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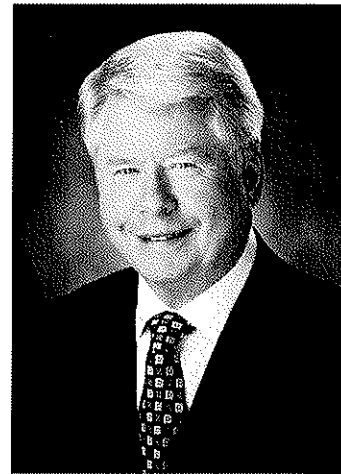
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Coeur d'Alene, ID. – Mr. Charlie Nipp has announced his retirement from the Lake City Development Corporation's (LCDC) Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Nipp was appointed to the LCDC Board at its formation in 1997, and was elected Chairman that same year. Mr. Nipp has served as a volunteer commissioner on the LCDC Board for 15 years, serving as the LCDC Chairman from 1997 through 2008.

Mr. Nipp shared with his fellow Board members that the time was right for him to step aside, knowing that the future of the LCDC is in great leadership hands.



"Charlie Nipp's leadership was critical in the process of developing our successful urban renewal agency since its creation 15 years ago," said Mayor Sandi Bloem. "How fortunate we are to have an individual like Charlie whose vision and commitment make our area such an enjoyable place in which to live".

"Charlie's passion and vision for Coeur d'Alene will be sorely missed on the Board," said LCDC Board Chairman Denny Davis. Davis credits Nipp with guiding Coeur d'Alene's urban renewal commission from its formation and planning work through the realization of numerous public space, infrastructure and facility improvements. "Additional public amenities will be soon realized, leaving a lasting legacy in our community. Charlie played a major role in that legacy," Davis said.

"Charlie is, and has been, a strong believer in the strategic use of urban renewal as a redevelopment tool, and has long advocated how critical urban renewal public/private partnerships are to the long-term success of Idaho communities," said Tony Berns, LCDC Executive Director.

"It has been a pleasure to serve on CD'A's urban renewal commission alongside such an outstanding group of committed citizens who volunteer their time to make our community a better place," said Charlie Nipp. "Their integrity, insights, skills and

passion for Coeur d'Alene has enabled this commission to accomplish many of its strategic goals for our community. Our Executive Director Tony Berns is one of the best business executives that I have been associated with. He is an effective, efficient, caring leader that has added great value to the success of this commission," Nipp said.

"Successful, sustainable communities do not just happen. They prosper because of their people—people who are willing to commit their time and energy to make it better. That's what makes Coeur d'Alene so unique and so special. It is a community that cares and works hard to be better, with excellent education, more job opportunities and a high quality of life for all of its citizens. I extend my thanks for allowing me to be a part of what this community is," he said.

Following are some of the successes achieved by the LCDC and its Board members during Mr. Nipp's tenure:

- Brought Urban Land Institute (ULI) knowledge to bear on CDA community issues and opportunities including:
 - Midtown redevelopment including a "Place Making" focus,
 - maintaining a strong/vital downtown,
 - focus on higher education as a community economic engine
 - focus on maintaining a strong/viable urban K-12 school district presence.
- Acquisition of key strategic properties in support of community projects:
 - new CDA Public Library,
 - new Kroc Community Center,
 - new Chamber of Commerce Building
- Community strategic planning efforts:
 - Walker-Macy Public Places Study,
 - Education Corridor: MIG Master Plan & JUB Infrastructure Design Plan,
 - BBC Housing Assessment Study,
 - "Team McEuen's" McEuen Park Conceptual Design
- LCDC's role as a strong proponent of funding public art projects within the redevelopment districts via partnership with the City's Arts Commission.
- Leveraging of public funds to help incent private investment in the CDA community creating over \$500 million in new taxable valuation since 1997.
- LCDC's role as a strong proponent of the value of public space in the community, and leading efforts to help create new community public space:
 - Riverstone Park
 - Johnson Mill River Park
 - Prairie Bike/Pedestrian Trail.
 - McEuen Park
- LCDC's role as a key proponent and partner involving community workforce housing initiatives.