

Jennifer Holloway / Executive Director Chamber of Commerce & Moffat County Visitor Center 360 East Victory Way Craig, Colorado 81625

Mrs. Holloway,

The Northwest Colorado Arts Council Board of Directors, Officers, and membership at large would like to extend our full support of the efforts being made to secure the Yampa building as a community hub for use as a visitor center, tourism office, sportsman headquarters, and much more.

In February of 2019 the Northwest Colorado Arts Council hosted Visionary Night in this historically characteristic building proposing a similar concept of how the Yampa building could catalytically create and cultivate economic benefits for our rural community through collaborative and synergetic efforts from existing community organizations.

Please accept this communication as the Northwest Colorado Arts Council's formal letter of intent to participate as a partnering agency with the Craig Chamber of Commerce and the Moffat County Visitor Center. The Northwest Colorado Arts Council has agreed to lease space within the Yampa building for at least one year with the desire to secure a long-term lease. The intended leased space would feature arts infused community engagements and events such as exhibitions, classes, workshops, open studio blocks, and serve as the home base for the Council.

Additionally, the Northwest Colorado Arts Council is a designated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that can actively seek and secure grant funding. The Arts Council is also willing to partner with other eligible community organizations to submit grant applications relevant to supporting the Yampa building operational costs and community programming initiatives.

Thank you for this opportunity to collectively work together in 'creating our community'.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to serve as a letter of support in favor of the relocation of the Moffat County visitor's center to the Yampa building.

The Moffat County Visitor Center has been a valuable asset to Yampa River and Elkhead Reservoir State Parks for several years, collaborating on many projects and helping each other to remain relevant in a changing industry.

The future of outdoor recreation and tourism in Colorado is very bright and I am excited to see Moffat County looking down the road at a wonderful opportunity. The larger, more centrally located location will prove to be critical in advertising and educating the public to the incredible opportunities present in Moffat County while retaining the valuable services already offered.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you for your time,

Jacob Dewhirst

Park Manager

Yampa River and Elkhead Reservoir State Parks

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NORTHWEST COLORADO

February 27, 2020

Jennifer Holloway Craig Chamber of Commerce and Moffat County Visitor Center 360 East Victory Way Craig, CO 81625

Dear Jennifer,

My name is Arin Daigneau, and I am the Prevention Services Director for Northwest Colorado Health. I'd like to thank you for taking the time earlier this week to visit with me regarding your plans for leasing and occupying the Yampa Building in Craig. Northwest Colorado Health is in support your planned use of the building and is interested in the possibility of utilizing meeting rooms, renting space for our Wellness Wednesday Program, and possibly renting office space within the building. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information.

Thank you,

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Senior Social Center

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February 25, 2020

Re: Letter of Support for the Yampa Building to become the property of the city

We are the Senior Social Center and we are beyond excited and pleased to lend our support for the City of Craig to take ownership of the Yampa Building for the purpose of a central Visitor Center.

SSC was formed by local, active community members to address the needs of the ever growing aging population in town through socialization, education, information and activities. There was also a large group of us who simply wanted to retire in place and continue to be productive and connected. We recognized the asset that needed to be in place for all of this to happen and we had to make it happen. And here we are in our fifth year!

We see ourselves as a key player in the creation of our town and county's evolution for the future and we see this opportunity to be an active part of the next transition for our home! We understand the many needs of our whole community for this new and different future and the importance of all us coming together, young and old alike, with all our diversity to not only survive but thrive in the future.

We support the ideas and for plans the Yampa Building and respect the work the committee has presented. We want to be an active part of saving and utilizing this historic icon of our rich and fascinating region.

To accomplish this we encourage all the potential partners to look to the future and see all of the positive, possibilities with this opportunity and move quickly to make this a reality and another asset for our community. Our home!

On behalf of the members of the Senior Social Center,

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Lois Wymore President Senior Social Center of Craig

February 28, 2020

Craig Chamber of Commerce Attn: Jennifer Holloway

RE: Yampa Building

After being part of Visionary Night in February, 2019, my eyes were opened as to what the historic Yampa Building could provide for the City of Craig. The renovations coupled with the classic charm, the individual offices and classrooms, and the wide hallways and open stairways make for an interior that is ready to use for a public gathering facility that houses the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, Moffat County Tourism, the Senior Center, the Northwest Colorado Arts Council, the CNCC paleontology and museum exhibits, a couple of small businesses, and a few more entities that have the same upbeat vibe. Having all of these under one roof would be so convenient for the entities themselves, the community, and visitors to the area. It would allow the work staff to bounce ideas off each other and collaborate on community projects with such ease. People seeking information will most likely be able to find what they need by making just this one stop.

The beautiful exterior, landscaping, and large rear parking lot will appeal not only to our community but people coming to northwest Colorado from out of the area will find it very compelling to walk through the doors of this beautiful historic building to visit the agencies and businesses.

I truly hope that the school board and the City of Craig with the Chamber's help can come together to make this dream a reality. It would be such a big win for all involved.

Sincerely

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Sheri Sanford 353 Taylor Street Craig, CO 81625 970-629-0004

To whom it may concern,

I am interested in the area that used to house a preschool in the Yampa building. I am Director qualified & previously had a drop in center in Johnstown. I'd love the opportunity to bring back either a preschool or childcare, possibly with summer school age programs. Thank You

Michelle E Simon 970-308-4972 gdmesimon@gmail.com February 26, 2020

Craig City Council 300 West 4th Street Craig, CO 81625

Dear City Council Members and Local Marketing District Board Members,

I am writing this letter today to support the concept currently being considered for the future of the Moffat County School Administration Building. It is a beautiful, historic building, and I love the idea of not only preserving it but pumping new life and purpose into it.

The Chamber of Commerce and Sportsman's Center offer a lot of services to the community and those visiting, and it would be so nice for them to have a big, welcoming visitor's center for people to stop by. The concept of the Chamber and the Moffat County Tourism Association being co-located and working together is wonderful! I was on the Chamber Board for a while, and one of the obstacles I always found frustrating was similar entities working against each other instead of pooling their resources. I am so excited for these two organizations along with Moffat County Local Marketing District and the City of Craig to join forces. I think it is a win for everyone involved.

I am an agent with Colorado Farm Bureau, and we have contacted Jennifer Holloway about possibly renting a space in the building. The space we looked at is perfect for our offices. We have looked at several sites, and this one is by far the best suited for our needs. Not only is the layout spot-on, but we love the idea of being in the same location with so many great businesses. We are excited about the positive energy and forward thinking individuals that will be housed in the building.

There are innovative ideas flowing, and so many projects that will benefit the community. With Northwest Colorado Arts Council having a gallery and possibly classrooms upstairs, the Senior Center supplying local history buffs, the Co-Work Space and Visitor's Showroom, etc. it will have a unique vintage, artsy flair! I can't wait to see what happens moving forward. I truly hope that everyone involved recognizes what a great collaboration this project is and will vote to move forward.

Sincerely,

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