



## **5B Newsletter: April 2011**

### **Executive Director's Report:**

The beginning of the year has proved fruitful for the Ketchum Community Development Corporation. In addition to achieving 100 percent occupancy in our affordable housing development, Northwood Place, two large community visioning events that garnered significant participation and interest from residents throughout the valley.

Spearheaded by the KCDC and headed up by Board Member Dale Bates, the first event gathered 64 stakeholders from around the community, including city and county officials, business owners, educators and more, all of whom contributed greatly in creating a vision for the future of Ketchum. This was followed by an open-invite Community Café to continue the conversation initiated during the three-day Vision for a Vibrant and Sustainable Community event in January.

The result: a comprehensive and collaborative view of our ideal community and a list of projects that can help us, along with numerous other organizations and municipalities, achieve this goal. A sampling of those projects includes community gardens and increased locally grown food, an institute of higher learning, a whitewater park and an increased availability of high-speed internet service.

In addition, the KCDC continues to move forward with its second rental development, which would also be funded through the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. An initial workshop with the Ketchum Planning & Zoning Commission on Monday, February 14, went well and the design team has its sights set on submitting an application to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association in September.

For more details on any of the KCDC projects or to discuss developing ideas, please feel free to contact me or stop by our office on Sun Valley Road, directly above the Visitors Center. And once again, thank you all for your time, effort and support – it is our volunteers that make the KCDC such a valuable asset to the community.

Sincerely,

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