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10.13 District 13: West Jackson	<p>Hopefully if and when South Park does develop, that somehow preservation of the single family neighborhood is seriously enforced. What bothers me is the fact that 'growth' (theme #1) and work force housing (theme #4) are higher priorities in West Jackson than (theme #7) "maintaining the existing residential neighborhoods as attractive places to live for our local workforce" which is last in the draft FLUP for West Jackson. West Jackson is already built out except for a few small lots and I don't think you can squeeze anymore workers in West Jackson except over stuffing single family home rentals with 5,6 and 7 unrelated people. It's a catch 22 for working people here in West Jackson who keep this valley going for the large homeowners on the outskirts. They get the protection for wildlife and scenic vistas and we get the overcrowded neighborhoods and streets for trying to do the right thing for the valley. That's some trade off. What really upsets a lot of people here in Cottonwood Park is that the planners couldn't even set up a presentation here for the draft plan. I was told it was a scheduling oversight because of Spring break. I would think that since we are on the frontline of major up zoning and traffic impacts that a meeting here would have been obvious.</p> <p>Theme #5 'community facilities' states that we should "continue the district's role as home for most of the school district and parks and recreation facilities." With no promise of open space in NW South Park like a set back for a park (the depth of the high school property) on High School Road to South Park Loop Rd, West Jackson's neighborhood parks and open space will be overburdened. The plan does mention a 1/8 of a mile setback along South Park Loop Road across from Three Creek to preserve the scenic vistas of that area. That's another slap in the face to the hardworking people of West Jackson. What are we going to do when we want to walk down the South Park Loop path to see the vistas, use our periscopes to see over the ugly berms that will be on both sides of the road like a gigantic half pipe? Again it's scenic vistas for those who can afford it. We do have great parks here in Cottonwood Park but they will be maxed out especially since the Blair Apartments and the new affordable neighborhoods like Ellingwood have only the bare minimum of open space. Parking is already an issue here when families come from outside the neighborhood to use the Range View and Cottonwood Parks.</p> <p>How much more traffic can the "failed" High School Road take, especially if the Tribal Trails connector is built and the major up zoning of South Park occurs. Theme 3 'transportation' states that there needs to be a "balance of needs between the existing neighborhoods of District 12 and the entire community". Where's the balance when all you are doing is tipping the scale of traffic jams from the "y" to High School Road. The comp plan needs to promise that the East West collector road in Northern South Park has to be in place before any new development in South Park takes place and before the Tribal Trails connector is started. Any new neighborhood in South Park should empty on to the new East West collector and not High School Road. The scale of the NW build out should be drastically reduced also.</p> <p>The new draft plan is asking West Jackson to bear a lot of the burden for this plan. Maybe that is why the 'Balanced Community' Theme is dead last for West Jackson. You need to come to West Jackson and walk with us to find out what works and doesn't work here if you are going to use our West Jackson as a role model for "responsible growth". Christine Walker from The Housing Authority walked around the neighborhood with us to see and hear our concerns; perhaps officials and planners could take a field trip. I will supply the coffee and doughnuts. We have some great neighborhoods here in West Jackson and we deserve a lot better than what the present draft plan has to offer us which is basically zip right now.</p>	Kathy Tompkins	5/15/2009 17:00
10.13 District 13: West Jackson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Development in South Park must not create traffic problems for West Jackson. Access for new development should not connect to High School Road.</li> <li>-Any development in South Park should have a visual buffer from West Jackson.</li> </ul>	Save Historic Jackson Hole	5/15/2009 15:00
10.13 District 13: West Jackson	<p>I have concerns regarding the proposed Tribal Road connection. Minimal effort should be put into planning that connection until AFTER all possible improvements have been made to the Y and the traffic has shown that it is required. Do NOT plan (or build) the Tribal Road connection until the traffic actually exists that requires it. Do NOT build it based on estimated (modeled, hypothetical) traffic.</p> <p>The construction of the Tribal Road connection would have negative impacts on the local communities along the currently dead end road, wildlife, and on the residents of Blair and Cottonwood Park. It would increase traffic on local roads - a decrease in the quality of life of the residents. It would increase traffic on High School Road, Middle School Road, as well as South Park Road - a big safety issue with all the students who walk to school.</p>	Shelley Sundgren	5/6/2009 21:36