

## Town Forum Executive Summary

The Town of Springdale hosted a professionally facilitated Town Forum on Lodging and Community Character on January 25, 2017. The purpose of the Forum was to share information with community members and to gather productive community input to inform the town's efforts related to managing lodging development.

During the Forum, public officials from Springdale shared background information about the history and current state of lodging in Springdale. Town officials then responded to participants' technical and substantive clarifying questions. Following the information session, participants were asked to discuss the following questions in small groups:

1. What is special about Springdale that you want to preserve and/or enhance?
2. Think about the existing lodging in town (or elsewhere) – what are the things you like?
3. If there is going to be lodging in town, what can the town *realistically do* to enhance the good things and minimize the bad things?

After the small group discussion, participants shared their individual responses to the following question via a sticky note exercise:

- If there is going to be lodging in town, what can the town *realistically do* to enhance the good things and minimize the bad things?

Through the sticky note exercise, Forum participants conveyed a diverse range of ideas and priorities, which generally related to the following topics.

- Limits and constraints for hotel development
- Employee and affordable housing
- Preservation of residential zoning
- Traffic and parking
- Bed and Breakfasts
- Support for biking and walking.

All comments shared by participants are included in the Forum Summary Report.

The Forum was intended to initiate a productive community conversation about managing lodging development in Springdale. Town officials will be following up on the information and questions gathered through the Forum. [The detailed summary of the Forum is available on the Town of Springdale website.](#)