



Recently we announced a community meeting to discuss the DRAFT Apex Park plan aimed at improving visitor safety. Our initial News Release about the meeting, which is this **Wednesday, February 26** from **5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**, at **Origins Hotel Red Rocks, 18485 W. Colfax Avenue, Golden, CO 80401**, provided several details about our DRAFT plan. Unfortunately, this has led some to think this DRAFT plan is a final product. Please be assured it is a starting point for a community discussion on how to best improve safety at Apex Park.

The good news is that our announcement has generated robust community discussions that identified concerns, ideas and solutions. From this initial feedback, we have identified several themes: a change in the current management scenario is needed and supported, the odd/even calendar day rotation for designated use should be considered over days of the week, access to the west side of the Park should be available to all visitors every day and designated use days for bikes should be directional. It has also generated an alternate proposal from *COMBA and Golden Giddy Up* folks that include many of the suggested approaches. Many thanks to all those that made these initial suggestions!

To set the tone for a productive community discussion at our meeting tomorrow, we want to be clear about a few things:

- 1) We mean what we say – this is a draft and we want to craft the best solution with the community, our draft plan is not a “done deal”.
- 2) We have designed a process to seek community input and vet ideas together. This includes our meeting on Wednesday, a 30-day public comment period and a follow-up meeting to discuss the best solution/s that have come from the process.

Following the community comment, review and vetting process, JCOS will decide on a plan that best achieves our goal of improving visitor safety at Apex Park.

So, we look forward to seeing you tomorrow and/or hearing your comments and solutions over the next 30 days. I’m confident that by working together we can come up with a plan that significantly improves safety, and thereby the visitor experience, at Apex Park.

Happy Trails,

Tom Hobby, CPRE
Director