

## MEETING NOTES

**Project:** Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan  
**Meeting Date:** April 19, 2010  
**Re:** Institutions  
**Location:** Council Chambers Golden CO.

**Date Issued:** April 20, 2010

Present: Wenk Associates (WA) – Jess Clark, Jonah Weiss  
City of Golden (CG) – Paul Burkholder, Steve Glueck, Rick Muriby, Chad Meinert,  
 Amber Speedy, Rod Tarullo  
Golden Mill (GM) – John Boyle  
Golden History Museum (GHM) – Bill Mckee  
Jefferson County Library (JCL) – Peg Hooper  
Molson Coors (MC) – Ben Moline  
Colorado School of Mines (CSM) -- Chris Cocallas  
Fehr & Peers (FP) – Carlos Hernandez

### Topics Discussed:

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#### 1) Introduction:

- (WA) What opportunities do we have to enhance what you do?
- (WA) What constraints are there?
- (WA) Regional or local drawl?
- (WA) Different users (and user conflicts)?
- (WA) Different modes of transportation (conflicts)?
- (WA) 4 Phases during the master planning process:
  - Information gathering stage
  - Developing alternatives
  - Alternative refinement
  - Master Plan document
- (WA) there are opportunities for collaboration with CSM

#### 2) Library:

- (JCL) There is some talk about expanding the library south towards the river and expanding the parking lot West.
- (CG) We have an agreement with the on the West lot - we will get (WA) the agreement
- (JCL) The availability of parking for families and the disabled is important
  - Right now in the summer a lot of the parking is taken by people accessing the river in the summer.
- (WA) It might make sense to move the Library and City Hall – those recommendations will be included in the master plan.
- (CG) Some things probably won't move such as the water treatment facility – but other city owned properties might be able to be relocated over 30+ years.
  - Only looking at moving city owned properties
- (FP) There are a lot of examples to look at as far as working with the flood plain – Boulder library spans the creek and adds pegs to both sides of the river.

- (WA) The master plan can be used to raise money
- 3) **Golden History Museum:**
- (GHM) The City owns the lot just West of History Park it would be great to have something that relates to the History Park
  - (WA) Is the History Museum in the right place?
  - (GHM) We really haven't talked about moving it any place.
- 4) **Molson Coors:**
- (MC) Some people who take the brewery tour go downtown after the tour
  - (MC) The bus that picks visitors up gives a short tour of downtown Golden.
  - (MC) A lot of employees walk after lunch or use the creek corridor for exercise
    - Most employees drive to work
  - (MC) RTD stops at the employee lots and connects them to the larger system
  - (MC) Coors not up for opening the valley (East of Ford) to more traffic due to safety/security concerns
  - (MC) Enhancing Ford would help to improve the visitor experience and lead people to the creek corridor
  - (MC) Bus tour could be modified to show of the creek corridor
  - (MC) Inflatable dam is used during the dry season to pool water which is used to cool the Coors plant (September – May)
  - (MC) Downstream of Hanover Park is not a safe place to be due to structures in the stream (low head dams)
  - (MC) Hanover Park could use better signage – its confusing and some people enter Coors property (not safe)
- 5) **Golden Mill:**
- (GM) Golden Mills is a commercial feed store
  - (GM) The parking lot is really tight for trucks to back into between the creek and the building so it might be too tight to extend the North creek trail.
    - Would like to have the trail there but the property is tight.
  - (CG) There is no trail currently there – it just ends most people cut through the Apartment complex parking lot.
  - (GM) The store has been open for 100+ years
  - (GM) The property could change hands – no plans presently – it would make a great restaurant.
- 6) **Apartment Complex:**
- (CG/GHM) The apartment complex will change hands one day but it is politically fraught (lost of low cost senior housing is problematic)
  - (CG) The owner will probably want to keep it the way it is for a long time.
- 7) **Colorado School of Mines:**
- (CSM) We are already collaborating with the City on the trails North of the school
  - (CSM) The school anticipates a linkage that goes to the West and connects to 11<sup>th</sup>
    - The University views the area as a recreational corridor
  - (CSM) We can show you some drawings so you can see how the area might work
  - (CSM) We are planning to construct a parking lot in the near term that would hold ~150 spaces and be open for the public to park and access the creek corridor.
    - The recreation field area will be a much more active area
  - (CG) We will get a copy of the plans for the trail to (WA).
  - (FP) How was it determined to put a parking lot in that area? and 150 spaces?
  - (CG) The (CSM) and the City are looking at how to reduce sports parking impacts and allow creek users in the area.
  - (FP) Could this parking be moved East to History Park parking lot?
  - (CSM) There would be pushback from the Athletic Department
  - (CG) What about the restrooms near the parking lot?

- (CSM/CG) No discussions any more about public restrooms because of issues with who pays.
- (WA) Athletic fields are used mostly during the weekends/night...is that true?
- (CSM) Depends on who you ask we hope to increase events
- (CSM) Our biggest obstacle to more events is the limited parking available
- (WA) Where do the students live?
- (CSM) 1/3 live on campus, 2/3 live off campus or commute from home.
- (CSM) Special parking district East of campus has pushed student parking North of the creek and South of the special parking district.
- (CG) Circulation bus if it happens will connect to the creek corridor at 11<sup>th</sup> and Illinois

8) **Next Steps:**

- (CG) everyone is welcome to attend any & all of the upcoming meetings – the dates and times can be found on the website ([www.clearcreekplan.net](http://www.clearcreekplan.net)) or on the post card.

Please submit written notification of additions, changes, exceptions and reasons within 7 days of report date for inclusion.

End of Meeting Notes/ Observations: None