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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

From: Timothy A. Miller, City Administrator

Subject: Linoberg Street Closure

Attached is a memorandum summarizing the Vison Sonora committee's request to approve a one-year closure of Linoberg Street. The proposal describes the purpose of the closure and outlines the improvements that would be installed. The streetscape items are of a portable nature and could be removed at the end of the 12-month period (see attached graphic). The one-year trial period will allow the Council and community to assess the benefits and impacts of the closure. Any events would still need separate approval through the City's Special Event application process.

Should the Council want to proceed with the proposal as requested, a motion to approve the one-year closure would be in order.

Proposal for a
Linoberg Street
12-Month Trial Closure

In keeping with the public's desire for a more pedestrian friendly downtown, Vision Sonora is requesting a 12-month trial closure of Linoberg Street between Stewart and Washington Streets.

The purpose is fourfold:

- As a pedestrian walkway/connecter between the businesses and parking lots on Stewart Street and Washington Street.
- As a gathering place
- As an Event Space
- As a place for Public Art

The trial phase of the closure would include:

- Trees in concrete security pots at either end of Linoberg Street designating it a pedestrian walkway.
- Overhead security lighting
- Bench(s)
- Rebar tree with vines for shade (useful public art)
- Painting the street surface
- Removing unnecessary signage.

The Vision Sonora Design Review Committee will continue design plans for an historic mural on the south wall of the street.

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