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**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Contact Us

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First Name Pat  
Last Name Magoo  
Email packinpizza@yahoo.com  
Question/Comment  
Hello!

Concerned citizen here, I thought I would put my voice out there as I'm sure others have had the same response. Warm Springs road feels like it's turning into an e-bike highway. Underage kids are riding their e-bikes with 2-3 kids deep on them at 30mph down the middle of the road, treating them like they're motorcycles, or even worse, 30mph down the bike path. We're now having to change our depth perception when turning on and off Warm Springs road because the bikes are coming fast! Can we get some sort of regulation on these things? The side-by-sides are getting out of control as well, driving down our dead-end street just to turn around, and those things are LOUD.

I appreciate you reading my complaint. I hate having to do this but hopefully it saves a life down the road!

Pat

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.ketchumidaho.org/node/7/submission/12176>

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**From:** Susan Desko <sdesko@susandesko.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2024 11:27 AM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Town Square / Visitor Center "Refresh Only"

I attended the last City Council meeting on June 17th regarding the Ketchum Town Square / Visitor Center Refresh Project.

I was listed in the GGLO published presentation packet and referenced in the GGLO oral presentation as one of the project stakeholders.

1. On August 11, 2023, I met with GGLO representative Mark Sindell for approx 1.5 hours "on-site" at the Visit Sun Valley / Starbucks / Town Square. I shared the background of my design/build involvement with the 2011 "Refresh" of the "Visitor Center / Starbucks" building. I also shared my knowledge of both the short term and long term maintenance issues related to the building.
2. On June 7, 2024, I participated in a phone discussion with GGLO representative Mark Sindell and the Starbucks proprietors for approx 30 minutes. During this call, we outlined the key components of a "refresh" approach.
3. On both occasions, GGLO representative Mark Sindell expressed an interest to have an ongoing dialogue throughout the project process.
4. On June 13th, I downloaded the meeting packet and reviewed the published presentation slides submitted by GGLO.
5. On June 17th, I attended the City Council Meeting to learn further insights regarding options "A, B, and C" proposed by GGLO.

As one of the project stakeholders, and upon thorough considerations I offer the following:

1. GGLO "Misses the Mark"
2. City Council Members got it right voting for a "Refresh Only"

I commend the City Council members for understanding that one of the most important tasks of our age is looking after what already exists and in the name of sustainability developing and augmenting it with studied care.

During the June 17th City Council meeting, Councilor Tripp Hutchinson proposed an on-site field trip to further develop and refine a "Refresh Only" approach.

I would welcome the opportunity to attend a scheduled "FieldTripp" at the intersection of Small Town Big Life and share the background of how a small community came together in 2011, created their own community living room in 13 weeks, how it was inspired by locals, built by 200 local volunteers and donors and shared with visitors 363 days a year.

Thank-you for your vote to "Refresh Only",  
Architect Susan Desko AIA

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**From:** Hayden Seder <haydenseder@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2024 11:31 AM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Comments re: new housing proposal in Sushi lot

Hello,

I'm writing in to share my opinion on the new proposed housing project on the lot behind Sushi. Firstly, it seems a bit early to be proposing a new project like Bluebird when Bluebird hasn't even been filled yet and we have yet to see how people will react once it is (particularly in terms of parking around the area). It seems like jumping the gun a bit. Secondly, it also seems a bit early to be proposing getting rid of a parking lot when the Main Street project hasn't finished and we have yet to see how losing all those spots will affect people's ability to park. While I know Ketchum would love to envision itself as a place where people bike and walk instead of drive cars, that's simply not the reality: even if locals bike or take busses, they still have cars and those living downtown (like in this new proposed development) will need somewhere to park them (and that's in addition to the tourists who need to park, as well as though who live in the South Valley who want to come up to Ketchum). I've talked to people who say that people will just need to park farther away and walk a few blocks, but finding a spot within a few blocks of Main Street is more a one-off thing; this proposed building will remove many spots. And for those who argue that they always see this lot half-empty, I would imagine that will be less true with the loss of the spots on Main Street and other developments.

In general, I'm very supportive of new housing, especially since the more people can be employed in Ketchum, the less people have to drive up and down the highway, contributing to the good-awful traffic. I just think it's a bit early to start this one, at least without more information/votes/data.

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**From:** Ron Parsons <captronpar@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2024 12:20 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Forest Service Park.

Please leave the FS Park as is. It needs a facelift... painting, paver work, general landscaping. Let's preserve what little is left of old Ketchum. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Dear City Council Members:

Last meeting you were presented with a plan to “refresh” Ketchum Town Square. Thank you for your insightful decision to not move ahead with any of the plans presented. Next year it will be 15 years since the KTSQ was created turning a decaying parking lot into a vital and much needed community resource—a true town square. This was accomplished by 18 citizen volunteers over the course of 9 months. 96 citizens and part time homeowners donated \$425,000 to support the vision for a public square in the heart of our community. As a volunteer with the Ketchum Community Development Corp. I lead the team that designed, fundraised, and got the square constructed.

Yes, almost 15 years later the KTSQ needs a refresh. Unfortunately, the plans submitted by the consultant GGLO failed to achieve the refresh. Not only did they not solve some of the main issues but they also failed to respect what we, the citizens, accomplished. They proposed replanning the square, changing the entries that make it so accessible, planting trees where they do not provide any shade to the sitting areas, and in the name of sustainability...pulling out the existing trees and replacing all the well-functioning pavers.

Above all they failed completely to understand the function of a town square. When we designed the square, we consulted with Susan Crowhurst Lenard—the foremost authority on the history and used town squares and livable cities. A Town Square is a public civic space that belongs to the citizens of the town. It is designed for both everyday use and special celebrations, events, significant to the culture and history of the town. It is a place where visitors can come and partake in our culture. It is a place that citizens can come sit, talk, meet without paying for a table and space. This public ownership provides the opportunities for random encounters, where friends can meet, and people can make new friends. Chairs can be pulled up, benches moved together and conversations begun.

Town Squares are where democracy was born. Some have said the vibrancy of democracy is dependent on public citizen owned places.

There was a single afternoon survey conducted on town square last summer. It was flawed in that it provided no context or educational component to the history and purpose of a square. Based on this survey and some equally poor Survey Monkey results the consultants proceeded to propose a design that ignores the context and intent of the square.

Town squares are open flexible spaces for the community to fill their casual activities. Town squares are not grassy areas or kid’s playgrounds. The Little Park is only 2 blocks away. The consultants proposed a splash park feature. There is a splash feature at Memory Park only 3 blocks away and another at Atkinson Park. Town squares do not have large lawn areas for picnics. We already have Lucy Logan Park, Rotary Park, and Atkinson Park for that. Town squares are not for private work areas. The library plaza provides for that. The proposal would tear up our beloved town square and attempt to provide a little bit of everything and in the end destroy the essence of how it really works.

Yes, after 15 years the features could use a refresh. There might be a need for more restroom facilities. More shade would make it more pleasant in the summer months. The benches, tables, chairs and other features would benefit with some upgrades. Above all the features that were donated need to be maintained...the water sculpture, the dog watering pump, the firepit need to work. What we don't need is to tear out and fundamentally change what is working very well and what the donors paid for.

I urge you to not provide any further funding to the consultants, GGLO. GGLO failed to effectively reach out to stakeholders. Many of the stakeholders listed felt they were not heard. A representative of GGLO met with me for an introductory meeting last August, and despite several promises to reach out to get my feedback, never contacted me again. They failed to understand the history of the square, the context of our town, and the culture that makes us a community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dale Bates

Former Leader of the Town Design Team  
of the Ketchum Community Development Corporation