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At the meeting, Main and Main representative Dan Dover said that the owner of the Junction Inn is willing to sell them the rest of the property, though a deal has yet to be struck, and that Main and Main is willing to build a new multistory hotel where the Junction Inn is currently located. Dover also said that he knows of a party interested in the location but for now could not say what company they represent. The statement was made in direct contradiction of the IVCDO’s study, with Dover implying that building a multistory hotel would have perfectly viable return on their investment.

Despite an attempt, Dover could not be reached for further comment regarding the construction of the Grocery Outlet or hotel.

“I’ll believe it when I see it,” Dalegowski said, intrigued by the proposition of a new hotel though reserving his excitement for when he sees permits being filed.

On the other hand, Kate Dwyer, the IVCDO’s community development coordinator, expressed outright hostility toward the investor because of their lack of interest in speaking with the IVCDO. “I would be very displeased if Main and Main were the developer for the hotel, given the way that they stood up there in front of people in public and told me they don’t care for one second what our community wants.”

In an attempt to indirectly engage with Main and Main, who’s entirely unresponsive to the IVCDO, Dwyer has opened talks with Grocery Outlet via a list of requests that would put them in compliance with the IVCDO’s Strategic Plan. Among the requests is to have the building and signage constructed in the style of the area, use local plants that support pollinators and don’t require a great deal of water as well as come up with a creative solution to the property’s stormwater runoff problem. Dwyer noted that Grocery Outlet has complied with Oregon community requests in the past, specifically listing their La Pine location as an example.

“They’re willing to indicate to Main and Main that they want the site developed in ways that will support their relationship with the community,” Dwyer concluded.



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However, because of the holidays, the planning department has thus far not been able to inspect more than a handful of notified properties. Schmelzer added that the code enforcement administrators are starting their campaign with property owners who have contacted the planning department and claimed that they’ve rectified their violation.

“We always try a soft approach to get

compliance,” Schmelzer said, “but if we get no cooperation, we then have to start with the more aggressive letters.” Finally, she added, if the aggressive warnings do not result in compliance then legal action is taken against the offender. Historically, Schmelzer said, most people come into compliance once they know a formal complaint has been filed against them.

On the topic of Josephine County being severely backlogged with open complaints, with one even dating back to 1996, Schmelzer stressed that all violations are being pursued, not just new

ones. “In one year, current staff opened almost as many cases as we did in 20 years; and closed almost as many as we did in 20 years. We’re excited to see the progress we can make by adding another staff person.” (Schmelzer stated that in two years, they opened cases on 354 properties.)

For now, only properties which have had a formal complaint levied against them are being pursued but Schmelzer says her department is waiting for direction from the board of county commissioners on how or if they are to proceed via other methods.

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