

Mankato Post Office Adaptive Reuse (M-POAR)

Fall 2014 – Winter 2015



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WHAT IS IT M-POAR

M-POAR is a community engagement project lead by the City Center Partnership which seeks to attract an appropriate reuse to the Post Office building that is highly supportive of the ongoing Renaissance in City Center Mankato. The Federal Courthouse & Post Office building is slated to be put on the market soon (as described by the United States Post Office which currently owns the property). The Post Office has made it clear they would prefer to maintain a “retail” presence in the downtown core near their current site. Such a site would allow them to maintain commercial operations similar to what they currently have but which requires substantially less space than the current building has.

WHY DO M-POAR

This historic property is a cornerstone building in the City Center Mankato Arts & Historic District and is an important building for the Greater Mankato region. Reuse of such an historic and large public building opens up possibilities that the site could become highly supportive or highly unsupportive of the ongoing revitalization and the long range City Center Renaissance Plan. As a result the City Center Partnership Board of Governors approved a community engagement process to gain a better understanding of how the community would like the property to be reused.

TIMELINE: ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

Mankato Post Office Adaptive Reuse (M-POAR) Project Timeline - *dates are tentative*

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| August 2014 | CCP | Seek taskforce members |
| September 2014 | Taskforce | Meeting 1 of 4 (education/awareness) |
| October/November | <u>PUBLIC</u> | <u>ONLINE</u> Public Engagement: <i>request input on preferred reuses</i> |
| December/January | Taskforce | Meeting 2 of 4 (public input results & draft report) |
| December/January | <u>PUBLIC</u> | <u>SURVEY</u> Public with the most popular reuse suggestions |
| January/February | Taskforce | Meeting 3 of 4 (review possible reuses & impacts) |
| January/February | <u>PUBLIC</u> | <u>OPEN HOUSE</u> to review draft report of suggested reuses |
| February/March | Taskforce | Meeting 4 of 4 (review final input and finalize report) |

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