Come learn from Parachute, a beautiful community on Colorado’s Western Slope, located along on the banks of the Colorado River. The community is located on I-70, and is experiencing an exciting renaissance of activity. The goal of this Downtown Institute will be to bring together stakeholders from the Parachute community and from the Western Slope.

Downtown Colorado, Inc: Tools for Downtown Revitalization
Over the last 35 years, DCI has served Colorado’s downtown commercial districts. This presentation will include tools, best practices and case studies of downtown successes in Trinidad and Bennett.

Parachute State of the Community
For decades, Parachute rode the boom and bust extraction based economy. With abundant outdoor recreation, a location along a major highway, and focused leadership, Parachute is poised to become one of Western Colorado’s truly unique communities.

Building Collaborative Local and Regional Partnerships
Learn from Paonia and the North Fork Valley, one of Western Colorado’s most collaborative regions. As a community working to create a balanced, resilient economy, community leaders in Paonia have worked to develop collaborative support structures for thriving local business.

Facilitated Workshop
Stakeholders will split into small groups, facilitated by experts, and will work to brainstorm solutions with real action steps, to guide action for the next 6 months.

Small Business for a Balanced Economy
Best practices and innovative ideas for public and nonprofit entities to support a thriving small business ecosystem.

Registration:  https://goo.gl/gc5nS9

We encourage all those on Colorado’s Western Slope involved in community and economic development to attend!