

North Cheyenne Cañon Park Master and Management Plan
September 19, 2017 Community Workshop

Verbatim Individual Responses

1. *What excites you about having a new Master and Management Plan for the Park?*

- Updated conservation efforts to help preserve our shared space for years to come.
- It's very needed. Park has increasing visitation and corresponding impact on Park resources.
- Some tasks can be done by those who can get jobs done quickly and correctly. Park staff and volunteers would have a difficult time getting so much done without extra support.
- The chance to establish guidelines and goals and make sure the Park is preserved and enjoyed. Chance to concentrate on visitor experience.
- Provide more funding.
- The prospect/possibility of closing the Park at night.
- The possibility of additional funds for Park improvements and funding stream increase.
- Hopefully increase staffing/park rangers. Provide more funding for the areas.
- The opportunity to help shape and make North Cheyenne Cañon Park a better place.
- Traffic and increased use addressed. Safety, including fire and after-hours use.
- Strategy for preparing for increased use of Park by public. Better signage. Plan for sustainably funding maintenance of Park.
- New public input.
- Possibility of better trail maintenance during the summer.
- With the long hiatus since the last plan, I am excited to know the process is up and going.
- Clarifying the issues and creating the forum for everyone to be heard.
- North Cheyenne Cañon Park is the best park in the city. It needs a plan to preserve the Park from overuse.
- Parking management, shuttles. Better and more trails. Signage.
- Chance to get sustainable trails in Daniels Pass parcel. Overlook trail for Mt. Cutler overlook. More parking for trailheads.
- New trail possibilities!
- The possibility of additional trails and/or the legitimization of existing social trails.
- The possibility of new connector trails.
- A sense of order to the plan especially with public input.
- The opportunity to build additional trails in under-utilized sections of the Park and sorely-needed connector trails to get trail users off the roads to prevent conflicts between cars and trail users.
- An overriding goal—big picture is so important to work from so that all decisions come back to the original intent.
- Bringing new ideas in.
- Progress to addressing and meeting the needs of different users of the Park.
- Chance to build new trails.
- Improvements that are needed and hopefully will get done. The fact that people care and want to make improvements.

- The potential for something to happen.
- Can build some new trails and much needed connector trails. We do not have enough trails for the volume of people in the Cañon! Build some trails! Especially now since it is reopened to motorcycles!
- Direction to take the Park in the future. Cycling. New Trails to spread out use (build out Mays and Kineo Peaks.) Some use-specific trails, i.e. motorcycle, bike/hike, horse use. Connect areas of trails so they link up.

2. *What concerns you?*

- Funding; easier access to Park will encourage exponential increases in visitation.
- Increased visitation; Park security; problems at night; traffic and parking; resource preservation.
- #1 Need of Park police and enforcement. #2 Bathrooms accessible to handicapped. #3 One or two days a month to close the Park for maintenance.
- Over-restriction of use. Lack of restriction of abuse/need enforcement.
- After-hours safety. Clear trail maps. Maps are very confusing. Unclear trail usage restrictions. Clear entry/exits from Park boundaries. More trash cans.
- Close the Park at night to preserve the Park for all.
- Enforcement of safety rules and traffic laws. Jurisdiction partners with Forest Service and El Paso County.
- Security at night. Fire concerns. More trash cans.
- Technical rock and ice climbing and ensuring that the Pikes Peak Climbers Alliance (501(c)3 organization) has a voice and a designated place in the management of technical issues in the Park such as climber approach trails, signage, and fixed hardware management.
- Enforcement. How does City enforce rules and regs in Park and ensure park safety issues are not “de-prioritized” because PD is dealing with other calls, high volume, etc.? Because enforcement is not through parks, it can fall by the wayside.
- That plan might lead to even more increased use. That some will feel their concerns haven’t been incorporated.
- Funding.
- The fact that there are so many vital issues—we can’t accomplish as much as seems necessary.
- It is a small park and can only sustain so much. More, more, more whether it is trails or parking or signage shouldn’t necessarily be the focus. Improve and care for what is already there.
- I fear Save Cheyenne is hijacking the process.
- Parking lot security—break-ins are frequent.
- Having enough parking. Having good signage, wayfinding.

- Garbage—dog poop bagged and left on trail—trail etiquette signs? If the Cañon is closed at night, could it be opened early for us trail runners that are running to places like Almagre, Rosa, etc? Especially in the summer—we like to start at 5 AM. The decommissioning of trails.
- 1-Continuation of gross mismanagement. Bob & Kurt know about this. Fire hazard, signage, gang tagging/graffiti. 2-Lack of trust with Park and Rec. It thinks it is ok to give away our public land. (Strawberry Fields.) 3-The whole process is under a cloud of corruption. (Mayor/City Council/TOSC, Karen/Parks Board) Thank you.
- Social trail closures.
- Trail maintenance.
- Follow-through by City—I hope it's a priority.
- Congestion in the Park on trails, roads and trailheads.
- I am concerned that there are so many different regulating bodies concerning areas adjacent to North Cheyenne Cañon Park. If rules change as a trail runs between parks, things can get very confusing for trail users.
- Closing trails that already exist. Spend money and time maintaining trails not closing them. Ask for trail volunteer help.
- Closing existing established trail without notice or building a connecting trail prior to decommissioning.
- Enforcement of simple laws and ordinances. How to enforce across federal land and parks.
- Traffic, insufficient parking, insufficient signage and maps concerning various trails. Integration of various supervisory agencies to work together—City, County, Pike National Forest, Colorado Springs Utilities. Concerns—I see more issues with human waste (cigarette butts, paper trash, bottles and cans) than dog poop. We need to clarify the dog on leash in the City park versus the Pike National Forest dog regulations. Dogs off-leash are not necessarily bad or wrong.
- The continued destruction of excellent mountain trails and the creation of terrible new trails (i.e. Red Rock). Terrible translates to boring and unoriginal design.
- The current volume of people/use of the trails—need more.
- Please use local trail builder who knows how to build sustainable/interesting trail. Incorporate elements in trail unique to mountain biking as part of new trail. Concerns: crime, fires, overnight camping, homeless camps, guns.

3. *Is there anything you'd like to make sure is considered as this Plan is developed?*

- Trail mapping/markers!! Also, bathrooms. Please!
- Shuttling visitors into the Park, especially in summer months.
- Establishing rules for Segway access. Establishing and enforcing Park hours.
- Keep trail access fair.
- Close the Park at night. Bad things only happen at night!
- Traffic control, increase staff presence, signage/maps.
- More staff. Closing the Park at night. Signage-etiquette, trailheads and forks in trails, laws and ordinances. Better maps of the area for visitors and Springs residents.
- Being able to continue to climb, establish new routes, maintain established routes, as well as operate stewardship events to improve the trails and base areas, route hardware, and parking areas.

- Clear and consistent wayfinding. Color coded? Interpretative programs.
- Include trail etiquette/wise/responsible use of trails and public lands every step of the way.
- That a clear priority for each action is established and published.
- Please stripe the road. Safety on Silver Cascade Trail-need a durable fence all the way to the top.
- How can we change the public mindset (when it comes to “Leave No Trace”, pick up after your dog and self) through education? Too many papers.
- I want to have families represented in the process. I feel their voice won’t be heard. Same with handicap and young (0-3) visitors.
- A real trail from the bottom of the Cañon to Daniels Pass and the newly acquired property on the other side of the pass.
- Sustainable trail design, shuttle, close Park or gates at night, noxious weeds, forest management. Keep electric bikes off trails, better signage and maps. Forest management, toadflax.
- No machine-made trails—that get wide—singletrack!
- There is no such thing as “sustainable” trails on Pikes Peak granite. It’s wise to be mindful of this but if we build great trails the public will care for them.
- Dog poop bags and trash cans on Gold Camp Road.
- Increased signage on trails. Dumpsters instead of barrels.
- Partnerships with trail advocates such as Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates, Friends of Cheyenne Cañon, trail runner groups, etc.
- Please make sure connectivity is clear, marked, and maintained between parks/trail systems. Continue to communicate with all the other parks to create a bigger big picture.
- Less intro.
- Public use and enjoyment of the land.
- Closing the Park at night. Downhill bike complex?
- North Cheyenne Cañon is the gateway to the Pike National Forest and El Paso County trails. These groups must work together to promote and provide information for all these areas—i.e. people don’t know that Seven Bridges [Trail] is Trail #622. Hikers go and think they will see signage to direct them—which is not there. Why not? It would be so simple to place better signage and maps for hikers to see.
- Advanced trail development.
- New trails and connector trails! We have more people than trails being used in the Cañon! Need for directional trails!
- Improved enforcement of the above.