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Mayor Jacob Smith and Honorable City Councilors
City of Golden
911 10th St.
Golden, CO 80401

RE: Proposed Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan

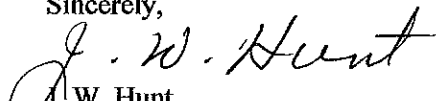
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Golden Lions Club Board of Directors and members to express our concerns over the latest version of the Clear Creek Corridor Study which we feel does not fully address the concerns of our club. We had a representative attend all the public input sessions and, in fact, three of our Past Presidents had a one-on-one session with the consultants and gave them direct input about what was important to our club. While we recognize that this is a draft version of the study, and that it is unfunded at this time, we still want to make you aware of our concerns, which may be summarized as follows:

- Closing 10th St. at Maple and diverting Clear Creek into the park proper for a water feature doesn't make much sense or accomplish the objectives of the study.
- Removing the west pavilion by the playground eliminates a well-used feature of the park which provides appreciated protection in wet weather. We have no objection to making the east pavilion larger, but suggest there is value in keeping these amenities at both ends of the park.
- Filling in the pond doesn't bother us; however, using asphalt as the fill to create a new road and parking lot does. The plan to substantially reduce green space in Lions Park would also adversely affect the already limited space available for our annual 4th of July Festival, a community event which has a history of almost 40 years.
- The plan does away with many of the amenities of the park, including proximate parking next to the ball fields. Removing fences from the ball fields does away with their normal use as ball fields. If the intent is to create green space, why not just call it that and eliminate the ball fields?
- A road connection between 10th and 8th by utilizing the existing roadway in the old City shops area is a good idea, but we question whether security concerns at the water plant and holding pond have been fully examined.
- Under the plan, increased vehicular traffic may move off of 10th St., as it becomes more of a boulevard, and onto 9th, through an historic residential area.

All in all, we are not impressed with the current version of the plan and urge City Council to reconsider many of the ideas proposed in the study. The city should not consider funding changes that don't make sense or do little to improve what we already have today, particularly changes that diminish precious green space in Lions Park.

Sincerely,


J. W. Hunt
President, Golden Lions Club