

## MEETING NOTES

**Project:** Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan  
**Meeting Date:** April 29, 2010  
**Re:** Events  
**Location:** Golden Community Center

**Date Issued:** May 3, 2010

Present: Wenk Associates (WA) – Jess Clark, Jonah Weiss  
City of Golden Parks & Recreation (PR) – Rod Tarullo, Amber Speedy  
City of Golden Fire Department (FD) – Jerry Stricker  
Special Events (SE) – Karlyn Tilley  
Lions Club Representatives (LC) – Ed Dorsey  
Members of the Public (MP)

### Topics Discussed:

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#### **Introduction:**

(WA) We are interested in the needs of special events such as:

- Access Requirements / Safety
- Staging
- Parking
- Power & staging of electric generators
- Parade Routes

(SE) We require events to give us maps of where they stage etc.

(PR) Would getting copies help?

(WA) Yes, of the major events...we don't need them all.

(WA) Where are the major events held?

(LC) in Parfet Park, Lions Park (viewing fireworks) & the Art Fest in History Park

(WA) Could you use the RV park as a place to set off fireworks?

(WA) How does Lions Club feel about the ball fields?

(LC) We don't have a real problem with removing the ball fields and making it something better but parking & access along that area is a nightmare large events cause congestion (only one way in/out)

(WA) We are interested in how stationary events i.e. Farmers Market & mobile events such as races & parades. What are the major events?

(PR) The major events are:

- Buffalo Bill Days
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Fine Arts (3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August)
- Farmers Market (June –October)
- Wild west Auto Roundup
- National Night Out (August)
- Movies/Music in the Park in Parfet (August)
- Summer Solstice History Park (June)

- JSO Summer Orchestra

Water Events:

- Kayak Rodeo Series
- Jr Olympics
- Ice Breakers/Cardboard Race (April)

(WA) How big is the Jr. Olympics? How do they get to Golden? Are there viewing stands?

(PR) They come in via buses, one weekend, no viewing stands.

(WA) How many people are attending these events?

(LC) 15,000 people for Buffalo Bill Days, 7-8,000 for the Saturday parade & 4-5,000 for the evening events.

(LC) 4<sup>th</sup> of July 8,000 people at night 4-5,000 during the day.

(PR) from May – October the Lions Park Pavilion is also booked solid.

**Buffalo Bill Days:**

(WA) How does Buffalo Bill Days work?

(LC) Parfet Park has 100 10'x10' tents

(LC) We close 10<sup>th</sup> street for food vendors

(LC) There is a stage in the Park & we place 3 generators behind the stage by the dragon that feed power to the tents & food vendors.

(LC) The Porta Potties are placed in the visitor center on Washington 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> are closed most of the Weekend.

(LC) Most people park in the large parking structures downtown...Coors Tec also allows parking in their lot & people park in an 8 to 10 block area around the events.

Parade:

- (LC) Parade stages on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>
- (LC) The Parade runs out to Washington down to 13<sup>th</sup> to north on Arapaho and disperses at 11<sup>th</sup>.
- (LC) On 10<sup>th</sup> street Pancake Breakfast at the fire house 4,000 people attend at 12<sup>th</sup> & Washington there is a Wild West Stage.

(WA) Is it a problem that Ford is the only in town crossing during Buffalo Bill Days?

(FD/LC) No not really everyone is use to it being closed

(WA) How is Lions Park used?

(LC) The ball fields are used for mutton busting other than that its not used.

(LC) Washington is also closed for the car show from 9:00am - 3:30pm

(LC) Washington is closed between 11<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> the whole weekend.

(WA) How does Buffalo Bill Days affect the water treatment area?

(PR) We close the Recreation Center & have to work with the RV's if they want to get out

(WA) How does Buffalo Bill Days affect Vanover Park?

(LC) Nothing is programmed in Vanover

(LC) Nothing in Lions Park except the mutton busting

**4<sup>th</sup> of July:**

(LC) Mostly a community event

(LC) In Lions Park – viewing, rides, stage, shade structures, food & drinks, put-put, & porta potties

(LC) Fireworks are launched from the CSM freshman lots

(LC) 10<sup>th</sup> is shut down at around 6pm

(LC) Every lot is tied up for parking, Triangle lot is closed for ADA (and for Denver Eagle Band members

(LC) City opens the route north of the water treatment area

(WA) How would you improve the park?

(LC) Add access road up to 8<sup>th</sup> & have parking in the community gardens area

(WA) What happens on 9<sup>th</sup>

(FD) Its full of people parking, we try and get police to clean it up. Sometimes the neighbors block access to the street. It's a problem if you need to get emergency vehicular access.

(LC) The event starts at about noon but people filter in about 5 or 6pm

(WA) Big issues are parking & through access

- (PR) Amplifies creek conflicts trail – bikes etc. /creek -- tubers & kayaks
- (WA) Do people bike in/ walk in?
- (PR) Yes, everything
- (PR) Goose poop is a problem because people are sitting on the ground.

**Fine Arts Festival:**

- (LC) 11<sup>th</sup> street from Arapaho to Maple is closed
- (PR) Hoses & Carriages (Typical for all events)
- (LC) Food & stages are at parking lot at Arapaho and stage at Maple and children's play area at dirt lot.
- (LC) Tents are located on both sides of the road
- (LC) Parking along 10<sup>th</sup>
- (LC) Impacts on Washington ... people park in the garages
- (LC) Relatively low impact event
- (LC) 10-12 food vendors
- (LC) Not really a need for power - vendors tie into the history park electrical system
- (PR) The electrical system the clear creek corridor is generally in bad shape and needs to be updated.
- (WA) Restrooms?
- (LC/FD) A few porta potties are placed on either end.
- (LC) Jefferson Concert is in Parfet Park the closing night of the Arts Festival.
- (WA) How many people go to the concert?
- (PR) 300-400 people
- (WA) Are people happy with where the Arts Festival is?
- (LC) I think they struggle with power down there?
- (WA) Do people pay for the power they use?
- (LC/PR) No they just tap in.

**General Discussion:**

- (WA) If we open up Lions Park would that be an improvement to Buffalo Bill Days?
- (LC) No not really we don't use that area
- (PR) We get a lot of requests for camping in the corridor
- (WA) How many spots do you need?
- (PR) Not sure 200-300 for big events
- (FD) We have tried to get events off the streets and on trails
- (PR) It costs a lot to close streets we try to get runs/races on the trails there has been talk of a marathon that would end in the park.
- (PR) The band shell is an interesting concept that has lot of support but the scale has gotten larger & larger so it has been put on the sidelines.
- (WA) What about weekly events?
- (PR) Movies/Music in Parfet Park...that's about it.
- (WA) Would a band shell eliminate the need to rent a stage?
- (PR) Yes, for these events a small band shell would be used by 12 or so events.
- (PR) The condos along the south side complain about noise.
- (PR) Ideally most people would like everything to happen in Parfet Park because of its central downtown location.
- (FD) Access to the fire station is important most of our people don't stay on site, we use placards to get into the station when 10<sup>th</sup> is closed.
- (WA) Maybe we make Parfet the central green?
- (WA) Where does the Wild West roundup occur?
- (LC) Wild West round up happens at Washington. Washington is closed from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, the stage is on the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> & Washington.
- (WA) Farmers Market occurs in the Library Parking Lot
- (WA) When does the car show start & end?
- (LC) It runs from about 9:00am - 5:00pm
- (WA) Events that happen along Lions Park seem to be smaller?
- (PR) We used to have a music festival..it might come back.

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Present: Wenk Associates (WA) – Bill Wenk, Jess Clark, Jonah Weiss  
City of Golden Parks & Recreation (PR) – Rod Tarullo, Amber Speedy  
ERO (ERO) – Mary Powell  
Golden History Museum (GM) – Jessica Lira, Bill McKee  
Golden Library (GL) – Peg Hooper  
Golden Community Garden (CG) – Matt Burde, Karen Smith, Kim Walter  
Members of the Public (MP)  
 Rick Gardner (RG)

### Topics Discussed:

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#### **Introduction:**

(RG) Presentation of historic sites in Golden (recorded on maps)

#### **History Park:**

(WA) History park how did it get there?

(RG) in the early 90's when the old ranching cabins were threatened we moved the cabins there and relocated the school house there when that site was being developed

(RG) the far southeast part of the property use to be a planing mill it would be nice to recreate that as a visitor's center.

(WA) Do people generally love the History Park?

(RG) Yes, people really like it

#### **General Discussion:**

(WA) What is being used for educational opportunities along the corridor? What is missing for educational opportunities? We know that there are some protected species and there are some areas with mining tailings.

(MP) Trail access is crowded, congested and there are conflicts

(WA) On Saturday we are having very specific discussions about trails and other specific activities along the corridor. We are also looking at the RV park/ball fields/10<sup>th</sup> street everything is up for discussion except the water treatment facility.

(MP) I question the wisdom of bringing more people to the corridor because of traffic & congestion.

(WA) We have a traffic engineer on the team who will be looking at those issues.

(MP) 150yrs of gardening in golden was memorialized with the opening of the community garden. Connecting the school of mines with research/creek history is interesting. The ditch is very interesting on the south side of the creek.

(MP) The botany/geology are very interesting on the Washington bridge we have town history and lots of people are interested in reading that history.

(MP) I don't like the idea of endless interpretive signs which would mar the natural environment along the creek. Interpretive tours along the corridor would be interesting.

(MP) Contact compass school to learn about education & the river.

(MP) School Festival – maybe the students could lead tours along the corridor.

(MP) The back of the library is a good place to access the river.

(MP) The School of Mines uses the river ... students drop experiments off the foot bridge.

(MP) I like the idea of having significant places marked with interpretive signs.

(MP) Maybe we could do phone in interpretive signs like at the botanic gardens?

(MP) Maybe partner with different organizations to give tours ... history/botany etc.

(MP) The history museum is focused on 1900<sup>th</sup> century history school call up and we do programs with in the history park/history museum.

(GM) Thinking long term if we could expand the museum we could do more programming. Maybe consider moving the museum to the dirt history park parking lot.

(WA) The way things are organized in History Park ... could that be changed; moved?

(GM) Could be moved they are not on the historic register and not in their original locations.

(WA) Is the arrangement of the buildings in History Park important?

(GM) Not exactly..we are trying to create a historic relationship between the buildings.

(MP) The buildings have been moved many times... I'm concerned about the stability of the structures.

(MP) I wouldn't move them again we could lose parts of them.

(MP) A lot of people put a lot of work into that park and so it shouldn't be moved

(WA) So the park is kind of sacred

(MP) Moving the school was part of the bicentennial project

(MP) It would be nice to have room to incorporate more structures

(MP) I would like to see some way to incorporate more modern history.

(MP) Is braiding of the creek better environmentally?

(ERO) Yes.

(MP) More braiding of the creek might stir up toxic stuff

(MP) It would be nice to increase the life of the creek and to have areas for children to access

(MP) Vanover Tree is a living landmark. Tree grew to a diameter of 8.5' We could put a chronology on the tree stump; but we would need to find a way to display it.

(MP) We could cantilever a path over the creek south of the apartment building.

(WA) It sounds like there could be a lot of opportunity to interpret history & bring history to life.

(MP) Make sure the hanging tree tis preserved and if it is moved make sure that there is a sign explaining it.

(CG) We would like to make the community garden a place for education/interpretation

(WA) The more you can build on existing programs the better.

(CG) Do you envision an interpretive walk through the gardens?

(WA) We can envision a lot of things...everything but the water treatment plant is up for discussion

(CG) There are two other gardens in the corridor. Behind the history museum and on Washington St. downtown. They have tried to create walking tour and we would like to attach that to the community garden.

(MP) Is where the community garden is located the best place for it?

(CG) We have invested in some improvements ... water / soil.

(CG) It's a big spot we have a master plan.

(CG) Its very popular we have 60 plots and we are adding 30 plots this year.

(MP) is being closer to the corridor better?

(CG) Ideally the interpretive tour would start up at the community garden. The garden could act as a gateway.

(MP) The ball fields are two small for adult league play. They are not in a good place.

(CG) You need a big location for plots, a shady space does not work.

(MP) The community garden in Estes Park uses traditional methods and everything they grow goes back into the community. Maybe the community garden could be partnered with the history museum.

(MP) Would Vanover Park be a good place to have a garden ... a flower garden?

(MP) Its hard to have a flower garden there because of shade & use.

(MP) Golden has a lot of vegetable gardens we need to have a Golden flower garden.

(MP) The patch behind the Astor house could be done better.

(MP) I heard someplace that the city takes care of 47 gardens

(PR) Not 47 we do have planting areas but not as special as private gardens.

(MP) Many people like to read near the creek. There should be a reading garden at the library with kids & adult areas ... maybe a Shakespeare garden.

(MP) Is there a chance to make Vanover a children's park? It would be great to pull the kids out of Lions Park into Vanover.

(MP) I would like to see a skate boarding in the corridor.

(MP) Need a place for teens to hang out...young adult area.

(MP) I'm concerned with having a children's area in Vanover is that it is too close to the creek. A street between the playground and the creek is a good thing that helps keep the kids out of the creek.

(MP) If there was a room in the community center for teens would you come?

(MP) Yes I would come. If there was a teen area outside someplace where we could scream our heads off we would go.

(WA) Maybe someplace in the corridor

(WA) Is there a library program that goes outside the Library?

(GL) We have school programs but can't do anything else off site.

(GL) We could have a reading garden if it was secure.

(MP) Maybe having it in the community garden

(MP) The Library has outgrown its current location.

(PR) What is the balance between urban/wildlife

(WA) Many people want to protect wildlife

(MP) Maybe have wifi hot spots along the creek

(MP) There is a wonderful natural area in Jefferson County just across 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

(MP) Please work with Jefferson County

(WA) Good point we need to meet with them.

(MP) would like to have a natural are right in Golden close in. It would be nice to have a stretch of creek not occupied by boaters.

(WA) Is it more important to have pockets of natural area downtown along the creek or is it more important to have a more Urban downtown?

(MP) Both

(MP) It's important not to disturb the natural areas to make urban...like the area north of the School of Mines.

(WA) Keep it wild don't clean it up? Is it acceptable to remove invasive species?

(MP) Yes, restorations is important but make it look natural.

(MP) Putting a lot of activities along a path in a natural area would change the character of the natural area.

(MP) Can we have trash cans with recycling containers in the parks?

(WA) What would make the corridor more sustainable?

(CG) We try and teach low water use gardening.

(MP) We are using less water if we have a water feature it should be efficient. Maybe have solar panels on the lights in the park...have a wind turbine, example project on a city building.

(MP) Maybe we don't need the lawn south of the Recreation Center?

(MP) You need to present a dollar figure to the city for all these improvements.

(MP) Solar cells in the park to offset city energy costs.

(MP) Smart use of blue grass lawns

(MP) Hydroelectric dam.

(MP) Lions Park Pond could be used as a water quality demonstration project/an example of a braded river.

(MP) It would be great to have a separate bike trail it gets congested by the kayaks.

(WA) What are the conflicts?

(MP) Kayaks don't conflict

(MP) Tubers cause more of the conflicts

(MP) More conflicts between bikes & pedestrians

(MP) Not really conflicts in the river more along the trail.

(WA) We have heard that there are conflicts between fly-fishing and kayaks?

(MP) Maybe have hours for fishing/kayaking

(MP) There are places for people to fish near the water treatment plant.

(MP) Out of towers are more of a problem they don't know what they are doing on the creek.

(MP) Water quality is important for fishing.

(MP) Need to have something for the trout

(MP) The creek is stocked with trout up stream of the kayak park

(MP) The Community Garden & Harmony Garden is irrigated from clear creek...not sure of the metal problems.

(MP) You need to be careful with how much grass you design with because of water use.

(MP) Tucker Gulch is very constrained

(MP) maybe restoring the gulch would improve the water quality?

(ERO) It looks really constrained & probably has high flow rates ... it might be hard to restore.

(MP) Maybe over the long term it could be restored.

(MP) Maybe bouldering

(WA) you can do bouldering for all ages

(MP) We would like to have something like that outside

(MP) Maybe the community garden could be attached to the farmers market? Maybe kids could sell the food they grow at a booth.

(MP) Intensive urban agriculture small demonstration gardens ... Indoor gardening center

(MP) The community gardens should put on a fall/winter workshop in the library.

(MP) If History Park could get down to the creek they could do a real sluice box...right now they have to use a hose.

(WA) Next Steps:

- Public meeting on Saturday 3/1/2010
- Advisory Committee 3/5/2010
- Alternatives Development

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#### Lions Shed:

- (LC) We also have the Lions Shed that is on city property it has tents / chairs etc. that every event in the city uses.
- (LC) The Kiwanis Club also stores 100's of flags they put up on major holidays
- (LC) Buffalo Bill Days also uses it as storage
- (WA) How big is the shed?
- (LC) Its 6' x 28'
- (LC) We would not want to lose that shed
- (WA) Could the shed be moved?
- (LC) Yes it could be moved, however it's close to everything now and easy to access.

#### General Discussion:

- (LC) We have a decent sized memorial in Lions Park that we don't want touched
- (LC) Lions Park is the best place to see the fireworks but Parfet Park is a better event space.
- (LC) Lions Park has no parking and bad access.
- (PR) What other things are important/hot button issues?
- (LC) The main treasure is Lions Park & the Memorial
- (WA) What if you take the pond out & remove the ball fields?
- (LC) We wouldn't have a problem with it as long as the Lions name is still attached and if they were replaced by something that made sense.
- (LC) Ball fields are limited can only be used by softball (not regulation size for baseball)
- (PR) Stew you live on 10<sup>th</sup> how do these events effect you?
- (LC) Parking is bad & traffic is bad
- (WA) We are looking at reconfiguring the Park and 10<sup>th</sup> to make it more pedestrian friendly.
- (LC) Not looking at retail along 10<sup>th</sup> are you?
- (WA) Not a strip mall or anything like that maybe small vender's food carts that type of thing.
- (LC) Not a bad idea if there are no events there is no place to get a drink
- (PR) Do the RV's bother you? What about the ball field lights?
- (LC) Lights no; RV's yes
- (LC) The RV park is a quiet place to walk.
- (WA) What if the RV park was moved?
- (LC) Its fine where it is...no negative issues
- (LC) if the RV park moved what would replace it?

(WA) There are a variety of options...Natural Area / Dog Park / Picnicking / Skate Park are all ideas we have heard.

(WA) if there are changes in the Lions park it really helps if there is a champion...the Lions Club would be important in that endeavor.

## COMMENT CARDS

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### Comment Cards:

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- Would love to see the Golden Community Garden continue with support from City. It is an excellent way to bring and allow more of community be part of the corridor, connect with each other and create a sustainable city.
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- I am going into my 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the Golden Community Garden and to me it is one of the best things that have happened in Golden since I moved here in 1984. Three tremendous aspects of the garden:
  - Sustainability-the GCG is very much in harmony with Golden's sustainability initiative-learning how to grow your own food and eating locally.
  - Community-Gardeners become part of an enthusiastic, diverse group of individuals that are committed to a concept and work together to make it happen.
  - Education-A great opportunity to learn how to garden, build the soil from year to year; grow your own food, compost, etc.
  - I really hope that the Master Plan includes a substantial (size-wise) and vibrant community garden!
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- Preserve wildlife habitat
  - Protect natural areas
  - Limit rules
  - Increase informal access (dirt paths)
  - Extend scope to include corridor west of Hwy 93
  - Add signal activated cross walks @ Ford and Wash similar to Broadway/Boulder-they are both very dangerous.
  - Improve RV park to soften (more landscape) appearance
  - Move city offices to vacant space downtown or less valuable real estate
  - Connect to Mines/Geology museum
  - History is not as important to me (Already can't get away from it in Golden)
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- The C.C. Corridor is important wildlife habitat, which needs to be maintained in a natural state with native vegetation.
  - The RV Park and community garden are appropriate uses within the corridor and should be retained as should the farmers market.
  - The City of Golden offices don't necessarily need to be returned within the corridor-Perhaps the buildings could be used for other public purposes.
  - East trail access from Vanover Park and Tucker Gulch Trail needs improvement-street crossings are dangerous and trail network signage is needed.
  - Use of the river (tubers, kayakers, swimmers, dogs) is casual (ie not lots of regulation signs etc) which is good it makes it an experience of exploration rather than amusement park.
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- Possible Golden History Center relocation-west of History Park current building at 923 10<sup>th</sup> street is not ideal design for museum.
- Fishing enhancements-upstream of Kayak Park. Create a area to improve trout habitat but also a casting, practicing area for fly fishing.