



DRAFT FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

Citizen Input/Comments -- thru end of day December 4, 2016

October 5, 2016

Why is Shooks Run important to you? Provide a story about your interaction with Shooks Run:

I have lived on prospect street across from mid. Shooks Run for 20 years. It is so beautiful but walking here gets sad. There is trash always and now homeless sites. Pollutants from Patty Jewett in water equals no or very sparse wild life. such a neglected area-even d11 is a mess. Money lack isn't a great excuse for not caring inexpensively for our community. The lack of care is so obvious for 20 years now. I wonder if a whole big project asking for millions of dollars and 30-50 years completion will do what a healthy community needs. A healthy community needs common sense, care, and respect-all of which don't cost much.

What I feel is most important for the Envision Shooks Run study to address and/or consider is: The present-now. The trash in and around the creek and the homeless set up camps. and why do we have to put more poison on the ground to fertilize. Also Patty Jewett run off in Shooks Run equals no wildlife. a stream should be inviting to sit near and admire--not to be feared or turned off to by the obvious lack of respect. I am concerned that more and more tax money will be wasted-when trash and keeping the city clean cannot not only take a rocket scientist to figure out how to do. The dozens of trash companies are tearing up the streets and alleys with no care for the citizens who want some quiet-and the city cannot even keep this growing city clean? I don't get it-that's why I am writing. Maybe I see something so obvious that people who get paid are not seeing.

Please provide your observations/comments about the Recommended Corridor Theme: Bikes are great, especially if you are in a group. But-I walk. I'm older and really this city feels so unsafe to me. sure I can walk a bit on middle Shooks Run-only during day, but then it feels really unsafe in places-so I stop. Again-soap is cheap-can we spend some of our funds on keeping things clean equals creeks cleaned. We get so complicated in our visions when the obvious is calling out to us. Cleanliness, safety, respect and care. This is the place we live and seems as if it just gets dirtier and dirtier, more pollution(noise and chemical on ground and water) and more unsafe as we don't take care of the simple obvious values of respect and cleanliness and safety. It seems that those who get paid can focus on these issues-rather than pouring more concrete and visioning way down the road, when most of us will be gone by then and who knows what mother nature may bring our way. Now, CLEAN NOW, RESPECT NOW, FOCUS ON OBVIOUS solutions now. More machinery, more talk, more concrete, more noise and less focus on obvious simple solutions. We are very smart people who can do this. Let's make Colorado Springs a beautiful place, the way it was intended. This requires care and focus-and on simple not complicated. this place is already so complicated-you would think we were a shining jewel-but we definitely not. We have all the resources of beauty and god here and yet we miss and don't pay attention to the simple, obvious solutions.

I am a: Resident

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October 12, 2016

I live at Wyndam Place apartments. My apt is on the corner of E. Las Animas St. and Wahsatch, about 1 block from Fountain. I love to walk and bike but even though I am so close to this lovely trail system. I have only used it a few times, because of the homeless people who hang out there.

If the area can be cleaned up and improved in such a way that would discourage the homeless that would be wonderful. How did Pueblo get all the money to create their beautiful River Walk project??

Our little Shooks Run can never compete with that, of course, but ideas for both funding and creating places along Shooks Run that would appear Safe and encourage citizens to come to them (which in turn would Discourage the homeless...from the area). This would mean regular citizens such as myself would not be afraid to use the area.

What about clearing away a lot of the trees (where they have their camps) and building small parks, maybe restaurants, hold summer concerts. Is the creek deep enough and safe enough to have a canoe rental place. I am from Michigan and we had several places that did that.

I haven't been to any of the meetings and was actually looking on line to try and find out what all the construction trucks are doing along that area (across from where I live) and I found this site and saw that meetings had been already held and gave this email address to make a comment. Haven't found out what is being done though.

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November 18, 2016

Dan, I have really enjoyed delving into your final draft report (online version). So much info, so well presented. Thank you and all who produced it -- an inviting, very professional document, including many beautiful renderings of projected improvements. (All the people figures look healthy and trim, so maybe one result of these improvements will be a more physically fit population.). Also, the renderings show a surprising amount of topographical three-dimensionality which one might not have expected to be present.

One unexpected strength was the group of citations (pages 18, 19...) of projects/planning already underway. This helps build confidence that your planning effort is not just a paper project.

Since it is a draft, I will pose a couple of questions:

1) The discussion seems to hedge on how all this connects to the north end of the Legacy Loop (to go west on Rock Island Trail). The stream is there, but no trail is shown. Maybe it is in the discussion somewhere, but I don't see it in the maps (page 88 Headwaters Segment Continued). In other words, is it possible to be more specific about what you propose in this segment for completing the Legacy Loop? In discussion of Shooks Run waters being diverted by the Van Buren Diversion, would it be informative

to mention the upstream diversion by the Templeton Gap Floodway, which carries an enormous amount of water during heavy rains?

There are many hurdles ahead. Bon voyage!

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November 23, 2016

I would like the project team to consider / my input and related page number regarding the Facilities Master Plan is:

I live in the 1400 block of Custer Avenue. The creek runs through my backyard. My house sits next to the walkway and bridge over the creek. While I believe that flood and erosion control of the creek is a great idea, I don't believe that putting a bike path along the 1400 block of Custer Avenue next to the creek is a good idea. The configuration of the land next to the creek, in my opinion, does not lend itself to widening the land next to the creek enough for a bike path. The result of widening would be the loss of too much property for the homeowners in this block.

Instead I favor moving the bike path away from the creek a block or two before the Patty Jewett property line.

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December 1, 2016

I would like the project team to consider / my input and related page number regarding the Facilities Master Plan is:

The Middle Shooks Run Neighborhood Association's board of directors would like to say the Facilities Master Plan is the most practical and visionary document we have ever seen produced by the City. We applaud the plan's comprehensiveness, inclusiveness in the public process, and the inclusion of relevant City plans and departments. The Plan addresses critical improvements to an aging infrastructure, redevelopment plans, as well as greenway improvements, all of which will enhance Shooks Run as a neighborhood and city asset. We appreciate being part of the process and we look forward to seeing the plan's implementation.

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December 4, 2016

I would like the project team to consider / my input and related page number regarding the Facilities Master Plan is:

Suggested changes:

Table of Contents: Darken the sub-headings font.

All page numbers: Darken the font, at least each page number (all are nearly invisible in low light).

Page 25: Second photo should be labeled Kiowa Street, not Willamette.

Page 28: "Vegetation & Wetlands" should include Crack Willow (*Salix fragilis*), which is co-dominant with the Plains

Cottonwood along the creek. Very little Tree of Heaven is present along the creek in the parks (so far).

Page 30: Table 1: Middle Shooks Run Park also contains a half-court basketball facility.

Page 31: Central Corridor: Remove "heavy industrial" use on the western side of the stream; add commercial.

Page 80: Last paragraph: Platte "Street" should read "Avenue".

Page 86: Enlarge "Patty Jewett Golf Course" label in middle of map.

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December, 2016

Daddy Daddy; can we go for a hike? (Oh hell no; the homeless camps have devastated the area S of Fountain Blvd. and Shook Run; I don't want to get bit, or worse; and I don't want to explain all the TRASH to a small child...) 'Oh, not today; we'll go for a bike ride to one of the play parks'. I feel for people that are homeless due to bad luck; but I have -zero- condolences for people that can not and will not bury their bodily wastes, or carry out their trash. They are destroying large sections of the environment; and "over generosity" is fueling the problem. Free food; free clothes, EBT monies, need more of either item, go ask for more; or wait until next month. I am grateful that today's modern homeless/criminal element is for the most part; too lazy to walk up any of the Hillside or Middle Shook Run hills. Yes, that is kinda funny. It is also sadly real. L A Z Y

Right now; the growing trash and bodily waste problems that the homeless/transient camps are creating along Shook Run. They destroy and trample 20' x 20' areas, trash it; and then move 100' away and start over.

I wish it was moving faster; I also am aware that due to the lower property taxes in the area; well ... improvements do follow the money; that is how things work. I'm grateful to see a program moving forward; and I have to again compliment the CSPD HOT team for being so very proactive, brave (seriously; empty meth and heroin bags, printed on 1" x 1" bags along the bike path; used syringes ... these things just don't tie in with proper mental health and a life balance.), and resilient in their duties. Respectful thanks for all those involved.

From: Lysle and Richelle Miller [<mailto:coltwotwo@hotmail.com>]
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To: Egbert, Aaron
Subject: Re: Envision Shooks Run plan---Bijou Street bridge

To Senior City Engineer Aaron Egbert, Public Relations Lisa Bachman,
and for further notice to Members of the Planning Commission and Colorado Springs City
Council,

I would like to thank Mr. Egbert and Project Manager Dan Krueger for taking the time to meet
personally at the Bijou bridge site to discuss the intended long-term plan.

For the record, I've been a property owner on Bijou Street for many years and new owner of
the commercial property at El Paso Street near the Shooks Run trail.

Having ready access and interaction with the downtown hub is very important to us and, I
understand, relevant to a mixed-use vision for the area.

For reasons of potential limited traffic, visibility, and restricted access, a closure of Bijou Street
at North Corona Street, east of Wahsatch Avenue presents a very real impact upon the viability
of the commercial property at our location.

There are additional downsides to a closure, including an increase in the transient impact in a
would-be more secluded park area, and the necessity of on-going maintenance of an open
waterway (as evidenced following the prior waterway reconstruction south of Kiowa Street).

As discussed, the culvert under East Bijou Street at N. Corona is aged and requires eventual
removal or replacement; however, no immediate plan exists to remove the culvert/bridge, and
future progress may allow the bridge to remain open if the southern stretch of the culvert could
be removed and the drainage reconfigured without removing the bridge.

I would like to see the bridge remain open for as long as possible, and, in the event that final
closure becomes essential, that provision be maintained for clear visibility and access from the
El Paso corridor to the entrance of the property at 560 E. Bijou.

Again, thank you for your consideration of these material issues.

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