

Recreation Section Three Commentary

**Comments for this Section:** Increased Activities for Children, Play ground equipment, skate park, activities at the new gym and stop focusing so much on adult activities that are never utilized and Camp sites for River Bend (takes away from locals) Also, adding fees to festivals for the locals makes us just leave town those weekends.

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A reccenter with weights and exercise equipment (and frequent hours) would be a huge addition to quality of life.

**Comments for this Section:** heated swimming pool and exercise classes in winter. Classes to teach English n Spanish -

**Comments for this Section:** My kids love the pool, using the state park to meet up with friends + socialize, and my son has a punch card for open gym. The last time he went he said there must have been 100 people there - that's great! Good for the town making this space available to the residents!

**Comments for this Section:** IF YOU WANT THE TOWN TO BE MORE ATTRACTIVE REBUILD ALL THE STREETS SOUTH OF THE TRACKS

COMMENTS FOR THIS SECTION:

- Sidewalks desperately need improved
- Safe, pedestrian friendly walkway from town → Taylor School.

Comments for this Section:

Fix the sidewalks so they aren't dangerous many are

Bicycles should use the paths that are here & as the streets get done if there is room put a bike lane. <sup>Town</sup> Should cater to residents <sup>needs</sup> & not tourists that might come.

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you can add all the activities you want - but we are a town/area of people who do recreation

It would be nice to have more programs for seniors - exercise bridge.

ⓑ Road biking is fine, maybe more int. bike promotion.  
Recreation is definitely a good thing to promote!

Comments for this Section:

I think we have plenty of recreational options. I only do ~~these~~ areas for ~~diversity~~.

Comments for this Section:

NO PLACE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS TO WALK IN WINTER

I think that it is a great community as is. I enjoy hiking/biking on the Stagecoach trail, Petroglyph & Mt Garfield. Continuing to work towards better access to those trails is something that I value.

Palisade does not need to be recreationally friendly.

The town needs to take care of the needs of the people in town.

Comments for this Section:

to create more parking for visitors have the vendors unload and go to other parking - suggest Municipal Building lots  
Elderly, handicapped find no parking near by.

An indoor pool would be great

Do NOT waste the money!  
we do NOT need it!

All of that would be nice but  
need to increase population that  
would use

**Comments for this section:**  
Riverbend is a great resource and is Peach bowl and  
Memorial.

Don't irrigate peach bowl as often it is often wet  
and creates mosquitoes

**Comments for this section:**

I only go out of Palisade for recreation because I like a  
variety of terrain; not for other municipal parks.  
I'm sure supporting the youth or allowing volunteers  
to develop recreation leagues would assist in  
community cohesion, but I'm not interested in group  
activity or sport personally; don't have kids.

NOTE: I may use "Independent Park" but I don't know.  
.. It's not even on your website. Where is it?? Post office?  
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**Comments for this section:**

Upgrade the soccer and Ball field at Peach-bowl Park..  
at a minimum - level the turf on the soccer field...  
establish a playable infield on ball field. These areas  
seem to be neglected... Riverbend is beautiful... but take  
care of Peach-bowl... Many kids and community  
members use Peach-bowl much more than Riverbend...

Comments for this section:

- 1) Any ~~change~~ chance of making access to the canal path system legal for bikers + hikers (and at the same time as restricting speeding motorized traffic?) That would be a wonderful resource in town or on the outskirts.
- 2) Stop just thinking about Parks. Recreation takes place AROUND Palisade. Where are the trailheads? Directions to them?  
Housing Clean up areas S. of town - huge trash heaps - bug the BLM.

- More bike trails (like Fruita)
- Utilizing river more
- Keep trying on Kayak park

This is a very pedestrian friendly town.  
Bicycling through town could be improved

Comments for this Section:

Connect parks and town to river and mountain trails by sidewalks & bike paths.

Comments for this Section:

Don't block stuff you have no clue about. I was at some of the whitewater park meetings and all the talk about water. There is no using water at a whitewater park, if the river's flowing great, if it's not no one would be in the park. If you people had worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  as hard to get it as you did to Housing block it, we could have had one of the best whitewater parks in the country. Shame on you All!!!

**ACTION:**

complete Colo river trail  
connections down valley

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Town lost money when rough water  
park was turned down. Worth \$100,000 a year

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I don't use parks enough to know that much about all  
the above detailed questions. Recreation is important but  
most people make their own depending on their interests.  
ie City should maintain the open-spaces & the public will  
use them without a lot of "organizing" by the City.

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quite spending money we don't  
have, streets, sidewalks and  
the public department should be the  
number one priorities for city  
expenditures

I don't even ride a bike. But if you would put a bike lane over East O.M. fruit & wine country, about 3ft wide on each side of road you would increase tourism and the top base for Palisade. It is already used by bikers why not make Palisade biker friendly. Usually people who ride seriously have money (middle class) to spend! Put lights

Housing

Comments for this Section: Recent development at Riverbend has been great. Time to get Peachbowl up to date with playground equipment & a <sup>(concrete)</sup> pedestrian path at the perimeter of the park for winter walkers. Improve the park for the kids on this side of town.

## more Biked water sports

Comments for this Section: The wine/Brew Pub/Distillery crowd is fine and well covered by the Town. I would like the more traditional, less "New West/Enviro" People & Tourists to feel welcome @ Home. The Home coming @ Home was great & good for Business. Graduation should be in Palisade. It would fill the new Motel & Restaurants gas & grocery. How about a trap lay pigeon area for Waterfowl Hunters. Painting & Signs for ATV-Horse-4x4 @ Rapid Creek & Horse Mtn

Housing

~~Comments for this section:~~  
More athletic oriented events i.e.  
~~Foot~~ races or combination events

After school programs for kids. More fun walks  
& races. Bike friendly / bike paths to  
schools. Good places to play in the River

RESIDENTS OF THIS AREA HAVE NO RESPECT FOR  
BICYCLE RIDERS. TRUCKS HAVE "BLOWN" ME OFF THE ROAD.  
DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE ARE A CONSTANT WORRY. MANY  
OF MY FRIENDS GO ELSEWHERE TO RIDE — AND BY THIS  
I MEAN TO OTHER CITIES OR MOUNTAIN AREAS.  
HOW SAD BECAUSE IT IS SO BEAUTIFUL HERE — RIDING  
AROUND THE ROADS THROUGH THE ORCHARDS AND VINEYARDS AND  
THE CLIMATE IS FABULOUS.

Is recreation all you care about?  
What about streets, irrigation, snow  
removal?

The streets are in terrible condition. With no  
sidewalks, terrible streets, biking, walking, jogging  
all become perilous activities!

Palisade is an ideal location for a shooting range that encompasses rifle, pistol, shotgun, and bow & arrow shooting.

## SIDEWALKS OFF LIMITS TO BICYCLES

I'm not convinced that hiring a rec. coordinator is completely necessary, but obviously someone needs to coordinate. Maybe a part-time paid employee could coordinate a point person for each activity?

You need to keep the 3 vacant parcels north of town for parking. Those lots are always full for Sunday Market, the festivals, parades, etc. Please don't be foolish and sell your parking and force people to park on residential streets.

I do not feel that we need more recreation but more small cultural events.

Palisade is not Colo. Nat. Monument or the mesa, where I often go for recreation. For a town the local recreational opportunities are fine.

I don't know what the demand for rec. programs are. If there is a demand identified, my preference would be to meet the need as cost effectively as possible.

**Comments for this section:**

Encourage classes at gym - yoga, pilates, etc. Would bring funds back to Town for improvements. Don't hire new staff - do get instructors who will have classes & charge fees to participants

Lack of information about our current initiatives hinders my ability to respond.

**Comments for this section:** This is tough. I use River Bend 6-1 times a week, summer & winter and I appreciate some of the improvements there and the town's efforts to keep it up. If we allow camping there, it would take away from the ability to walk there and enjoy nature. Right now, Audubon counts birds there in the spring. Increased development

(cont) would send more birds away. Already in 20 years I have seen decreased numbers. We need a park like Riverbend so that people can get out and walk. Make a campground elsewhere where it would not destroy a natural environment,

**Comments for this Section:**

try to get partnerships w/ government agencies to make local hiking more accessible. Need parking lots, maps etc... for hiking and mountain biking in area which would also help w/ tourism and others in the Valley coming to our community to spend money in our

## SAVE MONEY FOR SEWER UPGRADE

Would love to see the stagecoach trail reopened currently have to be dropped off and picked up as there is no parking allowed. This was the best trail for hiking and mountain biking in the valley. I would also love to see a small sledding hill.

The Board and especially the administrator just are out of touch. If you wanted feedback about recreation issues and not much else you should have titled the survey as such. This seems to be veiled enabling document to give the administration license to create what it wants.

Enough recreational activities already present. Be careful to not compete with private facilities as the new gym program progresses.