

Permanent restroom for downtown considered by Marble Falls EDC

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MARBLE FALLS — Future visitors to downtown won't have to stall when nature calls if the Economic Development Corp.'s plan to build a permanent public restroom goes through.

Putting a restroom downtown will make the area more friendly to visitors and crowds, EDC board members said during a meeting April 6.

"This would be a great amenity to kick off the improvement of downtown," board member Brian Shirley said.

For several years, the city has rented portable toilets to accommodate the public downtown during outdoor events, including art shows, music festivals and other events, City Manager Ralph Hendricks told the board.

"It just does not look good," he added.

However, it may be possible to install a permanent public restroom facility on land near the north side of the Marble Falls Police Department, just south of City Hall, Hendricks said.

"That space really lends itself to enhancing downtown," he added. "It would be fairly easy there to tie (restrooms) into our water and wastewater systems."

Indeed, the city recently installed public restrooms in West Side Park, said board member David Ives.

"I think they really look nice," he said.

The board will consider preliminary plans and cost estimates for the restroom facility during an upcoming meeting, officials said.

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