

## Clear Creek Workshop #2 Outcomes

April 2, 2013

### **Parking Solutions:**

- Long term parking
- Short term parking
- Resident parking (all three designated seasonal)
- Use 3.5 million settlement funds to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> level parking to the Community Center Lot
- Drop off point for kayakers and tubers (loading zone)
- Creek corridor paid parking with business voucher
- Multilevel parking structure behind Foss Drug Store with paid parking
- Keep all existing multi-level parking structures free
- Good signage and enforcement

### **Creek-onomics Solutions:**

- There are economic benefits to the City with all these users
- Spread the word about free parking in garages downtown
- Work with chamber and businesses to spread the word about creek rules/be welcoming/positive!
- Survey customers “Why are you in Golden.”

### **Overall Message Solutions:**

- “Courtesy on the Creek”
- Safety – on the water, paths and streets. Emphasis on PFDs, know your limitations
- People need to know the rules in order to follow them
- All users should know the rules
  - Pick up your trash
  - Share the Trail
  - Cyclists warn pedestrians of approach
  - Use appropriate locations to enter and exit the creek
  - Dogs on leash
  - No Smoking and Alcohol, etc
- Disseminate information through:
- Kids at school with newsletters
- Signage on the creek and at restroom areas
- Visit Golden website and social media
- “Ranger Talk” Educational Program at the amphitheater

- Engage available user groups (kayakers and cyclists)
- Creek Ambassadors

### **Creek Banks Solutions:**

- Enforce regulations
- Fencing
- Access points in and out of the creek
- No “go” zones to protect vegetation
- Balance activities? Spread out venues
- Limit permanent encampments on banks or in creek. No picnicking

### **In- Creek Solutions:**

#### *Appropriate Uses:*

Fishing, kayaking, tubing, gold panning, wading, splashing

#### *Not sure:*

Dogs, boogie boards, sups

#### *Inappropriate uses:* picnicking, ropes

- Need clearly identified appropriate creek access points and closure of inappropriate access points
- Identify some places for picnics that can handle the use
- Education, appropriate behavior and safety precautions
- Enforcement of rules
- Require PFD, especially for kids during high flow. Enforce with single access point
- Time zone for separating uses (alternate use days)
- Space zones for separating uses
- Flow rate will somewhat direct user type
- Flow level separation of group
  - Close to tubers when high CFS
  - Use website to communicate and notice at creek
- Community Education
- Schedule special events, may preclude some other users at that time
- Limit parking
  - pay to park
  - permit only
- No grills south of 10<sup>th</sup> Street

### **Trail Use Solutions:**

- Limit the people that are coming
- Charge parking to non residents
- Quit advertising the creek
- On weekends direct cyclists to use the South Side Clear Creek Trail
- Encourage cyclists to slow down and give warnings to pedestrians
- Assist cyclists to use alternate trails through signage
- Encourage joggers to use South Side Clear Creek Trail
- Tubers lane, single file? Signs to encourage respect and “Share the Trail.”
- Support rangers in “Zero Tolerance” of dogs off leash, pick up after your dog.

### **Comment Cards:**

Additional changing stations needed

Parking on 10<sup>th</sup>, encourage residents to use their alleys

Require non-Golden visitor to pay for parking

Relocate Farmers Market away from the creek to another lot elsewhere

Make the city paid parking, including the garages and streets. I think people should have to somehow pay to “use” Golden. Let the residents have permits so they don’t have to pay to park in and around their homes and neighborhoods

Tonight’s meeting was very disappointing, unfortunately. Everything that was covered was discussed at the last meeting. When do we get to hear the plan for next summer and years ahead?

Management would be easier with elimination of the “Two Hour Vacation” promotion

It seems most of our problems are due to overuse of the creek and surrounding area. Stop promoting the city until overuse is mitigated.