, protection of existing natural spaces

Incentivize and promote rehab and development of historic buildings. Prioritize locally owned business and prevent large national chain business.

Increase the tax base / expand city limits and population. (I would have chosen triple the population in #1)

improve street maintenance

improve park infrastructure

increased art and culture opportunities.

cleaning up unsightly buildings/areas

more varieties of restaurants.

increased coordination among businesses the town and the chamber in creating a Dolores "brand" Planter along the main street, banners advertising etc. so that when someone drives on 145 through town they say "Wow this is a cool place I want to come back" this would support local businesses.

infrastructure maintenance and improvement, affordable housing, historic preservation, development of downtown along Central, moving city hall and opening up Flanders Park, river access improvement

It appears that in the past few years there has been a decline in the appearance of the town, its cluttered and trashy. Now we have a new XXXX store with visible trash in the front and back and a trailer parked in the XXXX parking lot. Our little town has so much potential and charm. I don't want

Its not that they should...it is that they are inevitable. "Smart" change or growth is the concept strive just improve on what we have!

keep Dolores small

keep Dolores small and local for the local residents. stop attracting tourism with big events. big event don't help the locals. too much catering is being done to promote local business at the expense of the citizens! for example this ridiculous bathroom. I am angry the town voted on this before the survey deadline. this bathroom is wrong in so many ways. expensive, bad location, wont match the Goose

keeping McPhee full and Dolores river running.

more quality restaurants (breakfast joint)

pave hillside drive - less dusty roads

more neighborhood parks

Long term vision inclusive of school system, galloping goose, trails systems, full time residents, vrbo, and chamber of commerce. Centralized information platform, like a newspaper for education and maintain city main street. unkept properties and side walks. monitor speed limits on secondary roads.

noise pollution dogs, bars, traffic and trucks.

make sure crossing highway is safe. keeping alleys mowed. weed enforcement.

Making people keep main street houses nice. sidewalk upkeep.

speed limits on side streets.

More affordable housing and jobs

More affordable housing opportunities and support of economic growth & downtown business

More better sidewalks

More business and a way to get them to stay.

More businesses (any kind really) Businesses help to stimulate local economy, plus they draw others from other communities. I have traveled the Midwest extensively and I'm enthused by the number of museums in small towns. It wonderful seeing a museum telling the history of their town with items of

More Businesses. more community events. children programs.
More businesses. remove all abandoned cars off streets. make people clean their property. make more child friendly activities/recreation opportunities less bars. more viable restaurants and places to more commitment to residents instead of gearing economic development towards bringing in tourists- sidewalks, pave the roads, make housing desirable for people who want to live here- more community involvement and outreach from Town Board- hard to know what's more community service for young and elderly
more events for the community.

more housing

More local businesses to create "main street" or "downtown" vibe

More local businesses.

More local commerce, businesses that are open more, opportunity for the people of the community to come together ie coffee shops, cafes, bars.

Town support for these things. You can't even tell people live here, town is deserted except for when

More noise and animal control

More paved roads and walkways. A safer option for crossing the highway to get to school. A

More paved roads in central Dolores.

Requiring removal of junk in yards/properties/etc

more retail/gifts shops!

more sidewalk around town!

more use of space near playground and baseball fields, pump track for bikes, garden, community soccer?

more water in McPhee. pave dirt roads

Need capital investment in the downtown area. Need to create a live where you work arena

new road base put down on all the dirt roads. it has not been maintained once in the last 26 years.

just gets plowed to park and paths. use vacant lot for free parking for events.

No more economic growth, great grocery store, brewery cidery, yoga studio, bike shop great music.

we need to support the great businesses we currently have. Great bike, hiking trails, cultural center.

no more Mexican restaurant, thrift stores and liquor stores.

Not such a one sided town government.

Not sure

Nothing, do not change.

online payments for utilities

better promotion of local Dolores events to residents.

better parking for XXXX

pave all the streets.

Pave Hillside drive. Focus on maintaining or improving town historical buildings. Better care of city maintained trees. arborists are affordable.

paved roads, fewer street lights

enforced leash laws

paved roads. the dust issue is very unhealthy, and impacts daily life here for those who live on the dirt streets negatively. we can't open our front windows, people speeding , school traffic, bad for our lungs... etc. with climate change it has only gotten worse over the last 20 years. I'd like to see Dolores cleaner in general and rules enforced for abandoned vehicles, accumulating junk, better maintenance of sidewalk, better care taken of the concrete transitions between paved and dirt roads.

paved streets

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Pavement of streets, trails to the forest. extend speed zone areas farther up river to reduce sounds. sidewalks along highway. shoulder on Rd 31 going up the hill. Hiking loops from town. improve river access. cut weeds, steps to the river.

Pay teachers more so good ones stay here. Need full time addition of counselor in the school system. elect some democrats! My child had difficult sometimes traumatic experiences at the Jr and Sr high school with bullying and some inappropriate behaviors from other students and a few teachers also. All the OBAMA signs in our yard were stolen and my child harrassed for "having a liberal mother" No religious groups should be allowed in public schools and should advocate for diversity and equality of all students. more diverse extra curricular activities like debates, choir, arts and craft clubs.

plan for growth, more affordable housing, keep large town events

Please work on water You have low water pressure and it tastes bad. More trees in the parks, better opportunities for recycling.

Pride in ownership of homes. we need to encourage homeowners to rid their yards and ally ways of excess - like run-down cars like the home adjacent to XXXX (across from XXXX), and my neighbors.

please tighten up restrictions and clean your neighborhoods!

Probably need a paid, part time coordinator for parks and recreation programs to enhance residential use of the parks and outdoor resources.

progressive community

Promote more activity to make the Town more vibrant. Clean up some of run down look and feel. Increase tax revenues to do so. Promote new businesses.

Property tax on commercial property is very high compared to residential tax. I believe this is a barrier to progress in combination with a gold standard for commercial building & renovation. We have to honor building codes, but it seems as though we have gone from enforcement of very few standards to a gold standard with little flexibility to promote economic and commercial development. I want to see multiple businesses operating along central between 4th & 5th across from Flanders Park. I would also like to see the idle vehicles and junk collected in people's yards either removed or concealed from

quit raising water rates

Quit trying to force new laws on us because of new people...leave us laid back and happy

rather minor, more public restrooms are needed.

renewable energy resources

Renovation of old, existing buildings in town.

River access at 7th street

Sidewalks all along the town.

River access, should take Big Rock back. Eminent domain!

School board and govt leadership.

School board, gov't leadership. lacking in resources and support for people in the community that are dealing with mental illness.

slow traffic for safety and econ development(ridgeway)Raze Town Hall to open Flanders Park so that businesses can develop around the park/square with clear sightlines to the highway. Develop river

So many people here in town as well as my visitors always comment on how "trashy" the town is and how can I stand it and why doesn't the town do anything about it? Old cars leaking fluids that run into the river are an environmental threat. and piles of discarded items in peoples yards are such an eye sore. I think cleaning up town will be instrumental in reaching the goals you would like Dolores to stop trying to promote tourism and instead focus on improving quality of life for those of us who live here!! pave the roads, have sidewalks, improved park activities and access.

street maintenance, paving

incentives for attracting business

better usage of existing buildings now vacant.

weed mitigation

trash mitigation

streets paved

Streets paved-too much dirt

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Support and advertising for local businesses

the biggest challenge Dolores faces is safety and traffic control, the lack of enforcing speed limits, especially on Railroad ave. The town does not enforce the crosswalk law meaning cars do not stop for pedestrians which i believe is a state las! one of the ways to help this would be to install solar panel the gravel streets should be properly graded for drainage. snow removal employees should be trained to NOT leave piles of snow and gravel in our driveways.

The inflationary effect on business costs caused by mandates forced on us by Flood zone restrictions and all codes that force the cost of new buildings and improvements.

the town is not very supportive of the residents. it caters to businesses at the expense of residents. it also actively suppresses citizens from participating in town meetings.

The XXXX needs to stop counteracting the efforts of the town and start working collaboratively and in a knowledgeable fashion on partnering REAL economic development strategies to increase local

Think about where town homes are located. I have a town home behind my home and we have a lot of traffic in our alley. Also, more parking along the river is important.

To clean it up, it is a mess. Mainly in front of apartments and businesses on railroad on the south side.

tourism, hotels and business incentives. online payments for water bill. better notice of town meetings. email newsletter on town events, meetings, etc

Town and property cleanup, pave dirt roads.

Town government should do less.

town marshall. so the burden of security is not on the county sheriffs dept and montezuma tax payer for our town prior to the opening of marijuana dispensaries more concern as to the location of how close any dispensary is to local parks and playgrounds, ballfields. for which family and children go to Town should focus on providing opportunities low income housing and expanding the park/trails

town up keep needs much improvement

snow removal need serious improvement

roads need to be maintained better year round

Vacant building need to be used by businesses.

we need a mini walmart or city market. scaled down for town size. fresh food at a more reasonable

we need to have more advertising about our town and more restaurants that don't fail in less than a

Without huge growth, ensure very viable, locally owned shops, all storefronts occupied, properties cleaned up to look inviting and well maintained, especially along the main road - Hwy 145.

work on making main street a "real" main street again

work with C-Dot for snow removal on the highway. add more sidewalk, pave or regravell the streets. a cover over the water station would be nice.

Would like to see more collaboration between Chamber of Commerce, Community Center Board Dolores Re4a School Board. Should be working together for the benefit of Dolores.
