



**CITY OF CHEWELAH**

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# Downtown & Housing Subarea Plan

## Workshop 3 - Q&A

**Question 1:** Are there opportunities for revisions of the Trails (referring to the Trail Alignments' slide?) If so, may we discuss the possibility of the East Creek Walk crossing back to 3rd street, between the museum and PACA, meeting up with the Primary Walking Trail?

*Answer: There is flexibility, we have looked at the situation and public feedback, talking with the City and discussing plans along with feasibility, land ownership and cost. As proposed, this is the most likely path for implementation. There are areas for east connection near the museum, and interconnection piece. Additionally, future planning for the trail may consider the east to west connection points.*

**Question 2:** Can we create a loop style trail in the city park as well as the north-south plan?

*Answer: A loop trail in just the City park – this is a great option and will build off of Chewelah walking trail, east creek walk, and the west downtown area, there are plenty of opportunities to connect and create future systems.*

**Question 3:** We are currently organizing projects for the Chewelah Creative District. Those projects include murals, wayfinding signs, and a beautiful, interactive informational kiosk with a small deck and seating. I am the project lead for the Kiosk. Can we please coordinate? If we could plan our project along with those responsible for approval and implementation of these projects, it would help a ton.

*Answer: Yes, I will follow up with off line after the meeting.*

**Question 4:** Is there a possibility of making the Civic Center kitchen a Commercial Kitchen?

*Answer: Yes, that is a possibility. The assessment revealed that the city should work with the local health department through compliance guidelines for a commercial kitchen.*

**Question 5:** On the municipal center, is the skate park still part of each option or are other plans being considered for that area?

*Answer: There are no changes to the skate park at this time.*

**Question 6:** On the 3rd Street Promenade, removable traffic barriers can be installed to allow for events that may need kiosk loading or food trucks in, but also can be blocked off allowing a safe place for community public gatherings.

*Answer: Great idea, seems like a good middle ground. Streets in other cities*

**Question 7:** As part of the hardware store, in question, on 3rd street, I have a lot of questions regarding traffic and street access. It is a primary street for our freight trucks and customer traffic. When will there be an opportunity for us to discuss this in detail?

*Answer: I (Alicia) will set up time with you following this meeting to discuss your freight and access needs.*

**Question 8:** Can you give examples of "incentives" and ways to "encourage" these housing changes?

*Answer: Education and outreach as a first step. Work with individuals, groups, and educate developers when they come in for permitting.*

**Question 9:** It's been a challenge in the past working with the railroad on public space. How would it be possible to work with them to secure access along the entire rail corridor for a multi-use trail.

*Answer: Working with the railroad takes a long time to work through all of the logistics. Yes, the railroad can be difficult to work with. This would be a longer-term goal of this plan.*

**Question 10:** Where do you think mixed use development is possible?

*Answer: mixed use in the downtown core specifically for 2-story and 3-story buildings. These types of buildings offer the best set up for commercial on the first floor with residential on top.*

**Question 11:** I think polling should be sent out somehow to all interested parties instead of just to the few people who can miss work to be at a specific timed public meeting. Perhaps we could put it in on the Independent's Facebook Page for the Polls (or somewhere else)? I know a lot of people in the community may go a bit sideways with their comments, but that is just a normal risk with using social media. You may get more input that way.

*Answer: Good suggestion. Social media is a terrific tool to help with the communications and overall participation of the plan. We will continue to partner with local groups where we can access specific groups through various social media platforms.*

**Question 12:** Parking has always been an issue in the downtown area. Won't allowing more residential structures add to the parking problem?

*Answer: The city codes address parking requirements during permit review. The intent of the trail and this plan is to create alternative modes of transportation for people to select. Yes, parking will always be something the city needs to address as the city grows and develops.*

**Question 13:** I have never seen all parking spaces full downtown. We could add extra ADA parking, but most people can walk a block or even 2 to their destinations.

*Answer: Again, parking will be finite and will have to be continuously addressed as the city grows.*

## Chat

- Work with the railroad has not been a possibility in the past.
  - I think there is a possibility. We just have not found or been able to "locate" the right person to move forward.
- I love how you all have used the creek to tie this project together so cohesively.
- There should be no Single Family zoning in this area. Throughout history, these areas "grow" and change over time. Read "Strong Towns"
- Is the trail not VERY very close to the creek behind (along the west side of the softball field) which is why I am questioning/suggesting the possibility of changing the trail to move east between the museum and the PACA building to connect up with the trail along 3rd street.

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- The polling responses will be posted on the website and available to all who are interested.
- Progressive Rail (BNSF)
- I also run the NEW Creator's Workshop on 3rd street. I would love a festival corridor there!
- TEDD has begun talking with them on other potential partnerships and that might be the foot in the door we could use to seek access to the ROW
- BNSF doesn't want any development along their tracks, per their property management co. Jones, Lang, LaSalle.
- For anyone who missed the first set of workshops (Vision and Implementing the Vision), information and polling questions/responses are still posted on the Planning page of our City of Chewelah website for reference.
- Parking on Clay would be a massive benefit, especially with a beautiful promenade on 3rd street!
- Nothing is open on Friday night, lol