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Hi Ms Bell,

My name is Charles Hendershott and four months ago I moved here from New York City -- back to Colorado where I was raised and schooled. I bought a small brick house on the corner of 3rd Street and Rudd Ave. (right next door to the hog back in question). I am retired and hope for success as being a fine art painter and a good citizen here in my retirement years. I am doing a series of landscapes of the Rio Arkansas Valley and the Royal Gorge and am currently having a show at McClellan's Restaurant on Main Street. I invite you to come take a look.

I worry that the fate of that area in question, below Skyline, might regress back to motor recreation park. I sure hope not, not only because of the air and audio pollution to the west end of town, but mainly, it would be sending the wrong message. To use fossil fuel for recreational purposes is in bad taste given the condition of the shortages and the political implications. There are people dying right now over oil and it should not be encouraged as a toy.

There are plenty of other options available that would benefit the citizens of Cañon City. For example, how about a non motorized course for bicycles and skate boards, a hiking trail, or a picnic area. These would promote fitness, give a positive image and not be a pollutant or an eye sore.

I intend to attend the Town Meeting tonight to hear what my neighbors think about what may be proposed for that area. If my two cents worth has any power, maybe I can help make a difference.

Thanks for your time and the good article that caught my attention.

Charles Hendershott