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December 20, 2010

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

RE: Proposed Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan

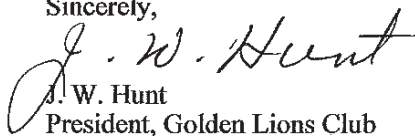
Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

City of Golden

Memorandum



To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

From: Steve Glueck, Director of Planning and Development 

Date: March 3, 2011

Re: Planning Commission's GV 2030 Review of Clear Creek Corridor Plan

Planning Commission has asked me to convey their thanks to the staff and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members that attended the February 16, 2011 Planning Commission study session to review the Clear Creek Corridor plan process and status in light of the Golden Vision 2030 guiding principles, community values, and decision making process. At that meeting, we discussed the overall project and the general plan you expected to see as the 90% document in early March. A few highlights of the discussion included:

- Planning Commission felt that the process had certainly been open and inclusive, and transparent, and therefore consistent with the first guiding principle of GV 2030.
- The entire project, as recommended by the City-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan, is intended to affirmatively plan for future uses and changes in the corridor, and not to have change “happen to us”, therefore meeting the second GV 2030 guiding principle.
- Planning Commission's review of the ten GV 2030 value themes did not indicate any significant negative impact to the GV 2030 values from the concepts presented to date. All of the designs and ideas appear to strongly support value themes associated with:
 - An accessible and walkable community
 - Active outdoors and the environment
 - Support for local business and downtown
 - Convenience and community amenities
 - A family and kid friendly town
 - Support for history, culture, and education
 - Our sense of community
 - Belonging/ volunteerism

Due to the conceptual nature of a master plan, it will be the details and execution of the plan recommendations that demonstrate how well the below values are supported. It will be important to balance various program and design options in the plan and in the future to best support these other themes:

- Safe, Clean, and Quiet Neighborhoods
- Friendliness and appreciation of our neighbors

- Planning Commission was very encouraged about the care given to considering all perspectives, and encourages the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to maintain an open, inclusive, and considerate process for the design and implementation of the more significant plan recommendations, as such steps become feasible.

Staff will be forwarding the updated document to Planning Commission as it becomes available.
Thank you again for your efforts.

They paved paradise and put up a parking lot

Joni Mitchell

10/18/2010

Dear Rod;

I am writing to request your support in opposing certain aspects of the clear creek corridor master plan. The Lion's Park neighborhood embraces enhancements to the creek path that support multi use and reduce conflicts along clear creek. The neighborhood is against any parts of the plan that will negatively impact our quality of life. This is where we need your help. Members of our neighborhood attended the meetings and provided input about the proposed changes. We spoke against any modifications in the area that would increase traffic, parking and noise in our neighborhood. We were surprised to see that the "final" plan that was presented on October 5th proposes closing 10th Street at Maple and re-routing traffic via a new 9th street connector that cuts through Lion's Park. We feel that 10th street should remain open and traffic flow be enhanced with additional access off 8th Street by way of the city shops. 8th Street access to the park in this manner is included in the final plan. However, redirecting traffic from 10th to 9th will not be efficient, nor will it be the best route for RV or emergency vehicles and will not be the best solution for our children or the families that visit Lion's Park. We are further concerned that the plan proposes eliminating the parking area by the ball fields. This will further complicate traffic flow and force additional congestion on 9th Street. The plan anticipates that the kayakers will be enticed by a new water feature closer to Washington, facilitating their use of the downtown parking structures. But the lot by the ball fields is also used by softball and football teams and game attendees. Parking by the city shops and/or Library will not be enough to accommodate these groups. A search for parking spaces will further complicate traffic flow on 9th.

The City of Golden Neighborhood Plan for the 8th and 9th Street Neighborhood (signed by city counsel 9/27/2007) identifies safety as a neighborhood goal, stipulating that traffic and congestion be lessened:

"The diversity of uses within and adjacent to the Neighborhood results in traffic patterns different than standard residential areas. The primary transportation goals include considering and accommodating pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic modes in a safe, Neighborhood-oriented manner".

The new plan can not realistically be interpreted as meeting this goal. The current playground area is utilized by many families who also access the Community Center during their park stay. The park is home to many wedding parties who also need access to the Community Center. Will it be safe to put a road between them?

The City of Golden 8th and 9th Street Neighborhood Plan also identifies that "substantial efforts should be made to maintain and enhance the historic character of the Neighborhood". Is it in keeping with the neighborhood history to put a road through Lion's Park?

A road and parking area should not be eliminated from a non-residential area only to be reconstructed a block away in a residential area. One of the reasons the plan proposes closure of 10th street is to accommodate a children's water feature by the playground that makes use of the creek. We believe this concept is better attained by enhancing the current creek side play area below Parfet Park, with better access to parking structures and restaurants. The plan also proposes eliminating the pavilion by the playground and replacing the east end pavilion with a larger one. We know that the west end pavilion is favored by families with children because of it's proximity to the playground. This would be a loss to the community. In addition, a larger pavilion on the east end would have a negative impact on our neighborhood.

One of the guiding principles that came out of the Golden Vision 2030 meetings is that people in Golden want more influence over how change happens in the community. We gave our input to the Clear Creek Master Plan but we were not heard. As a leader in our community will you listen to us? Please help us maintain a safe and quiet neighborhood. The Clear Creek Master Plan will be presented to Golden City Counsel in December. We are counting on you to help us oppose the changes that will negatively impact our neighborhood. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely;

Beth and Chris Bidwell (1200 9th Street) and other very concerned neighbors
303-278-9480

3/3/11

To: Golden City Council
Rod Tarullo
Steve Glueck

Subject: The Lion's Park Beltway

Residents of Lion's Park and other surrounding neighborhoods are opposed to the section of the Clear Creek Master Plan that proposes the closing of 10th Street at Maple. We notified Council, Planning, Parks and Rec, HPB, Wenk and Associates of our opposition in October. We have made it known that the neighborhood embraces enhancements to the creek path that support multi use and reduce conflicts along clear creek. We are opposed to the portion of the plan that proposes closing 10th street at Maple and rerouting the road across Lion's park.

At the Parks and Rec study session on 3/1/11, we learned that an integral part of the plan-the access road off 8th street-is no longer feasible. The board unanimously agreed to keep this road as part of the proposed plan with the belief that it might be feasible sometime in the remote future. If we were opposed to the plan before, we are even more against it now without the access road off 8th.

The new road across Lion's Park will bring parking, lights, noise and pollution that will start 100 feet from the neighborhood. Impacting a neighborhood was never a goal of the plan. Rather, one of the primary goals was to "reduce user conflict". Without the 8th street access road, the new road will affect everyone who uses 10th street. RVs, garbage trucks, the street sweeper, the ice cream truck, emergency vehicles, utility vehicles, creek users, park users, and community center users will all be navigating the narrow streets of Maple and the winding road of new 10th. There will be conflict not only amongst the vehicles, but among the many outdoor enthusiasts trying to unload kayaks, bikes, sports gear and strollers from their cars in order to access the creek and park.

The neighborhood group conducted a traffic study in December. In the dead of winter for a 13 hour period (from 5:30 am to 6:30 pm), an average of 1,866 cars traversed the section of 10th street that the CCMP wants to reroute. Wenk and Associates believes our data is consistent with traffic study data collected by The City of Golden in July of 2008. That study counted cars for 24 hour periods and determined that an average of 2,000 cars a day traveled down 10th in July. As residents, we know that attendance at the farmer's market has skyrocketed since 2008. In addition, the lure of the creek to tubers has since increased. We speculate that the new road could see 4,000 cars a day on weekends in the summer. *The CCMT proposes rerouting the road to solve pedestrian conflict along the creek path that exists 3 months out of the year. The new road will impact residents and the neighborhood 12 months out of the year.* This is not what's best for Golden.

Another extremely disturbing factor about the new road is that it inhibits water rescue along the portion of the creek that needs it the most. I've lived on 9th street for 19 years. My south windows face 10th and Maple. I've never seen a car accident or a vehicle/pedestrian accident on that portion of the road. What I do see, all summer long, is the water rescue truck by that section of the creek. Also in this area is the new children's water feature near the playground.



10th Street closed at Maple. Road rerouted across Lion's Park. Maple Street narrowed.

- 1=Lion's Park
- 4=Kayak put in
- 6=Lion's Ball fields

Children's water feature-creek diversion

How will emergency vehicles and in particular water rescue vehicles access the creek? They will now be forced to drive across the park.

At your study session on 3/10, I urge you to pay particular attention to the portion of the plan that proposes closing 10th street at Maple and rerouting the road across the park. Imagine trying to drive to the community center on a summer weekend. Golden Vision 2030 identifies safe and quiet neighborhoods as a core value for Golden residents. This plan does not meet that goal. It is not the right thing for the citizens of Golden. Please give this plan careful thought.

In sincere appreciation;

Beth Bidwell

1200 9th Street

From: Heather Miller [<mailto:judyblukers@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 10:50 PM

To: Jacob Smith; Rod Tarullo; Bill Fisher; Karen Oxman; Marcia Claxton; Joe Behm; Marjorie Sloan; Bob Vermeulen; Steve Glueck

Cc: judyblukers@yahoo.com

Subject: Opposition of the Proposed Clear Creek Master Plan from Golden City Resident

Dear City Council,

I am writing in opposition of the proposed Clear Creek Master Plan that has changes to Lions Park. While I agree that our playground area for our children could be updated, and that the pond lovingly known by my family as "Goose Poop Pond", could potentially be filled, in no way do I believe that this area should turn into additional parking spaces, or that the traffic should be rerouted from the current route.

There are many more options to be explored, like turning in the pond to a skating rink, and updating our park with more current play equipment, however a change in traffic structure is not the answer.

Golden boasts, it is a 'Walkable City'. I agree. Having all the folks that come to visit Golden for the '2 -hour Vacation' (great marketing idea by the way), is fantastic because they park all around town. Often because visitors are parking behind the old Foss and on the city streets, they patronize our small business owners.

Those kayakers and walkers get thirsty and hungry. If additional parking spaces are added where the pond currently sits, then they won't be walking in our downtown where they will more than likely spend money, but instead, get in their car and drive on home.

So, while I appreciate the efforts and think ideas like an interpretative nature garden are a great idea, and even filling in the pond, this space shouldn't be used as additional parking or a change to the traffic as it currently flows. Instead, Lion's park could be enhanced so that the residents and visitors of Golden can continue to enjoy the park as a great recreation area.

Thank you for your continued efforts in making Golden a great city in which to live and raise our families. Thank you also for drawing consumers from around Colorado to patronize our local shops.

Thank you too for considering my letter.

Heather Miller

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From: Sarah Stern [<mailto:sarah.f.stern@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 2:21 PM

To: Jacob Smith; Rod Tarullo; Bill Fisher; Karen Oxman; Marcia Claxton; Joe Behm; Marjorie Sloan; Bob Vermeulen; Steve Glueck; City Council

Cc: Evan Stern

Subject: Clear Creek Master Plan - your residents' thoughts

Good Afternoon Council Members,

As a Golden resident, I am contacting you to voice my opinion regarding the Clear Creek Master Plan. I have been fairly involved in the development of this plan and feel that the current proposal is a HUGE misservice to the city of Golden and its residents, and the surrounding neighborhoods and should not be adopted or endorsed by city council.

I echo the sentiments of my neighbor and friend who wrote to you earlier today (below) and agree that, in my opinion, the proposed solution:

1. Will result in a very unsatisfactory and frustrating experience by visitors, as routing all rec center, RV and water treatment traffic through the proposed parking lot will result in increased parking and traffic issues;
2. Is a poor use of city tax dollars, as it does nothing to increase patronage of downtown businesses, with the associated tax revenue;
3. Is detrimental to surrounding neighborhoods and has specifically ignored citizen and stakeholder input. The flawed process in which the proposed plan has been created completely fails one of Council's stated 2011 goals, *The Year of the Neighborhood* ("*Supporting and strengthening our neighborhoods*").

Most importantly, I caution you not to continue to move forward with the process solely because time and money has already been spent on the project to date.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: Miller, Kenneth E. [<mailto:K.Miller@WestonSolutions.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 1:41 PM

To: Jacob Smith; Rod Tarullo; Bill Fisher; Karen Oxman; Marcia Claxton; Joe Behm; Marjorie Sloan; Bob Vermeulen

Cc: Steve Glueck

Subject: Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan

Importance: Low

Dear Mayor, Council Members and Concerned City of Golden Parties:

I am contacting you to voice my concern and lodge a formal protest regarding the proposed Clear Creek Master Plan as the proposed plan completely fails to benefit Golden and its residents, and **should be shelved until ALL the data are examined.**

As posted on the CCCMP website, the primary goal of the CC Master Plan is to reduce user conflict. However, the proposed plan does essentially nothing to effectively reduce conflict, and introduces significant new sources of conflict and safety issues. As a resident of the 8th and 9th Street Historic district, and a resident that poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into my residence to improve and enhance the District, I have to formally file my protest to this overall of a plan.

For starters, let me point out some of the most obvious shortcomings of the proposal:

1. Changes to current parking and resulting traffic flow will result in a very poor outcome and will add to current safety issues, not resolve them;
2. Poor use of city tax dollars and will not increase patronage of downtown businesses;
3. Will place more on-street parking in our close-knit neighborhoods and Rec center (on-street parking should be pay permitted for those who aren't residents anyway); and
4. Is detrimental to surrounding neighborhoods and has specifically ignored citizen and stakeholder input. The flawed process in which the proposed plan has been created completely fails one of Council's stated 2011 goals, The Year of the Neighborhood ("Supporting and strengthening our neighborhoods").

Specifically, my main concerns are:

- The proposal to close 10th at Maple and re-route all traffic through the new parking lot in the area that is now Lion's Park will result in tremendous conflict as kayakers, picnickers and other users (with associated kids, strollers, coolers etc.) will block through traffic as they maneuver into parking spots and access gear from their cars.
- One of the main 'selling points' of the re-routing of 10th was the additional access to the Rec center from 8th. At last week's Parks and Rec board meeting it was disclosed that this re-routing is not an option, or will be difficult at best. This should be a 'deal killer' for the for proposed plan in its current form, as the proposed traffic flow proposed for 10th street is not acceptable. There **MUST** be a solution to using 8th street as an alternate artery.

- Local resident concerns listened to, but still not heard. I am amazed how this project is being ramrodded down ALL Golden taxpaying residents throats in an effort for parks and recs to get that big project under their belts.
- Most of the “visitors” to our fair city bring their own food, leave their own trash, take up space at the creek and don’t spend any money in downtown.
- We already have enough “visitors” using the CCC. The residential areas are fighting for a small space on the creek as it is in the summer months.
- Visitors should be incentivized to park downtown by having free parking near downtown and metered parking near Lion's Park.

I have lived in Golden since 1988 and Golden is a place that I decided to retire in. I would like to think that is still a good idea.....

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 12:21 PM
To: Jacob Smith; Rod Tarullo; Bill Fisher; Karen Oxman; Marjorie Sloan; Steve Glueck
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Subject: Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan

Dear Councilors,

I am contacting you to express my concern regarding the proposed Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan.

I embrace enhancements to the creek path that support multi use and reduce conflict along Clear Creek. I am opposed to the portion of the plan that proposes closing 10th Street at Maple and rerouting the road across Lion's Park.

I urge that you please deny approval of the plan in its current form.

Thank you for the careful consideration I know that you will give to this matter.

Dorothy Hubble
1020 9th Street

From: Kristen Klein [<mailto:kreeklein@msn.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 11:16 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Clear Creek Master Plan

Dear Council Member,

I am contacting you to express my concern about the proposed Clear Creek Master Plan. I am not opposed to modification and changes to Lion's park and the Clear Creer area, but I truly believe that the proposed plan completely fails to benefit Golden and its residents, and **should not be pursued or endorsed in its current form.**

One of the primary states goals of the CC Master Plan is to reduce user conflict. However, the proposed plan does essentially nothing to effectively reduce conflict, and introduces significant new sources of conflict.

Simply stated, the proposed design:

1. Will result in a very unsatisfactory and frustrating experience by visitors, as the parking and resulting traffic flow are very poor;
2. Is a poor use of city tax dollars, as it does nothing to increase patronage of downtown businesses, with the associated tax revenue;
3. Is detrimental to surrounding neighborhoods and has specifically ignored citizen and stakeholder input. The flawed process in which the proposed plan has been created completely fails one of Council's stated 2011 goals, The Year of the Neighborhood ("Supporting and strengthening our neighborhoods").

Specific concerns that I have with the proposed plan include:

- The proposal to close 10th at Maple and re-route all traffic through the new parking lot in the area that is now Lion's Park will result in tremendous conflict as kayakers, picnickers and other users (with associated kids, strollers, coolers etc.) will block through traffic as they maneuver into parking spots and access gear from their cars.
- One of the main 'selling points' of the re-routing of 10th was the additional access to the rec center from 8th. At last week's Parks and Rec board meeting it was disclosed that this re-routing is not an option. This should be a 'deal killer' for the for proposed plan in its current form, as the proposed traffic flow is very unsatisfactory. Additionally, if various groups argue that access from 8th street *may* be a possibility then installation of the access from 8th street should be a mandatory item to be completed before moving forward with other aspects of the project.
- The Parks & Rec board and Wenk and Associates have blatantly ignored significant input from community members and stake holders. I feel that the development of this plan has been flawed and does not include adequate public input. Certain rec board members seem to be bull-headed on continuing to move forward with the process solely because time and money

has already been spent on the project to date, opposing modifications that would make the plan much more beneficial to the city and its residents.

- I continue to be baffled why the city should spend tax dollars on building a large parking lot at Lion's park for river users. The proposal effectively guarantees that visitors to Golden (such as kayakers, art festival attendees, etc) will park their cars at this new parking, use our free resources (park, playground, river), then return to their cars and drive away. **The downtown business owners should be up in arms about this proposal.** This doesn't encourage visitors to patronize the downtown business, or generate any tax revenue for the city. Any CC Master Plan should incorporate components that disperse parking along the entire length of the river, and if anything concentrates parking towards downtown rather than at Lion's Park.
- Visitors should be incentivized to park downtown by having free parking near downtown and metered parking near Lion's Park.

Golden is a wonderful, special community with amazing resources. Accepting the CC Plan as proposed would result in spending limited tax dollars for an design that will frustrate users, doesn't benefit the city, and harms surrounding neighborhoods.

Thank you for listening to my concerns and giving careful consideration to this matter. I urge that you please deny approval of the plan in its current form and provide the Parks & Rec board with additional constraints and requirements to come up with a revised plan that benefits the various use groups, the community and surrounding neighborhoods.

From: The Bidwells [<mailto:chrisbidwell@msn.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 12:05 PM

To: Jacob Smith; Rod Tarullo; Bill Fisher; Karen Oxman; Marcia Claxton; Joe Behm; Marjorie Sloan; Bob Vermeulen

Subject:

To: Mayor Jacob Smith and the rest of city council and parks and recreation board'

I am e-mailing to you to voice my opposition to the Clear Creek Corridor plan.

I live on 9th St. next door to the recreation center which when built the citizens in the 8th, 9th and 10th St. community were told that there would be no parking lot on the residence side of the rec center, I know the proposed parking lot is not part of the rec center however I feel this would be a disingenuous splitting of definitions. Not only would a parking lot in the proposed location increase traffic to the neighborhood the parking lot will also contribute to noise and light pollution affecting the neighborhood. Also a parking lot in Lions Park would make maneuvering of RV traffic to the RV park more difficult but also more dangerous for the users of the parking lot. Traffic carrying chemicals and other hazardous materials will also have trouble negotiating the turns and dealing with park patrons.

In talking to city council members I have been advised that the city council is not partial to special interest groups, I believe they were referring to the 8th, 9th, and 10th St citizens uniting to oppose the changes to the Clear Creek Corridor. I would like to know why citizens who own homes and property in the Corridor are considered a special interest group when the Golden Garden Club (in existence for only two years) and Kayakers who only spend about four months in the area and being a kayaker myself likely do not contribute a substantial amount to the tax base of Golden are not considered a special interest group and seem to have more voice for what happens to our community then those who live in the immediate area.

I have been told that there needs to be something done about user conflict. In examining the plan I noted that though the trail does separate to hopefully cause pedestrian traffic, bike traffic, and other trail users opportunity to take different routes which on the surface does make sense, however I doubt there will be a traffic cop to direct and enforce users which path they should use. Though the biggest problem I see is that the trails diverge then recon verge in multiple places having driven around the metro area I have noted the traffic problems this has caused for cars there is no reason to believe this would not be the case for trail users. No where in the plan is addressed the increased bike traffic that is going to occur now that the trails paralleling the highways surrounding Golden are being connected or the increase in users of the trail when the completion of the trail following Clear Creek West to Mayhem Gulch is completed.

Other user conflict will occur when cars parked diagonally along 10th st are trying pull out or have their occupants unload softball gear, football gear, kayaks, cooking gear, and other misc. from the back of their vehicles standing in the middle of the street.

I have been informed by various council members and city representative that something has to be planned other wise something will happen, I would think the least expensive thing to do would be to install pedestrian cross walks and officers to enforce the use by pedestrians and ticket drivers who fail to yield right away thus bringing in revenue. However ultimately planning on doing nothing is a plan, a plan that would save Golden a lot of money and save our Neighborhood. As things stand now we have farmers market every Saturday with two horse and buggies who cause traffic tie ups and do not obey traffic laws, Ice Cream trucks causing noise pollution and traffic blockage, Kayak events with buses and trailers clogging the streets, 4th of July which brings in people into the neighborhood as early as 5 in the morning, Buffalo Bill days which clog the streets during set up, softball tournaments and so on that is a lot of stress on one little area and the plan presented by Wenk and Ass. does nothing to alleviate the

problems only increase them.

Ultimately I would like to know are these improvements meant to be for the property owning tax paying citizens of Golden who probably spend most of their income right here in Golden or to entice visitors to Golden causing increase in pollution, increase of park clean up and maintained, increased usage of the volunteer fire department, and an increase of police presence. When most park users bring their own food and drinks such as beer which the open container law is rarely enforced trash the park then leave.

Thank you for your time and effort in this.

Chris Bidwell
1200 9th St.
Golden, CO. 80401

Resident since 1991

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Bestor
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 10:59 AM
To: Rod Tarullo
Subject: FW: Negative Changes to Lions Park Area

-----Original Message-----

From: Abraham Emond [<mailto:abrahamemond@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 10:56 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Negative Changes to Lions Park Area

Dear Council Member,

I am writing in opposition of the proposed Clear Creek Master Plan. Please do not implement a plan that will negatively impact park users, downtown business, the immediate neighborhood, and the greater community.

The proposed plans has several flaws that will negatively impact the community:

- 1) Poor traffic design that will increase the likely-hood of accidents, especially of children.
- 2) Increased pavement area and vehicular traffic in a "park". Reduced green space and increasing traffic always negatively impact user experience.
- 3) With an abundance of parking created near the existing park, at best park users will drive right to the park and not patronize downtown business, at worst it will become the new parking area for downtown and ruin park users experience and reduce safety.

The plan needs to be modified or terminated. Important features of a new plan would include:

- 1) Keeping existing traffic routing or implementing new safe efficient traffic routing
 - 2) Increasing the green-space in the Lions Park area.
 - 3) Creating a town wide parking plan that encourages parking (for free) near downtown businesses and discourages congestion near the park.
- Metered parking near the park could solve this.

As a homeowner, past resident (7 years), and hopefully a future resident (soon) I encourage a better solution to be sought I oppose the current plan. Until a better solution is sought please reserve my tax dollars for better purposes.

Sincerely,
Abraham Emond
216 N. Ford St.

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From: Torsten Lyon [<mailto:torstenlyon@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 8:57 AM

To: Jacob Smith; Rod Tarullo; Bill Fisher; Karen Oxman; Marcia Claxton; Joe Behm; Marjorie Sloan; Bob Vermeulen; Steve Glueck

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- One of the main 'selling points' of the re-routing of 10th was the additional access to the rec center from 8th. At last week's Parks and Rec board meeting it was disclosed that this re-routing is not an option. This should be a 'deal killer' for the for proposed plan in its current form, as the proposed traffic flow is very unsatisfactory. Additionally, if various groups argue that access from 8th street *may* be a possibility then installation of the access from 8th street should be a mandatory item to be completed before moving forward with other aspects of the project.
- The Parks & Rec board and Wenk and Associates have blatantly ignored significant input from community members and stake holders. I feel that the development of this plan has been flawed and does not include adequate public input. Certain rec board members

seem to be bull-headed on continuing to move forward with the process solely because time and money has already been spent on the project to date, opposing modifications that would make the plan much more beneficial to the city and its residents.

- I continue to be baffled why the city should spend tax dollars on building a large parking lot at Lion's park for river users. The proposal effectively guarantees that visitors to Golden (such as kayakers, art festival attendees, etc) will park their cars at this new parking, use our free resources (park, playground, river), then return to their cars and drive away. **The downtown business owners should be up in arms about this proposal.** This doesn't encourage visitors to patronize the downtown business, or generate any tax revenue for the city. Any CC Master Plan should incorporate components that disperse parking along the entire length of the river, and if anything concentrates parking towards downtown rather than at Lion's Park.
- Visitors should be incentivized to park downtown by having free parking near downtown and metered parking near Lion's Park.

Golden is a wonderful, special community with amazing resources. Accepting the CC Plan as proposed would result in spending limited tax dollars for a design that will frustrate users, doesn't benefit the city, and harms surrounding neighborhoods.

Thank you for listening to my concerns and giving careful consideration to this matter. I urge that you please deny approval of the plan in its current form and provide the Parks & Rec board with additional constraints and requirements to come up with a revised plan that benefits the various use groups, the community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Thank you.
Torsten Lyon
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The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra is left to the mercy of the weather. The expense and effort of putting on an outdoor concert can often be washed out because of inclement weather. Rain does not only ruin expensive instruments, but because of all of the electrical equipment needed for sound and light it can be very hazardous. A permanent bandshell would be an attractive addition to Parfet Park, provide a safe working environment for musicians as well as decrease the cost of putting on a “free” concert. This year’s concert in the park cost over \$5,000 to produce. A bandshell would significantly reduce this to a more manageable expense.

**Best Regards,
Judy Orr**

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This reflects my personal opinions as a Golden resident and does not reflect those of ERO Resources...

I am not sure if additional feedback is helpful this late in the process, but I figured I chime in. (I regret that I have not been able to attend the public meetings).

In general, my preference would be a blend of Options 1 and 2, as presented at the previous meetings.

Here are my specific thoughts as you move forward:

- **Access** – I strongly prefer the through access to the community center shown in Option 2. I think this makes sense and I like moving it away from the creek. I fear that the limited access shown in Option 1 would be counterproductive and would create a disconnect between downtown Golden and the Community Center (especially in the winter months when easy vehicle access with kids is essential). Also, 10th makes more sense as a thorough fare than does 8th, considering the direct connection to Ford Street to the east.
- **Civic Complex** – While I like the long-term vision of Option 2 (replacing civic buildings with a plaza), it seems less practical and more expensive to move the existing facilities. Thus, it would take that much longer for the corridor plan to take shape (if ever). Therefore, I prefer Option 1.
- **RV Park** – I still don't like the RV park along the corridor (no offense to our RV visitors...). So I prefer Option 1.
- **Creek Diversion/Water Feature** – I like this idea at either location, but I'm concerned that a diversion/grading would be technically difficult and would diminish the quality of instream flows, particularly late in the summer. Also, what would this area look like in the winter, with little or no water? If the technical constraints could be overcome, then I think it is a good addition.
- **Native Area Trails** – I support additional natural surface trails on the south side of the river, with interpretive opportunities. Besides the rare plant areas that should be protected, this corridor is not pristine wildlife habitat. I think the value of getting more people and kids into nature outweighs hands-off conservation.
- **Dog Park** – While I do support a good dog park somewhere in the central Golden area, I don't think either location makes sense. Option 1 is out of the way for most residents, while Option 2 would not be an appropriate gateway for the corridor. I'd propose finding a good dog park location elsewhere.
- **Skate Park** – Ditto. I strongly support the idea of a safe skate park for kids/teens in Golden, but I don't think it is compatible with the character of the corridor. Look elsewhere for that type of facility.

Thanks for considering these and other comments as you compile the final Master Plan. I hope to attend the final meeting, if my work/family schedule allows.

Cheers,
Bill

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From: **Jacob Smith** <jsmith@cityofgolden.net>
Date: Sun, Sep 26, 2010 at 7:43 PM
Subject: Re: Summer in Golden, 10th St.
To: Lynn Reitmeyer <reitmeyer@foothills-academy.org>

You bet, Lynn - I am passing your note on to the city staff involved in the master plan process. I don't know exactly what documents will come of the 10/5 meeting - I don't know if there will be minutes or something else (since it'll probably be more of an open house) - but all of that should be available. My suggestion is that you touch base with Rod Tarullo (RTarullo@cityofgolden.net), the parks and rec director, sometime after the 5th and ask him to send you whatever documents come out of that meeting.

Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment is responsible for all of those health issues you mention, although we do a lot of monitoring of water coming in from Clear Creek into our water plant and are very transparent with the state and the community about the results - we send the annual water quality report to everyone in Golden as part of the Informer, for example.

On Mon, Sep 20, 2010 at 12:04 PM, Lynn Reitmeyer <reitmeyer@foothills-academy.org> wrote:

Hello Jacob,
Thank you for your reply to my letter and for addressing my concerns about Clear Creek and 10th St. I'll be out of town on the 5th of October thus unable to attend the Clear Creek Master Plan meeting. I would appreciate it if you would forward my letter to those who run that meeting. Is it possible to have the minutes from the meeting emailed to me? I simply want to be sure that the residence of 10th St. from Washington to the water treatment plant don't become victims of some 'greater good' plan that minimizes their interests and investments in the community of Golden.

Twenty years ago I was one of the community members who helped with the annual creek clean up. At that time it was an undeveloped but still very desirable place to be. Contouring the river (first by Coors then by a more talented and professional firm) has certainly made it more attractive to water sports but how many of those people using the river know that the land bordering the south side was a Super Fund sight? That now fallow land left a legacy of uranium ever so slowly running into the creek. Do these people know that water from mine tailings carrying heavy metals still comes down the creek. Though much has been done to beautify Clear Creek in Golden, that nice clear water can be very deceptive. Has anything been done to inform the people that play and fish in the water that the water itself is not necessarily safe, (especially when it's high)?

I look forward to reading the meeting notes.

Sincerely,
Lynn

On Sep 18, 2010, at 9:09 AM, Jacob Smith wrote:

Hi Lynn,

On the bigger question of regional use of Clear Creek, the best place for you to have an impact is in the Clear Creek Master Plan process, which is ongoing now and is tackling those questions (as well as other big picture questions about what the Clear Creek Corridor looks like). The next meeting is October 5 from 5:30 - 7:30 at the Community Center.

The problems we are having on the creek are the result of having made the creek a great place to spend time: twenty years ago, when city staff had to pull dumped tires and appliances out of the creek, and no one spent time there, we didn't have the problems you write about. Twenty years of investments in making the creek a desirable place to be - and I believe most people in Golden would agree that the community is much better for having done this - and we've got a ton of folks, locals and from around the larger area, spending time here. I think a lot of the visitors do actually spend money in Golden, especially downtown, and that tax revenue pays for maintenance, upkeep, and

improvements. But I think you are right that it's pretty crowded now . . . if you had seen last week's City Council meeting, you would have seen me argue for the new master plan to be very heavily oriented toward the needs and interests of local residents, not designed to draw regional visitors.

I'm pretty sure we won't see parking meters or fees for using the creek, and I doubt we'll see any big changes for next summer, but this new master plan - which I hope clearly establishes Golden residents as the priority - will set the course. Bit by bit as funding allows we'll start making changes after that.

Best,

Jacob

Congratulations on a job well done so far in offering up appealing long-term plans for the Clear Creek Corridor. The future looks very bright for this part of Golden. In general terms, I think it is important for us to emphasize balance between developing new features in the corridor and maintaining the (1) natural environment of the creek and (2) quality of life in surrounding neighborhoods. I believe both plans do a good job with respect to the first element but am sympathetic to the concerns voiced at the 2nd public workshop by local residents that the creek not be turned into a regional attraction with a carnival-like atmosphere of too many features.

Specific comments:

Overall, I prefer the features presented in Option 1, with some modification. Particularly, I like:

- the alignment of the roadways and parking options
- the pedestrian promenade
- replacing the RV park with recreational features
- the dog park location at Vanover Park
- the festival lawn, plaza space, and cultural core with additional bridge

Feature of Option 2 that I particularly like:

- keeping the Community Garden at its current location to include park space at the western end as a public use area that blends well with the natural edges at that end of the creek (perhaps the tennis courts could go in the space along 11th St.)

Common elements of the plans that work well:

- natural space on south side of creek, although I am not sure it is important to discourage creek access from that side
- safe water features that bring the creek into park areas, although perhaps that is more appealing in Option 2
- losing the pond at Lions Park
- keeping the history park (CCHP) where it is
- boardwalk by apartment and Mill

Special note about the Community Garden – as a member of the garden, I believe relocating the garden at this time would strike a serious blow to the momentum that is building. The process of amending soil so that it is suitable to support productive garden plots has been intensive. I suspect that the garden would lose a number of members if they were presented with the prospect of starting all over again. In addition, the smaller location provided in Option 2 would preclude the development of park-like space which I think could be a great asset to our community: a park designed and developed by community members.

Again, thanks for your efforts on our community's behalf. This is an exciting process to be a part of.

Karen Smith
1917 Pinal Rd., Golden

(copied to Golden History Museums for their benefit also)

Having had a bit of time now to ponder the various proposals put forward at the last Clear Creek corridor meeting, I thought it might be good to offer these thoughts as long as there are some weeks left before the next workshop.

The idea of moving the Golden History Center to a location in proximity to the Clear Creek History Park does intrigue me. It would offer the advantages of placing the three municipal-owned museums (Astor House, Clear Creek History Park, Golden History Center) in close proximity to each other, as well as to the 12th Street Historic District and the heart of historic downtown, which provides a lot of opportunity in one place. It would address my long lingering worry over having a museum anywhere near where the river could conceivably flood it; I know that river's history too well to place the most trust in it. However, I should also quite strongly caution that the museum has already been through 4 homes, and 5 identities, and has recently received severe damage from recent conflict. I won't illusion myself it has recovered fully from that conflict; it is realistically in a rebuilding mode and its rebuilding will be of some duration. Moving to a new location in a new building will require strong commitment from its ownership, its backers and the community, as such a capital campaign is a marathon towards an objective with many twists and turns. Going through yet another change after so many changes already, it would be important for the museum to demonstrate stability, permanence, endurance and vitality. It cannot be simply yet another change; it needs to be a change that makes it better, makes it stronger, and more.

That said, I've known a great deal of Golden's history and know the museum can be much, much more, and though rebuilding it is also quite important to have vision. Locating it here could open the doors to more opportunities than those already mentioned. If it is to move here, I would recommend placing it at the east end of the Clear Creek History Park. This would place it at a noticeable and prominent corner within view of Washington Avenue, the hotel next door and the riverscape, announcing its presence and inviting persons to come see it and the park beyond, truly wired into downtown. It places it strategically so that all three museums are actually within one block of each other, which will maximize efficiencies of staff and volunteers and provide greater interaction between them. It provides a true front door to the history park which can benefit by being hooked up with the main history museum too. The location also provides considerable room for the main museum to expand before it encounters any park buildings. The area west of Illinois can then be strategically useful to provide parking both for overflow from park events and a safety valve for overflow from Brooks Field should its own parking prove inadequate at any time without cars overrunning the historic district. This parking area is more strategic for park events regardless because their most crowd-intensive use tends to take place towards its west end.

Building a large new structure on the south banks of Clear Creek in proximity to the historic district can prove controversial with neighbors. They fought for years to prevent development of this area.

To that end, I believe the location's past offers a design solution that could work well for them and more purposes. Around the northwest corner of 11th and Arapahoe, at what is now the history park parking lot, historically stood Fitzpatrick's planing mill. It was a large wooden structure, comparable in size to downtown business buildings, with a main level opening to 11th Street and garden level type area built down to the river in back. It is a design that was native to both the 12th Street area and downtown and was part of their historic character.

Drawing upon this mill and improving upon it, one can create an expanded replica structure which would have more affordable construction with its simpler siding and a garden level which on three sides requires no exterior finish, be able to have relatively few windows and be customized to museum use, but be architecturally part of the 12th Street and downtown fabric, undeniably announce a historic type presence in a rustic, maybe even picturesque place, be compatible also with the wooden and barn type construction of the History Park, and get away with it all in one design. A mill type design can also be expanded in various ways and still fit right in.

If the old museum building is no longer to be used for such, it should not be wasted. It should be effectively re-used and the public's investment in it put to good use. It could be rented and help pay towards a museum move, or become part of City Hall in the future. But the public's investment in it really should not go to waste.

I should also mention it would be well to get Golden historic designation for all of the Clear Creek History Park's historic structures. Right now only Guy Hill School is so recognized. It could enhance the park's public profile, and may be able to open up grants from the State Historical Fund should a calamity befall structures or they need future restoration.

Down the river it is pretty important that the Golden Mill building, the historic brick warehouse structure where its retail now is at 1012 Ford Street, remain standing. While the Golden Mill business has been at this location since 1865 and is certainly an asset to the community, if they should wish to move that is certainly their decision to make, and if it becomes something else in a riverscape project their remaining historic building needs to be preserved. Being set back from the river it should allow for various park uses in front, though one should take note that the area in front did historically have a water spring there, and there could well be significant archaeological remains from the mill elevator which stood there from 1865-1952. The Golden Mill building is eligible for Golden historic designation and possibly beyond. If the business wanted to move, I might suggest the City's property at Golden Gate Canyon Road and Catamount Drive, which is at a rural interface, is larger with more maneuvering room, a noticeable location and next to a major highway. If they wish to stay, there are certainly ways they can capitalize on their history at their quite historic location as one of Colorado's oldest businesses.

As for a water feature in Lions Park instead of the current point, that is an intriguing idea in a historical sense in that this area actually did once have part of the river flow through it, as shown on the 1878 Willits Map of Golden. I would continue to caution that historically the mill races which siphoned off the river were very much dangerous to children, and it's important to ensure anything now drawing off the river remains safe for all to use.

For what it's worth if anyone's interested, there is a more affordable musical venue option that exists from the past of Golden's parks that could potentially be an asset to Parfet Park or elsewhere. In times past, Golden did have a structure used for musical performances, which was a bandstand, an elongated hexagonal wooden structure with a peaked roof. Originally it stood at 13th and Washington, then was moved to City Park (now part of the CSM Campus), and ultimately to the Golden Tourist Park (now under redevelopment at 22nd and Jackson). It began as, presumably, an open air structure, then was more fully enclosed, and at its last location had a rustic stone base. It would not have the acoustics of a bandshell, but could have better than a trailer, would certainly be more picturesque, and could be utilized for other things than only band performances (be rented out for social gatherings, weddings, or more).

A larger structure for modern times would still fit in, certainly with the historic character of Golden parks, with the useful twist that Golden actually did have an elongated structure rather than your pure gazebo type place. In theory it could be both open air and for certain occasions temporarily enclosed on various sides; the original design seems to have been acceptable to the public both ways. In any event I thought I might suggest it for what it's worth; it'd sure be a unique touch. Parfet Park in any event is truly a historic asset to the community and it's well to have it serve well for various functions, provided we also make sure it is durable and withstands the pounding! Even Golden's first 4th of July celebration was held on its ground long before it was a park, which makes me always wish there was a way to incorporate it into that now.

- Rick Gardner

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I know that this information about the over 60 population may not be anything new to you but I do think that it is information that is not fully being considered by many citizens as we complete 2030, complete the Clear Creek Corridor Plan, and start on the Master Plan. When I urge folks to think about seniors as much as kids, I'm not trying to be anti kid (I love kids), I'm just reflecting on the changing demographics of Golden. I'm going to be 86 in 2030 so hope to contribute to plans that will be appropriate for both tomorrow as well as for 2030. I believe our 1 % growth limit will actually contribute to a population with proportionally more citizens of Golden over 60. Please reflect on this article and feature ones in this series as we review and approve plans for our city. Jim

Aging Well Project plans for growing number of seniors

by Sara Crocker

July 08,2010 10:28 AM

Editor's Note: This is the first of a seven-part series on aging in Jefferson County and how the creators of the Aging Well in Jefferson County project hope to address the largest number of seniors in the state.

Part one looks at the recently completed study.

In 2000, there were about 77,000 Jefferson County residents over the age of 60. Now that number is closer to 100,000, or about 18 percent of the county population - the most settled in any county in the state.

That number will likely grow to more than 150,000 by 2020.

In anticipation of the aging of the county's baby boomer population, Jeffco's Human Services office embarked on a two-year project, Aging Well in Jefferson County, to find out what resources they have in place and what planning needs to be done for the future to serve the increase in seniors.

The project covers "all aspects of life," said project consultant Sue Bozinovski. It was broken down to basic needs, housing, transportation, social and civic engagement, caregiving and health, mental health and wellness. Each group looked at communities across the country that provided a good model for that aspect of senior life and standouts emerged, from Boulder to the Beacon Hill neighborhood in Boston.

While Bozinovski and project manager Susan Franklin said they were surprised at the number of organizations in the county that help seniors, they also found gaps, such as a lack of affordable housing in southern Jeffco. There's also a need for Medicaid-certified assisted living, Franklin said.

Other issues they found a need to address were:

- larger street signs and longer pedestrian crossing time at intersections;
- ensuring there are enough health-care workers to meet the need;
- offering ways for seniors to stay involved with their community, such as volunteerism, a part-time job or options for ongoing education;
- providing quality caregivers and offering support and education for those who are caregivers;
- providing assistance with food, finances, legal advice and public safety; and
- offering a variety of housing options, from living independently to preventing homelessness.

In early 2008, the county surpassed Denver as having more seniors than any other county. It was then that discussions began as to how to ensure Human Services would be able to serve a larger community that is living longer than previous generations.

They completed the project and hosted a summit on it in June. In August they will begin to implement pieces of the plan.

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"It's a good thing we are now better prepared," Bozinovski said.

A report on the project is expected to be issued in the fall and outlines a short-term plan to address the next five years and a long-term, 20-year plan.

"This is a living, breathing document," Franklin said, adding that she anticipates it to change over time as goals are met or new issues arise.

Also, it has linked groups that didn't even know about each other before the study.

"It started a real long-term dialogue that makes change," Bozinovski said.

As they move to begin implement these plans, Franklin said they will begin reaching out to the county and its cities.

"We're hoping all of our suggestions will be taken and implemented, but there's no guarantee," she said

From: Barbara Selim [<mailto:bselim@mines.edu>]

Sent: Friday, July 02, 2010 2:50 PM

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Subject: suggestions

Close 10th St at library and make area totally pedestrian. Allow restaurants into space between lake & creek. Great opportunity for tax base. Quit giving away this lovely area. Divert traffic, water plant access & parking to north side of rec center so more commerce can develop.

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From: Robbin Seal <robbin2275@gmail.com>
Date: July 12, 2010 9:11:18 PM MDT
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Subject: RV park

My husband and I are residents of Florida. Several years ago we stayed in the RV park while visiting our children who live in the Denver area! We fell in love with Golden and while still in the park, bought a condo at Millstone! There was nothing better than sleeping at night with the windows open in the RV next to the rushing waters of Clear Creek!

We've been all over the US in our RV and have never found a park so convenient to town. We loved being able to walk to the library, the rec center and to town to do our shopping and enjoying the fine restaurants. When we heard that moving the park may be in future plans, I had to write to ask you to please reconsider! We have told many of our Florida friends about our park and several have come and loved it just as much as we do!

The park is always clean, the staff so friendly and helpful and the location so convenient! It just won't be the same moved somewhere else!! AND, if we hadn't stayed in the park, we would never have bought our condo in Golden! AND, we are not the only ones to do so!!!

Sincerely,
Robbin Seal
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Sent from my iPhone

I understand that there may be a plan to move the Clear Creek RV park? My husband and I stayed in the park several years ago while visiting our children who live in Denver. We fell in love with Golden and ended up buying a condo in the Millstone Condos. We stayed at Clear Creek because it was downtown and we could walk everywhere. Golden has everything one could want so close by! We are residents of Florida and are here about four months of the year. We have told so many FL friends about the park and have had quite a few visit the park! They all love Golden!! Please reconsider moving the park

Sincerely,
Robbin and Roger Seal

Sent from my iPhone

Amber, Rod,

One idea that I think should be included in the discussion for the Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan is using existing city land along 8th street and at the old shops location to build a new city hall Administrative center, Police, Public Works and eventually very long term Fire. We looked at something like this years ago when we were looking to build new city shops and again for Fire Station 1, but it was never moved forward, mostly because we needed some of the property on the North side of 8th, and the property owner was not interested in selling, but that has changed.

This site could be planed to minimize access and use of 10th Street, opting for access from 8th Street. It would consolidate city departments in to a single campus area, which will make operations more efficient. It would make the much higher value creek side property available that currently houses the PD and Admin functions available to better community uses. The Fire department should also move many years in the future when the useful life of the new building has been reached. This all works if the property across 8th Street is acquired, which may be very possible. Finally the area occupied by the community garden would need to be replaced. Potentially in multiple neighborhood locations.

Attached is a drawing from the first look at moving Administrative functions to the site, and a map that outlines the areas that would be used to create the Municipal Campus.

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It looks great so far- there should be more space for picnicking along the river and just sitting there and enjoying the river. The sound of water is very relaxing. Keep the pond at Lions park- it is beautiful to look at. It would be nice to have some fishing areas as well.

Golden also needs some open space for dogs. There are a lot of them and there are only 2 very small spots- slightly bigger than my yard for them to run and play. (By the batting cages and tony grampas)

The art work along the river is very nice and so many people appreciate it.

Lori Hugh [lorih@colopetro.com]

Input for the clearcreekplan

1. I like the traffic calmed street in front of the city building etc. It would slow traffic but only delayed arrivals to the library by a minute at the most. It is safer, more beautiful and a walkable, complete street.
2. Expand the corridor to the water inlet on Clear Creek or even to the new open space bridge. That beautiful area should be leveraged as park space!
3. I enjoy softball and the garden but these are uses for a few versus the larger population - lets create uses for a larger population
4. There should be some commerce along the creek. It is a great place to eat, drink and people watch along with being beautiful.
5. the trails on both sides of the creek should be 10 ft wide plus have a softer running trail beside the concrete.
6. Make the culvert to Chimney Gulch as nice as the one under HWY 6 by Illinois street
7. Make nice plans for the space between the CSM ball fields and the creek - there is a nice space there for picnic areas and nature DISPLAYS, plant ID areas etc. also could have a plaque for the history of the CSM lab and mine that was nearby
8. Not only a mining related water display, but how about some old mining equipment or scenes that we be kid safe. the pocket park on Illinois is outstanding.
9. Buy the Bachman property along 93 near the Hogback and Across from North Table as I believe it is not Open Space but county property bought for a proposed "sex offender home". I could be used for a relocated RV park, ball fields and we would also have the right of way for the 93 by pass.
10. Get an easement to continue the trail on the north side of the creek past Gold apartments and the Mill.

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On Mon, May 3, 2010 at 11:43 AM, Wanda/Courtney Armstrong <watneya@hotmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Smith-

It's me, the goose lover.

I want to let you know that I do NOT think you should get rid of the pond in Lion's Park by the creek. I would, however, like to see the kayakers kept off of it so that the birds have someplace to swim around - since it is their home. I don't want the pond gone because I like the water fowl that hang out there.

I think Golden is becoming a big city and I don't like the removal of the animals and wilderness-looking places that drew me here in the first place. The bike trails are nice, the bridges are nice, just makes everything like a walk in the park. I know this is called progress. Keep the pond.

Thanks.

Courtney Armstrong

Dear Clear Creek Plan coordinators,

I would like to express my views about plans for the Clear Creek corridor.

Golden offers many types of outdoor recreation options along the Clear Creek corridor. There are traditional parks (e.g., Lions and Parfett), paved trail, kayak course, fishing, play ground, etc. I think all of those options are valuable to the community.

I understand the desire to accommodate multiple uses and I think that Golden's current options are more than adequate. And I see no reason for further development.

Humans have already greatly affected the nature of the corridor through landscape modifications (e.g., channelization, rip rap placement, dredging, introduction of non-native plant species, etc.) and social and cultural modifications (trails, parks, bridges, sculptures, kayak course, museums). I don't see any reason for even more modifications.

It is unique for a community to have access to a riparian area. I believe that development of any type (trails, more building, more cement, more bridges, etc.) will negatively impact a visitor's experience of the Clear Creek riparian environment. I do not favor further development along the Clear Creek corridor.

Sincerely,
Julie Sexton
1186 9th St
Golden, Co

I am a participant in the Golden Community Garden. I hope the garden will become a permanent part of Golden.

Howard Bagdad
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President, Rocky Tops Square Dance Club
President, Golden Optimists Club
Fun Ride Coordinator North; DBTC

Hello,

I would like to see some decent housing options in Golden along the creek - I am looking for a townhouse in a medium price range. All we ever see in Golden is low income or very expensive condos along the Creek. Let's get something for the middle income folks along the creek.

Kris Nelson
Life is short, forgive quickly, love truly, laugh uncontrollably, & never regret anything that made you smile.
Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail

Disclaimer: These comments reflect my opinions as a Golden resident and “end user” of the corridor, and do not reflect the professional opinions of ERO Resources, which is part of the planning team covering environmental resources...

Planning Team –

As a resident of Golden with two young kids, I am a frequent user of the Clear Creek Corridor. Our visits primarily consist of walks along the creek, visits to the playground at Lions Park, and use of the Community Center. Here are my general thoughts and impressions, from east to west:

Vanover Park – Currently, this park is physically and visually disconnected from the rest of the corridor and downtown Golden. I’m not sure if I’ve ever been there. It would be nice to tie it in to the overall corridor. Acquisition and removal of the buildings on the east side of Parfet Park would help tie it in (but would likely be controversial).

Parfet Park – Works well for community events and as a “gateway” to the downtown business district. A few more amenities could make it more useful and attractive.

Library Area – The overflow parking lot to the west of the Library is not a good use of that space. While it is a good site for the farmers market in the summer, the vast majority of the time it sits as an empty, paved parking lot that really fragments the corridor. Similarly, the short spur of Illinois St. between the parking lot and the tennis courts add little value. Some sort of shared use area that accommodates the farmers’ market, but re-captures this area as park/community space would be a major improvement. If more parkland became available in this area, then a more functional trail connection from the bridge heading north (currently stairs) would be good. Also, since the library is a great destination for kids, it would be nice to “soften” the parking lot to improve the connection between the library and the creek for kids.

Tennis Courts – Probably not the best location, and seem to fragment the corridor. However, they seem to be popular.

Ball Fields – The ball fields have got to go. This is the only large area of open green space in the western half of the corridor, and it is a waste for it to be designated for an occasional use. (I’m sure the baseball leagues would disagree on this...). While I’m sure this is a great place to come for a kid’s ball game, the community would be much better served with open, green space that can be enjoyed by all. There are other parks in Golden that can and do accommodate ball fields. Also, the removal of the outfield fences would improve the experience along the trail, making it feel much less “penned in” by chain-link fences as you walk along the trail (or provide opportunities to meander the trail away from the creek).

Ball Field/Kayak Parking Lot – While parking is very necessary and somewhat inadequate in this area, this expanse of pavement seems like an unfortunate use of this prime space.

Lions Park – The playground is very popular for families with kids, but is sort of awkwardly located along the road with poor parking and access. Also, the restrooms available nearby in the Community Center and ballfields are ok, but not great proximity. I question whether the pond is a good and necessary use of that space. While it’s kinds of nice and “it’s always been there,” it’s really a dirty goose pond that takes up half of the park space. I have never seen anybody fishing or using the pond, it’s not a good place for dogs, and it’s not safe for kids. The creek should be the focal water feature in this area – we don’t need a pond.

City Buildings – Seems like the City/Public Works facilities should be re-located to the north to open up the corridor (when opportunities for new buildings/facilities arise). In general, the creek corridor/trail in this area takes on a more rigid and constrained feel, and is not very inviting. Moving the city facilities away from the creek would open up the corridor, while still maintaining the “civic campus” in the area (which I think is a good thing).

RV Park - ...has got to go. While I understand that this is a good revenue generator for the city, it is not an appropriate use of the corridor. Seems like most of the RV users are very long-term, and it make the creek trail feel that much more constrained and uninviting like you’re walking through somebody’s backyard. Also, it creates a visual and perceptual barrier between Lions Park and the Clear Creek Canyon area, which is unfortunate. This space could open up the corridor and maintain the park-like setting, and could also allow for re-design/placement of city buildings.

CSM Connections – It would be nice to better integrate the corridor with the Colorado School of Mines facilities to the south. The CSM athletic campus is currently separated by chain-link fences, locked gates, etc. This does not promote integration with the Golden community.

“Natural Area” – The undeveloped natural area along the south bank of Clear Creek should be carefully considered. Areas that are disturbed by remediation activities could be re-used for park-like amenities. Areas that remain in a “natural” state should be protected from a proliferation of social trails and trampling by anticipating how people will move through the area, provide reasonable access to the creek, and potentially protect areas to remain undisturbed with attractive fencing.

Thank you for your efforts in taking a comprehensive, long-term look at this corridor. Please let me know if you have questions about my comments. I appreciate the opportunity to provide this input, and look forward to participating later in the process.

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Greetings,

I would like to add a few comments regarding the Clear Creek Plan.

1. I think the RV park land is too valuable to restrict public access. Maybe it's possible to move the RV park to the north side of the pond, currently a city storage area. This would allow the city to maintain most of the concession revenues, but also returns this valuable piece of land to public use.
2. Consider building a small band shell for music and plays – maybe on the east side of Lion's Park. A band shell would serve as a public gathering place for music, art, etc., which further enhances our sense of community.

Thanks for your consideration, Rob

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