



## Old Town Neighbors

Partnerships and Possibilities for Creative Placemaking in Old Town



# What is Creative Placemaking?



- + Art attractions make spaces and communities more vibrant.



+ The arts create excitement, activity and economic vibrancy.



+ Art collaborations build and transform community spaces.



- + Aesthetic amenities promote safety, pride and community stewardship.





# Great News for Old Town, Homer



## **Bunnell Street Arts Center is awarded a \$150,000 ArtPlace Grant for Old Town Artist in Residence Program**

- Bunnell Street Arts Center's Old Town Artist in Residence program will galvanize the community around Homer's Old Town neighborhood through the creation and presentation of new work that activates Old Town sites including the Arts Center and surrounding outdoor neighborhood sites.

# + Old Town Neighbors Collaborate on Neighborhood Improvements



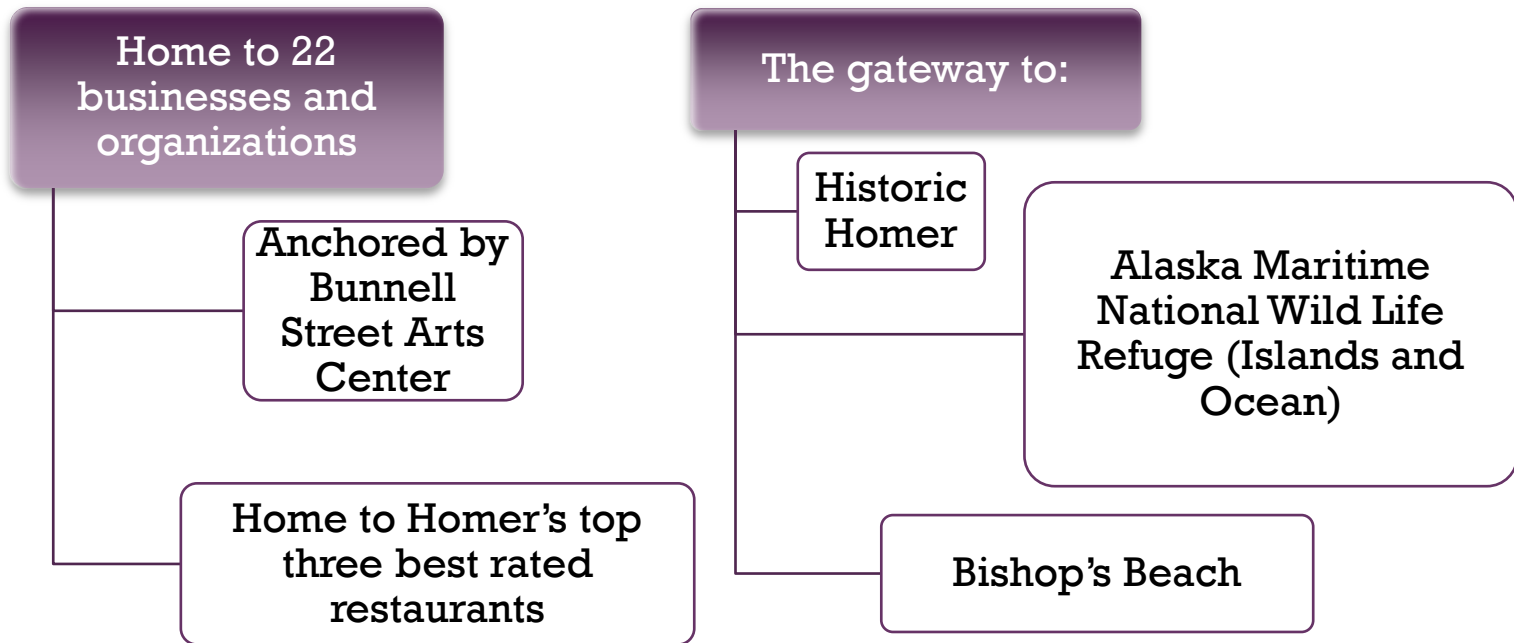




# Solutions for Old Town, Growth



- Galvanizing Old Town neighbors by participating in monthly meetings surrounding Old Town's indisputable growth and creative possibilities.



# + Responsibility and Opportunity



# + Solutions for Old Town, Values

- Collaborative Planning
- Safe Pedestrian Culture
- Visitor-friendly Recreational Opportunities
- Traffic Calming
- More Green Space, More Art, and Artistic Amenities
- Outdoor Seating, Lighting and Landscaping
- Promoting Economic Vibrancy and Creative Opportunity.



# + Increase Safety, Prime the Canvas

## Current Map

25 Speed  
Limit

1 Crosswalk

5 Pedestrian  
Access  
Points

0 Pedestrian  
Use Signs  
for Traffic

## Proposed Map

15 Speed Limit

3 Additional  
Crosswalks and  
Pedestrian Path  
Ways

9 Pedestrian  
Use Signs

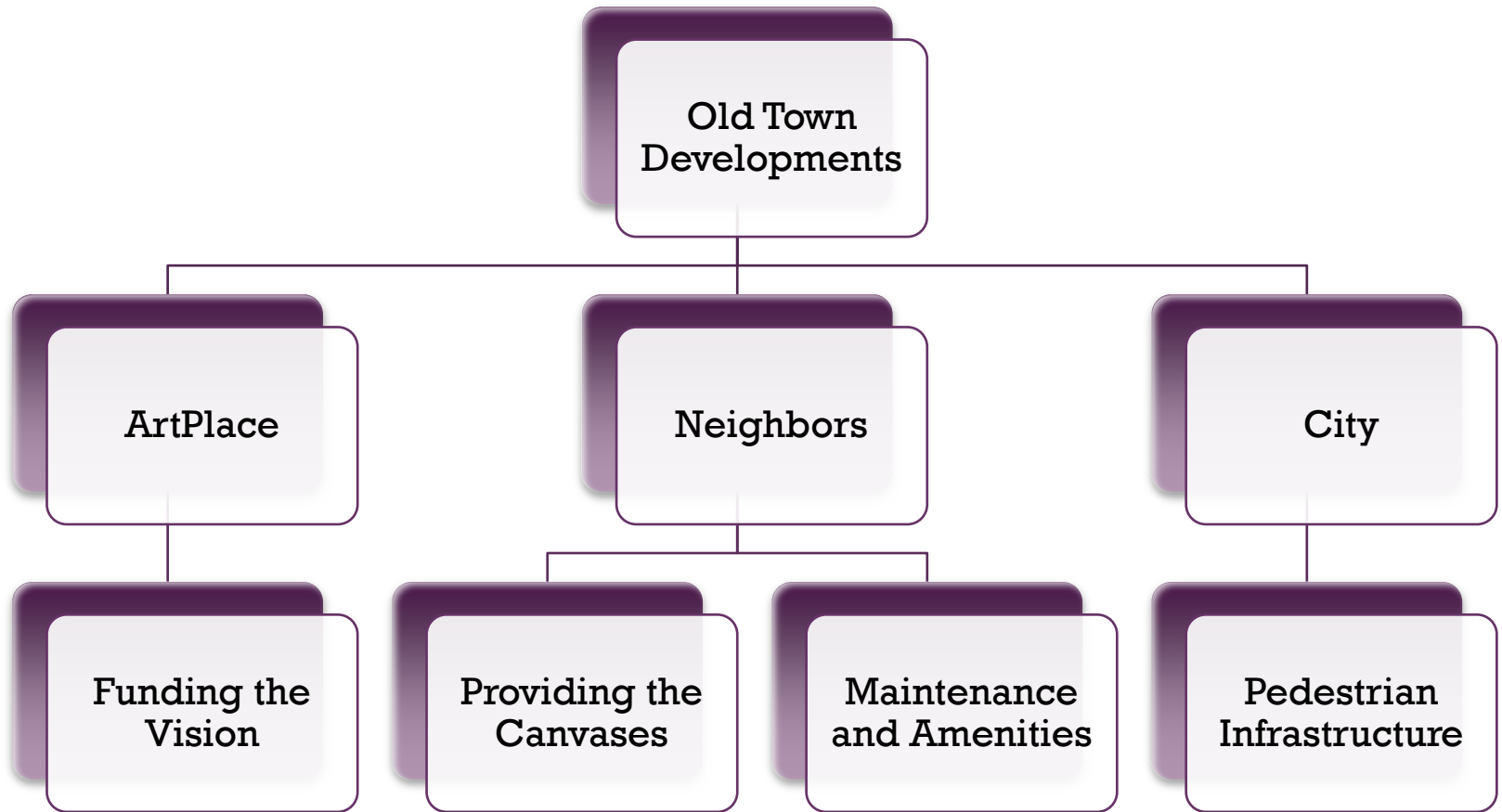
2 Removable  
Speed Bumps

Bishops Parking  
Maintenance

Assistance with  
Dirt Work along  
Arts Center



# Investments in Old Town



# + A path to economic development



# + Approximate City Investment

Signs: Speed Limit (5),  
Pedestrian Walkway (3),  
Rec Use (3), Crosswalk  
(6), Share the Road (3),  
Not a Through Way (1)  
\$4,750

Textured Pavement  
Widening and Lining  
of E. Bunnell and  
Beluga Pl. \$26,000

Removable Speed  
Bumps \$5,000

Charles Way  
Development  
\$15,000

Bishop's Parking Lot  
Paved and Lined  
\$12,000

**\$62,750 + 20% Buffer = \$75,300**

# + Collaborative Dollars, Triple Impact



- \$1 City + \$2 ArtPlace + 1\$ Neighborhood = \$4 of Improvements



# + Current Investments

- People's Garden Grant, \$5,000
- Rasmuson's, \$8,500 Creative Placemaking Grant
- ArtPlace Award of \$150,000
- Rita Jo Shultz's donation of 100 peony plants
- Tina Baugher's donation of landscaping materials
- Sonneborn's donation of recreational property easement
- Seabright Surveying donation of professional services
- Ring of Fire Meadery's donation of rain catchment barrels for gardening
- Inlet Trading Post's boardwalk investment
- Homer Chamber of Commerce's designated RV parking lot.





# Current Efforts



- **Businesses and organizations**

AJ's Old Town Steakhouse, Driftwood Inn, Old Town B & B, Bunnell Street Arts Center, Maura's Café and Delicatessen, The Gulf Oceanic Society, Zats Works Inc, Compass Rose LLC, Ring of Fire Meadery, Mermaid Café, The Old Inlet Bookshop, Islands and Oceans, Two Sisters Bakery.

- **Old Town residential property owners, renters, and employees have participated**



## Old Town Neighborhood Proposals for City Consideration:

- **1. 15 MPR Speed Limit zoning**
- **2. Removable speed bumps (two, E. Bunnell and Beluga Place)**
- **3. E. Bunnell and Beluga Place pavement widening and texturizing (paving the shoulder)**
- **4. E. Bunnell and Beluga Place traffic lane shift to north and east, respectively, and narrow**
- **5. Designating the new road space on the south and west streets as pedestrian and biking lanes**
- **6. Addition of cross walks and signs (three, W. Bunnell Ave, Main St and Beluga Place)**
- **7. Appropriate pedestrian and biking signage (Six: 1 Main St, 3 E. Bunnell, 2 Beluga)**
- **8. Appropriate speed limit signage (Five, 1 Main St, 1 Ohlson Lane, 2 E. Bunnell, 1 Beluga Place)**
- **9. Bishop's Beach parking lot paved and lined tightly**
- **10. Charles Way developed as a walking and bike path, and closed to automobile traffic by bottle necking trail with boulders**
- **11. Appropriate signage for use of Charles Way ("No Thru Traffic" at end of Main St looking West, and two trail head markers of Charles Way)**
- **12. Dirtwork next to Bunnell Street Arts Center to build a model garden along the board walk.**

