

Special Meeting of the Colfax City Council

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 33 SOUTH MAIN STREET, COLFAX, CA



Mayor Sean Lomen · Mayor Pro Tem Caroline McCully
Councilmembers Trinity Burruss · Kim Douglass · Larry Hillberg

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA – PUBLIC OUTDOOR SEATING AREA ON NORTH MAIN STREET

March 8, 2025

Special Session 3:30 PM

You may attend the meeting and address the Council in person at City Hall, 33 S. Main Street, Colfax, CA 95713.

You may also submit written comments by any the following methods:

- To individual Councilmembers at their City email addresses (available at <https://colfax-ca.gov/>)
- To the City Clerk via email at city.clerk@colfax-ca.gov,
- Via regular mail to P.O. Box 702, Colfax CA 95713, or
- In person at City Hall, 33 S. Main Street, Colfax CA, 95713.

Comments received by the City Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on March 7, 2025 will be submitted to Council for consideration before the meeting. Comments received after 4 p.m. will be provided to the Council on the next business day.

1 OPEN SESSION

1A. Call Open Session to Order

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are permitted to address the Council orally or in writing on matters of concern to the public within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City that are not listed on this agenda. Please make your comments as succinct as possible. Oral comments made at the meeting may not exceed five (5) minutes per speaker. Written comments should not exceed 800 words. Written comments received before the close of an agenda item may be read into the record, with a maximum allowance of five (5) minutes in length. Council cannot act on items not listed on this agenda but may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, request clarification, refer the matter to staff, or place the matter on a future agenda.

2 Workshop

Informational Public Workshop on the Public Outdoor Seating Area on North Main Street. *Pages 3-13*
Following this discussion, this item will be brought back to the Council at a future regular meeting of the Colfax City Council for a formal vote.

3 ADJOURNMENT

I, Amanda Ahre, City Clerk for the City of Colfax, declare that this agenda was posted in accordance with the Brown Act at Colfax City Hall and Colfax Post Office. The agenda is also available on the City website at <http://colfax-ca.gov/>

Amanda Ahre, City Clerk



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Staff Report to City Council

FOR THE MARCH 8, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING

From: Ron Walker, City Manager
Prepared by: Ron Walker, City Manager
Subject: Special Meeting – Public Outdoor Seating Area on North Main Street

Budget Impact Overview:

N/A:	Funded: ✓	Un-funded:	Amount: \$25,000	Fund(s): 100
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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and give direction.

Summary/Background

At the time of the pandemic two outdoor dining areas were put in place because indoor dining had been prohibited. One was located outside the Railhead and the other was located in front of Grandma Cs. The area in front of the Railhead has been removed, but the outdoor dining area in front of the business formally known as Grandma Cs, now the location of Snapdragon Provisions and Bloomin’ Mountain Flowers, is still in place and is in need of a complete makeover.

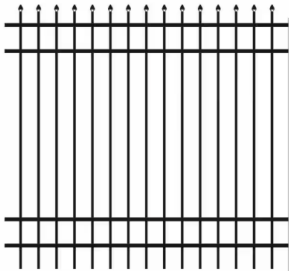


During the 2024 City budget meetings, the city council allocated \$25,000 for new fencing with the understanding that the remaining outdoor dining area is temporary until the city can find funding for the Downtown Connectivity Plan which calls for shifting parking and the road center line of North Main Steet to provide gathering space along business frontage, adding a roundabout on the North end of the historic downtown area, and relocating the Caboose to the grass area next to the museum.

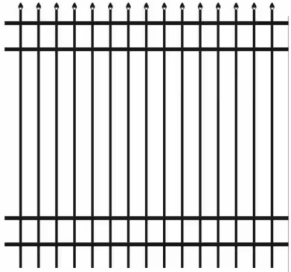

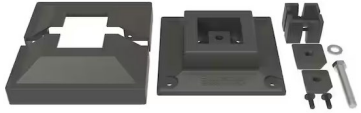
Caroline McCully, President of Railroad Days non-profit was successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant from Union Pacific to help rehabilitate the remaining outdoor dining area.

At today's special meeting, the council will hear from business owners and community members regarding their concerns about materials and designs of the outdoor dining area. Following this discussion, the item will be brought back to a regular city council meeting for a vote.

Attachments:

1. Fencing Estimate
2. Railroad Days, North Main Street Seating Presentation

Cascade Standard-duty Black Aluminum Preassembled Fence Pannel				
				
3 x 6	\$ 95.67	25	\$ 2,391.75	
2 in. x 2 in. x 7-1/3 ft. Black Standard-Duty Aluminum Fence Line Post				
				
		Approx. Number of Post		
	\$ 36.92	50	\$ 1,846.00	
2 in. Black Surface Mount				
				
	\$ 30.64	50	\$ 1,532.00	
	Gate	1	\$ 469.00	
Total	\$ 6,238.75			
Additional Handicap Ramps				
		\$ 1,737.45		

Cascade Standard-duty Black Aluminum Preassembled Fence Panel					
					
3x6	\$ 95.67	29	\$ 2,774.43		
2 in. x 2 in. x 7-1/3 ft. Black Standard-Duty Aluminum Fence Line Post					
					
		Approx. Number of Post			
	\$ 36.92	54	\$ 1,993.68		
2 in. Black Surface Mount					
					
	\$ 30.64	54	\$ 1,654.56		
Gate	\$ 469.00	3	\$ 1,407.00		
Total	\$ 7,829.67				
Additional Handicap Ramps					
		\$ 1,737.45			

PUBLIC OUTDOOR SEATING
AREA ON NORTH MAIN ST

THE PURPOSE



Our goal is to design an inviting outdoor area that encourages both locals and visitors to gather, enjoy, and celebrate all that makes our Historic Downtown special.

This space will serve as a hub where the community can come together, connect with one another, support local businesses, and enjoy shared experiences that strengthen our bond.



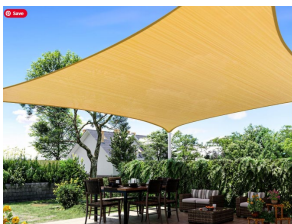
COMPONENTS

- Black Iron Fencing to match current downtown fencing
- Dining Tables, both 8' long & Square Game Tables
- Handicap Ramp Access



As Budget allows.....

- I Beam corner posts for Shade Sail installation
- Shade Sails
- Metal planters filled with plants chosen by the Colfax Garden Club
- Metal Caboose cut outs, matching light posts, installed on planters
- Lighting along the fence



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TWO LAYOUTS PROPOSED

Approx 90 foot space, encompassing 4 businesses.

- Basement Pizza (aka Main St Pizza)
- Blooming Mountain Flowers/Snapdragon Provisions
- Care Sphere
- Wrecking Crew Bakery & Cafe

OPTION 1 - 4 INDIVIDUAL SPACES

Each space will
Be approximately
21 feet wide.

Gates would be
Installed in each of the
3 divider fences



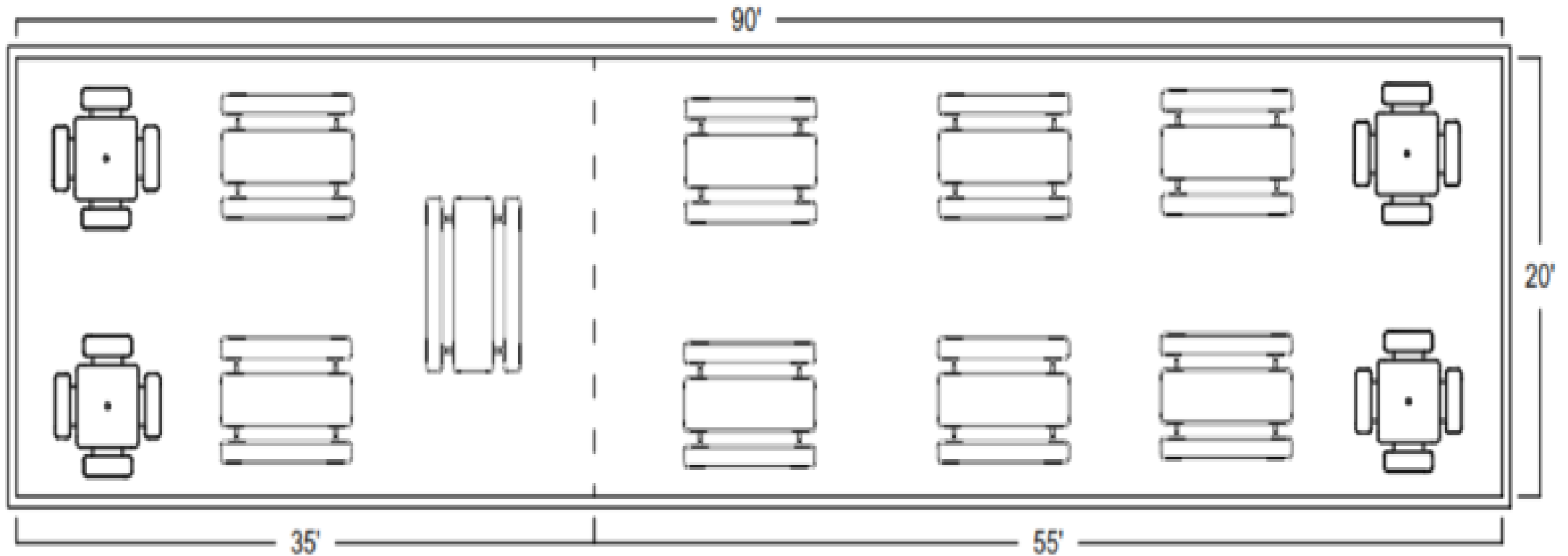
OPTION 2 - 2 SPACES

Small space is
approx. 35 feet
Large space is
Approx 55 feet

Gate would be
Installed in the
divider fence



+ • Birds Eye View of 2 Spaces



FUNDING SOURCES

-Colfax Railroad Days Inc applied for, and was awarded, a \$10,000 grant from Union Pacific Railroad for this project

-City of Colfax approved a budget of \$25,000 to improve the public downtown seating area



A colorful poster for "Historic Colfax Railroad Days". At the top, it says "HISTORIC COLFAX RAILROAD DAYS" in large, stylized letters, with a small train icon. Below that, it reads "FREE FAMILY EVENT!" in bold red letters. The event dates are "SEPTEMBER 13 & 14" and the location is "DOWNTOWN COLFAX - 10AM-5PM". The poster features three main sections: "FREE! KIDS ZONE" with a blue and yellow graphic, "BLACK FLAG GANG" with a photo of a group of people, and "BEER GARDEN" with a graphic of beer glasses. At the bottom, a blue banner lists activities: "Union Pacific • Model Train Exhibits", "Quilt Show • Craft Vendors • Food", "Black Flag Gang • Morman Battalion 1840's Camp", "FREE Kids Zone • Train Rides", and "Beer Garden • Guided Historical Walking Tours".