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Subject: Comp plan, community angst

Dear Mayor Bradshaw and Council Members:

It has become clear to my wife and me that we need to get a bit more vocal as it relates to the comprehensive plan; the massive, oversized buildings (Bluebird, Little Nell with its top floors of luxury condominiums, First and Washington, etc.); the endless road construction and detours; the reduction of parking spaces; and the general evisceration of Ketchum's character.

To be clear:

We do not want to see anymore 4 or 5 story buildings, for any use, for any purpose.

We believe workforce housing should be 8 to 10 units maximum per location, dispersed about town, provided with adequate parking, and, ideally, of the deed-restricted variety. If you don't have the land, get it. Use imminent domain if you need to.

We do not want to see anymore out-of-scale buildings and believe new buildings adjacent to existing buildings should be designed to sympathetic scale.

We do not want to experience endless road construction and roundabouts. Blocking off main street is an outrage!

We do not want to see any more parking removed, but, instead, we want to see additional parking added. All new buildings must provide 100% for their parking needs just like every other town in the world.

We do not want to see anymore FAR increases for housing payments. NONE!

We do not want to see the Town tear into Starbucks. It is a lovely gathering space as it is. Demand longer open hours. Stop screwing with everything! You are behaving like greedy developers. Stop the wastefulness! Get some humility!

We are tired of listening to the Chicken Little (Sky is Falling) sales pitch to justify the aggressive building and construction decisions by the Town. No one is buying Chicken Little.

We are tired of the Town committing the fallacy of false alternatives at Town meetings. The Town presents only those options they are open to entertaining. The Town "frames" discussions for their desired outcome.

In Short: We are disgusted with the direction the Town is going.

Accordingly:

We will run large ads in the local paper to communicate to the residents of Ketchum and to expose all of the poor and incompetent decisions the Town (Mayor and Council) is making.

We do not rule out a recall option where said option is available.

We will actively involve ourselves to see that a new Mayor and Council is elected if we don't see a major change in direction.

Happily, we have found that so many Ketchum residents are in alignment with the views expressed herein.

Sincerely,
Mark and Kim Maykranz

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From: Jackie Skaf <jackie.skaf@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 2:55 PM
To: Participate
Subject: E-bikes on the bike path

Dear Sirs,

I have been biking on the bike path here for 30 years now. I have never been as concerned as I am now.

Twice this summer, I have almost been hit by a child on a very large E bike.

I ride a hybrid specialized bike. If I am riding 16 to 17 miles an hour and a child 10, 12 or 14 years old flies by me therefore going at least 25 miles an hour on the bike path.... All I can ask is... if there are roads with a 25 mile an hour speed limit why are unlicensed children allowed to ride on the bike path on a machine that is going as fast as the speed limit on some roads?

Many of these E-bikes are the size of small motorcycles. And if they hit a non E- biker, there is going to be a major injury. My husband and daughter were literally almost taken out on the bike path near Sun Valley, as a child was riding, waving his arms looking around and not paying attention. Only when my husband started screaming watch out after he and my daughter had to jump off the bike path did they avoid being hit.

I almost had a child run into me at the intersection of 75 and Sun Valley Rd. What are unlicensed children doing on these bikes that are extremely powerful and extremely large. These unsupervised children on fast e bikes are an accident waiting to happen.

Someone is going to get badly hurt and it's going to be on your conscience if nobody starts policing the bike path.

As someone who loves Sun Valley and loves the recreation here I really hope you will do something about this

Thank you for a lot of great years,

Jackie Skaf