Erie Board of Trustees & CoSolve Erie

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Why CoSolve

- <u>Coworking</u> offers structure for the individual workday
- <u>CoSolving</u> adds additional structure for engagement
- Deliberately gathering diverse communities ...
- Ultimately brings further success by creating ...
- A positive feedback economic cycle



Experience

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- Community building with Maker spaces since 2011
- CoSolving and coworking since 2016
- Trusted partner with City of Longmont
 - Municipal Fiber Support & Engagement
 - Longmont Startup Week
 - Colorado Smart City Alliance
 - Longmont Caring Communities

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Typical Engagements

- Non-Profit (GEARS, Latino Chamber, EForAll, Startup Longmont)
- Education (K-12, CU Boulder, CU Anschutz, Front Range Community College, Code Day Colorado, SAT Prep)
- Startups (Limina, CacheQ, Vantage, Nuverge, Clean Robotics)
- Municipal (Longmont Economic Development, St. Vrain Valley School District, Firehouse Art)
- Networking (Business Networking International, Firestorm, Longmont Chamber, Longmont Open Coffee Club)
- Industry (Xilinx, Sticker Giant, Delphix)



Incubator

A known location to start a business

- Structured gathering, coworking and meeting space
- Recruiting place for local Erie Mentors
- Remove the daily hassle from startup life
- Programming for Entrepreneurship
- A place in Erie to start Erie businesses





Successes

- Previous 2 Years, 6 Companies, 32+ Jobs
 - Limina (User Experience Design)
 - 1440 Cybersecurity (Internet Monitoring)
 - NuVerge (Enterprise Planning Software)
 - Vantage (Theme Park Sensor Systems)
 - CacheQ (Software for Advanced Chips)
 - Family Village (Child Care and Family Support)



Value Points

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Community Development

- Gatherings
- Programming
- Community Outreach
- Arts
- Front Range Community College
- Municipal Engagement
- Industry Engagement
- Sponsorship Development

Business Services

- Events
- Programming
- Mentorship Development
- Competitive Programs (Pitch Competitions)
- Establish and Support the Erie Evergreen Fund General Operations
- Facilities
- Employees
- Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment
- Network Operations
- Enhanced Downtown WiFi



Next Steps

- CoSolve LOI for remaining space 105 Wells (DONE!)
- Engage and Develop Community Manager
- Develop Facility, Membership, Meetups, Gatherings
- Establish Seed Fund for Erie based companies



Outcomes

By the End of 2020

- Full membership of CoSolve at 105 Wells
- Start Erie Business Incubator
- Register 10 Incubator Participants
- Start Erie Evergreen Fund
- Recruit Business Partners to Match Town Funds
- Enhanced Downtown WiFi

End of Presentation

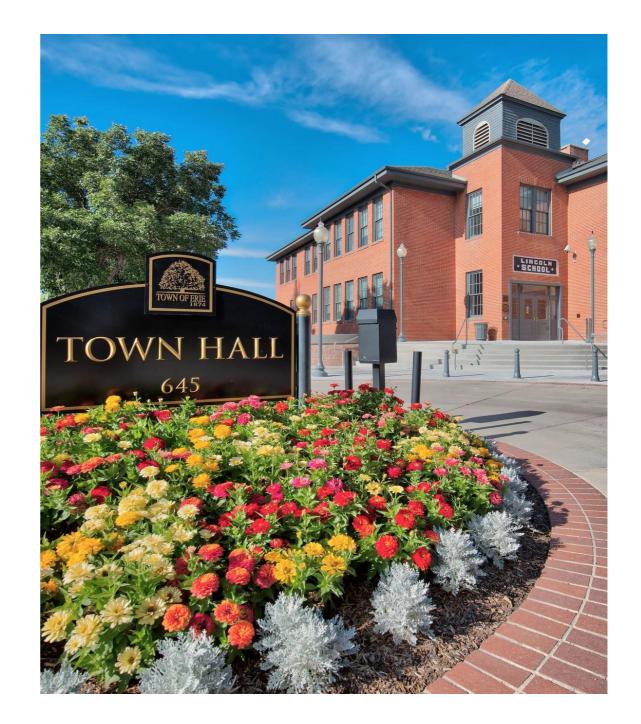
Backup Slides



Town of Erie Goals

Jumpstart Erie Business

- Combine EEDC Outreach & Programming with ...
- CoSolve Experience to ...
- "Punch Beyond Our Fighting Weight" by ...
- Gathering and Sharing Experience and Knowledge







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