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Hello KUTS Planning Group:

We continue to sneak energy into the KUTS vision, one stolen minute at a time. We intend to promote walkability, build vibrancy by celebrating together the qualities that make Kerrville special, and create opportunities for people to engage and connect. Lofty. Baby steps.

KDT Mural

Michael Bailey's 4-panel design, LANDPRINT, will be installed on the Jefferson Street exterior wall of the Kerrville Daily Times building this week.

Michael used contour maps of the City of Kerrville as a static base layer across all four 4'x8' panels, placing the meandering line of the Guadalupe River at center perspective.

The first panel from left is toned with earthy blues and browns, raw land and River as contour lines dominating the scene. As we move right, spots of orange appear on top of the contour layer, representing cooking fires of cypress logging camps along the River. As civilization continues to progress, the orange spots grow and merge and organize, crescendoing in the final panel, which is dominated by the wash of pink and orange development.

Descriptor plaque content attached.

For each of the four panels, Jesse and the crew at KwikSigns printed a high resolution laminate vinyl film of Michael's design, adhered it to an aluminum plate, and riveted the plate to a steel frame to be anchored to the KDT building with concrete screws.

We'll hold a public unveiling on **Wednesday March 9th, Noon, Kerrville Daily Times**. Two or three speakers each taking a few minutes rain or shine - shooting for a simple 10-15 minute ceremony.

This panel mural was made possible by a grant from H-E-B. Those guys are the best.

(Side Note: Tuesdays are \$2 draft night at TrueTXBBQ at big HEB and we hear they have Pint & Plow on tap. Daily happy hours too.)

KUTS Clay South - Water/Clay

Planning continues for the installation of three new features to complement the REGENERATE mural created in 2020/2021 on the Voelkel Building at Clay/Water. These features include:

Bike Rack (Program) - In partnership with High Five Events (owners/organizers of the Kerrville Triathlon), Pint & Plow, and the City of Kerrville, KUTS commissioned the design of custom steel bike racks to be installed in public spaces throughout Kerrville.

The first install will be a set of three racks in the Parking Garage, just inside the bollards near the vehicle entrance on Clay Street.

Racks will be added at other locations annually, through contributions from Triathlon registrants, High Five Events, and Pint & Plow. (“Want to add a dollar to contribute to the local Bike Rack Program? Check this box! Free beer at finish line!”)

Crosswalk - Through a grant from the Perry and Ruby Stevens Charitable Foundation and in alignment with planned intersection improvements by the City, we plan to install a custom designed crosswalk connecting the Parking Garage to the grounds of the Kerrville Farmers Market and future Heart of the Hills Heritage Center at the AC Schreiner mansion at 529 Water St. The crosswalk was designed by the artists of the REGENERATE mural, and will improve accessibility, public safety and visibility at this intersection.

String Lights - In partnership with KPUB and the City, string lights similar to those at the Harry Dietert mural on the NAPA building will be installed across Water Street, between the Voelkel Building and the AC Schreiner mansion.

It’s possible that all three happen this year. Maybe.

KUTS Doyle

The KUTS DOYLE Trail is still but a glint in our eye. The LANDPRINT panel mural contributes in connecting Clay South to Doyle, via Jefferson and Hays Streets to McFarland Street - baby steps.

The City has made substantial progress on sidewalk and street improvements in the Doyle neighborhood, and renovations to the Doyle Community Center are complete - two independent but kindred projects that a KUTS DOYLE trail hopes to build upon.

Pint & Plow has also brewed a seasonal beer - Apple Glory Brown Ale - to help support the Glory Community Garden (next to one of the historic juke joints on the proposed KUTS DOYLE trail) and their hopes for an expansion to meet growing demand for additional beds. Let's count that as a third parallel.

The proposed KUTS DOYLE trail (attached) remains unchanged from the last update, but it's riper than ever. Graphic design for that map, btw, was gifted to us by the same Michael Bailey who created LANDPRINT.

KUTS Singing Wind

You can never have too many glints. Little progress on KUTS SINGING WIND, but the ball is now largely in Schreiner University's court. Schreiner is hard at work on a new plan for the Weston Estate, which is adjacent to the proposed trail that would ultimately connect Tivy High School, Peterson Middle School, Tom Daniels Elementary School, Singing Wind Park, Schreiner University, and the River Trail. We keep a candle burning.

Whatcha Doin'?

Our candle burns in a contented place of abundance, and life is good. But if anyone gets inspired to carry at least a piece of that abundance for a bit, holler dammit, HOLLER! This largely one-man show ain't afraid of some accompaniment if you know what I mean, and the vision is grand enough for a pretty big band.

KUTS DOYLE is a swole, juicy, low-hanging fruit that just needs plucking. Coach Fifer has provided draft content for several of the plaques, which are already designed for locations that are already selected. We even have a little money in the bank - thanks be to Holloway Plumbing and others. Execution time, by someone with a little time.

Another opportunity is development of a downtown heritage tree trail. This idea was planted decades ago and would require coordination with at least 4 other groups. Ideas abound - execution is scarce.

Business Support

Speaking of neighborhood plumbing - a couple of years ago, Damon Lewis and Holloway Plumbing quietly connected with our financial host The Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country to set up an automatic draft from Holloway and into the KUTS fund each month. (Pint & Plow eventually followed Damon's lead.) Through Damon's leadership, those contributions have grown into a substantial chunk - way to go Damon. Consider doing the same if you have the means to be a baller, large or small. There's a link on the KUTS website, and it's painless.

Speaking of ballers - if someone has \$1M+ to build that traffic circle at Clay/Schreiner, it's pretty much guaranteed rock star status for them, and will allow the original concept for KUTS CLAY SOUTH to get all the way to Basement Brewers, offering a second connection to McFarland and the Doyle neighborhood. And making that intersection much safer for everyone to boot.

Hope to see y'all Wednesday the 9th at KDT at noon. Keep the candle burning. Pluck the fruit. Sing like a rockstar. Baby steps.

Jeremy