

Parks and Open Space/Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, February 11, 2019

Meeting Topic: 2nd Update on Dixon Study of Runyon Canyon Park

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

About 35 stakeholders present

Dixon team, Catherine Landers, Jeff Masino present

Joe and Tracy from RAP also in attendance

Catherine Landers with CD4 gave background on how the study came about and outlined where we are in the process. One update with data already presented; this is the second update and then there will be recommendations made in the future.

Julie Dixon gave an overview of what will be presented tonight – additional data from new locations based on stakeholder feedback, as well as new questions that were included in their survey.

Format will be a presentation, followed by questions and comments. Both feedback at this meeting and written feedback are appreciated and will be considered. However, Julie asks that people try to keep their feedback concise.

About half the stakeholders were not at the previous meeting.

Presentation (see slideshow posted at www.hhwnc.org)

Expecting to bring recommendations and strategies to community in mid-late April

Email address for sending comments is runyoncanyon@dixonresourcesunlimited.com

Questions/Comments from Stakeholders

- Didn't believe upper Runyon parking lot saturation numbers were accurate; the lot is always full
- Fuller should be made one way; too much traffic for that street
- Feel like data collection was not sufficient; Julie's response is that one strategy which may come out of the study could be ongoing data collection equipment (like turnstiles at amusement parks)
- Entrance at Desmond/Lisco is not a park entrance, it's a private fire road
- Wants to see stats for holidays like Thanksgiving; parking restrictions are lifted on holidays so residents couldn't have guest/family over because of people parking for the park

- Pyramid Place needs to be looked out; many people parking there
- Concern that not enough residents are being contacted; many people not on email or social media
- No one enforces no-smoking law and picking up of dog poop; rangers are just driving the road, not hiking the trail where they could cite people
- Needs to be better signage especially for international visitors
- Needs to be bathrooms; people are going to go whether or not there are facilities
- Make sure to take into account weather/temperature of days when data was collected when strategies are proposed
- Appreciation for the diligence of the data collection and Dixon's study
- People who live here are so severely impacted; entire life structure has been impacted
- Dogs weren't addressed; dog poop runs down into their sewers during big rains; ecoli being found in dogs
- Desire to start over and treat the park like a new venue; do an EIR
- People walking in the middle of the street puts local residents driving at a liability; city is encouraging people to walk in the road by allowing parking where there are no sidewalks – there's liability exposure for the city
- Start charging for the upper lot
- If bathrooms, use port-o-potties to discourage people sleeping or bathing in a permanent structure (such as homeless)
- Yes there has been an increase in rideshare, but there is no designated pick up or drop off location so there are a lot of cars just idling for long periods
- Staircase on west trail is a nightmare and an accident waiting to happen

Next Steps:

Julie thanked everyone for their feedback. Understand that not everyone has the same opinions, that's why it's important to gather the diversity of comments.

People with additional comments should email them by February 28.

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Next meeting will likely be mid to late April where a DRAFT report will be presented. People can provide their email address to be notified of the next meeting. Targeting April 29 or 30.

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 PM