

## MEETING NOTES

**Project:** Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan  
**Meeting Date:** April 26, 2010  
**Re:** Neighborhoods  
**Location:** Golden Community Center

**Date Issued:** April 28, 2010

Present: Wenk Associates – Bill Wenk, Jess Clark, Jonah Weiss (indicated in red)  
City of Golden – Rod Tarullo, Amber Speedy (indicated in red)  
Members of the Public (indicated in black)

### Topics Discussed:

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#### **How is the word getting out?**

- Golden Transcript cover story and advertisements, other news papers, project website, City website, user group websites (i.e. mountain buzz), post cards mailed to city businesses, canvassing the neighborhoods door to door, all governmental channels are informed, postcards were posted on various bulletin boards .
- 5 meetings give opportunities to voice issues and opportunities at various times and regarding specific issues. [www.clearcreekplan.net](http://www.clearcreekplan.net) is also a valuable tool for commentary etc.

#### **Library would be a good place for notices**

- word of mouth is important
- larger “poster” sized at library and rec ctr and on bulletin boards

#### **Who owns the RV park?**

- City owns it

#### **Does the RV park make money?**

- Yes

#### **Is it the best use of that space?**

- The design team will be evaluating all areas including the RV park site for best use etc.as part of the Master Planning effort

#### **Extend the Clear Creek Corridor project under the bridge into the county land (up the canyon)**

#### **Is there talk about extending the trail under /over 6<sup>th</sup>?**

- we are looking at planned connections across 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **Water play area could include a dirt play area / place for adults to watch from / maybe add “Castle Rock” climbing/play feature**

#### **Many areas within the corridor are not accessible –like water reservoir facility**

- Per Public Works: the reservoir must be fenced for safety/security.

**A goal is to plan the Clear Creek Corridor as one big park rather than several disconnected use areas.**

**Should think of the water park and other program elements to include year round activity –sledding hills/ice skating. One idea is a “skating trail”**

**Dog Park/off leash area is desired - West of 6<sup>th</sup> is used as an informal off leash area West of 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Tennis courts are well used, always busy**

**Skate park would be good to have in downtown Golden**

**Don’t want things to look manufactured “Disney” or “Belmar”, we like the unique identity of the corridor and the city..**

**Central Green (for events) is a challenge ... Parking and traffic issues**

**Do the ball fields need to be there?**

- Like to see sports i.e recreation fields close to downtown Golden – but the current location could be moved elsewhere in the corridor. use could also be provided for in other parks.

**The ball fields are important to the community– well used, provide good “local only” activities and recreation space close to downtown.**

**Fenced in field makes circulation challenging and limits the use of the largest “green space”.**

**Lots of places you can put ball fields...but only one creek through Golden**

- The fence is an issue when you come up next to the ball field fence...pinch point
- Muddy trail/ice in winter is an issue on the trail along the ball fields
- Could the Ball Fields be integrated as part of a central green- Multi Functional? Some like the idea of more open format some don’t.

**How will people access and park cars near the Library if the road were closed for events ...**

- It is early in the process, therefore, all ideas are being explored at this point,
- Providing adequate parking and access is critical, and elemental to a successful plan... we are interested in how we can reduce asphalt while still providing adequate access and parking by exploring alternative strategies.
- How can we come up with different trail options ...for different uses?

**Explore the option of removing Cheyenne & Illinois streets between 10th and the creek**

**Explore possibilities of integrating Universal Access into the design goals**

**Bikers should never ride on the trail...should find a different route along the Clear Creek Corridor**

**Given the investment how likely is it that the Fire/police move?**

- This is a long term plan and all options are being explored at this time. There are safety and operational concerns with current locations. Eventually, regulations will require many types of facilities like this to be out of the 500yr flood plain rather than the 100 yr

**Site up along 8<sup>th</sup> at 58 intersections could be a potential place for fire/police to relocate**

- city has asked us to look at available locations for parks/municipal buildings.
- This site has been evaluated before and at the time was excused for high property cost

**Need to continue the trail along 6<sup>th</sup> & Mines**

- -this project is already under contract to extend the trail, waiting for Mines to do some work before construction commences.

**Any water feature needs to be very aware and responsible about water consumption and waste... we don't want to waste water.. concern for operations and maintenance of mechanical water features...2-3 yrs down the line water features are shut down...**

**Community garden is a great thing...what are your thoughts on moving it?**

- The design team will be evaluating all areas including the site that the gardens currently are located on for best use etc.as part of the Master Planning effort
- Community Garden group has a master plan which serves as a guide if the gardens were to stay in the current location

**farmers market needs to have an asphalt surface**

- -what if 10<sup>th</sup> was closed down and used as a farmers market?
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**The uses at the end would be limited need access to the recreation center**

- -access would need to be provided to the recreation center maybe off of 8<sup>th</sup> or by a different road alignment and configuration

**Like in Central Park...maybe 10th could be closed on the weekends**

**Local vs Regional users...on the weekends it is over run by visitors ... no longer feels like a part of Golden...need some focus on local activities**

**River users ... inexperience / problem users...maybe design a part of the river for kids**

**Retail near the creek is a concern**

**Retail near the creek may cause more trash problems in the creek.**

**permanent band shell in the creek corridor someplace is desired**

**library will need to be expanded at some point in the future and needs to be considered**

**Once the Trail is expanded the trail congestion may be improved**

**Playground / river users conflict kids want to play/touch the kayaks**

**Geese are a problem..waste issues, water quality issues**

**Dog waste cleanup issues along the corridor**

**Drainage near picnic benches is an issue**

**Community garden ... should be a hangout place ... not just exclusively for people planting**

**The community garden in history park promotes interaction**

**Lions Playground ..is the only one...need more playgrounds downtown**

**Use wood plays structures ... plastic structures get hot in the summer**

**Let's not have too many areas near the creek for kids should be for other users too**

**bronze sculptures could be diversified maybe use sandstone..etc**

**Is light rail coming downtown?**

- -bus is being talked about to connect downtown Golden to the light rail.

**What about Lions Park Pond?**

**Connect the pond to the creek to improve the water quality**

**Pond should be more safe and accessible for Kids**

**Not sure what the pond is for?**

**The Pond was used for fishing ... is it still stocked with fish?**

- **-water quality is no longer good enough for fish**

**The pond is a good place to practice rolling in a kayak..etc ... it there are not a lot of places like that in the park.**

**Using fresh water from the creek would improve water quality in the pond**

**Fishing would be great to have in the pond... with fishing pier (small arching structure ... etc)**

**Can we enhance the water quality & habitat of the creek?**

**Events destroy the grass in the park...what can we do about that**

- **grass recovers well in parfet park after events**

**Some place for events ...designed to accommodate users ..etc is desired**

**The “hangout” spots are important**

**Enhance the creek near Washington intersection...attract people from downtown, and people could make a day of it....beach activities across from Parfet Park?**

**Are there any wetlands near Mines ... someplace for kids to learn to fish ... maybe add wetland habitat?**

**South of the creek near History Park use the area for hangout/picnic area ...art festival**