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**From:** Avery Augur <avery[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** City of Creede  
**Subject:** Basham Park Pavillion Thoughts

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing you today to give my wholehearted support to the design proposed by Anderson Inge for the new Basham Park Pavillion.

I think that it'll be a wonderful addition to Creede.

Thanks for your consideration.

Avery Augur  
**Creede America**

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**From:** Paul Barnes <p[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 9:29 AM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** Gazebo

Just my opinion on the gazebo:

I think it should keep the traditional octagonal gazebo shape.

The lower it is, the more accessible it will be. I would suggest a step or two off the ground at the most. The old gazebo was high enough that no one wanted to go up in it. It was hardly ever used.

Paul Barnes

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**From:** Kate Berry <kate[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 5:29 PM  
**To:** Randi Snead  
**Subject:** New Gazebo Design Feedback

Hey Randi,

RJ and I looked at the photo and here are our thoughts. :D

It doesn't appear to have much seating. It also looks small, and a bit like a glorified rest stop bench. RJ doesn't like the look overall and would love to see something that reflects our silver mining heritage.

Kate

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**From:** Cynthia Koets [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 9:41 AM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** Gazebo

Hi there!

I would like to weigh in on the design for the gazebo/structure in the park. The proposed design does not really fit with the town in my opinion. I really like Mark Tiley's design, but I feel seats should be added to it. I definitely think a round design should be used.

I'm not a registered voter (yet!) but I do pay taxes. Please reconsider the design.

Thank you.

Cynthia Koets

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**From:** Bob Koets <b[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** Gazebo Design

I do not think the proposed design fits at all with Creede and must concur with those who have compared it to a bus stop. I also see very little utility in this design. I would strongly favor a more traditional design in the style of the existing gazebo. I also find it disturbing that we are engaging a designer from Great Britain when we have so much local talent. Much of Creede's charm and appeal is the amazing amount of artistic talent we have in such a small community. Why not tap these resources and make the new gazebo/park design a centerpiece of local pride?

Sincerely,  
Bob Koets

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**From:** Kim Kosciusko <k[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 02, 2017 8:15 AM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** Basham Park

Thank you Randi, for the work you have put in to this project.

I have such fond memories of the gazebo: our 4th of July songfest , the Snowshoe shuffle and mountain run awards, and countless other events that the gazebo *complimented*.

Reviewing the comments on Creede Happenings, I wholeheartedly concur with those who prefer the existing gazebo architecture. Removing the charming gazebo that's there now is like ripping the petals from a flower. It's a Creede icon! I especially like Mark Tiley's idea, and just add a ramp on the back of the structure that parallels Main Street- thus the aesthetics are preserved and handicap access is added- without compromising charm and history. Redo it in trex or a similar longer-lived material if necessary, but please preserve the architecture!

"Free" money comes at way too high a price if it means we have sacrifice the character of our town to receive it. I'd prefer nothing at all rather than the UK design which, to my mind, looks like it belongs in an urban (UK) setting,(read "bus stop") not our idyllic mountain town. To my mind, the proposed structure has all the charm of a strip mall, and detracts from, not adds to, the beauty of our town.

*Please* don't replace one of the nicest man-made features in our town with the proposed eyesore!

Thank you again for your hard work for this town that we all love SO MUCH!

With greatest respect and appreciation,  
Kim Kosciusko

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**From:** Stanley Kolisch <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 02, 2017 7:35 AM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** Basham Park Pavilion

I do not care for the simplistic design. Looks like the high school kids could build that.

Please make them replace the Pavilion with a covered Octagon Pavilion like it used to be back in the 60's. Where music bands could sit and play and the people could dance in the streets.

However, the problem nowadays is that people cannot have fun unless they are on drugs (alcohol or other) so there would probably never be dancing in the streets unless you allowed bottled beer and medicinal marijuana to be openly sold.

Please do not put in such a simple design to replace a city historical structure.

Stan Kolisch

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**From:** Katie Kurtz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 9:50 AM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** Gazebo comments

Hello,

My opinion for the new gazebo is that it should be built circular in the style of the existing structure with seating and a central area. I believe this design will fit more with the period in which Creede originated. Mark Tiley's sketch and those suggested by DeAunn Lowe represent a more appropriate structure.

Thank you.

Katie Kurtz

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**From:** shelly parham <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 8:09 PM  
**To:** Randi Snead  
**Subject:** Gazebo

I think it looks really good! Useable, easy access, and a view of the historical museum.

It is hard for people to give up things but this design I know will look nice but most importantly will be super user friendly.

Thank you for the work you have done and the effort you have made to make the community involved!

Thank you thank you!-Shelley

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**From:** Linnaea Renz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 02, 2017 6:54 PM  
**To:** Randi Snead  
**Subject:** Gazebo design

Dear Randi and the Board of Trustees,

First, thank you for all of the hard work you have put into redesigning the gazebo. Randi - I appreciate that you sought out grant funding to allow the city to create a great structure while minimizing the costs to local taxpayers. I also appreciate that you are working with an architect who has an immense amount of experience and a history with Creede.

Overall, I like the design. Here is what I like about it: 1) the natural materials and the way it blends in with the surroundings and mimics the vernacular of historical Creede architecture. 2) The openness of the design, which allows for a view of the museum and again blends in some. 3) The benches that move side to side - cool! 4) the perimeter bench (is it still in the design? couldn't tell...) 5) the low height - this, along with the benches and open sides allows for more access both during events and for the every day "picnic-er".

I read through the Facebook comments and was disappointed, but not surprised, by the negative comments and unwillingness to change. I understand the desire to keep it the same, however, there are many downsides to the current gazebo design, including its height, accessibility from only one side, disconnection from the rest of the park, and that it blocks the view to the museum. I think you have already identified these issues and hope that you will not be deterred by the nay-sayers and continue moving forward with a new design. One suggestion to appease people - maybe ask Anderson to make the design octagonal?

In summary, I think you have done a great job throughout this process and support the current design.

Thanks,

Linnaea Renz

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**From:** Michelle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** New Pavilion

Hello,

I don't love the new design set to take the place of the old gazebo in Basham park. One of my favorite uses of that gazebo is for musicians and the new space doesn't appear to lend itself, at all, to such use. I'm not too sure what the new design does lend itself to, functionally speaking. It looks a bit like a bus stop. I greatly appreciate all of the work I know has gone into this, but I feel a structure with a little more space and character would be a better fit.

Michelle

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**From:** amanda smith <a[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 02, 2017 8:52 PM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** Gazebo

Don't care for the gazebo design. Much prefer the design by mark tiley

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**From:** Randy Wood <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 2:24 PM  
**To:** Randi Snead  
**Cc:** Clyde Dooley  
**Subject:** Pavilion

Randi,

I would like to thank you for all of your hard work spear heading the Basham Park Pavilion project. It sure has gotten people's attention on FB.

It seems it would have been helpful if more than one designer was initially involved and more people had gotten involved in the conceptual stage. It seems that some of the people in favor of the new design don't have any long term ties to our wonderful community, they just want to reinvent the wheel. Personally I feel that if it isn't broken don't fix it. I, like the majority of people on FB are in favor of Mark Tiley's design or some thing very similar. Is there a possibility of somehow doing a public survey of registered voters in Mineral County? I know I don't live in the city but I have lived here for 20 years and Creede is my home and my town. It is a privilege to live in Mineral County and Creede.

Thanks again and luck to finishing this journey,

Randy Wood  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** John and Jan Thompson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 02, 2017 7:39 AM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** gazebo

Hi Randi, This design is boring-can we not do something a little more small town or fix the old one and make it bigger and lower. I imagine there are all kinds of restrictions these days on building in public places, but it could be a bit more friendly-this looks like a bus stop...Jan Thompson

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**From:** kipp ussery <k[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 5:01 PM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** Gazebo

It looks like from the Facebook posts that this design isn't very popular. I agree, it's not a gazebo and looks like something that would house soda machines. We would like to see a couple more designs and possibly have a voting session for the locals to choose the best design! Looking for something closer to the original design!

Sent from my iPhone=

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**From:** Sandra Wagnon <s[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 6:34 PM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** Gazebo

Can't make the meeting April 4 regarding the gazebo. However, I, as many others, prefer the elevated, bandstand feel of our current gazebo. An elevated circular or octagonal style with Victorian flair is in keeping with our very unique historic small town western atmosphere. It could be large enough for bands and interior seating (built in benches, picnic tables, etc.). Perhaps decking could be added outside to extend the use of the gazebo and provide more seating. To reduce the length of a ramp, the elevation could be lowered. Thank you, everyone.

Sandy Wagnon

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**From:** Becky Welsh <b[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 9:26 AM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** Gazebo

My husband and I will not be able to attend the meeting Tuesday as we will be out of town, but wanted to voice our opinion.

We would much prefer the round "gazebo style" be kept when considering a new structure. The proposed one looks more like a bus stop and doesn't seem to fit with Creede's personality.

Thank you so much for all the hard work you have put into this project. Looking forward to seeing the final design

Sincerely,

Jack and Becky Welsh

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**From:** Mary Jean Wallace <ma [REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 8:24 PM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** Letter re: gazebo

Please enter my letter into public record.

April 3, 2017

Dear Board of Trustees:

I am writing to state my support for the current proposed structure in Basham Park, as submitted, and the demolition of the current gazebo.

As the former Museum Director for the Creede Historical Society, I can state with certainty that the current gazebo not only blocks the view of the museum, but also limits tourism traffic into the museum. During my time as Museum Director, I spent hundreds of dollars on signs and flags to gain attention and admittance from Creede visitors. I was often told, by repeat Creede visitors, that they were unaware of the museum's existence. In a town as small as Creede, with limited avenues for advertising, visual recognition of local attractions is paramount to successful tourist participation. If the museum were more visible from Main Street, it would invite more visitors, and thus increase revenue.

According to multiple sources, Cultural Tourism is a growing market and is attracting more and more tourists to out-of-the-way places. Creede is uniquely placed to capitalize on Cultural Tourism, and the Creede Historical Museum is one of our many assets in this growing market. To see a further explanation of Cultural Tourism, please see *Archaeological Displays and the Public: Museology and Interpretation, Second Edition*, page 1. [https://books.google.com/books?id=19xmDAAQBAJ&dq=role+of+museums+in+cultural+tourism&lr=&source=gbs\\_navlinks\\_s](https://books.google.com/books?id=19xmDAAQBAJ&dq=role+of+museums+in+cultural+tourism&lr=&source=gbs_navlinks_s)

Further, as the former Museum Director, I can say with certainty that the current gazebo is not a historic structure. It has been standing for approximately fifty years and according to the Secretary of the Interior, it does not qualify as a "district, site, building, structure or object significant in American history, architecture, engineering, archeology or culture at the national, State, or local level."

However, the Creede Museum absolutely does qualify as a historic structure, as one of the original railroad depots for Creede and Mineral County. In this debate, the importance of one of our cultural landmarks and economic draws has been totally diminished in favor of misplaced romanticism.

As a historian, I will always speak in support of the preservation of history, no matter how difficult or inconvenient that preservation may be. As a Creede resident, I will always support projects that can boost our year-round economy and provide a more stable income for myself, my friends and my neighbors. I believe demolition of the current gazebo and replacement with the proposed structure will accomplish both of these goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Jean Wallace

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**From:** Debbie Whitmore <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 10:41 AM  
**To:** 'clerk@creedetownhall.com'  
**Subject:** gazebo

Randi,

I like the new plans. I especially like that there are not high stairs to climb. I prefer cedar shingles as opposed to metal roof. I realize that may not be practical or last long enough.

Debbie

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Debbie Whitmore Computer & Consulting Services Whitmore Financial Planning [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Eryn Wintz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 10:06 AM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** gazebo

Randi,

Because you asked for public feedback. No, I haven't attended the meetings, yes, I read the plans in detail; I humbly offer the following.

I joined the school board too late. I went to the design for the new school meetings, I asked the questions, still, we got an overpriced, under functioning, badly designed for our area and our practical use, non locally designed, built, and now "warranted" building. Lesson learned. Show up, so I joined up, and now give up precious time and energy so I can have a vote.

I can not join the city, and I don't need to. I see the design for the gazebo and feel the same rabbit hole. The ramp enters the floor from under a sloped roof on the north side, it will become inaccessible first and stay that way until spring melt. There is lots of seating yes, if you do not mind sitting on the "floor" and looking up at a band...

I understand change is hard, and I actually like the square open feel and I love the materials finally incorporated, however, people watching is at a premium here in the summer, lets have more seating, perhaps all four sides, and think about access all year for the ramps , you don't even need stairs so turn the slope of the roof and keep you r ramp or enter from ramps east and west ?

Short and sweet but loud,

Thanks for listening,  
Eryn Wintz

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**From:** TJ Foshea <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 11:27 AM  
**To:** clerk@creedetownhall.com  
**Subject:** Gazebo Rebuild

April 4, 2017

To All Who Are Concerned:

Many of us who love and support Creede cannot be present for the meeting regarding the rebuild of the gazebo, or the tearing down of same, and building a modern structure in its place. We follow all this from many, many miles away. However, this does not diminish our interest in things presented to the town. Some points in my opinion are debatable. Depends on what your desires are when visiting Creede. Some want to take in the beauty of the town and get ice cream. Some, people watch. We have visited the Museum and taken others many times. The gazebo was never a deterrent. In fact, while relaxing in the gazebo, I have seen folks notice the Museum and decide to visit. Much is based on opinion and which side of this "fence" you are on. I believe good discussion is positive, and if we can carry that out without being offended, it is wonderful! Whoever "wins" this issue, we will still love Creede and its people. Whether the gazebo qualifies as a "historic structure" is neither here nor there to many of us. WE have history there with our families, our pets, our friends, have shared meals in it, etc. Surely that counts for something! Please design something in keeping with the flavor of Creede! If we build something so modern and different, it will betray the history that we so proudly harken back to. This will be our 17<sup>th</sup> summer in Creede; it is our spiritual home and a place we esteem above all others.

Sincerely,

Andrea (Andy) & Tim Foshea  
Glen Rose, TX



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**From:** Kathleen Murphy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 2:56 PM  
**To:** City of Creede Town Clerk (Randi Sneed)  
**Subject:** The Gazebo

Mr. Mayor and City Trustees,

Regarding the proposed gazebo, please continue moving forward. The proper due diligence has been taken and for progress to continue we need to keep moving forward.

In the short amount of time that I have lived in Creede I have noticed that public outcry occurs at the apex of the project and then we start all over again. Take the 15 years it took for the city to make a decision regarding the floodplain land south of town. This should not be proper protocol. The proper steps were executed for the public to provide their input. It is unfortunate that people missed their opportunity to voice their opinion, however, if we as a town waited for everyone to speak we would never get anything done.

From day one I repeatedly heard, we need a year-round economy. Small improvements like the gazebo would provide countless winter-time activities/event possibilities that would bring the people. Please continue to support infrastructure improvements so that we may provide year-round opportunities for visitors and our local working staff.

Regards,  
Kathleen Murphy  
Registered Voter

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(honor your heart, your inner teacher)