

**From:** [Hillary Blanchard](#)  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** City Heights  
**Date:** Friday, April 23, 2021 4:53:04 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today in regards to the city Heights project and to express my support for the minor modification of moving Summit View Drive to the east and creating a new intersection for Sixth and Reed. This will result in decreased traffic through the existing neighborhood and create a new public amenity which my family is very excited about. I am an avid hiker and I think new trails in Red Rock Park will greatly benefit the community. Creating a new recreation area in the community along with reducing traffic through the neighborhood on Sixth seems to be a win-win situation.

Thank you for your consideration and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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**To:** [Planning](#)

**Subject:** Support of- City Heights Proposed Access Revision

**Date:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 11:38:51 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Matt Gallanar I am an avid mountain biker and have been lucky enough spend my lifetime recreating in Upper Kittitas County. My family has one of the Forest Service cabins at the South end of Lake Cle Elum and my daughter is now the 5th generation enjoying the area as a recreationalist/ weekender. I have been present during the many meetings for the Teannaway Community Forest advisory committee management plan as well as some limited involvement in the Nature Conservancy planning that took place in 2014 and 2015 respectively. I have volunteered dozens of hours yearly for more than a decade working as a steward to keep sustainable trail opportunities open and accessible to residents and visitors alike.

I am in full support of the City Heights community. We need sensible planning to grow the City of Cle Elum in ways consistent with the values of the town as growth is eminent. Having been brought into some of the discussions with Trailside Homes as the final vision of a mountain community on the Cle Elum Ridge have been concluding - I am pleased to know that 125 acres of the planned community (more than 35% of the total land) is designated open space. This will bring outdoor enjoyment to any and all of the current and future residents of Cle Elum. I applaud the visionaries of this community for the work that has already been done. The Coal Trax bike park is already a huge success! Additionally, the "Outfitter" and community event space will surely enhance the outdoor lifestyle that is bringing so many to the region, both as visitors for the day as well as future residents.

I support the proposed rerouting of Summit View Drive to the East. This is the most practical access point for a multitude of reasons. Primarily the reduction of future resident traffic zig zagging their way through the existing neighborhood on 6th. This minor revision just makes sense.

Please let me know if there any way I can help engage in more direct discussions on this subject.

Warm Regards,

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**From:** Jennifer Lipton  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Cle Elum City Heights Project comments  
**Date:** Friday, April 23, 2021 3:35:56 PM

Dear City Heights Development Team and City of Cle Elum Planning,

I am writing to put forth my concerns regarding the recent proposed relocation of the Summit View Drive and the information regarding the new private recreation area internal to the Red Rock Open Space.

There is a lack of information regarding the private recreation area and the proposal to move the Red Rock Open Space to accommodate the Summit View drive realignment. It concerns me that there is not a map or plan of the proposed private recreation amenities nor an idea about access to the Red Rock Open Space, parking availability, runoff into neighboring communities, as well as accessibility and egress in the case of emergencies. The wording even states that the development of a private recreation area is NOT allowed in the Red Rock Open Space and therefore, it is out of compliance with the Development Agreement.

The community demands to see the new plans and a modification of the master plan prior to allowing this project to take place. Additionally, these units are not in compliance with the Regional Wastewater Sewer plan and I would like to see that addressed in conjunction with a new modified master plan addressing the above proposal of a private recreation area in the existing open space.

Thank you,  
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**From:** Jed Murphey  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** City Heights Modification  
**Date:** Friday, April 23, 2021 4:38:32 PM

Dear Planning Director, Planning Staff and City Staff of The City of Cle Elum,

I am writing you today to provide my support of the City Heights modification. As a development professional and local resident I feel moved to show support for not only the modification but the City Heights plan in general. I feel the city needs to look upon this project as a significant attribute. From the new tax revenue to the city, added outdoor amenities and most important new housing that is desperately needed. Above and beyond the specific benefits to the city and all residents, this project has outstanding benefits which will include new trails, a main building to rent and store bikes, parking, an outdoor events area, a covered and heated patio, picnic shelters, bocce ball and horse shoe areas, a climbing wall and a bridge that safely connects pedestrians over Summit View Drive to Red Rock Park.

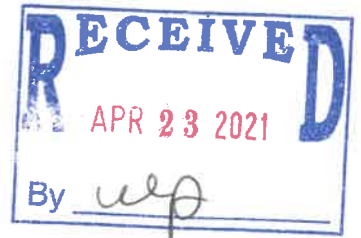
There is no downsides to the modification or impacts that are negative to the city or surrounding communities. If anything they will see immediate benefits to traffic flow and livability in the existing homes. I truly see this minor modification to be beneficial to the entire community.

Highest Regards,

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April 22, 2021

TO: PLANNING DEPT.  
CITY OF CLE ELUM



RE: CITY HEIGHTS  
MINOR MODIFICATION  
TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

QUESTION #1: IS THE RED ROCK  
PROPOSED PARK A PRIVATE PARK  
FOR CITY HEIGHTS OR <sup>also</sup> A FOR THE  
RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CLE ELUM?

I STRONGLY FEEL THE PARK  
SHOULD EXIST IN ITS ORIGINAL  
NATURAL SETTING AND NO  
MODIFICATIONS SHOULD BE ALLOWED

QUESTION #2: IS THE CITY OF  
CLE ELUM GOING TO PUT IN  
TRAFFIC LIGHTS OR ROUND-D-  
ROUNDS ON # 7 HILL TO CONTROL  
THE INCREASED TRAFFIC FLOW?

TO SUMMARIZE THE MODIFICATION  
REQUESTED — I SAY "NO WAY"!  
LEAVE SUMMITVIEW DRIVE WHERE IT IS  
& LEAVE RED ROCK PARK AS IT IS.

Signed: Judith Waldenmaier  
802 W 6<sup>TH</sup> ST., CITY OF CLE ELUM