



**Finalists for the Community Development Director position
Meet the candidates at a public reception on
Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
in City Council Chambers, 201 W. Virginia Avenue**

Garry Baker grew up in many different places as part of an Air Force family, spending time in Germany, Texas, Georgia, Alaska, Arizona, and Nebraska. After graduating high school in Omaha, Garry went on to the University of Nebraska, earning a bachelor's degree in History and a Master's degree in Political Science. Garry spent several years teaching political science at the University of Nebraska, and also worked as a school bus driver. While studying for his Master's degree in Community and Regional Planning, Garry worked at the City of Lincoln as an intern.

In 1999, Garry began work as Assistant City Planner at the City of Montrose, Colorado. Garry helped achieve the City's successful Main Street designation in 2001. The following year, Garry became a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and married Kelli.

Since that time Garry has initiated and managed a number of projects to improve Montrose. He wrote the "REDO" accessory dwelling unit ordinance, did the conceptual design of the "road diet" and diagonal parking on Main Street, and is currently working on improved public spaces downtown. Garry designed Montrose's first bike lanes in 20 years, a project which has led to bike lanes becoming standard on new city street projects. Garry was part of the project team for the 2008 Comprehensive Plan and 2011 River Master Plan. Over the last several years, Garry revised the City zoning code, initiated single track trail systems in the City's largest parks, and developed a Master Plan for Riverbottom Park. Garry is an active member of the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association, and developed a plan for 27 miles of new mountain bike trails near Montrose.

Garry and his wife Kelli enjoy taking road trips in their "mystery machine" camper van to go hiking, backpacking, and road biking. Some of his other favorite activities are mountain biking, backcountry skiing, and ice climbing in Colorado's great outdoors.

Kelly McElroy is an experienced and dedicated public servant who believes in building community through collaborative partnerships. Ms. McElroy has worked for several cities in Kansas and Oklahoma as a developer, planner, and analyst. Kelly has also worked in nonprofit administration, serving as the Executive Director for the Council of Governments for a nine county region surrounding Wichita, Kansas and the Administrative Services Director for the Local Workforce Development Board, encompassing six counties. In these roles Ms. McElroy coordinated regional development initiatives, working with industry and local elected officials to enhance economic prosperity and ensure every business has access to a skilled, trained workforce.

With well over a decade of economic and community development experience, Ms. McElroy has worked on a broad variety of projects ranging from mixed-use, downtown, commercial and retail corridors, and large and small scale residential initiatives. Kelly has served several communities as the zoning administrator, city planner and historic preservation officer, and has extensive experience in legislative and public relations. She

takes great pride in her recent work on community-driven initiatives such as affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, and redeveloping districts to the changing face of retail.

Kelly holds a Bachelor of Science with emphasis on political science; a Master of Public Administration with emphasis on economic development, and is a Certified Public Manager (CPM). Ms. McElroy is married with three children and enjoys the outdoors and working on their family ranch.

Anton Sinkewich is a professional community planner, manager, and educator with a diverse background of experience in the arts, architecture, urban design, city planning, and education. With 13 years of professional planning experience, he has served for the past 6 years as the Executive Director of the East Downtown (EaDo) Management District in Houston, TX, an organization focused on creative community building, economic development, design, marketing, and maintenance. This year Anton received the AIA 2018 Civic Vision Award from the Houston chapter of the American Institute of Architects for his work on EaDo's economic development while maintaining the district's character through architectural preservation. Passionate about lifelong learning as both a student and a teacher, Anton earned his Master's degree from Rice University School of Architecture, is a graduate of the American Leadership Forum inaugural community development class, an alumni of the Whitney Museum of American Art NY Independent Study Program, and has recently completed the Urban Retail Planning & Development executive education course at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design. He has also served as a professor at Texas Tech University's School of Architecture and Houston Community College's Department of Fine Arts. Anton is an AICP Certified City Planner, member of the American Planning Association, and the Urban Land Institute, and is a passionate advocate for community driven planning, resilience, sustainability, preservation, and the development of cities as great livable and socially equitable environments. Whenever he's not working, Anton loves cycling, gardening, camping, hiking, and fishing with his wife and daughter.