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|  | Candidates for Mayor   |   |   |  |   |  |
|  | Angela Cimmino   | Bill Cole   | Danielle Egnew  | Jeff Essman  | Randy Hafer   | Danny Sandefur   |
| What specific features/attributes would you like to see enhanced or developed, to improve our quality of life in Billings? | Quality of life amenities Continue to apply for grants so we have the funding to keep building trails.   | An identity that tells people who we are. We need to transform our community by playing to our strengths like our Rims and river.   | Our sense of community and outdoor resources.   | Finish the Marathon Loop and complete the Inner Belt Loop. With innovation and agreement, finish some projects we've had languishing for some time and use the tools we have to accomplish what we want.   | Start with trails. Work on our missing segments and developing our Rims and river, two special things nobody else has.  | Drug and transient problem is a big issue downtown. If we do not address the issue, and people don't feel safe or comfortable, no one will want to go downtown.  |
| What ideas do you have to support a vibrant downtown?  | Excited with the momentum of revitalization efforts.   | Appeal to both the younger and older generations and incentivize development.   | Infill is good and renovated buildings are great but let's see rooftop gardens.   | Our downtown business owners know the challenges small businesses face.  | One Big Sky Center will attract the Millennials and the other things we want to attract.  | Safety, and the transient problem are big concerns.  |
| Would you support a GO Bond to expand green space?   | Yes.   | Yes.  | Yes   | Finish a few projects before we start a new initiative.  | not opposed but would like to use a mechanism we have in place, like the parks maintenance district.  | Yes.   |
| When did you last use a trail or bikeway in Billings?  | A few weeks ago  | Just last Sunday  | During the end of July  | Three years ago  | I walk a lot.   | A few days ago.  |
| What is your vision for Billings 20 -30 years from now, and what measures need to be taken to implement it?                | My vision is to ensure we have appropriate avenues to manage growth. The number 1 priority is public safety, maintaining police and fire protection. Economic development is also key. We need to collaborate with Big Sky EDA to attract and retain our young population. The three main issues are: managed growth, approvedannexation application sometimes, and figuring how to pay. | We need a healthy synergy between the business sector thriving with government doing its part. We need public safety and potholes fixed. But those should be givens. We can do more than that--the Marathon Loop, Rims to River, a new conference center, Skyline Trail, Corette development. We should be an exciting, on-the-move city. | We can lead with love. We must choose to align with dignity and respect to each other. If not, everything falls away. Embracing green tech, recycling, power, and reducing utility bills are doable aspects. We'll have gotten an NDO passed. Without it, national businesses will not break ground in a city without an NDO. | Building a community more at peace with itself than it is now. I'm surprised with the crime and drug problem that we're not reading or talking about. In the short-term, build specific infrastructure projects without raising taxes, making choices, or bonding. Long-term I want a good base of employment, decent jobs, a good economy, and community amenities. | I see a Billings that is happy, healthy, and equitable. We are on the edge, a critical moment, that can lead to greatness or 'Sprawlville' like southern California. We need to harness the good things, and understand our story. Creating connected, living neighborhoods, instead of shopping nodes, will bring sustainability and maybe a new paradigm about how we live. | I want to make Billings more family friendly. What do we do now? In winter there is nothing to do. We can't make family friendly businesses come to town. As a realtor I give tours of the city and it's embarrassing that there isn't anything to do for families. There isn't much to encourage businesses to come here. |
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|  | <b>Ward 4</b>   |   |  |
|  | <b>George Blackard</b>  | <b>Penny Ronning</b>  |  |
| What specific features/attributes would you like to see enhanced or developed, to improve our quality of life in Billings? | Public safety. Improvements to trails to deter the hazards of bicycling in traffic.   | Getting law enforcement to work together. We need to address the issues of human trafficking, meth and heroine use, along with mental healthcare.   |  |
| What ideas do you have to support a vibrant downtown?  | Creating a place close to downtown where people can relax and meet would be an asset for people staying there.  | Making downtown beautiful (i.e. artistic horses, signage) makes you want to be there.   |  |
| Would you support a GO Bond to expand green space?   | I definitely support looking into that.   | Yes.  |  |
| When did you last use a trail or bikeway in Billings?  | Yesterday.  | In 2013 or 2014.  |  |
| What is your vision for Billings 20 -30 years from now, and what measures need to be taken to implement it?                | It's fun to talk about fun stuff, but I hope we are planning now for future growth so we expand with our growth. We also need to plan how we will pay for the additional services and future need. We need great organizations to help out with maintaining what we have. There's lots of different ways to make it happen, and it can't just be incumbent on City Council and taxpayers. | I'm shocked that we haven't modernized our high schools, which remain the same after 20 years. Communities smaller than ours have renovated schools and better technology than we have. Public safety is also in need of additional funding and economic development is always important. |  |
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|  | Shaun Brown   | Alexander Clark  | Dennis Ulvestad  | Rhonda Whiteman                                     |
| What specific features/attributes would you like to see enhanced or developed, to improve our quality of life in Billings? | Business culture and public safety. We need to address transit issues, refining our approaches, and planning how to move from downtown to the west end.   | Walking and biking opportunities. We need to continue making improvements to quality of life amenities like sidewalks and pedestrian access.   | Quality of life and safety. I want to educate people on working together with motorists.   | Did not attend any of our Lunch & Learn invitations |
| What ideas do you have to support a vibrant downtown?  | Our efforts to deal with vagrancy and drunkenness need to be stepped up, without pushing them around. We should also bring more to downtown than just business, such as living facilities.  | Creating a more walkable downtown. Walkable downtowns make vibrant cities.   | Educating people that downtown is safe.  |   |
| Would you support a GO Bond to expand green space?   | It comes down to budget and it's not as easy as a yes or no. If we have the resources to do so, I would approve it.   | Yes.   | Yes.   |   |
| When did you last use a trail or bikeway in Billings?  | I don't use them a lot, but I support them.   | I use Zimmerman Park, bike and walk with my kids along Shiloh.   | A week ago.  |   |
| What is your vision for Billings 20-30 years from now, and what measures need to be taken to implement it?                 | We will need to see younger people moving in. High tech jobs could help to keep our children here by addressing the problem of low earnings. Support for MSUB to train that pool of employees and providing a vibrant downtown are solutions. But, how do we fund it all? We either need to look at local option or changing the charter. If we can't draw younger people, we'll be a retirement community. | I used to work at Noise & Color, and we were dragging Billings into the 21st Century kicking and screaming. After living in other countries, I learned we need to not overdevelop but utilize our resources to create a more cohesive city. We can do better than the Denver area, that has no cohesiveness. The Heights has become an eyesore while our downtown thrives. We need to make sure everyone is connected. | I see Billings as a vibrant community with people sharing trails and the roads with bicycles. We could be the gem of Montana, with all of our culture. We are known as the friendliest people and many people volunteer on projects around the city. It'll take education. Instead of annexing so far out, we can work with infrastructure and gradually build outwards. |   |
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