

2012 Valdez Beautification Survey-Comments

1. This city really needs to invest now in encouraging resident and businesses to move here-in cities across the nation Inner-City Revitalization projects have been the instrument of growth
2. This city needs beautification, a central meeting area, and more places like Kelsey dock. Valdez needs this. Offer businesses around the plaza a tax break for the first 5 years (until they start reaping the benefits of increased business.)
3. Total Support! Great ideas! 😊
4. Everything looks amazing!!!! These are great things for Valdez.
5. Stupid Idea (*in reference to the Town Square Plaza concept*)
6. Keep it simple and cost effective.
7. I don't like the last 2 because it just doesn't make sense with the problems it would cause with snow removal in winter (*in reference to the Egan Improvements and the Town Square Plaza concept*).
8. Full support-the city and central town areas seem run down, dated and full of empty paved lots-doesn't match the beauty of the city's surroundings. It's a great initiative. Looks like the town is dying-this would help revitalize it so much.
9. I think Valdez desperately needs this and I love all the ideas displayed on the tables. I want my hometown to become beautiful again. Thank you.
10. I think it would help our town build a tighter knit community and make it more attractive to visitors.
11. Distance to town center on signage and elevations maybe? Incorporate a timeline on Egan onto street art; i.e. gold rush etc. Worried about narrowing streets!!
12. Please continue with it all, they are great ideas. Thank you.

13. Build it & they will come!
14. Not in proposed place (*uncertain of reference in survey*)
15. As long as we keep looking to the future this community will continue to progress.
When we stop trying we fail!!
16. Don't make downtown park-need snow dumps and streets.
17. The way finding signs feel a bit like an amusement park and may take away from the natural beauty. Don't mine them downtown. Make them aesthetically artistic with the environment.
18. Really like the idea of smaller sledding areas for kids, unsure of reducing Egan and relocating library parking.
19. I like the arches and rock/metal signs-it makes the city seem like an Olympic Village that is friendly and inviting.
20. Funding depending on if other areas will suffer. Not sure giving up street for town square is a good idea-use park strip.
21. We need more reasons to be a destination! Thanks 😊
22. Need to enforce existing building codes
23. Get rid of the shipping containers, hide dumpsters.
24. Great for families & tourism market
25. My only hold up is the town square idea, the added cost...we do have the Ruth Pond/City Dock area for events too
26. Like what has been done so are. Concerned about toll show removal would have in snow lots and on road. Really like the sledding hill idea (*town square*).

27. The character of our town is compromised by the generic appearance we have at this time. Every upgrade to our town helps promote more business and better community identity.
28. Develop Robe Lake area to be used by more than just float planes-maybe a campground-boardwalk. Theme downtown business for conformity.
29. Thanks to all who have put their time in on this.
30. Please! *(in reference to a positive survey)*
31. Please do anything you can. This is such a pretty area we need to accentuate it.
32. I love the town square idea and would believe it would help with tourists.
33. Have seen the town square concept worldwide, properly done it will increase traffic & revenue from foot traffic.
34. Would be nice if there were grants available to local businesses to improve the outside of their stores. More unity between improvements-log cabin at entry to the very modern improvements at the City dock-we need a common theme for city, business and even residential areas.
35. A “unified” theme or concept is the way to go
36. Keep up the good work and make this town a better place to live.
37. Keep helping the City become a better place to visit and live.
38. Keep going forward with plans for improving the city beautification.
39. Cross walks on Meals!!
40. Good ideas
41. Valdez needs to continue to attract Alaska, tourists especially from Anchorage and the Kenai.

42. I like the green paint.
43. Don't hurt local businesses
44. Great ideas! Go for it.
45. Our Parkstrip needs to be year-round, not snow storage! Trail around Robe Lake.
46. The heck with the naysayers, make Valdez an attraction for all.
47. I think it's great. I think people with property near the town square are very fortunate. They will get lots of foot traffic-and people will certainly check them out.
48. I think more improvements for fishing and camping would attract people. I agree we need to make improvements but we also need infrastructure improvements like sewer lines out in the outer subdivisions.
49. What about snow? Have you considered something more functional like a fishing pier out past Mineral Creek?
50. It is important to begin doing something to improve the aesthetics of the town's infrastructure. It is lacking in a beautiful surrounding, our town is ugly at best.
51. It would bring such camaraderie to locals; so many small towns have a gathering place. And the local business foot traffic would benefit tremendously.
52. We can always improve our town! We are looked on with dislike by visitors due to the shoddy looks of our downtown.
53. The city improvements are great and need to be continued.
54. Museum color sucks 😊
55. I think it is important for us to continue to beautify our town. I'm drawn to towns that have obviously made an effort to beautify when I travel to other places.

56. Plant trees on both sides of Main Street. Hang flower baskets. Garden strips on the side of streets.
57. Need more code enforcements on existing buildings.
58. I think all of these new ideas are wonderful and will add to the beauty of Valdez!
59. The town is in need of improvements and new business-any and all of these (*in reference to all ideas on survey*)
60. Need to use the parks we have. Skate park could be much more attractive so kids would want to use it even more. Park strip could be better utilized for winter walking. Don't remove turn lane (*in reference to Egan Drive improvements, also neutral on town square plaza-maybe do after other improvements*)
61. Town Center is a great idea-cross walks at major intersections. City Sign-wonderful!
62. Build Harbor area 1st. Harbor Drive seems to be the hub anyway.
63. The conceptual idea is a great starting place for the beautification committee and community to come together and propose a plan for the City Council to look at and approve.
64. I think it is important we look at making improvements (new) to help improve the community and spark a beautification revolution. But we currently need to maintain and improve the existing infrastructure. This is more important than new stuff.
65. Would rather spend monies to generate jobs and building future expansion of jobs. Town square plaza in a different area such as Barney Meyring.
66. Brushing snow lots multiple times during summer months would assist in presenting a "neat" appearance, along with cutting brush from sidewalks, trimming grass/weeds that grow in concrete cracks. Small things sometimes make a big difference. What good is having archways and plazas when everything else is unkempt?
67. Build the town square now!

68. Need a "Valdez" attraction-need to look into a world class chairlift.

69. Project Playground!

70. Love the direction the committee is going!

71. So far, I support!