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Meeting Record

To: USFS
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Project Name: Aspen Forest Service
Project #: 4711
Subject: Public Meeting Two
Meeting Date: March 22, 2011
Start/End: 5pm-7pm
Location: Rio Grande Room
Copy To: Chamberlain Architects

Meeting

Summary of Second Public Meeting

While the blue dots clearly explain which alternative the public was most supportive of, the comments are less revealing and more scattered. The blue dots indicated that option 3, was the highest supported and option 1 the least supported. A couple of themes were constant throughout the alternative comments.

- Many attendees were supportive of the pedestrian bike path through the site
- Ideas on the affordable housing were split. Some thought it should be spread out and an equal number thought it should be consolidated. Those who like the consolidated employee housing thought this would have less of a visual impact. Those who were supportive of the separate buildings thought it was more in character with the West End Neighborhood.
- Sustainable ideas highly supported.

Option 1: Leveraging the Site's Best Features While Preserving Open Space

Relationship to the Neighborhood:

- Nice improvement over today
- Like the idea of open space in middle, with housing on smuggler street. Add public trail connection.
- Secondary access could be a problem for neighbors. Keep all access from 7th Street. (This did not come from a neighbor.)

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- Bunkhouse renovation could be a lot of work!
- Keep “grid pattern” and orient buildings perpendicular to street
- Don’t like the bunkhouse so close to everything.
- Admin site is too close to the street (noise)

Visitor Experience

- Does not make good use of the green space

Environmental Considerations

- Solar panels – watch the build-up of snow at bottom of panels

Miscellaneous

- Likes that the bunkhouse is renovated. (Afraid if taken away, something larger would go in its place.)
- Make sure buildings do not block view to shadow mountain
- Admin. Building is too close to the street.

Option 2: Leveraging the Site’s Best Features While Preserving Open Space

Relationship to the Neighborhood:

- Like separation of public and operational functions
- Like “meadow” setback of visitor/administration from road
- Positive response to organization of housing: ie neighborhood texture
- Like not “messing” with existing ditch
- Like to have a bike path across property like option 3
- Needs to welcome and embrace public ownership no matter economic station. Needs to be approachable/ friendly.
- Open space in the middle of the site = strong concept
- Likes that it opens into greenspace
- Consolidated housing is better (like option 1) Especially for energy purposes

Visitor Experience

- Like the bunkhouse separated and set away from everything. Like the access on 7th street
- Emphasize local USFS history in visitor center.

Environmental Considerations

- No Comment

Miscellaneous

- Likes housing grouped together even if they are separate buildings
- Keep parking on 8th street and enlarge

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- Get non-FS dumpsters off site!

Option 3: Leveraging the Site's Best Features While Preserving Open Space, Pond/ Trails

Relationship to the Neighborhood:

- Scheme 3 employee warehouse parking disrupts the trees and riparian area. It also adds the additional access drive which the neighbors might object too.
- Questions the need for a pond. Don't mess with the water. Do people need trails here?
- Most important to beautify neighborhood. Loves pond and trails and cares less about building design.
- Likes the open space with pond and trails.
- Likes the separation of HSG and office (HSG?)
- Put USFS money in wilderness, not in park. Just replace the buildings.
- Putting in a park creates expectations and would be difficult to ever replace once implemented.
- Put HSG on Smuggler. Leave center open space. This way HSG is more traditional east west orientation. Would reflect the neighborhood.
- Likes the net zero buildings with PV (3 dots by this comment)
- Likes the consolidated scheme but with park
- Avoid highly ostentatious PV
- Residential organization could respond more the traditional street/ alley organization.

Visitor Experience

- Put employee parking in the same lot with visitors so it looks more inviting.
- Like bike path connector through property
- Don't like housing spread out; prefer more compact consolidated multi-unit building.
- Trails in the natural area will be underutilized by visitors. Too short of a trail with no destination.
- A trail should connect 8th and Smuggler corner to the S-Curve corner
- A couple more RV Parking spots would be useful
- Sub-Alpine zone will not thrive at 7,900 feet.
- What is the true purpose of the natural area?
- What is the interpretive component really going to be?

Environmental Considerations

- Work with City on trash at 8th st
- Make the entire site green
- Cottonwoods are not indigenous

Miscellaneous

- Happy that USFS is keeping site

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- Combine the 2-BD and 1BD into triplex with smaller footprint.

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