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Please leave your comments or questions below.	Ladies and Gentlemen, I would love to attend the meeting March 8th regarding Howelsen Hill, but I am attending the Gooding wedding in Mexico. The SSWSC and Howelsen Hill Ski area are an integral part of this community and have influenced the lives of thousands of children over the decades. Please, let's keep the tradition alive and vibrant in the future. Please support Jim Boyne and his efforts to create champions in life as well as on the Hill. Thank you!
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Please see text of email sent to me this evening from residents, Bob and Sue Neville: "Dear Jim, Sue and I will be unable to attend the City Council meeting March 8, 2016, but I would like to voice our opinion. Our family has supported Steamboat Springs as a community since 1975, and with that commitment we have also believed in the SSWSC. As long time residents of Steamboat, we recognize the community and all that makes STEAMBOAT be STEAMBOAT. SSWSC is the heart of this community providing for the kids today and certainly reaching well past earlier generations for those children. How, we as a community can even question the future of maintaining Howelsen Hill is beyond me and many others. The recreational facility at Howelsen is not only a historical monument to Colorado skiing history, it is a needed MUST to maintain the banner of "SKI TOWN USA". It is Howelsen that has been here for Steamboat to train more Champions from the past and the FUTURE than any place in America, diminish the maintenance of Howelsen and we tarnish the potential of our future. So, my vote goes that in this world today, we (Steamboat) go with the asset that makes us successful today and in the future. In this case Steamboat Springs, Colorado and it's Winter Sports Club do just that, we support maintaining Howelsen Hill for now and the future of Steamboat Springs Colorado. Respectfully, Bob and Sue Neville"

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I am writing to express to you my sincere feeling about the special place Howelsen Hill holds in our community and our heritage. In my opinion Howelsen Hill, and especially it's Alpine and Nordic ski programs, reflect the values our community places on our youth, our families and the immeasurable benefits an outdoor focused lifestyle gives one. While I appreciate that the City Council has many and varied stewardships, it would be shortsighted of you to lose sight of these values, turning your focus to purely financial criteria when evaluating how you will maintain and preserve this treasure. More so, for you to not to acknowledge and recognize the direct and indirect economic value that the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club, the primary user of Howelsen Hill, brings to our community would be a travesty. On a personal level, while growing up in Steamboat, as an Alpine racer, my son Scott was lucky enough to be part all Howelsen Hill and SSWSC had to offer. Beyond pure athletics, Scotts involvement in SSWSC's programs developed skills and a work ethic in him that allowed him to earn a Bachelor's and Master's degree from CU in 4.5 years (graduating with High Distinction honors – 3.92 GPA) while coaching Alpine ski racing for all four years at Eldora Mountain Ski Club. I do not think he could have done this without the values instilled in him by the coaches and

programs of SSWSC – all of which are integrally entwined with Howelsen Hill. Please do not take this same opportunity away from our next generation of Steamboat youth by being shortsighted with your commitment to Howelsen Hill.

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Greetings Council Members: I am unable to attend tonight's meeting on the future of Howelsen Hill at which time I would have made the following comments: 1. Please remember how important our community's Olympic tradition is to the brand that is Steamboat today. Most resort communities envy our brand strength, and our long history of producing successful winter sports athletes stands as a cornerstone to that brand. In recent years, Vail and Aspen have made significant investments in their winter sports training facilities. We cannot sit back on our laurels. 2. The recent cooperative effort by SSRC and SSWSC to create a world class training venue (new race trail) is an appropriate response to what's happening at Vail and Aspen. It creates the opportunity for speed training on an appropriate surface and has been well-received by athletes and coaches. 3. The new venue has reduced crowdedness on HH, particularly on Thursday nights. This creates an opportunity for broader SSWSC programming as well as increased opportunities for skiing by the general public. Bringing more children into the sport at HH should be priority for the City. Our competitors would kill for a facility like HH. It gives Steamboat Springs such a big advantage in terms of overall community appeal. I appreciate that Council is finally focused on ensuring the long term vitality of this Steamboat gem. Thanks for your

consideration. Chris Diamond SSWSC Board Member and
retired ski guy

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Dear City Council -

Although I am traveling and out of town for the City Council meeting to discuss the future of Howelsen Hill (HH), I still would like to make a few comments regarding HH and the importance that it has within our community.

I have been involved in the SSWSC for many years both as a parent and now as a Board member. While I believe the Club is a tremendous asset to the community, it is important to recognize that HH is, has, and will continue to be just as important.

Having said that, I believe there are several opportunities for the City and community to better leverage the ski facilities and the greater park overall.

1. Consistent, Well-Communicated Operating Hours. One of the obvious challenges with HH seems to be community usage. There appears to be a perception that HH is for the SSWSC when in reality it is a city asset that is and should be available to the general public. There are obviously times when it may not be ideal for the public to be skiing but there are other times when it is. In addition, over the last few years, the operating hours have seemed inconsistent which makes it even more difficult for people to take advantage of HH.

2. Terrain Attractions. Building on point #1, the addition of terrain features (half pipe, big air jumps, rails, etc) specifically designed for local, park-focused snowboarders and skiers could fill a significant void left by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp's (SSRC) decision to eliminate such features. I don't know the right approach here but I believe there is a need which HH can fill.

As for the greater HH park overall, my opinion is that there is quite a bit the city can do to maintain HH as a useful and valuable community asset.

3. Fieldhouse. After having raised 3 children in town, one of whom is still grappling with teenage challenges, I firmly believe that Steamboat is sorely lacking in activities/outlets/options for tweens and teens. I recognize that several "fieldhouse" initiatives have come and gone over the years but just because they haven't hit the sweet spot for funding, it doesn't mean the need is any less. A city-run facility in the vicinity of HH would be a tremendous add to the overall picture.

4. Other Activities. Over the years, the SSWSC has successfully operated several ancillary attractions that have become quite popular with the general public. The alpine slide and tubing hill are the two best examples but with some attention and effort, other similar attractions have the potential to drive both community usage and positive cash flow.

And finally, in regard to the SSWSC in particular. The club is an important economic engine for the community in spite of the recent focus on how much money may be required to maintain the ski jumps and/or operate the ski area. At the end of the day, over 30% of our children participate in the club. That's a tremendous number of children and the local events they and their cohorts compete in have a significant economic impact throughout our entire community.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Email received by me today from Matt Tredway, community member, former teacher and President of the SSWSC Board: "Jim, I am trapped in Dallas today as a function of rough weather. I had every intention of not only being at the meeting today, but speaking. I am hopeful you will convey my thoughts. As I contemplate the relationship between SSWSC, Steamboat and Howelsen Hill, I am struck by not only the amazing forward thinking original pioneers/developers, but the generations of dreams as well. This Hill has become the nucleus of our community. For over 100 years, SSWSC coaches and athletes have shared a common goal of excellence. Howelsen has and is the training ground for generations of kids with the most lofty aspirations. It is easy to look right to the long, growing list of Olympians for proof, but they are only a fraction of the lives changed by virtue of this Hill and community. Reality shows us that most participants will not make an Olympic team. The coaching and teaching philosophy of SSWSC understands this and focuses on not only on skiing technique, but helping our athletes becoming better students, and people. We believe the virtues that make a champion on the slopes transfer into making champions in life. We teach our athletes that there is no easy way. If it was easy, everyone would do it. We say that anything worth doing is hard to do. It is difficult to achieve

goals, but easy to take the path of least resistance. We state there will be hundreds of obstacles to overcome in order to do something meaningful. The irony of course is that we as a community stand in a similar position now as our athletes. This is an obstacle to our training ground's future. It would be easy to fold; Easy to quit; "It's too expensive," "It has problems." Do we quit? I say no! We practice what we preach. We do the extra work. We fight for Howelsen!"

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Greetings City Council members, I am unable to attend this evening's City Council meeting. As you listen to community members at tonight's Special Meeting regarding plans for Howelsen Hill's future use, I would like to convey a reminder on behalf of the City of Steamboat Springs Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), of which I am Co-Chair. The commission would like to remind you of Howelsen Hill's listing as an Historic Landmark on the Steamboat Springs Register of Historic Places which was approved by HPC on May 7, 2009. This resolution was passed because Howelsen Hill met Criterion 1 in the area of History and Criterion 3 in the area of Geographic Importance as set forth in the Routt County Register of Historic Places and State Register of Historic Properties designations and approved inclusion of Howelsen Hill in the Steamboat Springs Register of Historic Places. Any discussion regarding Howelsen Hill's future use should honor and sustain the area's historic and present use as a recreation and culture/outdoor recreation area. Future development must protect the buildings such as the Main Lodge and Tow House and other amenities including, but not limited to, ski jumps, judges towers, ski lifts, rodeo facilities, and other resources. Respectfully, Sally TeStrake Historic Preservation Commission

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Dear City Council, I am in support of the SSWSC and the City's collaborative efforts in maintaining and improving the amenities offered at Howelsen Hill. As a parent of a former SSWSC athlete we have very fond and cherished memories of Howelson Hill and the hours spent at races and training. Howelson is an extremely unique amenity for the locals and tourists to experience. We can improve the facilities without sacrificing the uniqueness. I have read Jim and Sarah's presentation for future improvements and in support them and the improvements. First and foremost improving the lodge and SSWSC offices would be imperative. If we are going to bring additional events to Howelson we need a place to reasonably run a race/event and a gathering place for the athletes. However, the "atmosphere" i.e. fireplace room, small town feel, log etc. needs to be maintained. A quality facility will bring in quality events resulting in more revenue. Additionally another area funding should focus on is the snowmaking. So a longer more consistent season can be set and to be able offer a facility later/earlier in the season SSWSC not only teaches athletes how to compete but it offers life experiences which they cannot learn anywhere else. Learning how to win and lose in life is important and the ability to pick your self up and move on with enthusiasm. SSWSC takes our kids and forms them into amazing future adults. Investing in the children in your

community the more likely those kids are going to come back and be valuable contributors. I contribute a lot of my son's success in life/college to the values instilled in him thru participating in SSWSC. This is jumping ahead, but I believe a revenue stream to help with the improvement projects could be a Steamboat Springs Park Pass(maybe it should be implemented City wide for all parks) sold to allow individuals to access Howelson/Emerald Mtn. There are a lot of additional users of Howelson besides SSWSC. Maybe some sort of parks pass would be required for uphill access. I know this would be met with ALOT OF OPPOSITION but I believe it should be looked at seriously. Also SSWSC should look at getting more serious with forming an Alumni Association for former athletes to contribute to. As it develops it could be a hefty revenue stream just as it can be with colleges/and universities. Thank you for listening. Cindy

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Please leave your comments or questions below.	We support SSWSC and the City to maintain and improve Howelsen Hill and all the future improvements outlined in Jim and Sarah's power point presentation dated February 9, 2016. We feel Howelsen Hill is an important historic attribute to our City and its culture. It is imperative the City and SSWSC continue to work in collaboration to maintain Howelsen Hill. We want Steamboat Springs and specifically Howelsen Hill to be a competitive venue for future events. As parents of current SSWSC athletes, our family values the experiences and lessons that come from spending time at such a unique and iconic ski area. It would be a travesty to let such an important part of our community to fall behind and not strive to improve.
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Dear Steamboat Springs City Council, I am writing in regards to the Howelsen Hill discussion that will take place this evening. Howelsen Hill is one of Steamboat's most cherished and cornerstone amenities and attractions. The majority of Steamboat Residents utilize Howelsen Hill for some form of recreation. In addition, thousands of tourists spend time at the complex. It is important that we invest in Howelsen Hill. Maintaining it as an open space and park is important for our residents. Howelsen is unique in the way that it brings together so many diverse people with different interests. Where else does a complex exist that offers skiing, tennis courts, playgrounds, skate board ramps, mountain biking, and the beloved summer concerts. With the upgrades being made to the trail systems and Yampa Avenue, Howelsen could become a bigger draw for tourists and residents. A well planned footprint with upgraded facilities would entice tourists to spend more time at the complex. Currently, the footprint is a bit disjointed. The facilities such as Olympian Hall, the concession stand and restrooms are in need of capital improvements. Signage for trails and the complexes amenities need to be more visible ,professional and appealing. The top 5 items to be addressed over the next 5 years should include: 1. A well planned design that has walkways adjoining the various

facilities. Should also include revamped parking system. 2. Refurbish Olympian Hall 3. Upgraded Restrooms and Bike Wash Station with upgraded snack stand. 4. Better and more visually appealing signage. 5. Summer - water fountains by playgrounds. 6. A public pool would be killer, but I know I'm grasping at straws here. Thanks for you consideration. Jenn Warren General Manager Steamboat Resorts

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Dear Council members. I am unable to attend the upcoming council meeting specific to Howelsen Hill. Thank you for taking the time to consider my feedback via email. * The Howelsen Hill ski area is an integral part of the fabric of our community. * It is critical that there is a strategic plan developed to maintain and preserve it. * Howelsen Hill along with the SSWSC hosting of numerous events have a significant economic impact to our local business and our tax base. * A great example is the upcoming NCAA championships. The University of Colorado ski team, as an example is staying at Bear Lodge @ Trappeurs Crossing with 12 athletes and 4 coaches along with various supporting members. * The NCAA championships have no less than 8 schools bringing full squads along with another 15 or more schools with a total athlete count of 160. * you can find this info at this link <http://www.ncaa.com/news/skiing/article/2016-03-01/ncaa-mens-and-womens-skiing-committee-announces-championship> * Steamboat would not be Ski Town USA without Howelsen Hill. * It is the oldest continuously operating ski area west of the Mississippi. This can be leveraged. * The SSWSC has been a valued partner with the City of Steamboat Springs in operations, development and maintenance of Howelsen Hill. * 1/3 of Steamboat children participate at some level in a

SSWSC program, making it arguably the largest after school program in the country. * I am a volunteer coach for young children. I can speak first hand to the value the parents find in having their children enrolled in SSWSC programs. I also believe one of the council and the City of Steamboat Springs greatest challenges is in recognizing that government does not generally run business very well. I urge you to visit places like Snow King ski area in Jackson, Wy. It operates successfully alongside the world class Jackson Hole ski area. Enter into discussions with the Steamboat ski area leadership team. I believe a significant part of their bottom line comes from food and beverage services and ski school. Is the snack bar at Howelsen Hill the best effort in Food and Beverage? * There is MUCH due diligence that needs to be done. Please give this the time and effort it deserves. And please be forward thinking as this comes under the microscope and look at what Howelsen Hill could become. * Businesses need a mission statement, vision, leadership and continual investment to not only survive, but to thrive. Thank you for considering my feedback. Regards, Chuck O'Connell

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Dear Community and City Council of Steamboat Springs:

Our Ski Jumps, especially, the HS 100 and the HS 120 are standing monuments, actually lighted beacons, celebrating our 100 year tradition of Ski Jumping in Steamboat Springs. The Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation and our Community tout Steamboat as "Ski Town USA", a slogan that references these jumps and this Nordic Sports heritage.

Of the hundreds of Olympians we take pride in counting as our's, most of them made their careers on these very ski jumps. How much is the value of each of these Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Olympian's to our Community's marketing efforts and our pride? Would we be "Ski Town USA" without these jumps, without 75% of our Olympian's?

Can anyone remember the pride, joy, tears and jubilation we all shared on Lincoln Avenue when welcomed Johnny Spillane, Billy Demong and Todd Lodwick from the Vancouver Olympics with their Gold and Silver Medals? I have never personally been a part of such a united community spirit; it was as if together we all won those medals.....we shared their accomplishment and their joy as a community, those were our medals! I was literally holding back tears on Lincoln Avenue that night.

Not only are the HS 100 and the HS 120 symbols of our great Nordic Sports heritage, but they are vibrant components of the current Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Community; not just in Steamboat Springs, but across the entire country. In this country there are only a handful of "big hills", only 3 that are used

consistently, they are namely, Lake Placid, Park City and Steamboat Springs. The upkeep and upgrading of these hills are essential for our Development and National Teams to train and be competitive on a world stage.

The hills at Steamboat Springs are uniquely suited to be the *premier* Ski Jumps in our Country because of the consistent snow and colder temperatures in the Yampa Valley. Currently the large hills at Park City and Lake Placid are without snow and not being used. This need for snow and colder temperatures are also testing the jumping sports in Europe, where most of the World Cup Competitions exist. Because of this climatic situation, and the critical role Team USA plays in Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined, I believe that FIS would be interested in assisting our community in maintaining and upgrading our "big hills". They are currently engaged in negotiations with another community in the Mid West to assist in their efforts to upgrade a hill with a plastic out-run and a ceramic in-run for year round jumping.

Some people in our community speak of the perceived low numbers of athletes that use these jumps. With new, updated, year round Big Hills, the Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined programs in this town would surge....athletes from all over the country would come here to train and compete. Without these Big Hills, unfortunately, interest in Ski Jumping will fade....for our young aspiring athletes the HS 75 and 45 are only the stepping stones, the Big Hills are the destination.

I believe it is time to look into improving and updating these jumps rather than abolishing or just band aiding them. I would volunteer to lead a group of advocates to investigate this possibility. What would it save the City of Steamboat Springs over the years if we rebuilt these Ski Jumps to current FIS standards....where we no longer needed to do hill stabilization and erosion control? With updated facilities we could once again host World Cup Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined competitions in Steamboat Springs.....we really would once again be "Ski Town USA"....think about it!

Sincerely,
Hans Berend
Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Diehard Fan