

June 6, 2022

Re: Town of Springdale History and Visitors Center

Dear Mayor Bruno and Springdale Town Council,

I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the proposed location of the George A. Barker River Park for the new Springdale History and Visitors Center.

I feel it's important to start by saying it is this location that I oppose, not the actual History and Visitors Center. My opposition to the park for this is due to my feelings that this will have a negative impact on the park.

I personally use this park on a daily basis. I enjoy the fact that I can bring my dogs there for both on- and off-leash activities. The park, to me, is a peaceful oasis in the midst of a very busy town – a place where I feel removed from all the “busyness” that our town experiences with the influx of visitors on a daily basis. As soon as I pull into the park, I feel as if I have entered a different town altogether.

My concern is that by constructing the new History and Visitors Center at the park, this will greatly impact the traffic (both vehicle and pedestrian) into this area and consequently permanently change the park from a quiet and peaceful area to a busy and congested area.

I wonder if there are other areas in town that might be better suited to having this center, places that are already part of the main path of travel for tourists. And I respectfully ask the town council to consider the impact that this would have on the River Park as you make your decision.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for the time each of you invests into our town.

Sincerely,  
Sue Swanson