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Mr. Sexton:

We have reviewed the information we received in the mail regarding renaming of Stanton Rd. We have lived in the Cragmor area since the 1950's and have never had a problem with Stanton Rd. being named Stanton Rd.!. Our comments are as follows:

- What is the necessity for the name change?
- Is this a good use of taxpayer dollars?
- This is a stupid project that benefits no one!
- The focus in this area should be on the traffic flow in the Cragmor neighborhood. More specifically, the traffic generated from CSCS and UCCS. Students and parents rarely, if ever, obey traffic signs, i.e. the 4-way stops on Mallow Road. Access to Austin Bluffs Parkway from Mallow Rd. is highly treacherous and impossible at times. Maybe taxpayer dollars could be better used by installing speed bumps on Mallow Rd. between Austin Bluffs Parkway and Mountview Lane. Other solutions might be closing Mallow Rd. at CSCS to thru traffic or installing a traffic signal at Mallow and Austin Bluffs Parkway (don't tell me there is not a traffic light there due to the grade of the street--how about Fillmore hill!). CSCS has their own personal stop light at Stanton and Austin Bluffs Parkway, but neighborhood residents are not allowed to use this access point.
- Roads in the Cragmor neighborhood are not designed to handle the traffic flow generated from the 2 educational facilities nearby causing dangerous conditions.
- There is constant racing of motorcycles and motor vehicles up and down Austin Bluffs Parkway all hours of the day and night.
- Handicap ramps are being installed and curbs and gutters are unnecessarily being replaced in the Cragmor neighborhood. For instance, installation of a handicap ramp (island) at Acacia and Mountview Lane that leads nowhere--there are no sidewalks on either side of the road! Does the Planning Department ever visually inspect proposed project sites before making unnecessary improvements?
- We have seen no improvement in our roads since implementation of 2C. Garden of the Gods Road is a mine field to say the least. We have seen better 4-wheel drive trails, but there is new curb and gutter for the panhandlers to stand on! Garden of the Gods Road is the access point to one of the City's main attractions--Garden of the Gods! What an eyesore and embarrassment to our City.
- There are signs on 30th Street (a 2-lane road with no shoulder) from Garden of the Gods Road to Fontmore that state "3' its the law" (referring to bike traffic). We interpret this to mean that bikes need to give motor vehicle traffic 3'. There are bike paths no more than 100 ft. off the road and yet bicyclists insist on using the roadway causing a bottleneck of traffic unable to pass due to double yellow lines! OMG! What school did this person get their degree from?
- Installation of curb and gutter on Nevada Avenue South and North of Fillmore is a joke! The traffic is impeded due to construction zones. After installation of the curb and gutter. Improperly prepared asphalt is then installed in half of the driving lanes (I think my grandson could do a better job.) You have to straddle the center lines to avoid costly repairs to your vehicle, i.e. alignment, tires, shocks, etc. I guess this is our own personal "Gash."

- Asphalt with Kevlar was installed in the Broadmoor Bluffs area! Why? This is not a high traffic area and is meant only for residents that live there.
- Bike lanes are being installed in several areas of town narrowing vehicle access to one lane and yet, you NEVER see any bikes in the bike lanes.

These are just a few concerns we have. We feel taxpayer dollars could be used in a more effective way to address the problems listed above. City Government needs to take a more hands on approach to the problems we have in Colorado Springs. Get our from behind your desk and start doing the job that you are being paid for. Paperwork isn't everything, actual involvement is key!

Obviously not all of the above listed problems are your concern, but we are sure you can present them to the powers that be. Your comments and solutions are welcome, however, don't patronize us and sugar coat your responses to appease us frustrated taxpayers (no templates allowed!)

Thank you,
Clark and Debra Coupens