



Community Meeting #4
April 29, 2014

Verbatim Community Involvement Evaluation Comments

What was of greatest value to you about this community involvement process?

- Hearing concerns of citizens. And seeing the input added into the plan!
- Good project with input incorporated from all the comments.
- Clear the air and inform the public.
- Flood control.
- The communication.
- Give residents a voice in the process, at least initially. The question is, will this "voice" be diluted or overshadowed by the realities (funding, political influence, etc.) when final decisions are made.
- Loved the email updates!
- Final decision was smart and keep the trees!
- Your interest in considering our ideas.
- Being able to ask questions. Real answers would be an improvement.
- Collaboration.
- The fact that the community whom this impacts directly has input and is being strongly considered.
- Just being an active participant and seeing that community input helped drive the results is reassuring. Much better than just being told, "This is what is going to be done." The process used enhanced pride and ownership in the final design decisions.
- Holding these meetings was very helpful. The A/E was very knowledgeable and communication skills with the people were excellent.
- Seeking input and feedback from the residents of Pleasant Valley. We love our neighborhoods and neighbors. We are so privileged to live by Rock Ledge Ranch and the GoG. We are concerned about potential flooding in these areas.
- It was interesting. Conveyance of engineering / design ideas was good.
- Neighbor input.
- I did think it gave a lot of people a chance to give their input. It was run well.
- Being able to meet and converse and discuss with neighbors ideas and options.
- Presenters were very clear about the problem(s) and possible solutions. Email and City web site were very helpful. Group did a good job of following ground rules. Illustrations were also very helpful.
- The openness.
- The great communication and education process.
- Viewing multiple options.

- That the residents' points of view, ideas and feelings were taken into consideration in the planning process and not just a plan forced on us.
- Dissemination of information, project ideas, and guidance from those involved and leading the group. Job well done!
- Ability to give our input.
- The give and take by the community plus the presenters was very good. Like all the concept maps, drawings and layouts (excellent work).
- The opportunity to submit suggestions via email as I was out of town for the early meetings.
- Very clear and concise ideas for public safety and aesthetics of our great city and neighborhood.
- Showing the 5 concepts and public input, then the 3 concepts and public input, to the 1 concept.
- The organized approach between Pleasant Valley participants and City officials. The process was very democratic. Good listening and cooperative effort.
- Being able to be in on the beginning stages of the development. Providing input and hearing others' ideas.
- Allowed discussion of options.
- Awareness.
- The process was much better than expected. In one word I would characterize it as 'thoughtful'. This was a great group of experts in their fields.
- Input through process.
- Feeling like our voice was at least heard, even though our top choice (covered) did not make it.
- Incremental knowledge gained about flood threats, emergency notification, etc., all helped focus on best design options.
- Small groups meeting after the presentations to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each of the options.
- Keeping abreast of the proposals. Your responses to community input.
- Opportunity to hear views pro and con.
- Talking to engineers and neighbors for their input.
- Being involved! You have managed community involvement well. Kudos to you on making the preferred solution by the community and the City the same one!
- Wilson and Company listened to our concerns and allowed input to create an improved value to our property.
- Our input was taken seriously and implemented!!
- My greatest value is how it looks. I think that if we are going to make such substantial changes, it should also impact its appearance – shrubs and grasses all the way!
- Looking at the all the plans and visual presentations!
- The fact that they are letting the community have a part in the decision!
- Organizing all the information and presenting [it] in a concise manner. Asking the right questions. Not letting everything be a "free-for-all" or "free form" answer. Like "What would improve your support for...?" is a good leading question instead of "What do you want to see?". It helps focus time and attention on what's actually feasible.
- Chance to understand.
- You tried to get community involvement.
- Getting to talk about the options and get the feel of the community.
- Seeing the various alternatives. Understanding [the] current situation and its threats related to handling flood events.

Do you have any suggestions for improvement of future community involvement processes?

- No.
- No.
- Good process.
- You are doing a great job.
- Record the community meetings and make them available for people who can't make the meeting, elderly, people still at work, etc., YouTube would be excellent for this purpose.
- From what I see and hear at this point, the plan consists of mostly general terms or at least presented in general terms – specifics and outcomes of decisions will be the determining factor if people feel that their voices were heard and feel value in the process.
- Keep up the excellent community discussion.
- Provide copies of the hydrology study to the property owners.
- I realize that such a process could result in the community or portion of the community shooting down the project. However, I didn't see any indication of this happening. The professionals involved with the meetings did a great job of helping us all stay connected with the project designs, reasons for each one, along with all pros and cons.
- Hire this A/E – they know what they are doing and how to establish goals and communicate with the people.
- I pretty much like the entire process. I've been to two meetings at Coronado H.S. and two meetings at Glen Eyrie castle.
- Meeting was well organized and facilitated. Thank you.
- Involve the properties impacted directly as a separate group (those on 31st). Identify the real problem / risk.
- A way for non-attendees to still voice opinions, ideas, etc., without using computer participation – as many elderly do not use or have computers.
- During the February 25 [meeting], there was plenty of time for questions, but no time for comments by neighbors and interested groups about issues they cared about the most. I thought that was an important piece that was missing.
- Please consider mailing or some method of contacting the homeowners along Camp Creek. Weight their feedback somehow to give more credence to those who live on the Creek.
- Please keep distribution of the good information.
- Less time in small groups and more question time.
- Small groups should be eliminated – too many separate opinions. One input form per person / couple could provide greater input, options, and less conflict. Questions and planning guidelines were a little unclear as to what was wanted.
- Keep Westmoor Park and Pleasant Valley informed and updated.
- Very well done! I'm impressed with the plan and the results of the process. Kezziah-Watkins did a great job!
- I appreciated the present community involvement process.
- Keep this process.
- The community involvement was great!
- Felt good about it.
- Limit the time of the speakers during question and comments segment.
- Later meetings to allow for getting evening meals.

- Have a ballot box at each meeting to better track feedback. Individual voice was lost as small groups tend to be facilitated by one person whose voice was louder (!) and whose opinion was the voice of the group.
- Do not hold them while the Broncos are playing. 😊
- None – great job!
- Might limit input to a set time per speaker.
- Keep involving the community on projects.
- Short stone pillars located at corners of bridge railing like the Uintah Bridge. Solar lighting for bikes and pedestrian walkways. West side driveway and curb study for truck traffic into drive. New fire hydrants.
- Any other projects should use the Camp Creek project as a model. Best I've seen.
- I don't think we should wait for a disaster to happen before making future improvements.
- More time for discussion.
- On-line chance to participate.
- No. This one was very well done.
- Since I was unable to attend previous meetings, it was unclear to me whether or not the project team was asking for submission of comments via others methods (email, letters, etc.). If this was advertised in newspaper announcements, I missed it.

Anything else?

- We appreciate your serious interest in helping our neighborhood bring a natural creek back. I'd love to see more creeks in COS improved like Camp Creek.
- I agree with the final accepted plan. I would like to have some idea of when and how this plan will be implemented, i.e. phasing proposals – what comes first, etc.
- I would be concerned if the hump to save trees would not be consistent.
- Great job, everyone!! Thank you.
- Thank you for all your time and effort that you have put into these meetings. I also appreciate all the different agencies and personnel that were involved.
- School parking [is] a concern with cutting back on size of street!!
- Thanks for protecting the Gateway Road entrance to the Garden of the Gods and not screwing up the view!
- Not at this time.
- I think that all parties including the residents of Pleasant Valley will be very pleased with the proposed outcome.
- Thank you for all of your hard work!
- Thank you for including the neighborhood in your project, even though I would have preferred the ditch be covered.
- No.
- Great job.
- Consider springs that flow from Westmoor Park through to current creek. One located about 828 / 830 (street address) area.
- Keep cottonwood tree **STANDING** on the side of Gateway Road.
Don't tax current residents for improvements!
- Don't always have meetings on same night of week.