

# Conference Report



Project No.: 20-0348.001  
Project: **Elena Gallegos Open Space Education Center Feasibility Study Advisory Committee Meeting 3**  
Date: 9/24/2021  
Place: Zoom

Attending: Richard Shackley, Open Space TrailWatch  
John Goodwin, Open Space Alliance  
Christina Sandoval, Open Space Division  
Donald Meaders, Open Space Advisory Board  
Colleen McRoberts, Open Space Division, Superintendent  
Rachel Swanteson-Franz, The Wilderness Society  
Tricia Keffer, Open Space Division  
Art Gardenswartz, High Desert HOA  
Jim Sattler, Open Space Division, Assistant Superintendent  
Will Gleason, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini  
Kate Maliskas, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini  
Rebekah Longstreet, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini

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Copies To: Parties Present  
Issue Date: 9/24/2021

## Discussion Items:

1. Public Meeting
  - a. More participation would be great
  - b. Discussion of another public meeting – should that be during this phase or further along with Master Plan? If another public meeting happens, it should target a different demographic
  - c. John and Richard wonder if the trailhead and new facility should be separated. Extend Loop Road further east to accommodate new trailhead in that location to alleviate congestion and push hikers closer to wilderness area where bikes are prohibited. There are also benefits to the adjacency – i.e. better bathrooms and water fountains. Events at education center may not coincide with peak hiking times.
  - d. Facility is too vague – include specific uses and programming at further public meetings
2. Survey Results
  - a. Focus should be on multiuse trails, not just building new bike trails.
  - b. Options to reduce conflicts between different users. City receives complaints about this issue all the time. Idea to create a master plan for entire foothills trail areas to address this issue – years away.
  - c. Strong consensus to upgrade Simms Park Road, parking, and signage.
3. Recommendations
  - a. Alternative sites: every site is accessed through a neighborhood which is a fatal flaw.
  - b. Extending road and parking area to the east to #Trail 342.
  - c. 5 stones artwork across from Site #3.
  - d. Satellite parking: alternative, not required. Some sort of messaging system to alert that parking up top is full. Staff may be required to manage this messaging display, and we currently do not have the resources. People using Tramway would park in that parking lot to use multi-use path along Tramway. Overall support for satellite parking – need to work out details at a later stage.
  - e. Floorplan – larger classroom and smaller kitchen/café. Include dedicated offices for staff. Include other uses in lobby – flexible wall between classroom and lobby. Should the restrooms be accessible from the outside? Open Space staff should review and provide recommendations since they use the space most often.
  - f. Site perspective sketch – reflection off of glass.

4. Next Steps

- a. Include exhibit with Loop Road further east. Coordinate with City to see feasibility of extending road.
- b. Colleen to meet with D/P/S to finalize floorplan and rendering
- c. Ready for draft report, no need for another Advisory Committee meeting
- d. Possible second public meeting to gather input
- e. Send out slides to committee members

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