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Single Track Sidewalks Friends of Kinney Run


Public Comment Session, Shelton Elementary

Aug 28, 2018



Introduction and Background

- 200+ residents of Stonebridge and adjacent communities **OPPOSE THE PLAN**
- STS Trails do not meet City objectives
 - Redundant trail system
 - Do not connect neighborhoods
 - Do not serve an underserved user or population
- High Risk:
 - Giddyup Golden is a volunteer group with no formal commitment with the city
 - Property, Wildlife, impact to serenity and primitive environmental state
 - This is not Free – There will be costs to the city.
 - Unintended Consequences: erosion, social trails, additional traffic and visitors



City Staff Report to City Council

Oct 2017

- **“In general, there is not support for the plan”**
- 13 Documented Concerns
 - “Construction would need to comply with all city standards and could require environmental analyses and permits.”
 - “Most of the proposal provides a redundant trail system by being in close proximity to multi use trails. Very few of the proposed routes are located where there is no trail access.”
 - “This single track is not an identified, underserved element of the community. There are 230+ miles of multiuse and single track in Jefferson County and around the Golden area.”
 - “is this the greatest priority or need in the community? Does this upset any balance of protection of natural resources versus recreational use and impact?”
 - “Eventual responsibility of the City for long-term maintenance and liability.”
 - “Buy in and sign off from affected adjacent property owners is important”

<https://www.guidinggolden.com/1855/documents/2278>

Consider the Resource

- Land
- Wildlife
- Serene, Uninterrupted landscape
- Erosion
- Trees and slow growing vegetation will be removed
- Irreversible impact (costly to restore)





Consider your Neighbors

- Why we chose to live here
- Would you want these trails visible from your home?
 - **A significant number of your neighbors do not**
- Do you want more people parking in your neighborhood?
 - **NO**
- More Noise?
 - **NO**
- Night Riding (bike headlights)?
 - **NO**

Consider Long Term Effects

- ▶ What will the land and trails look like in
 - ▶ 5 years?
 - ▶ 10?
 - ▶ 20?
 - ▶ Changes in Technology – ebikes?
- ▶ Who will maintain?
 - ▶ When GGU moves to the next neighborhood?
 - ▶ When money runs out?
 - ▶ No contractual commitment
- ▶ How can/will the land be restored?
- ▶ **“Any vegetation disturbance in native areas is much more difficult to restore, taking years to repair. “ – Staff Report, Oct 2017**



Environmental Impacts



- Paved Path was constructed to prevent erosion and destruction of natural areas
- Sensitive wildlife habitat
- Not a simple trail to build (rocks, 4x4 posts, signs, drainage, tree removal)
- Potential to create more social trails, cross cutting, and braiding
- **Golden Vision 2030, "We value proximity of open space, natural beauty and will preserve access to experience these".**
 - **We have already achieved this in our neighborhoods**

[https://www.cityofgolden.net/media/GV2030 %20Final 120910.pdf](https://www.cityofgolden.net/media/GV2030_%20Final_120910.pdf)

Kinney Run Trail Current State



How is a dirt trail a better nature experience than this?

Trail Damage: Issues to consider

- Heavy use causes erosion and trail widening
- Loss of vegetation and more visible from a distance



Social Trails and Cross Cutting



- Apex Park
 - County tried to block
 - Park users bypass blocked area causing further erosion/damage
- Kinney Run Trail (Today)
- Creating new trails opens more options for 'social' trail creation
- High Speed Entry/Exit from Paved Trail will cause Yielding conflicts with Paved trail users

Wildlife Impact



➡ [Elk Herd Video](#)

Neighborhood Impact

- Why we chose to live here
- Expectation that the open space would remain undeveloped and natural
- Use by non-residents
 - Trail use
 - Parking
 - Use as corridor only





Conclusion



- Redundant trail does not serve an underserved part of the community
- City Staff does not support this plan
- High Risk for Environment, Wildlife, and Scenic damage
- Significant impact to neighbors that border the trails
- Unintended consequences – Traffic, Noise, Congestion, Trail Conflicts

- Significant Construction Project with high impact
- No formal, contractual commitment to ensure long term sustainability



More information at

www.friendsofkinneyrun.com