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Subject: Basin Master Plan

Thank you all for your very hard work to create a Master Plan for Basin! Your open house was very informative.

We really like the idea of opening up our streets to bike and pedestrian traffic. We see many young families with young kids on bikes or walking. It's great to see that the parents are instilling in their children the joy of exercise, and that there's another way to get around town. Being a small town we have grown up used to darting around on our bikes with the traffic on the streets which often isn't much, but having bike lanes especially on very busy streets is much more safe especially for our young families. Walking on the back streets is so common because the streets are often in better shape than the sidewalks if they even exist. Lots of room for improvement but funding is always an issue.

We would also like to see crosswalks for the Children's Resource Center and for the blocks near Gary Vollan so that kids can cross highway 16/20 safely. We have watched 6-7-8 year olds dart through that traffic - scary! If that highway is busy enough to justify five lanes, then it's busy enough for crosswalks.

The cameras in the hands of students was genius. Very interesting and encouraging.

We are SO happy to hear the Town of Basin is going to change the lighting on the walking path. We call it the "landing strip" - now we know it's for aliens! Anyway the lighting doesn't help the walker using the path as you must wear a baseball cap in order to shield your eyes as you walk at night. And it is light pollution to which we as a town do not need to add. The walking path is a wonderful asset for our town. We thank you for that. More walking or bike paths would be nice but again funding...

Finally we know that the master plan must place great emphasis on economic growth as it should. The survey results reflect that need. But creating an atmosphere that encourages a healthy lifestyle and nourishes the cultural and educational needs of our people is of equal value. Balance is nice.

Thanks again for all your hard work.

Jennifer and Neil Miller

Please tell us your ideas and comments...

1. On the proposed VISION STATEMENT:

The main problem I see is how can you encourage any retail without participating landowners. Down town looks like crap. Everything gets bulldozed and nothing gets rebuilt. Growth is not a problem. Lack of growth is.

We absolutely need a retail district - I ^{would consider} ~~it~~ ^{a storefront if one was available} ~~reasonable~~.

2. On the proposed Master Plan GOALS:

Don't like ~~narrowing~~ the main roads for bike lane use.

I am all for new residential & commercial construction

3. On the proposed STREETSCAPE PLANS:

we need gutters in the streets - since they don't get plowed in winter, huge amounts of ice build up making it extremely difficult to stop. If it drained out of the road divets when it melted, it would help this situation tremendously.

4. ANY OTHER COMMENTS for the Master Plan Committee and consultant as they work on the plan:

Like the lilac city concept but two things -
1) Plant more lilacs if that's what you want to call the town
2) More basic community needs should be addressed before decorating it.

Please tell us your ideas and comments...

1. On the proposed VISION STATEMENT:

Very good

2. On the proposed Master Plan GOALS:

1 2 3 4

3. On the proposed STREETScape PLANS:

1 and 2

form and function

4. ANY OTHER COMMENTS for the Master Plan Committee and consultant as they work on the plan:

Please tell us your ideas and comments...

1. On the proposed VISION STATEMENT:

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2. On the proposed Master Plan GOALS:

Economy
Economy
Economy

3. On the proposed STREETSCAPE PLANS:

Hwy 30 opt #2

Concept #3 Form & function

4. ANY OTHER COMMENTS for the Master Plan Committee and consultant as they work on the plan:

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1. On the proposed VISION STATEMENT:

2. On the proposed Master Plan GOALS:

3. On the proposed STREETSCAPE PLANS:

4. ANY OTHER COMMENTS for the Master Plan Committee and consultant as they work on the plan:

*Crosswalks for Children's Resource Center
& near Gary Vollen's street*

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1. On the proposed VISION STATEMENT:

2. On the proposed Master Plan GOALS:

Goals are great, but they have to be attainable. Start small then work up to the bigger ones, when they are practical.

3. On the proposed STREETScape PLANS:

STAY the Same! Do NOT Make any changes!

If an Individual wants to ride a Bicycle on the Street or Sidewalk that was paid for with Highway Tax Dollars, then they should have to register their Bicycle, just like snowmobiles & fourwheelers. Not just in Basin, But State wide.

4. ANY OTHER COMMENTS for the Master Plan Committee and consultant as they work on the plan:

Lets keep things realistic.

Basin is what it is now, because of things you want to change! Be Careful what you wish for!