

**What Do You Like About Durango?**

“Big town” amenities – “Small town” feel

(\*) Mountain town, bike trails, river trail

(\*) Great weather, great people

(\*) Downtown events all summer; like this one

“laid back” community

(\*) Close knit community

(\*) Friendly place overall

People actually “live” here; not fabricated image for tourist

You see familiar faces everyday

The closeness of everything (walkable)

(\*) SW Colorado way of life – out of doors

Schools

(\*) Restaurants

(\*) Train

Opportunity for adventure

Like my job

**What does it mean to live in a community that values Diversity?**

A true community vs. sameness; everyone’s a part of it

Cares about its history

Everyone feels valued

(\*) It’s a good thing

I question the diversity of Durango

(\*) Willing to accept and experience others

Beneficial, prevents us from being insular

I appreciate the mix of people

“of one mind” is an awful thing

It offers a “bite” of different cultures and ways

(\*)A very important element

(\*) DRO seems not to be diverse

Everyone tries to get along

It’s an “American” thing

Sometimes folks can be a bit overboard for their POV

Younger generations are exposed to different ways of life locally

Diversity is subjective (but there is diversity of thought)

This community advocates for diversity

(\*) Diversity is important especially with the political climate

Wishes there was more ethnic cultures

Creates connection

Creates a dynamic atmosphere

Voting for Trump

Not enough services

Seems well balanced

We say it more than we actually show it

Living free with as little fear as possible

Some animosity toward tourists

No different than anywhere else

Pretty good diversity

Not much room for improvement for diversity

## **What are challenges/issues in Durango?**

(\*) Parking downtown

DPD needs to “chill out” w/ young people

(\*) Homeless situation – come to DRO, people care

(\*) Real estate high – jobs/pay low

(\*) Cost of living

Young families can't afford to live/thrive here

Work that pays well and is satisfying is hard to find

(\*) Remnants of toxic waste in river

Exposing kids to “bums on the street”

Development projects, connect more of Main Street to river access

Weather

Shopping

Transportation, expensive to fly

(\*) Managing growth/sprawl

(\*) Oil & gas/ fracking

Air and water quality

Good health care

Certain elitism/classism

Not enough diversity

Gotten crowded

Property rights in natural land areas

Not enough population to encourage diversity, big city has better chance... a plus is that you can't segregate easily.

Not enough bathrooms for dog walkers

Lack of enforcement for bike riders

Airport issue, don't need another airport

Trail improvements

### **Any Message to City Council?**

Bad deal w/ the sewer plant and taking basketball/volleyball courts away (not being upfront about it going away)

32<sup>nd</sup> street to CR 250 - high traffic/unsafe road (Holly to CR 250)

(\* Running a great town (thank you))

Brewfest too large for Buckley Park – back to the street

(\* Affordable living a huge concern of residents)

How to sustain moderate growth around DRO

Address the increasing “litter” along streets and roads

Stop your personal agendas in City issues

Removing benches in downtown areas hurts everyone

Taxes are high enough, no need to pay expensive parking

Alley improvement between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Be open to change

Have dispensaries open longer

Fill more community parks with flowers or community gardens. Be careful of over watering

Like the cycle friendly bike paths

Grateful for CRC

Don't like homeless issue on Main Street

Issue tickets to dog owners at smelter

Water conservation

Organize new buildings to blend

Make it easier to park downtown/cheaper

More cultural events

Love it here

Work on infrastructure, offering trade for service

Would like more people here, so we don't have to rely on tourism for revenue

Open Lake Nighthorse

Stop spending money on stupid things

Road issues

No more gas drilling, no fracking