

## Downtown Lark Hotel plans expansion, intends to add 28 rooms

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Keith Comiso, general manager of The LARK hotel in downtown Bozeman, gives a tour of the featured rooms on Thursday, April 9.

Less than a year after the Lark Hotel opened on Main Street in downtown Bozeman, its owners say they plan to expand, adding another 28 rooms to the widely acclaimed 38-room hotel.

“It’s an opportunity to add to the success,” said Brian Caldwell, one of the hotel’s owners and an architect with Thinktank Design Group. “It’s going to be an exciting project.”

An application filed with the city planning department last month details a new structure on the corner of Grand Avenue and Main Street, adjacent to the existing Victory Taco stand. As proposed, it would include 28 new hotel rooms and first-floor commercial space.

Previously, the corner was the site of the Imperial Inn.

Caldwell pointed to national attention the hotel has received since opening last April, ranging from a plug on the “Today” show to a shout-out in the Los Angeles Times travel section.

The expansion was prompted by consistent business at the hotel, continuing through the early winter months, Caldwell added.

The Lark group previously said it plans to renovate the long-vacant Rialto Theater, also on Main Street, revamping that building to include a “black box”-style theater and community event space.

They hope to break ground on both projects this spring or summer, Caldwell said.

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