

Three Updates

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Bike Trail Update

- Our bike trail is lovely
- Great for exercise and time in nature
- Increases city livability and appeal
- Appeal means tourism income

Erosion Problem

- Gullies erode and leave silt on the bike trail
- Should be prevented via sediment check dams
- See "Bike Trail Improvements" presented July 18, 2017 and later PowerPoints
- See "Check dam" email to Don Kearney June 30, 2019

The Problem



Recommended Solution



Kudos To Parks

- Yesterday I submitted a “SeeClickFix” report “There is silt on the bike trail ...”
- They cleaned the trail the same day
- Speedy!

Parking Ramp Update

- A short history
- Walker report: \$10 million to build a big ramp
- City spent \$21 million for a smaller ramp
- Approved by Mike Huether, Paul TenHaken, council
- Private partner didn't perform
- 4 guarantors not held liable
- City spent \$1.5 million to make ramp useful
- City paid builder \$0.5 million to settle lawsuit

We Were Promised



Image from 12/5/2017
council meeting

Current Status



My Assessment

- City made numerous decisions to help builders
- City gave away millions of dollars
- Project is still incomplete, years later

Noise Reduction Update

- Train horns
- Contribute to modern stresses, shorten life span
- One of the worse sources of noise pollution
- Can be eliminated via no-horn zones (quiet zones)
- See "Noise Reduction" presented April 11, 2018

Last Week's Council Meeting

- Subitem 29, Rail yard redevelopment
- “Quiet zone preliminary design” agreement for professional services
- \$73,131.87 to Alfred Benesch & Company

My Assessment

- Quiet zones aren't a good idea until a developer needs them
- And then the city gets to pay for implementation

Nature Loves Me



Enjoy Nature

