

"The purpose of community development is to bring people together to work towards a common goal, improving the quality of life in their communities. It's a powerful tool that addresses social and economic issues, promotes inclusivity and diversity, and empowers communities to take action."



Commercial Development

Commercial real estate plays a crucial role in the growth and development of a community. It provides the necessary space for businesses to operate, creating jobs and generating economic activity, leading to increased tax revenues for the community.

DCDC purchased the Burgess Clinic building to ensure that the building was promoted as leasable for commercial purposes. We then recruited **Community Pharmacy, Family Connections** mental health services, **Horizon Physical Therapy**, and **Lambert Family Chiropractic** to town.



Tourism

Tourism helps to boost local economies by creating jobs and generating income for local businesses.

DCDC assists in developing new and promoting existing tourism opportunities in Dunlap. DCDC funded and designed the **wayfinding signs** that have been installed throughout town. DCDC has played an integral role in the installation of nine **community murals**. DCDC helped fundraise and organize the installation of the **Dunlap StoryWalk**, and they initiated and continue to raise funds for the **Historic Railroad Stairway** project.



Beautification

Community beautification is important to help attract businesses to the area, but it has importance beyond economical value to an area. Community beautification encourages residency.

DCDC, in partnership with the City of Dunlap, established a Grants Committee. This committee has applied for more than 22 grants in the last year, and has seen big wins, like funding for: **pool updates**, the **Dunlap Senior Center HVAC** replacement, a new water fountain/water bottle filling station for the City Park, and money for the railroad stairs project, with more pending!

Per the Dunlap Visioning Process, the Grants Committee looks forward to initiating the following projects in the next year:

- Updating benches, planters and trash receptacles on Dunlap's main street,
- Adding a pocket park between the DCDC building and Bonsall TV & Appliance, and
- Installing a new LED message board to replace the derelict welcome sign on Hwy 30.



How can I serve on the DCDC board?

The "voting members" of DCDC are individuals who have made a financial contribution to DCDC equal to or greater than \$50, or businesses who have made a financial contribution towards DCDC equal to or greater than \$100 in the current election year. One vote is allowed per individual membership and one vote is allowed per business membership, with a limit of two votes per household. Voting members must be 18 years or older. Member donations must be received by February 28 of the current year to be eligible to nominate/vote for Board members in the current year's Board election.

The DCDC election year is June 1st - May 31st and the election process is as follows:

- The number of open seats for an election are determined by the Board and announced publicly by March 1st.
- Nominations are accepted from voting members, March 15th - March 21st.
- Nomination forms must be accompanied by the signatures of five (5) current voting members to be accepted. This applies to both new and returning board members. Ballots are made accessible to voting members on April 1st. Ballots will be accepted electronically or in hard copy from April 1st through 5:00 p.m. CST on April 7th.
- New members take office at the DCDC Annual Meeting, held annually in May.