

## CODY 2020 SURVEY II - COMMENTS

### RECREATION

#### 2. Cody is a recreational hub in this region. Should more resources be devoted to the following...

**Other:**

- Cody needs an outdoor swimming pool. One EVERYONE can afford.
- Most better done by the private sector rather than government!
- Not skateboards or ATV. A good close snowmobile area would be a fantastic draw. Gun club events and a fishing derby.
- Quit spending the tax payers hard eard money, we do not want Cody to develope into some BIG city and all that comes with it!!!!
- Clean & maintain more trails on national forest.
- Cody rec. opprotunities are world class, but we must preserve them from the destruction of horses and motor vehicles by promoting human powered recreation.
- promoting motorcycles in not good for those who use their ears to hear with
- Clean up and keep clean our current city trails (especially the river walk trails) they are a sight with the disgarded concrete and trash.
- All of your questions are tainted toward your (2020) desired wants, doesn't have anything to do with the peoples ideas or wants. You ask to rank your agenda, you are not asking what the people want!!!
- In response to #3 below- Again, completing the trail system is something everyone of every age can enjoy
- pro sports events, like exibition between two pro basketball teams, more music concerts- Holly Dunn etc.
- Help with the promotion and cost of Yellowstone Quilt Fest held in Sept each year.
- Hang gliding, dirt bike events
- Non-western musical groups, vocal ensembles, classical or light opera
- Marked all as lowest priority. Comment - We have a really good supply of the above.
- Big game hunting
- family bowling with pizza and games --family safe and friendly
- We need to ask the question for each considered item, is this for the locals or to bring people to our community. And what do we have now and how can we expound on that, and what are we not doing or promoting at all.
- i am not sure we need more music/artfestivals/craft fairs. They need supported
- Symphonic music
- Free entrance to rec. center for all children and youth through age 18.
- Other events like the Boot Skooting Boogie
- Compute the actual \$ value of the creative arts in Cody & Park County. Call the Wyo Arts Council to get info on how & why you need to do this. Evaluate the creative economic engine driving our culture.
- Focus recreation for the benefit of the local community rather than making Cody a major tourist destination.
- Start thinking more for things our children can do. More activities an recreation for them to do. Weekend activities things that they can enjoy. NOT just things the people an adults want. A BIKE PARK a place kids can ride an play an be kids haveing fun an not have to worry about

getting a fine for just having fun...When I was a teen there were weekend dances but our Cody Fathers and others stopped that. I think as a parent and someone who has lived here and been born here and has seen a lot of changes here in Cody we need to start thinking about our children and build more things for them to enjoy. Also it might just help keep some of them out of the life of crime because they are just bored because Cody doesn't have anything for them to do. I remember all kids don't have the same interest

- I think we need to take care of what we already have. For example: The Riley Arena could really use support. We need more bathrooms at city park for the 4th of July.
- Sidewalks and biking trails in ALL parts of town. This allows people everywhere to walk and bike (two best and cheapest forms of exercise) this is also environmentally responsible and would encourage less fossil fuel use. A walkway / bikeway all the way around town too as part of this THIS IS HIGHEST PRIORITY.
- Bike lanes, including Powell Highway/Southfork/Northfork and bike trail all through the city of Cody.
- Increase exposure to shooting sports and hunting opportunities.
- REAL bike paths - not in the traffic lanes - would be great.
- Work on and improve the current facilities for youth.
- An indoor arena for equestrian events year round would be a huge boost to Cody. We are one of the few Wyoming communities of our size that doesn't already have one.
- How about some better facilities for rock climbing. We don't push this enough. We have great climbing here, but no areas designated as this. Maybe some permanent anchors placed somewhere with an actual parking lot, not by the side of the tunnels.
- community theater during the summer
- Want Cody of old but everyone is trying to change it to then new. Need more jobs.
- Improved baseball/softball complexes for hosting youth and adult tournaments.
- Farmer's Market
- Improve tennis courts and build two outdoor racquetball/squash courts
- Hunting
- More bicycle access areas
- the masses must be entertained; but not at the expense of private land owners
- You must decide what regional/national area you are going to promote for each activity, the cost to promote that activity, the funds available and foremost the benefits to the community, financially, activities to keep youth busy and out of trouble, creating a specific niche that fits the area and what the external (outside of Park County) expect and believe this area is and has been historically. Don't try to move in a totally different direction than what the area is known for and benefits the year round economy.
- Embrace the deer. Make positive contributions (Jackson area & the Elk herds) and embrace the tourist opportunities.
- Important to offer inexpensive classes that will help people get to know an activity more fully.
- dog park0 .....
- Complete, develop, increase, create, and always my favorite "additional." What happened to "expand"? I'm looking for "maintain" but don't see it on the list. I truly believe we need to maintain that which we have before doing anything new. Anyone visiting Highland Manor Park (which is literally in the 100's some days) knows that we don't even have a drinking fountain let alone a decent restroom facility. The "outdoor" toilet there smells bad, has been vandalized (paint) and kids have climbed the wall to peer into the window to watch someone inside. At the rec. center the "powers to be" decided not to reseal the gym floor. "Wait till next year when

we are doing major work" It doesn't work that way. Tournaments have been scheduled to use that facility in the late spring and by then that floor will be slick as ice. I've lived here for many years and during the last ten or so we seem to be focused on the area of town that tourist will see. What about the areas of town that our locals live near and use everyday? We have built elaborate signs with expensive landscaping (even underground sprinkling) welcoming people to our community but we can't even run a water (drinking) line to a park which has as much use or more on a daily bases than the city park. It's time to focus on taking care of what we have first and then look to your list above second. When the last time you saw flowers/plants in the underground posts near the entrance to the rec. center? How about the weeds located on city property? 13th street hill? We can't maintain those areas well be we add another park (Canal) and then move on again. Watch what happens to Canal Park in the coming years.

- Redesign of City Park--Even if it is "piece-at-a-time", the redesign of City Park needs to eventually be completed.
- Support facilities in place, golf course. rec center
- We need a more efficient way of advertising upcoming town events. Residents who don't listen to local radio or subscribe to the Enterprise are all too often left in the dark.
- Developing indoor recreation for children of all ages that is priced reasonably
- we should be happy with what we have and stay in budget without raising prices and spending money. Make everyone follow the same rules. You build it wrong tear it down. Follow the rules and do not make exceptions for some.
- Dog Park! I am not ready to pay a fine every time I want my dog to cut loose and run wild in one of the few large fenced in areas. If would could have a public dog park, this would be wonderful for the well being of the animal community around town.
- In addition to "craft" fairs and "art festivals", keeping an emphasis on highlighting the long-term artists' colony aspect of Cody is very important and a real draw for tourists, collectors and those who might want to re-locate here. Anything that can be supported to publicize this incredible area and its potential for the visual artist is vital.
- Conservation efforts such as watch dog efforts on the energy development. Give more resources to weed and pest. Put more teeth into game and fish regs. Cross country skiing.
- My family and I would like to see the themed parks including an indoor tennis facility.
- Extended bike paths through town area, no more parks (they are high cost maintenance), soccer fields, options open to people of ALL incomes
- There is not a lot to do that isn't "cowboy" themed. Thats a huge lack of diversity, especially for young adults or teens.
- maintain existing resources
- I think there are plenty already and we should not spend additional money on recreation. We should maintain what we have.
- Improve Tennis Courts and please don't remove any!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- find a way to combine dining experiences with music events and other activities - create experiences around what we enjoy so there is energy attached to the experiences.
- We don't want to see Cody families not be able to enjoy our great outdoors because it's over run with guided sports of every type. People flock here because it isn't Jackson and people live here because of our quiet wide open spaces.
- Improve the Farmer's Market Venue
- River park, and X-country/downhill skiing most important activities. Anything to boost winter!
- Bike trails for road bikes to get around town.
- Continue to support the hockey clubs and league

- better promotion of existing Cody Rec. opportunities, ie. ice skating, swimming, winter activities.
- Better tennis facilities; better yet, an indoor facility. Thing about the sport of paddle tennis. Develop Demaris Hot Springs. Developing rock climbing possibilities.
- Please remember that more use (Wilderness, hiking, hunting, etc) actually decreases the quality of the experience and will decrease the customer base in the long run when it becomes too crowded to be a premiere location.
- Developing Cody as a Dark Skies city will draw more tourism throughout the year, as does Flagstaff. Most people in North America do not have a chance to see Northern lights, or stars at night.
- I think Demaris mineral springs is a hidden gem. I know it is privately owned, but maybe there is a way to lease the property. Also, tennis seems to have a growing interest. Indoor courts would be a wonderful addition to the community and would benefit the tennis program in the High School as well.
- Your survey is flawed in that you can't prioritize all of the above. I know recreation is important but leave it to the private sector when it can be done. There are a LOT more important items to address than more parks and recreation. We have a lot already.
- I think we need to make sure that existing recreation facilities are supported fully. If the community were to pass a capital facility tax to pay off Riley Ice Arena, complete Sleeping Giant Ski Area, complete the trail system, construct a community auditorium, and fully develop unused parks for use for sports and entertainment purpose, and create endowments for each of these endeavors (in this order). When a person goes to a community like Bend, OR they can see what a difference these types of facilities make (I think my son said Wow, I think I could live here). I want Cody to be that type of place!
- We need clean technologies, more non-service sector type opportunities that provide permanent employment opportunities with benefits and livable wage scales. Cody's long term sustainability is dependent on those types of employment. The above are seasonal at best and provide limited full time opportunities.
- Emphasize non-motorized trail system, bike paths, and green belts. Make Cody Bike friendly.
- These don't create real jobs...they just make Cody a nice place to live...which then attracts real jobs.
- I don't know what the process is, but it would be nice to have an American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) sanctioned show in our area. I don't think there are many at all in the state of Wyoming..... that might help bring in more people to show/recreate wine/dine etc.
- Children's Museum
- Dog park for tourists and locals. Paintball fields. Spray park. A playground on the rec center grounds. Outdoor reading area at the library.
- This town needs to make sure any parks/trails etc., are maintained. The City of Cody has attempted to create a great park system, and it's there, but it is not maintained and is a disgrace by the middle of July. Weeds and un-pruned trees make Cody look like a joke in the summer.
- Water slide like Billings. Upgrade mini golf course. Randy Farmer has developed several superior courses around the area.
- Focus should be on healthy non motorized activities. Cody should become a hub for 'outdoor' adventure type activities...promoting a healthy physical life style.
- Increase non-motorized sports - i.e. - Mountain Biking
- Cody has some of the most premier mountain biking in a this region. It should be explored and used. The trails can be multi use and create opportunities for all recreation.

- Why is mountain biking not on this list? Cody has the opportunity to develop mountain biking as a economic force, much like Fruita, Co or Moab, Utah. Non motorized recreation should be highest priority.
- trail system for non-motorized users.
- Complete the BLM lease by the city reservoirs/Beck Lake and build out a mountain bike trail system and jump park. Cody has a bunch of world class mountain biking out out back door, but it is not mapped, signed or promoted. A whitewater kayak park, like Green Rivers, would be a huge boost.
- Bike trail system. Urban bike trails.
- Within the complete trail system it would behove the county and city to develop multiuse trails for mtn biking, hiking, horseback riding. See the Prickly Pear Trust and their work in Helena, MT for examples.
- Bouldering

## Recreation

### 3. What kind of new recreational opportunities would best serve the following groups?

#### *Teens*

- Outdoor pool
- diet program
- Ski and ice skating
- Start recreation clubs centered around things other than just sports.
- Teen Center
- Orienteering contests (goes by another name, I believe)
- dance club, IMAX theater
- A teen park w/ activities (volleyball, tennis, etc.)
- indoor rock walls, paint ball, lazer tag type of activities
- More activities of any kind, especially development of outside sporting such as rock climbing, hiking, fishing, skiing ect.
- LaCrosse
- teen supervised club; outtings in summer,
- kayaking, rafting, climbing, hiking, skiing, biking
- indoor go carts, paintball
- Plenty already
- Dances for teens only
- outdoor recreation, Mt. Bike, X-game activities, kayak park,
- Hands on activities, windsurfing, mountain biking/hiking, Bible school retreats with the summer activities already available
- off highway vehical park for ATV's and motorcycles & a place for teens to play pool etc..
- music events
- parenting and personal innovatation instead of government.
- Teen Center that offers dancing every weekend.
- atv- dirt biking - trail or motocross type riding with bikes (dirt biking)
- More after school activities that are not connected to the Rec Center
- winter sports
- family entertainment center for gatherings and weekend fun.
- teen club offering dance nights
- gymnastics, competition cheerleading, lacross, bycycle racing, motocross/atv racing, themed park,rollerskating rink.
- Non-alcoholic night club / video game room
- hunting & fishing & camping
- fishing hiking climbing running
- Rec. center teams for various sports, especially for those not in school sports.
- Western Dance
- While the Rec Center fills a niche, we need a teen center for kids - dances, games, activities, etc...
- Better Tennis courts
- tennis complex, safe bicycle routes
- skateboarding, skiing, juice bar

- Teen center with games, snacks
- organized sports/clubs/
- skate board, roller skating, ice skating, tennis, water parks, music fests
- Work Ethic opportunities would serve them the best.
- Tennis
- Ice climbing, Rock climbing
- Theme parks
- Teen center
- outdoor swimming - wave park
- night club with dancing, food, video games,bumper cars, lazer tag and etc.
- kayaking, fishing, wind surfing, dirt biking, soccer, biking, horse events, hockey, ice skating, martial arts
- teen club
- youth clubs
- Any activity that would get teens out of the house. fishing, water sports (boating, water water rafting etc.), golf, tennis
- A true Teen Center, like the Aquatic but for Teens only
- Skiing, snowboarding, themed parks
- Pack Trip and Hunting Exposure/Opportunities
- More leadership opportunities
- Winter - skiing, sledding, snowshoeing, climbing, etc....and themed parks as mentioned above.
- Teen center
- Sports and outdoor tournaments in the summer.
- Improve current facilities and do not charge youth activities to use them.
- rental equipment and places to use them; bike trails
- cross country skiing groups, batting cages
- Soccer complex; teen hang-out
- community gathering
- Climbing, water sports.
- concerts, dances, champion exhibits
- A place like a teen coffee house to go to for night events and weekend events
- skate park / teen center for social gatherings / frisbee golf
- Maybe Summer Camps
- More Teen Events
- Non-smoking bowling alley with billards, arcade games, that offers pizza, burgers, soda and such.
- A place to go and hang out, be a kid
- Teens have more access to recreational facilities now then they ever have. I don't know what else can be done for them.Maybe a paintball facility
- Wilderness programs sponsored by local groups such as police
- paintball, interactive sports
- skiing, snowboarding
- just about anything that doesn't involve alcohol:movies, sports, drama, music, summer teen dances,camps
- Themed park, skate board, bike trails
- parks with lots of "hang out" space - Frisby Golf

- more concerts and opportunities to promote personal growth
- Laser Tag, Paint Ball Course
- kayak park
- Trail systems and training to enjoy the outdoors
- Winter Activities and new themed sports parks
- entertainment centers - video arcade type places, amusement park
- Additional Skate / Bike activities - structured promotions
- Events
- Theme camps
- Concerts
- Outdoor group activities
- A better radio station (per my former teen), an arcade/roller skating/go cart track/indoor water slide
- Bike trails
- Have businesses that stay open longer and more days of the week, More Variety in community events (more that just western themed)
- Teen center
- dodge ball, indoor - weekend night activities
- water sports
- Active adventure activities like skateboarding, BMX Biking, Snowboarding
- festivals, internships and employment opportunities for teens
- non-alcoholic musical and arts events, mountain-biking trails,
- More awareness for community development, business and community service.
- Music festivals, classes and training to give them more work skills, crafting events, community involvement and input
- skateboarding, community dances
- Organized group activities geared towards the season to help develop leadership & citizenship skills
- Skate Park, Fun place to hang out
- Low or no cost
- River kayaking course
- Youth center with special educational and recreational opportunities, activities for high risk kids
- Community dances
- start a kickball league?
- non-ice skating rink/bowling alley with no smoking or drinking allowed
- environthon participation, groups/clubs to teach and promote responsible use/participation in outdoor activities (hiking, climbing, fishing, etc.)
- super bowling center with attached snack bar, arcade, and teen leagues; open in winter
- Healthy, safe places to be together as young people
- A trail system that is identifiable to the prospective public that accounts for developing recreational trends within the community such as mountain biking,climbing and skiing
- Dances, concerts
- Meeting or gathering place other than city park.
- getting involved in community projects.
- More "Outward Bound" types of summer and fall programs

- Make sure Young Life is kept functioning, allow a gathering place to form outside of the Chamber parking lot
- Bike parks, climbing walls
- Concerts, dances
- build a go cart track for them to rent and race
- we have enough activities now
- expanded trail system, kayak park, ice climbing park, more live music
- extreme sports opportunities
- expanded beach at one of the town lakes, more trees
- organized mountain bike outings
- Teens need a dance club/games club -- someplace safe and fun where they can interact all year long, regardless of the weather. This is, obviously, not without its challenges (safety is SUCH an issue), but we too often hear that "there is nothing for kids to do here" which, while an absurd comment, given the outdoor activities that are all around us, is undeniably true for those young people whose interests do not lie in hiking, kayaking, bouldering, hunting, etc. What are we doing for this big slice of our young population?
- recreation hall with pool tables and dances on weekends
- The outdoor dance area at the park - Baseball played together young to old at the same time
- winter sports, themed parks
- additional tennis courts; improved maintenance of current tennis courts
- Boys & Girls Club, Scouts, YMCA, no-fee rec center
- themed parks
- bike park
- teen center
- soccer fields, improved baseball/soccer fields (w/lights). Bike jumps and courses
- more musical venues - local artists or popular bands.
- alcohol free "pub" atmosphere hang out place
- theme parks, events
- tennis courts
- in line skating, skate boarding
- kayak play park, ice climbing park
- Things that require physical activity outdoors - biking, rock & ice climbing, water sports - fitness connected
- Theme parks
- skiing, teen dances,
- places for kids to "hang out" other than Rec. Center, water park, climbing walls, food & drink, etc.
- Music festivals (for all categories of people).
- Establish a teen center
- Meeting place or minor oriented dance club. Update the miniature golf course.
- Outdoor sports
- organized recreational gatherings, sports, little theatre, arts
- Themed parks
- development of any of the above will create opportunities for any one of these categories
- Go cart track
- Tennis, paddle tennis, skiing.

- nature and science-based programs available to tourists
- Bands in the park, maybe an open air Thursday night movie (free) we could put up a screen in the shell
- more outdoor organized summer activities: concerts at the skateboard park; clean and chaperoned
- A gathering place
- Tennis
- any simple, overnight outdoor experiences, winter and summer. Get them outdoors!
- A social center for them to gather in a safe setting. Near the City Park would be ideal, due to parking availability and high visibility for safety.
- More bike trails, develop additional sports facilities, auditorium, music facilities
- go-carts or 'fun land,' water park, theme park type of deal
- skate boards, dirt bikes, snow skiing, punk music
- a drug free place to "hang out"
- Teen fashion show, electronics fair
- teen center with dance floor and DJ, soft drinks, a few food choices, some games
- athletic activities after school for those not involved in team sports and the occupy teens after school hours
- more tennis courts available for public use; expand cross-country skiing and snowshoeing opportunities
- bike friendly town with good trail system. Emphasize mountain biking.
- 14-18 clubs, a place for the kids to go for dancing etc bowling alley, roller skating rink
- More skate parks
- soem kind of outdoor club that would expose kids early on to the recreational oppourtunities and ammenities that cody has?
- Soccer facility
- A trail system that provides safe routes connecting all Cody areas would appeal to ALL age groups.
- Go Kart Ranch or Theme Park, IMPROVE THE PUTT-PUTT COURSE! Street dances, etc., Theater or Stage Productions, Battle of the Bands Event
- Outdoor sports and games
- Water park
- Outdoor basketball courts
- School sports
- Pool hall
- Bike routes
- Education, adventure, ecotours
- bike paths connecting places in town
- bike park
- Some type of teen center where they could go - music, hang out.
- educational outdoor opportunities, i.e. camping, hiking, backpacking, biking, kayaking, camping, etc.
- Indoor areas to congregate. Old coke building turne into a skate park or indoors mini golf, etc.
- Outdoor concerts & picnics at the skate park - teens need a place to meet on a regular basis
- a place where teens can meet socially and dance or work in small groups related to social activities

- Increased winter sports
- In-town parks, events
- 21 & under club for dancing, games and entertainment.
- a BMX park or the time share of the skate park.
- Climbing / Mountain biking
- trail system for non-motorized users
- Climbing walls & organized water activities, rather than just rec swimming at Beck & cliff jumping at Buffalo Bill
- mountain bike trails, a jump park and pump track are very cheap to build and the teens would love them.
- NON-motorized recreation
- Place to hang out....Dancing
- Learning individual/lifelong sports

### ***Singles***

- Outdoor pool
- diet program
- Ski, swim, concerts
- Something besides the bar scene? I've been married too long to consider this.
- Monthly Singles night that doesn't include drinking!!!!
- Orienteering contests (goes by another name, I believe)
- somewhere to gather other than a bar
- Mountain bike trails
- Art & Music Festivals - Bluegrass!
- dancing instruction/clubs
- hiking, biking, social
- kayaking, rafting, climbing, hiking, skiing, biking
- bars, coffee shop
- Plenty already
- dining, dancing, concerts
- Music festives (not head banger or heavy metal or screaming noise)
- art festivals
- personal innovation instead of government.
- Community WIDE singles gatherings/dances/hiking trips
- any activity that could be featured as a singles mixer (party-contest-picnics etc.)
- performing arts
- Place to go dancing
- single night at a restaurant with random seating arrangements/door prizes/trolley tours for singles at night
- dance hall, atv/motorcycle racing
- fishing hiking climbing. mixers music
- square dancing, line dancing.
- tennis complex
- A decent restaurant!!!!
- Non-bar, non-church mixers, group events
- walking trails/ fairs
- hiking, walking, fishing, horseback riding, music fests, craft fairs
- We already have the library, coffee houses and churches.

- Tennis
- Skiing
- not sure, i'm not single
- kayaking, skiing, trail system, biking
- outing clubs for singles
- Tennis club, golf teams, dances
- Get out and be involved with recreation & get to know other singles.
- skiing, snowboarding, events
- places to meet other than the bar
- After 5 group
- Biking, camping, etc.
- summer and winter activities
- cross country skiing groups, mountain biking groups, hiking groups
- atv, fishing
- dances, picnic baskets
- A place to go besides the bar
- not sure
- Alternatives to just going to the bars
- More Events
- Single groups
- Perhaps a club with class. The Silver Dollar and Cooter Browns just doesn't cut it.
- trips from Cody to activities such as baseball games, Billings, etc.
- trails, etc
- biking, hiking,
- athletic competitions, art competitions, and the same list as for teens
- Concerts, Outdoor sports
- dog parks
- offer seminars, etc. geared to the upper mobile
- Trail systems and training to enjoy the outdoors
- Festivals
- Better nightlife, brewpub, dance club
- Organized day trips
- Trail system, Artist workshops
- atv group or club
- skiing
- community involvement projects
- Sports bar, 18 and over dance club
- Have businesses that stay open longer and more days of the week, More Variety in community events (more than just western themed)
- opportunities for education
- Co-ed city-sponsored sports... publicize what you have more, and make it friendlier and less awkward to join
- winter sports
- any kind of social meet & greet would be welcome
- Group activities- rafting, biking
- festivals, healthy sports events minus so much alcohol
- Single Tournaments: dance, darts, shooting, archery \$10 per person, Bring a friend for \$12.

- development of paved pathways, fenced dog park, community volunteer activities
- community dances
- Offer classes in sailing, horse-back riding, etc. to help singles meet each other in venues other than bars
- Singles Club, Groups to get involved in
- current clubs advertise their availability more-x-country skiing, bike riding club, trail riding clubs, etc
- groups/clubs for hiking, climbing, etc.
- singles league bowling at a new bowling center; late night bowling
- SINGLES GROUP FOR THE VARIOUS AGES.
- Ice Climbing, Skiing, Kayaking, bouldering, rock climbing.
- festivals, concerts, movies under the stars
- arts festivals, concerts
- More updated bars
- Something besides bars, possibly atv park or off road recreation area
- dances, sports events
- We have enough activities now
- Single mixer type events
- expanded trail system, kayak park, ice climbing park, more live music and festivals (like Ten Sleep's Nowoodstock)
- Better trail systems
- More Trees
- monthly meeting for existing and new singles for introductions and activity planning
- For young adults who are working and have the wherewithal to get to different recreational activities (cars, drivers licenses, etc.), providing "new recreational opportunities" is less of a concern than for teenagers without the means.
- singles nights with fun activities ???
- winter sports
- Extension Classes, Better jobs, no-fee rec center
- classes and group activities
- outdoor dance/concert park
- tennis courts, walking paths
- trails, winter use
- kayak play park, ice climbing park
- Creative events
- Skiing
- Dinner outings/excursions
- Mapped/marked mountain bike trails.
- Singles dances
- Arts, music/open space opportunities
- community dances
- group hikes
- Tennis, paddle tennis, skiing, rock climbing
- we need a dance/dinner club: no smoking or alcohol, a fun place to go for singles and couples, not the bar some place clean
- Concerts, dances
- Tennis
- trail system; winter sports coordination; water sports

- A diversity of music styles in the local bars. You can listen to the 20-something stuff at Cooter Brown's, or 99% country at the other two!
- auditorium, arts center, sports facilities
- anything!!
- atv, snowmobiles, music events, festivals, snow and water sports
- Concerts, weekend BBQ & beverage outing, Western outfitter show
- bike friendly town with good trail system. Emphasize mountain biking.
- dog walk park
- clubs more for dancing than drinking. . .
- the rec center does a great job with adult leagues, but maybe some additional leagues- kick ball/capture the flag/dodgeball/water polo etc, with local businesses as sponsors for teams & to help get the word out about leagues
- music / arts
- This system could be used by walkers, runners, skiers in the winter, etc.
- anything that hooks them up with others
- ice climbing park
- ATV & Motorcycle trails
- bike routes
- Education, adventure, ecotours
- dog park, events
- Singles oriented activities like singles bike rides, hikes, picnics, etc
- More events
- Trails, sports like windsurfing, conference and community centers
- Meet & Greet at a venue - Get to know Cody and it's people
- Biking, Town, mountain biking
- Mountain biking
- trail system for non-motorized users
- NON-motorized recreation
- More events

### ***Young Families***

- Outdoor pool
- Diet program
- Low cost, fun for all type of activities
- Consider developing cheap things to do, money is always tight with this group.
- Water Park
- Orienteering contests (goes by another name, I believe)
- Business like Chuck E Cheese type
- more parks with playground equipment; the daycares take over the parks right now
- Indoor public horse riding arena
- Petting sooz, duck ponds (to feed the ducks)
- kayaking, rafting, climbing, hiking, skiing, biking
- play grounds, bike paths, dog park
- Plenty already
- Trails
- Keep rec center open as much as possible, continued support of programs and activities at current or higher levels

- Meladrama that is kid friendly (ie popcorn throwing venue, boos for the villain, cheers for the HERO and a modest heroine.
- more campgrounds and ATV and motorcycle parks
- camping
- personal innovation instead of government.
- **Camping**
- Roller skating rink/bowling alley that is smoke free
- harvest parties, Christmas parties, Easter egg hunts, more G rated movies, more children church events
- picnic events- fun games which would include all family members- over night camping in a city park may be fun events with evening cook outs and camp fire. this could easily be held in the city for families to attend and a breakfast cook out in the morning.
- walking trails, inexpensive but educational activities
- athletic associations
- simple water sprinkler in one of our existing parks
- area to gather safely
- sign ups for available babysitters/ develop activities during the day for moms/infant/toddlers- scheduled walks in area parks- Potluck night at park or enclosed location
- roller skating rink
- out rec for the children
- Community sponsored family nights at movies.
- Family night at the movies
- Family involvement that centers around winter, water, and summer activities
- Live music and food for the family - more folk festivals, bluegrass, rock 'n roll, etc (other than COWBOY)
- Sidewalks, Bicycle lanes
- tennis complex, playgrounds
- more green park spaces
- fairs with inexpensive items-- like the old western heritage fair 20 years ago
- fishing, water parks, wading and water play areas, music fests
- I can't keep up with what is already offered to my kids. - Gymnastics is the only thing I can think of.
- Tennis
- Skiing, sledding
- similar to teens, but geared for all ages
- camping, art, music, biking, fishing, martial arts
- fairs or events for young children and parents thru rec center
- Drive in Movie Theatre
- Maybe some good group information on raising kids and stronger relationships
- skiing, events, themed parks, trail system
- Arts
- more activities like the halloween night in town –
- Trail system that links all neighborhoods & subdivisions to the hub of town and parks...including Valley View & new Cooper Lane area subdivisions. Should accommodate bikes, skaters, & pedestrians. Safety and access is priority.
- Babysitting coop
- Biking, camping, etc.
- keep parks and equipment upgraded
- trails for walking and biking
- family friendly activities

- fishing, boating
- games, rides
- More theme parks and outdoor activities for families
- ez nature trails with water features, plant i.d., bird watching /(i.d.), geological formations i.d.
- Community Camping Trips
- Winter Activities
- Non-smoking bowling alley with billards, arcade games, that offers pizza, burgers and such.
- Jobs
- More faith based getaway's, or even guided hikes that are easy enough for children to participate in.
- Programs for children with little or no cost , young families are busy trying to make ends meet
- themed activities
- community events
- Petting zoos, parks centered for younger children (toddlers, infants),
- events in the public parks, after-school programs
- Sporting events
- parks specifically for younger children
- provide opportunities for interaction in community not just church or social groups
- park equipment
- Trail systems and training to enjoy the outdoors
- festivals, winter activities, trail systems
- Free activities, bus trips to YNP???
- hiking and camping, and trail system
- nature trails
- camping, hiking,
- helping the elderly
- Enhanced local recreational activities, an outdoor wading pool, dance club
- free activities, park concerts, puppet show, plays, etc in the park
- Playgrounds; swimming;
- Have businesses that stay open longer and more days of the week, More Variety in community events (more that just western themed)
- bike riding trails
- outdoor sports
- co ed sports w/ different age groups
- summer activities
- festivals, arts and craft events
- more family-friendly venues and activities, improved parks equipment
- Activities that are low cost to the consumer but can be enjoyed by the entire family.
- continued development of parks, paved trails and pathways, paddleboats at beck lake to rent, fenced dog park, more community city park activities
- events for young kids
- complete the trails. Excellent hiking opportunities in our community.
- Short weekend trips around the county -- visit historic homes and ranches, art studios, legend rock, etc.
- Fun outside activites for the whole family
- Kid-specific/friendly
- more access to Cedar Mountain
- family field day, register to enter, win prizes to local vendors
- more paved trails so the kids can bike
- indoor play space that caters to families, like toddler/preschool gymnasium
- play areas, parks, walking/biking trails

- family bowling on weekends at a new bowling center; super new city park w/ rides and more family entertainment
- Events with babysitting provided
- A well marked and developed network of trails within close proximity to the town of Cody that supports recreational opportunities that are accessible and safe
- festivals, movies under the stars, "theme" parks
- Family days at the city parks with kid friendly vendors
- child safe playgrounds
- concerts, picnics
- We have enough activities now
- expanded trail system, more soccer/baseball/traditional city parks, more live music and festivals
- More "park" opportunities - such as developing Beck Lake with paddle boats, etc.
- Water park, not slides, but marina type or white water course
- It would be great if there were some sort of indoor play area -- the Rec Center isn't truly set up for little ones, which leaves them with the Macdonalds or Burger King play gyms during poor weather! Even if the City could provide an location and the families involved could run things more or less as a cooperative, it would be a place to start.
- camping, bike paths, kid friendly activities, family events for young people/families to meet eachother
- fishing, trails, winter sports
- additional playground equipment in existing parks; improve current parks before adding more parks.
- Better jobs, no-fee rec center
- group activities
- integrated biking/hiking trail throughout Cody
- family picnics
- more hands on/interactive museums
- improvements at city parks
- winter use, summer use
- kayak play park
- Summer activites
- Skiing
- water park outdoors, skating
- Bike lanes in town! (this is also for all categories).
- Updated fishing and BBQ sites for daily outings. Update play equipment in some parks.
- very inexpensive kid related theme get togethers
- camping & boating
- Fun Festivals
- petting zoo
- dance/dinner club where all could go and have fun, inexpensive night out, with music, dance, & laughter
- Yellowstone, area Forests
- Family nights out.
- Tennis
- trail system; winter sports coordination; water sports; music/art/performance events
- I believe Cody is serving this segment well. With the diversity of youth sports, museum activities, dance groups and arts, there seems to be no lack of things to keep Mom running!
- theme park
- trail system, theme parks, water and snow sports
- Same as above, horseback rides and games, fishing derbys
- bike friendly town with good trail system. Emphasize mountain biking.
- huge western theme play park

- maybe 'family nights' at the rec center, bowling alley, movie theater, mini golf, river rafting, rodeo, cowboy theater/dan miller show, ice rink, etc. where families could recreate/play at a special family rate and in a family-friendly environment
- A trail system would provide alternative transportation for everyone.
- Theme Parks, Drop In Child Care Centers, Water Parks (or Parks with Water Attraction), Theater or Stage Productions
- trails, more safer environments like parks
- trails
- Kids Fishing Ponds & Picnic Areas
- Children's Museum
- family events, like camping, skiing
- Waterpark, spray park,
- Education, adventure, ecotours
- bike paths, park enhancements
- Family oriented bike rodeos, picnics, festivals, etc
- More resources - maps, guidebooks, etc.
- Areas for toddler play.
- Conference & community centers
- More festivals, shows or events like the Shriner Carnival we had recently and bands at the City Park.
- Bicycling
- general outdoor, non-motorized recreation.
- trail system for non-motorized users
- new equipment in the park(s) - ex: Red Lodge and Helena, MT
- NON-motorized recreation
- More events

***Families with No Children Living at Home (Empty Nesters)***

- Outdoor pool
- Diet program
- Snowmobiles, horses
- Community Dances
- Orienteering contests (goes by another name, I believe)
- Art & Music Festivals
- short trips, outdoor activities
- bird watching, walking trails
- free park passes and cheap gas
- Plenty already
- Biking trails
- Concerts, dances, behind door events at museum
- Large scale contests, Scrabble national event, Cards, Dominos or other competitions
- various events and outdoor activities
- personal innovation instead of government.
- atv trails, shooting areas
- Couples gatherings
- boating excursions- city park events (dances-picnics-movies-atv riding on trails close to city- cary-in-dinners)
- performing arts
- Mixer night at area restaurant offering nightly special with random assigned seating
- expound on what we are doing now, just more events, concerts, etc.
- low impact activities
- Music and art

- community theater
- Winter concert events
- Women's Outdoor Weekend
- tennis complex
- nice restaurant
- walking trails/ fairs
- swimming, walking and/or hiking trails, fishing, music fests, craft and quilting fairs
- music, art, yoga, exercise class, events to watch...rodeo, horse competition, sports events..soccer, football, hockey, etc.
- volunteer opportunities to help kids and seniors
- Flea Markets. arts and craft activities
- Sam's club? RV traveling group
- skiing, events, trail system
- more good restaurants
- Trail systems,
- Game/movie nights
- Camping, arts, entertainment
- open spaces
- trails for walking and biking
- indoor tennis
- all recreation ideas listed above, plus increasing arts/music
- Arts
- movies, plays, park activities, dog shows, horse shows
- More arts and craft events (music, etc.)
- A "Nearly Seniors" center for arts, crafts, project exhibits, meetings, dance lessons, etc. Possible use of former Library Bldg. if vehicle parking could be arranged.
- walking trails with exercise stations
- Music and Art Festivals
- They can find their own interests, I do.
- Paintball
- I believe there are a number currently
- biking,hiking,skiing,most outdoor activities
- community events
- volunteer opportunities at the schools, Sr. Center, after-school programs
- RV Camping, ATV Trails
- a park with a duck pond - feed the birds
- just need to keep information out there on what this community offers; make more effort to involve families in community promotions
- trails
- Trail systems and training to enjoy the outdoors
- festivals, trail system
- walking paths, oportunities for exercise
- Adult-themed entertainment centers - like a Dave & Busters
- Open (or keep open) more jeep trails and forest trails
- Trail system, hiking, aniaml watching, camping, artist workshops
- craft fair
- concerts
- civic orginasoins
- Wow, more cultural events with nationally recognized intertainers, loosened liquor laws ie open container law
- Winery, brewery

- Have businesses that stay open longer and more days of the week, More Variety in community events (more than just western themed)
- Events
- music and art festivals
- celebrate more volunteer activities, part time jobs for those who want them
- Coordinate group tours, YNP, Big Horn Mtns.,
- investment roundtables
- Adult learning for people with more time to dabble in art, woodworking, fly-fishing
- Craft fairs
- more paved trails
- pull together info about activities currently available into one place/source for convenience
- hiking, bird watching...groups/clubs that support such things
- more cultural entertainment
- Expanded walking trails
- A market in the city park on Saturdays where community members can display their artistic abilities, provide services, and sell crafts.
- wine/cheese tastings, free college courses (Community), more lectures in museum
- concerts, sports events
- We have enough activities now
- Art festivals and craft fairs
- expanded trail system, kayak park, ice climbing park, more live music
- Better trail systems
- I think there is plenty -- classes, courses, guilds, clubs -- there is pretty much something here for any adult, if they will simply get out and join up!
- Interesting, educational activities (like the BBHC and the NWC offer)
- Trails
- additional tennis courts; improved maintenance of current tennis courts
- Better jobs, no-fee rec center
- classes and group activities
- bocce ball
- bike paths, use water facilities at Beck Lake,(provide ramp for canoe/kayak, walking paths
- tour groups
- walking paths, tennis courts
- trails, winter use, art festivals
- kayak play park, complete trail system
- Festivals
- Skiing
- art walks on a more regular basis
- Nordic skiing trails, road biking.
- Concerts
- music & art festivals, craft shows
- Music/Dance/Dinner
- educational field trips
- I would go to a movie in the park. Group hikes?
- Yellowstone, area Forests
- Social Mixers
- Tennis
- outdoor recreation of all types--keep exercise and quality of life high
- auditorium, arts center, music facilities, bike trails
- group activities?

- atvs, equestrian, craft fairs, music and art festivals
- educational and cultural programs
- same plus public horseshoe pits
- bike friendly town with good trail system. Emphasize mountain biking.
- the same type entertainment that Dan Miller has been bringing to Cody
- more walking paths
- cultural events, similar to what is offered in Laramie. . . a lot of people like retire to college towns for the cultural events
- maybe community education classes just to help empty nesters adjust to a new life style? combining social with recreation? groups and clubs again that might (re) introduce empty nesters to all the great opportunities in cody
- music / arts
- More Theater Events, Outdoor Pageants, etc.
- trails, outdoor activities like golf and biking
- trails
- Education, adventure, ecotours
- bike paths for safer bike riding
- Walking & biking trails
- community events like shows
- Senior oriented picnics, hikes, overnight bike rides in Park County
- Trails - bike/walking, etc conference and community centers
- concerts, shows, seminars
- For all, just getting the word out about activities before they happen. We always read about something after it happened in the Cody Enterprise.
- Bicycling
- events, music and art festivals.
- trail system for non-motorized users
- Organized hikes/bike rides
- NON-motorized recreation

## Recreation

### 4. Cody Country has been recognized as a premier outdoor recreation location. What would you see needing to be further developed by 2020?

#### **Other:**

- Let the market decide - government stay out of it!
- More small camping areas for tent as well as RV/Campers in the Forest and lake area. Private cabins to rent day by day or weekly in the forest or mountains.
- 3 and 5 go together. I chose winter recreational as highest priority in first section also thinking to increase Cody's economic future by being a tourist town year round.
- Leave Cody alone!!!!
- Keep area camp grounds open for locals after tourists are gone.
- Expand bike trails!
- Avoid activities that would destroy our surrounding areas (ATV's dirt bikes) I would rather see more horseback activities
- Your questions are all tainted toward your wanted ends. Cody government should be worried about it's infrastructure instead of a whole bunch of new parks. City Hall wake up, the city keeps building more parks, hiring more labor, increasing equipment needs, and then has to fund the upkeep!!!!
- Clothing store - Marshall's or Kohls (Marked all as highest priority.)
- I don't see Cody as able to compete for winter skiing on a large scale (Jackson Hole & Big Sky are world class) so lets compete where we can.....ice climbing could be a real contender for the Cody area.
- Hang gliding
- Individual citizens can already do the above activites without government interference.
- Please save the Red Lake area by developing a place where motorized recreation vehicles can go and not tear up the whole area. Red Lake is a precious commodity that we are not taking care of.
- trail system....for instance it would be outstanding to have a trail system running throughtout town that then head below the hospital and eventually to the dam.
- I would bet that the creative economic engine far exceeds the \$ value to Cody than the recreation economic engine. But we need both! Lets get some \$ values on these!
- Hiking and bicycling trails and routes in and around Cody
- Recreation should be geared to focus on the needs of the local community rather than focusing on drawing more tourists to Cody.
- I feel Cody County is already developed.
- Sidewalks and biking trails in ALL parts of town. This allows people everywhere to walk and bike (two best and cheapest forms of exercise) this is also environmentally responsible and would encourage less fossil fuel use. THIS IS HIGHEST PRIORITY.
- Development of the ski area will help with several of the others. It would be great to get some soft industry such as backpacking equipment, etc.
- Several of these I see as interconnected and equal
- Come on the jobs do not have to be focused on recreation, just bring some good jobs. Our younsters leave the community because no good paying jobs. That is why we import foreigners to work. Less pay and no benefits....Right to work sucks....
- We are in need of professional representation at national and inter-national trade and tourism conventions
- bring in not only light manufacturing but something that will put good paying jobs w/bebifits into the hands of the middle aged family man
- Motorized recreation including snowmobiling should be discouraged. Noisy, dirty, hard on the environment, expensive, not exercise, often involves irresponsible alcohol use.

- Expanded opportunities for ice skating. Outdoor ice without refrigeration might be sustainable up the North Fork where it's cooler and there is more natural shade. Might be something to add to a Sleeping Giant complex?
- Public indoor shooting range with state of the art video target wall
- too much development will turn cody in durango colorado.
- Again.. More Horse activites
- More broadly, Cody is too expensive with too few jobs that pay a living wage. You can't afford recreation, either financially or with time, if you're working two or more jobs just to make ends meet.
- Cody is losing it's western image to bikers (motorcycles). I don't like walking on Sheridan because of the racket and can't think this would encourage visitors to stay. (except for more bikers). Don't know what to do about it except maybe discourage rallies.
- making city park a place where visiting families can spend time with their children: sno-cone stand, hot dog trolley, mini-golf, small amusement rides, great play structure, family movie night, entertainment acts
- While snowmobiles/ATV's are a great source of tourist dollars they do too much damage to the ecosystem. Look at the Red Lake area.
- Cody is a premier recreational area without having to be developed into a recreational area by( the city of Cody. Let the free market determine the need and success of any new venture to be brought into the area. It isn't necessary to change our city park to provide a plaza for the chamber of Commerce, or change the very essence of this community we hold dear to present a facade for the traveler visiting. The responsibility of the City of Cody is to provide infrastructure to the community. It is the responsibility of the community to provide commerce.
- There is already lots of recreation in cody it the public would just support it. We have enough parks and things to do.
- Cody is in the desert. Attempting to make this community a traditional winter destination makes no sense given that we have no snow and you have to drive over an hour to participate in snow sports. However, we can be an amazing winter destination for non-snow sports and need to focus on our strengths - winter hiking, wildlife watching, ice climbing (it's an hour away but also the best in the country and impossible to be closer), mountain biking, etc
- Please no more motorized vehicles; let's get healthy
- I think there are plenty already and we should not spend additional money on recreation. We should maintain what we have.
- Keep watch on the Forest Service's attempts to reduce campsites on the North Fork.
- Don't forget we have some of the best rock climbing and water anywhere in the region - take advantage of all of it professionally and personally. Cater to an eclectic crowd. The people who like the Irma Atmosphere can keep going there, but attempt to cater to people other than that crowd as well.
- Every community has fishing, hunting and scenery.
- Cody area businesses & North Fork bus. do an excellent job of winter closures. How about giving some incentive to make money in the winter. For example, Pahaska is a lot of fun for cross country skiing & sledding, it would be great to make a weekend outing of it, but they would have to advertise & promote.
- I would just like to re-emphasize business as key to this.
- Please do not promote more ATV and loud motorcycles
- Add rock climbing to the recreation opportunities. A great tennis facility would serve all ages well.
- "develop" and "outdoor recreation" are opposites to me
- Consider less development. People come to Yellowstone to find something that is not developed. Treasure your wild resources.
- We need clean technologies, more non-service sector type opportunities that provide permanent employment opportunities with benefits and livable wage scales. Cody's long term sustainability is dependent on those types of employment.
- Ice climbing is ecologically neutral and would add income to Cody businesses: i.e; restaurants, lodging, equipment sellers.

- Don't just chase the tourist dollar so much. Do something for the residents of Cody. Don't bring the loud Harleys to town all summer. Emphasize quiet sports, non-motorized activities and facilities for the health and fitness of residents.
- I think Cody has a variety of retailers that already supply the demand for recreational goods- i.e. kayaks, rods/reels and apparel/accessories. I think expanding upon motorized recreation has great potential to increase recreational opportunities in Cody and attract more people to practice/compete etc. but I would not want to see that kind of development just anywhere.....
- After partaking in these events some nice places to go - classy lounge; hot tub area; dessert place.
- Just a comment: new businesses will come to serve recreation when more people live here who want more recreation and there is a wider and deeper range of activities. "If you build it [so to speak] they will come."
- Are minimum wage "recreational" jobs the best we can do - really?
- Cities like Ashland Oregon are very open to outdoor activities open to everything, Cody is about more than horses and hunting, I enjoy both but we are not "Rodeo"
- non-motorized recreational trails should be a focus, if not the focus.
- trail system for non-motorized users
- Non-motorized trail use, aka mountain biking, would provide a far larger boost than motorized travel and is far easier to implement with the land managers as it is easier on the fairly delicate local desert terrain.
- Again, trail system for multiuse.
- What about NON-motorized recreation trails? Motorized recreation is ecologically destructive, environmentally destructive, and only attracts more stupid, backwards rednecks to wreck our lands. It should be banned, not encouraged. I am disgusted that you would even suggest this as a good idea.

## Recreation

### 8. If you answered "Yes" to supporting the community's development of significant future recreational facilities, which of the following strategies might you support?

#### **Other:**

- Let the market decide, not government.
- The city spends lots of money maintaining the viewing corridors and the parks already. City needs to have new subdivisions build alleys instead of parks??
- NO CONVENTION CENTER!
- We do NOT need outside influences telling us how to develop our own lands. NO money needed from taxes or federal grants
- How about more fiscal responsibility from city hall, how about getting more for the taxes collected instead of trying to find new ways to tax the people.
- Federal government "park", Energy extraction/creation taxes
- Actually, I think all of them except "Property tax increase" should be at the highest priority level.
- Community giving as a whole like the Amish use to raise a barn or new house. everyone asked to help give \$, time, or supplies.
- If there were a cent sales tax the community could vote on how the money was used every year. Folks could choose from the options indicated in the survey - not random but multiple choice options.
- Do not change the current city park, or close a street. Develop today's youth and tomorrow leaders.
- I believe that "green belt rec. areas" should be a requirement for any land development in Park County beginning in 2011. Perhaps a percentage of the total development ( 2-7 % of the total square footage/acreage) before permitting the project. Natural (Green) space needs to be within living/business areas. These areas need to include sturdy, modern bicycle lock stations such as you might see in Missoula, MT or Eugene, OR.
- The only thing I can see we need is an outdoor swimming pool for the summer months so our children have a place to go that is reasonably priced. Look at our rec center. Built without taxes and an endowment to take care of operating expenses but that money is gone and \$300,000 tax burden no one voted on....
- The businesses and big money in this community gets hit up too hard for help. The Cap Tax is the best approach because it results in a lot of people giving a little bit at a time.
- I believe that question five will be answered yes, just so people can give their thoughts on the next 3 questions.
- taxpayers are protesting as I type
- undecided, as the city doesn't take very good care of the parks we already have. They have dirty sidewalks, and many weeds. Our water retention ponds are also an eyesore, full of weeds.
- Times are tight now and so let people be families and do not spend money unneeded.
- User fees should be "reasonable", so everyone could afford them. Or an annual pass could be purchased.
- You can't even pay for what you have now. Why don't you worry about that first?
- This is difficult to answer. I don't know what you mean by developing significant recreational facilities. If it's homogenized buildings and activities like playlands, I don't support development. If it's finding ways to enhance natural attractions (which is far less expensive) I do support it. We have amazing "developed recreational facilities - rec center, skate park, ice arena, parks, trails). We don't have a good system of promoting and encouraging natural resources like fishing, rock and ice, nature trails, etc.
- you won't raise significant capital w/o taxes
- I would like to see \$ spent on protecting what we have, like buying development rights & easements in order to maintain our open space.
- With at least 25% of sales taxes paid in the county coming from visitors, the capital facilities tax makes a lot of sense. If grants are obtained to cover 50% of a project, then people from Cody are paying less than 40% of the cost of the improvements. Many people in Cody don't know how truly blessed we are to have an economy with so many facilities that outside entities and people help pay for.

- I oppose developing additional recreational facilities, because they always require additional taxes and we already have enough taxes.
- Cap tax only if used for recreation. I am not supporting a convention center in any way!!
- Spend what we do collect better
- The only recreation project we need that would entail much capital expense is a whitewater park. Other than that, Cody should focus on recreation options that have small capital investments like dirt single-track trails and such. If the City helps with the local land managers, the trail building can be done for very cheap with mostly volunteer labor.

## Open Space

### 1. "Open Space" has been identified as an important part of the Cody Country quality of life. What does "open space" mean to you?

#### **Other:**

- BLM, FOrrest, State Land that is available for public access to hunt, fish, hike, camp, ride horses, run dogs, etc.
- Leave Cody alone!!!!
- Seems to me that open area around my home and farm and ranch land should be in the same catagory.
- No highrise buildings or tall signs
- Once again all your choices to pick from are simply that--YOUR CHOICES not the citizens.
- State and national parks
- Again, all but the "open area on your property" should be included in the best definition.
- Since we are surrounded by miles of public land, we must not be so focused on "open space" that we limit the kind of growth that provides jobs that pay a family sustaining wage. The continued focus on recreation and it's seasonal, service oriented jobs must not be our only focus if we want to provide a place where families can live without working several jobs to survive.
- not cluttered coweded houses with overcapacity poor renters cluttered together to make abuck and keep them out of the community as a whole..... Open spaces.. integration of all professions and economic status mixed together. This creates an integrated community rather than a stratified community.. all people can be valued.
- Hopefully we will always enjoy plenty of agricultural areas throughout Park Co. & Wyoming. Hopefully, through careful education & stewardship citizens in our area will learn to respect private property and enjoy it's products and priviledges such as with Farm/Ranch markets & hunting/fishing opportunities.
- Open Space is a combination of unobstructed scenic viewing by limiting lighted signage or billboards as well as undeveloped puyblic lands on all sides as well as preserving our farm and ranch lands.
- 17 parks already, enough is enough ....
- Route for native animals to travel as they need to. As their routes are cut off by development they get trapped and more problems between animals and human activity occur. There has been an increase in deer on the streets as more homes and fences are built.
- Open space has public access
- trails, ect,,, which are protected and maintained
- We need to stop developing irrigated farm land, we need that farm land to sustain the population
- we need a REAL county plan for zoning
- Farm/Ranches
- Visitors find things like the gravel businesses and junkety properties in and around Cody eyesores. While the businesses are neccessary, Cody needs to pay attention to beautifying itself, so it's attitude is not an embarassment. Visitors expect scenic beauty when they come here. Let's give them what they expect so they'll promote us to their friends, and return again.
- I like our City just like it is and no more building and quite spending so much money.
- I like that there is little development via chain stores. At the same time, it does make shopping in Cody boring.
- no trees
- I think we have plenty of parks throughout the community some are not being used and the cost of maintance
- undeveloped public or private lands. Natural vistas without a lot of human-made clutter. I'd like to see more natural spaces, parkland, in town, not mowed lawns. Also better places for people to sit and relax, benches, tables in the shade, water fountains
- Again, our wildness, the views, the wildlife, the quiet, the night skies; is what sets us apart from all other cities in the nation.

- Bill board signs are not intrusive in key community viewsheds.
- Open space requires that we not actively promote population growth. Cody/Park Co. will grow anyway, but we shouldn't be actively promoting growth, because that is the enemy of open space.
- The open area on private property is an absurd definition! and doesn't even meet the requirements of public funding. Not selling off public lands to private individuals or orgs should be a priority!
- anywhere that I can't hear a Harley , an ATV, a loud pickup truck , or the rodeo car

## Open Space

### 3. What aspect of open space is most valuable to you?

#### *Other:*

- City Park needs to be left alone. Just add more tables.
- That it be there plus wildlife considerations.
- Containing development in and around Cody is also important.
- unobstructive views, natural.
- Access is also critical
- Bigger lots for a building
- keeping it clean and not a dumping ground
- property owner rights
- Stop urban sprawl. 2 to 10 acre subdivisions are not attractive. Expand City services on immediate City boundaries to assist with density close to and within community.
- Parks, but with limited facilities. Mainly picnic tables, charcoal grills, restrooms, small play areas for young children, basketball hoops, and tennis courts.
- Not open junk yards like on the Southfork Hwy.
- The first three are equally important, in my opinion.
- Cody should be working with BLM and private landowners to ensure the backdrops of Cedar and Rattlesnake Mountains are preserved. The city needs to reserve more park land for the future. Great cities have lots of parks (Paris is one-third parks). Aim higher than the average.
- Less "annexing" of large county subdivisions
- Good, thoughtful, future thinking, planning for our community
- lack of crowding of houses. also lots of parks for all neighborhoods.
- Reducing congestion and clutter.
- Maybe instead of "containing development" with thoughtful planning we could emphasise "Quality Development".
- We are blessed with great open space afforded by the National Forests and Parks nearby, therefore we should contain development and not let it sprawl.
- Closures happen all the time. Tax payers money goes to paying to close things not keep them open
- "Containing" meaning keep it to a minimum. Need to spread out so everyone has a feel of open space. Do not want to see more crowding within city limits.
- And native animal habitat.
- I hate to see farm land subdivided, that's what towns are for.
- I'm afraid that Cody is going to become a new Jackson Hole. What is special about Cody is the small town feel, which hinges on open space.
- I like to the views of open lands, but I also like to know that it is accessible.
- Scenic quality and access are in a dead heat. They are intertwined in my world. We live in an incredibly scenic area and the access to public lands holding the scenic areas is imperative.
- restrooms, water easy access
- the psychological aspect, being able to step out of our harried lifestyles into nature, either physically or mentally by seeing untrammelled vistas.
- Development is not a bad word. Sustainability in practical terms is where people have jobs in rural communities, access to commodities, and a clean environment which is hie to our heritage of plants and animals. Development must be encourage/facilitated, but done with planned intent. Responsible zoning can be a good thing if it accomplished both development and open space. Both are needed. Both are possible.
- wildlife habitat preservation and development to encourage birds, and other wildlife to frequent the areas
- Biodiversity, habitat protection

- I also agree that development of our community should be centered in and around the city center to lessen sprawl into open spaces surrounding it.
- wildlife habitat- MOST IMPORTANT

## Open Space

### 4. How do you envision the acquisition and development of land for public use (trails, greenbelts, etc.) by 2020?

#### *Other:*

- We do not need to buy more land just maintain the BLM, Forest, State Land and so on. Additional small private camping areas. Do not let environmentalist force people out for wolves or Bears!!!!
- As far as development goes the land needs to be open to public for multiple use.
- approach private land owners first and ask them to either maintain it as such or donate it, but please do not remove property from the tax rolls just for the sake of being able to do it.
- Inevitable with you people, quit spending our money to build your kingdom.
- 'Should include planning for adequate bike paths and walking paths throughout our community as well as park areas in all subdivisions...
- We are doing great for a city of our size.
- I am not aware of what current activities are.
- hard to answer as I don't know how it is today
- I don't know what it is today.
- no vision
- acquisition of land for recreation is fine if it does not effect a private land owner of his living
- I am supportive of public land for individual recreational use that results in low impact on the environment, such as hiking trails -- NOT the heavy, destructive impact of 4-wheelers, off-roading, etc.
- I think the City has done a great job developing the land inside the municipal bounds. Supporting efforts to secure access to existing resources outside the city bounds should be an item considered by the City. Continue maintaining the fabulous things you've already done and help develop businesses that want to play off the natural resources.
- Let's protect and enjoy what we have. Your good intentions of Growth - Growth - Growth will destroy us. I'm a Cody native who lives and works part of the year in a California city. Spending half the year in Cody it seems to us that you're really overdoing the public parks theme. In larger towns these beautiful public space are now place to avoid, expensive to maintain, and unsafe havens for trouble makes. Please don't think this couldn't happen in Cody.
- This land does not have to be for "public use"----it only has to be protected from development
- however, I am not that familiar with how it is today.....
- I don't think we should be acquiring or developing land.
- I'm not sure what 'today's' effort level is - hard question to answer without more investigation or detail
- We are doing a pretty good job and have some amazing assets already. In encourage city planners to protect what we have and to preserve what else is left out there in as natural a state as possible.
- I do not know what is being done today.
- I don't understand this question

## Open Space

### 6. If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, which of the following funding strategies for developing and/or preserving open spaces might you support?

#### **Other:**

- but reasonable amounts
- We have so much wonderful public land that will not cost anything just to keep it as it is. A few small projects like snowmobile trails and camp grounds will not be major fund raisers.
- NO MORE CAP TAXES
- Smarter use of existing funds.
- Please do not use taxes or outside money for our local development. We do NOT need outside influences from our community.
- Curtail development
- up to the land owners. Where are we, Russia?
- Federal government park; energy extraction/energy creation taxes
- State/County partnership to put farm land into a conservancy when the owner no longer desires to farm so it won't be gobbled up by developers.
- Sufficient open space now, purchase in annex areas.
- We need to maintain what we already have!
- These efforts should be supported by the people who place the most value on them and not be forced on the public.
- Developers should fund some part of needed parks or give land (this is missing from your list).
- Community volunteers are great but not necessarily a resource that is either consistent or a good underpinning for a strong recreation program... Our taxes are already increasing exponentially. Please do not Open space can be developed and preserved thru zoning regulations without additional taxes.
- look at that as an option.
- You have the "have's" and the "have nots" in Cody. We, the have nots can not afford more taxes...
- My response to #5 depends on how YOU define "Open Space"! My funding sources would be similar to previous question about funding.
- Again, people will answer yes to be able to give ideas for question six...
- NO NEW TAXES
- I think property tax should be based on what you paid for the property not the increased value due to rich neighbors moving in years later.
- the sales tax could cover both open space preservation and recreational development. They are not mutually exclusive.
- combination of all of the above.
- Preserving open space doesn't require funding!! If you are not acquiring or developing land, what do you need funding for?

## Environment

### 1. What is the most important aspect of the environment to you?

#### **Other:**

- We already have it just maintain it. Wind energy will not work well here due to gusting and undependable wind.
- Hard to put in priority order as I feel they are all very important.
- The city shouldn't be focusing on this light pollution junk. Cody is perfect as is and the money spent on that could be used better in other venues.
- If you bring back a good incenerator to the dump with a spark arrester and air scrubber our land fill would last a lot longer.
- Everyone of these aspects are, our highest priority.
- The rest of your list has nothing to do with city.
- All highest priority except dark skies and reduce/reuse/recycle.
- Fewer people
- Protecting the agricultural community is as important as protecting other parts of the environment. Many of the things people value (wildlife, open space, quiet, etc.) are provided by the farmers and ranchers at their expense with little appreciation by the public. Continued unregulated loss of agricultural lands to subdivision is not in our best interest.
- walking and biking paths... everyone having a sidewalk and biking path in front of their home.
- Hard to place priorities on these... We live here because of all of these. We do not do a very good job at recycling or alternative power, however.
- the city of cody should have more recycle bins/cans throughout the city, especially downtown.
- open access to all users of public land enforce noise regulation down town...other towns do it and are still successful destinations for Harleys
- Developing alternative energies is very important in order to have clean air and water but needs to be done by entities larger than the city of Cody.
- One through five above are all very important and are all about the same theme - don't crowd what we have - spread out instead.
- Alternatives alone will not solve our problems in the immediate area.
- I disagree with the city now charging on the city bill for recycling. I currently actively recycle and feel that I am being penalized for something that I actively participate in by paying this fee to the city. I think the city should look at requiring all homes in the city limit to recycle like they do in other areas with specific trash bins that the city picks up at trash pickup. People want to help the environment, don't penalize them by charging them a recycling fee. I'm sure that there are other ways to make up the fee. I am guessing that there will be less voluntary recycling done since the implementation of the fee on city bills.
- Some of these require equal priorities. Some just need enforcement like my neighbor putting in two low pressure sodium lights which the law calls light trespass. I'm in the country and like to look at the stars.
- This question is impossible for me to answer, because I believe all the items listed are of equal importance, and they should all be given highest priority!
- While this survey asks for a ranking of highest to lowest priority, it does not ask for a level of importance. All of the topics can be considered highly important regardless of their priority.
- All of these are very important
- I strongly support the Dark Skies proposal in Cody.
- I want the deer out of the city
- Wow! Nearly impossible to rank them 1-7 as they all have great value for me, with alternate energy sources being the least. The three Rs highest because it is the most imperative short-term. I support protecting scenic and open vistas but recognize development will take place, so I encourage development where appropriate (I think Copperleaf is appropriate but the house on every hill tip is not). Tough question!

- All are important.
- Loud vehicle noise has gotten out of hand
- natural landscapes with functioning ecosystems
- We need to focus on the most limiting factors for a strong community. Things that we have control of. Cody has an abundance of public land and related wildlife. Rivers and water bodies. These will remain as they are public and managed by qualified gov entities. Local planning should foster on 'orderly' development (industrial corridors, recycling, air and noise standards, class one visual areas where residential densities are kept low and sinage limited, etc. We can do better but we are doing well in Cody.
- I can't answer this one, as to me these are all of the highest priority.
- Emphasize lack of noise pollution and light pollution. Need public education efforts aimed at reducing light pollution, sign pollution, and noise pollution.
- Every one of these is important and they could not be traded one against the other...they are not inconsistent goals.
- The easiest way to get all of these is to stop promoting development.
- Soils, biodiversity, cultural resources
- Very hard to prioritize since these are all very important characteristics to a pristine environment . . . hard to protect one at the "expense" of another.
- I know this runs contrary to Cody's approach...but we must control the noise in town. The motorcycles have gotten out of hand. Not sure how you address it...but motorcycles do not have a right to hold us hostage to noise pollution. I wish they would learn respect for others
- These are all very important.
- ALL THE ABOVE AS HIGHEST PRIORITY !!!!! You framed the question wrong.

## Environment

### 6. How would you like to see environmental protections affect Cody Country in 2020?

#### **Other:**

- We need to drill more in Alaska and promote U.S. energy independence with our own oil not imports. Solar and wind will never be able to do that. Once solar is efficient and \$ beneficial I would like to promote it but not if it is not paying it's own way.
- Industry means jobs. We can have a vital industrial hub and still protect the environment.
- Make a concerted effort to eliminate forest fires to clean up local air quality.
- "Going Green" should be a high priority at this time! There is great support in President Obama's administration for America's energy independence, and Wyoming being the energy state that it is, should set an example for others to follow in how our communities generate the goods and services we need and use on a daily basis.
- Question 5 Wind Energy: I'd like to see the city/county/state start researching alternatives to the huge industrial-sized turbines for wind energy. There are smaller alternatives available. I'd also like to see tax rebates and assistance for homeowners to install smaller home-sized turbines. It would be incredible to see Cody get out in the front on this and become a leader for other cities.
- if possible, keep Cody Green, while incorporating industrial or commercial jobs, retention of our youth, keep families together so they don't have to move out. We've been working on this for 25 years plus.
- It is nice to keep the town clean and quiet, but not drive people out of business or keep businesses out of town.
- And recycling will be much bigger and enforced
- And will monetarily credit those who actively participate in recycling.
- #5 - forget wind; concentrate on solar
- I feel we should develop our recycling center abilities to create jobs and keep our community/landfill free from excess recyclables.
- People are part of the environment and deserve to make a sustaining wage. This can not be done without some industrial growth. Balancing the environment with planned, focused economic development will allow us to grow and prosper.
- What I would like to see and what is likely to happen are two different things! Hopefully I will move to a "green" city by 2020.
- I do not support putting up large wind turbines across the wide-open plains of Wyoming. Shame on WY people for ruining our beautiful state to create a small amount of energy for people living somewhere else. If people in the city want cheaper energy, then put up wind turbines right through their cities, not our beautiful state.
- Need jobs. We can't depend on rec and tourist money to support and grow this town.
- Most people move to Cody because it is a great place to live - green and clean.
- Cody needs to put a higher value on recycling in our area.
- Encourage local stores to use paper bags vs. plastic. More awareness regarding the city's recycling facility. Most people don't recycle because they are unaware the city has a facility.
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- Limiting growth is the best thing Cody can do to insure that our air and water quality and wildlife and scenic vistas are maintained. We could do more on recycling, but our smaller size keeps us "green".
- consider development of nuclear energy - the US is so behind other developed countries in this cheap alternative, yet here, energy source
- Our scenery is what we are selling tourists so big wind generators should be away from the vistas. A nuclear plant may only take up 20 or 30 acres but a wind farm may take up hundreds to generate the same power.
- It would be great if Cody could be the vanguard of an environmental city movement; it could attract more people who think that way. I don't see it happening however; Cody people like to complain about the

government and argue among themselves too much. It would take some effective leadership and a deep seachange of attitudes to achieve this.

- By no means should Cody be an "industrial hub". This would destroy the essence of Cody.
- Curbside recycling truly needs to be in our future!
- Being so close to the park, being environmentally aware is important. For such an outdoor-loving state, we should be more conservative with environmental issues.
- Regarding wind turbines - I find them strangely elegant, even up close.
- this is the most stupidly phrased question of the whole questionnaire
- Policies should not be 'biocentric', they should be anthropogenic in nature. Meeting the needs of people should always trump environmental needs. I'm not saying development at all costs. But that responsible development is inclusive of environmental components that are key to social and urban health. We need a clean environment that is home to and inclusive of our heritage of plants and animals. But in the final analysis, the basic needs of people must come first. We 'save' the environment because it is the right thing to do (God made us stewards and will hold us accountable) and because our life would be diminished if we don't. Urban/environmental hygiene is critical to social health and public welfare. So in creating jobs, in providing commodities for life, we don't do that in a vacuum. Environmental care and development go hand in hand...not either or.
- Forget wind generators as they don't produce enough power to justify the ugly sight they give our environment. I have seen enough in California to know it isn't worth it. Solar is the way to go
- Cody dealing w/environmental issues, and not involving the fed govt, is okay. But if Cody has to deal w/the expense of complying with Federal environmental regs, I don't want that for Cody, OR individuals.
- Cody should be a leader in this area.
- The high priority would be great, but considering the people who live here and their values, not even close to likely to happen.
- It is possible to balance wise industrial "green" growth with green policies.

## Environment

### 7. Should the community develop significant environmental policies and requirements for new development, redevelopment and residential uses?

#### **Other:**

- Don't know what present policies are!
- Environmentalist always over react. They will outlaw cows due to air pollution and we do not need this type of over reaction so no I do not want "zero tolerance" rules they do more harm than good.
- Unused campers, vehicles, junk piles, removed from residence after one year.
- Only if the policies are reasonable, not radical.
- Significant? No. common sense consideration.
- We are regulated enough. Stop making unneeded laws and regulations.
- But not so much that it forces companies out of business due to the expense.
- Within reason.
- What exactly are you talking about. The question is too vague for the responses to be meaningful.
- The word significant worries me...there should be incentives for going green not more governmental interference.
- I don't know what we have now.
- It needs to be addressed but we still need the growth, I fear new policies will be very restrictive to new development. If a new environmental policy were to be developed it should still encourage new development.
- Significant but not overly restrictive to economic development.
- Not a forced on the developer issue - but more of educating them of the value
- We already have too little restriction in development, leading to sub-standard construction built for the quick buck. This also leads to no sales of this type of development and empty eyesores on what was a beautiful space, or people who can't afford what they bought and can't finish their landscaping. We all have to look at that. If we allowed less building, with better environmental policies in place, we would have fewer developments, and would be happier with what we do have.
- We already have enough regulations in place.
- This is another tough question in that I recognize when land is for sale the opportunity for development is there. Encouraging and supporting development in the appropriate locations can strategically protect, to some extent, the areas that should be protected, without more policies and regulations.
- Depends what you have in mind.
- Ha! Ha! As if they wouldn't change every time someone wanted a "variance"
- I think that people should be provided with information about greener development practices and then be able to make their own decisions within the realm of acting environmentally responsible (no excessive waste/damage/negative effects on wildlife etc.)
- If we had done this years ago, we wouldn't now be faced with the landfill problems that we have.
- That reminds me, it is ridiculous that we do not have a Blue Box or some other type of recycling program, my friends in big cities can't believe it.
- Only if Cody itself wants to develop policies would I support this, NOT if these policies are mandated by the Fed. Government. These regulations are too expensive and restrictive.
- I am very concerned that City management neither protects private property rights nor the environment.

## Environment

### 8. If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, which of the following funding strategies for developing environmental policies and requirements might you support?

#### **Other:**

- Personnel already on board to "develop" policies - needs no further funding.
- Get rid of Forward Cody!
- No convention center
- Wow, let's tax em some more.
- this doesn't make sense - the development of policies and requirements shouldn't require additional funding beyond salaries and time of stakeholders
- I just don't know.
- I do not believe that developing policies needs to involve large amounts of money. We have in place the resources and expertise to do this with minimal financial impact. Too many times we tend to think we need to bring in outside "experts" to tell us how we think. The people in Cody are as smart and knowledgeable as anyone and we know the area and people better than outsiders ever will.
- These are poor choices for this question. Developing environmental policies and requirements for new developments do not necessarily require funding or funding limited to the sources listed. Developments could be required to reduce light pollution or control stormwater better, provide options for pedestrian, put in more trees--these are all requirements that do not need to have public funding.
- quit asking the same question
- Policies and requirements don't really require funding unless you think you have to compensate developers for foregone profits. If policies and requirements make it a more desirable place to live and work the developers will reap rewards and not need public compensation.
- Why would environmental policies and requirements, which I read to mean new building codes, need funding? Wouldn't the builder or developer just have to do what it takes to meet code? So what are you talking about?
- Public funds should not be used at all. No taxes should be used or required in order to make policies.
- People will answer yes to # 7 just to get to answer # 8
- Folks like the small town atmosphere so why encourage development?
- We really can't have private monies funding new types of environmental programs unless they are completely anonymous. Energy businesses would donate funds to gain some control over the process.
- impact fees on new development
- I don't see how developing new policies would require funding of any sort.
- DEVELOPING strategies shouldn't require so much funding -- just some hard, focused work on the part of those entities who should be doing this work, anyway. The IMPLEMENTATION of such strategies would obviously require funding, but the impression given by the questions is that this phase is some years off.
- The connection to the previous question here confuses me.
- I don't see that this is a big funding issue--just change the goals of current regulations. Grants could be obtained for bringing in expert consultants.
- The requirements for new development should be paid by the developer not the tax payer
- Policy development should be part of the normal City/County budgets...it shouldn't need a new source of funding.
- you need funds to develop a policy?
- Why does this require funding?
- Use what we already collect- we are not that poor of a county!
- same as my prior answer.
- You don't need ANY funding ----public or private ----at all. Policy = consensus----> codification. so please quit trying to frame all this stuff around the tax base. That's disingenuous. What about HUMAN CAPITAL ?

## Small Town Life and Lifestyle

### 1. What additional education opportunities would you like to see in Cody?

#### **Other:**

- They are all good.
- All marked 3rd highest priority
- None by the city, if state, school dist. or private enterprise wants to start or expand educational system- more power to them, but the city needs to take care of the streets, the sewer, the electrical,-----hello, anyone home?
- nothing that Klessons supports as he seems to just be focused on his benefit and his associates (Mr. Cloud)
- I don't see a problem with what we have now. So none of the above
- We can not offer more Apprentice Programs without some kind of industrial development. You don't need to serve an apprenticeship to work in most service industries. However, there are opportunities for apprenticeships in hotels and restaurants if we view our young people as something more than a cheap workforce and begin to train them like a valuable human asset entering an industry.
- Each of these has a priority place and do not necessarily negate one another. A comprehensive community program could encompass all of the above. Each serves a different population and different need.
- This was very difficult to rank and does not really reflect my views. I think all of these are very important.
- Offer community education classes that provide opportunities for people to enhance or develop new skills
- I think they all would be good to have available for who ever wanted to take advantage of them.
- All are important
- Wyoming lacks advanced educational opportunities throughout the state at a local level. But, the programs that UW does offer are affordable and attended by many out of state people via the internet
- I myself am taking college internet courses, so I'm not against that. But the prospect of an Eleutions internet education headquarters is not going to help Cody move strongly in the direction I would like. A bigger Northwest College Annex, with additional vocational training, like a culinary and hospitality program would really make a difference to Cody residents, attending students, and the tourist industry.
- I graduated from CHS in 2006 and as a soon to be teacher I believe that Cody must offer more college geared courses. While I can say that honors courses offered at CHS in my time there helped prepare me for college, much more needs to be done, especially in the way of training for the application/financial aid process that all colleges use.
- Opportunities abound for college courses and Internet offerings. Every person doesn't want to attend college and shouldn't want to attend college. But a great career using vocational training and apprenticeships should be encouraged.
- better arts education in the schools, arts and crafts after-school programs, and promotion of local artistic, musical and literary talent
- Much higher quality of education in the schools
- I would like to see more educational opportunities that are within reach of non-traditional students - i.e. internet classes, community education
- I don't want any additional educational opportunities in Cody.
- Loved the idea that Mcloud was trying to get in Cody. To bad.....
- Keep Right To Life and other Christian activists OUT of the school system , period. Cody's education system should move to Less emphasis on Athletics and more emphasis on real world curriculum and emerging lifestyles and technology. Foreign Language exposure should be required at age 6

## Small Town Life and Lifestyle

### 2. What type of new retail business would you like to see in Cody?

#### **Other:**

- none, Cody is fine the way it is .
- All marked lowest priority
- I believe that limiting the national retail chains will be in the best interest of Cody to enable the town to retain the environmental quality we already have and the "Old West" look and feel that attracts tourists to this area. I would like to have some better quality restaurants here but I don't think chains are the answer.
- All marked lowest priority.
- No National chains of any kind, I like our unique small town look - no national 'signs' that make all other towns look alike. Family businesses are the best kind of business, high quality items and no 'made in china' junk
- None, we have plenty.
- New retail, geez people, the existing retail is struggling because of their pricing. I am sure they need more competition locally along with Billings and the internet.
- gas stations at fair prices with competition
- Shoe store
- A good bakery shop, a Target store
- Better retail: for example Target instead of Kmart.
- No more "galleries"
- Don't care.
- Rent and lease costs are so high that small businesses have a difficult time "making it" in Cody. What can we do to support small business?
- So many businesses in Cody are overpriced on their merchandise. I save a lot of money when I buy the same merchandise on the internet, Billings, or other city's. I want to help the local economy, however business owners make it difficult for my family and I to do this, due their overpricing.
- National chains should not be allowed in the historic section...calistoga CA is an example....keeps the charm and charm is our strongest asset.
- NO MORE WALMARTS!
- I think something should be done about the rent on Sheridan so we do not have so many vacant store fronts all the time. Maybe Forward Cody should buy some of those buildings with the grant money and rent them reasonably so that we can keep the businesses we already have. Red Lodge rarely has a vacant store front and many people from Cody go there to dine and shop.
- I like the town the size it is. The only thing we could use in the way of business is maybe a retail restaurant such as Denny's. In the Summer the restaurants fill up. We have plenty of fast food types. I don't know if such a chain restaurant could survive in the winter.
- It would be nice if we had some other place to go to besides Walmart and didn't have to drive all the way to Billings for variety.
- Cody's speciality is its difference. We can't be and don't want to be like big cities. People don't come here to eat at Olive Garden and shop at Target; although I love those places too. Cody needs to continue to place itself as a unique destination, with local flavor, and things (arts, crafts, retail, specialties) you can only find here.
- Cody should actively discourage "big box" type stores from establishing in the community, but if they insist on coming zoning policies should be instituted that site these stores in an area that makes sense - NOT on the rim of the Shoshone canyon...it would make more sense to place them on Bighorn Ave or up by the airport (but not way out of town...still close enough that they're not encouraging sprawl)
- A few more alternatives to typical American fast food -- smaller shops where one could stop in and get a vegetarian meal or some other type of food quickly and at a reasonable cost -- more variety of international cuisines.

- Target and Trader Joe's please, maybe an IKEA, I'm dreaming
- The smaller the organization, the more creative the focus.
- I don't know that we need more.
- Let's get a "Target"
- Home Depot or Lowes
- I would also rate national retail chains as a lowest priority. Why be like every place else? National chains offer no value to me, I try to avoid them.
- all of the above
- There is a tension between keeping things small town and bringing in competitive, bigger city, businesses. It would be interesting to know how much of our local business is done at COSTCO in Billings. What ever brings Cody meaningful jobs for our youth and young families to keep them here. We should encourage busines that pay benifits to their employees and that pay liveable wages. What ever products/services provided locally should be competitvie for local residents or they will go elsewhere to save limited dollars.
- new restrauants
- Let the market decide
- target and Chili's would be great..... :)
- I don't want to see any new retail businesses in Cody. Additional businesses simply mean more people, more congestion, more houses, more pollution, higher taxes, and less open space.
- Sweetheart Bread Store. Outlet mall-I can dream can't !!!!, I want to see cheaper flights to better locations.
- I don't really care as long as the new outlets are UNIQUE. Cody has this really bad way of overlaying similar businesses on top of one another which is not competition- it dilutes the market for all of them . We have too many of the wrong kinds of stores ( real estate, convenience) already and are dreadfully short on primes ( shoes )

## Small Town Life and Lifestyle

### 4. To me the most important aspect for maintaining the "safe" feeling in Cody is . . .

#### **Other:**

- All are important
- Most "DUI,s" should be escorted home by police rather than ticketed. This used to be common policy. We are safe in Park Co. because most of us are armed.
- Knowing who belongs where and where folks don't belong and at what time they don't belong there. Watching out for others and others properties
- Please no more crazy city 'ordiances' we don't need to be told how to 'do everything' at present we still have the common sense God gave us. If there is a problem we can deal with it 'if' it arrises. Eliminate the crazy sign ordinances.
- I don't want a "safe" feeling, I expect the city to provide the community with safety!!! That is what we are paying you for...geez people.
- I have never been arrested, but I believe if you put your faith in the law you will get burned. It is my responsibility to protect my child.
- Marked all but last two as highest priority.
- no children in our household
- All highest priority except "knowing children's teachers. . ."
- Being well armed
- I wouldn't count fire, emergency and law enforcement as LOW priorities, but I have an expectation they will be protecting me no matter what so it's the other aspects that impact my feeling of safety here.
- We no longer have school age children but I like to know the teachers and staff in our community.
- all important, hard to rank
- harder punishments for crimes. Breaking into the hospital. Robbery. Drugs
- I grew up in a big city. Cody is the safest place I've ever lived. I believe that we have the right amount of visibility of LE and that they are doing a good job. (Note: I'm retired LE).
- don't have children
- happen to believe should be able to rank some of these together - need for police and protective services should be of highest for both
- Very tough question - all of the above are high priority!
- Knowing that the community has a healthy, positive attitude toward firearms.
- no children
- natives no longer recognize people when out and about- so that is a moot question
- I don't have children. If I did, that would be high.
- I think law enforcement does a good job except maybe for traffic on Sheridan. Did you know the speed limit on Sheridan is 25 MPH? Neither does law enforcement. Check it out when school lets out for lunch.
- Being able to carry a gun when I go hiking, and being able to have one in my home for protection.
- these things are almost equal in importance.
- knowing my children's teacher.....NA
- No children at home
- Here's a thought -- how 'bout getting rid of the utterly oxymoronic concept of "drive-thru liquor stores"?!? That would make ME feel a whole lot safer, knowing that someone who is likely already under the influence and behind the wheel of a vehicle can't just drive up and get MORE alcohol!! I thought it was a ridiculous concept growing up here, and I still do!
- The lack of Law Enforcement Visibility is reflected in the high number of failure to stop at stop signs, speeding, etc.
- compare Cody to Riverton-----Cody is very safe, Riverton has a bad reputation among cops. Probably fundamentally due to haves vs have-nots. Cody should avoid this.
- Do not have children in the school system

- I think that our judges and prosecutors are extremely easy on those who have been issued sentences. Perhaps if we actually kept the criminals in jail instead of allowing them to have reduced sentences and "time served," then they would not end up BACK in the courts, because our system would actually be a threat. Our judges let everyone get away with everything. They need to be tougher on those whose crimes endanger others (such as DUI's).
- No children at home
- For the most part, crime goes up as population goes up (e.g. almost all big cities have higher crime rates than small towns. Just another reason to keep the population down.
- I feel I can keep my doors unlocked as my neighbors come and go often and keep an eye out.
- The public concern regarding the lack of ethics of law enforcement continues to grow.
- All the Above and a few more are of the same desired priority simultaneously. This is not a topic that should be broken into rankings in the first place.

## Small Town Life and Lifestyle

### 5. What should local government do to maintain the small town atmosphere of Cody Country?

#### **Other:**

- Don't over build / over annex.
- Stop with all the development, that's what will keep the small town atmosphere.
- Local government should keep the police and fire and be arbitrator between residents, not much more.
- Stop the growing city bureaucracy. Maybe a special election for Mayor and council.
- ENCOURAGE! ASSIST! NOT TOTALLY DOMINATE TO THE POINT OF MAKING IT UNAFFORDABLE FOR BUSINESS TO OPERATE
- Use money spent on Klessens and Forward Cody for bike paths!
- Get rid of Forward Cody.
- Keep/Preserve our "cowboy atmosphere."
- Stop enticing people from other areas to come here.
- Enhance the culture of the community. i.e. the creative economy!
- Limit and control business signs; require xeriscaping by all businesses and maintenance of property. Limit construction of hotels/motels. Require maintenance of these properties. Reward businesses that contribute the most to Cody's good image. Improve the quality of life rather than promoting tourism.
- It is my belief that the overall ambience of the community gives a certain message to visitors as well as long term residents and is important to the overall health of the community. So the western history is important but certain areas within the community are also important. This is not an either/or question.
- All entrances to Cody are uninviting and/or ugly.
- I loved the recent "Boot & Scoot" event downtown and hope it becomes a tradition. I love that we close 12th street for a horse auction every year. I love that we all love a parade - every one of them.
- and work with the various sections of town
- Make sure billboards and signs are not unsightly, make sure empty buildings and unused properties are cleaned up as soon as possible. We don't need "western history" as much as a well taken care of and attractive community, including landscaping that is tidy, and colorful.
- Limit the size of areas zoned commercial, and try to have residential areas in and around all commercial areas. Example: look at Sheridan Ave. -- there's residential housing w/ two or three blocks either side...so people can walk to commercial areas from their homes. Same thing around Albertson's/KMart area. Areas of concern to me in this regard on Big Horn and Yellowstone Ave. -- very commercial, not the "small town" feel we want.
- we don't need to pave the park for 5+ million. It is fine.
- About development, if development means growth and a lot of it happens, then it's not a small town anymore.
- Cody IS history, but it could also be about love of the Western landscape, as interpreted by environmental care. These things are actually complimentary. Real history is great, but we have enough of the hokey acting stuff.
- The public works department has WAY too much power in the development of our city. This department needs to be pared down.
- Leave Cody with western history and leave all other ideas out.
- I really wish they would continue with eliminating the sandwich signs downtown, developing the information kiosk. Additionally, continued planning & development is needed to help with the aesthetics.
- Our local, elected boards and public officials should, at all times, keep the quality of our Cody personality and Western history in the back of their minds as they serve and represent us -- NOT what kind of development or business coming in will provide the quickest source of funds, etc.
- Put a high priority on the aesthetic development of the West Strip. It's downright ugly and embarrassing and probably causes us a significant loss in tourism dollars.
- Do not build convention center

- I'm not sure "small town atmosphere" is exactly what I have in mind. And how does enhancing western history keep the idea we want? Western history is fine, but to be frank it's gotten a little stale and the term is way over used. How does western history = small town atmosphere?
- But keep it western!
- Local gov't seems to be doing their best to destroy the small town atmosphere. It boggles my mind how someone who's live here 1-5 years is elected to office and is suddenly "qualified" (and has the nerve) to decide what's best for the community and long time residents.
- work to maintain the small-town size of Cody
- Avoid the "western" theme. Capitalize on our heritage without becoming a theme park!
- Do not make this another Jackson Hole. The people we have discussed this issue with don't mind a reasonable growth but do not develop just to attract tourist. It will spoil the community feel
- Responsible growth!! Bring in new businesses that will enhance our landscape and economy, but understand the importance of our historical merit,.
- Mostly this is driven by what the private sector develops, or what new ideas the market will bear
- You can't maintain the small town atmosphere if you are promoting growth and pushing Cody to being bigger than a small town.
- The western thing is a great draw but you need more than that to keep people here. I went to Egypt and after my 10th 5000 year old pyramid - whoop dee do. You can get westerned out.
- Local government should keep the western heritage feel and should immediately stop allowing metal structures that are being put up, as a means to cut corners/save money etc. Cody is starting to look very tacky. We need to limit signage and bury overhead lines where we can.
- Based on an assumption that a small town atmosphere is all that desirable.
- is the western history really the most important aspect of Cody. How about we look forward rather than backward.
- NONE OF THE ABOVE. We can't proceed on this topic till we quit letting the Stampede Board, the BBHC, and the Chamber make all the decisions.

## Small Town Life and Lifestyle

### 6. Given that the City of Cody population has grown an average of .70% (less than 1%) each year from 2001 through 2008 (8 years), what business growth would you like to see by 2020?

#### **Other:**

- Low growth, don't ruin it
- We need retail DIVERSITY
- This is business, private industry.... none of the city business other than providing services!!!!
- how does the tax increase compare? We should lower the taxes and get more for what we pay.
- Industrial focuses: solar and wind energy products
- Clean industry for job opportunities.
- We have to grow or grow stagnant.
- Communities are either growing or dying. No growth is not a viable option. We can not expect to have continued retail growth without a sustaining income producing sector to support it. We will always be at the mercy of the economy if we do not do something that adds value. Agriculture, energy production, manufacturing add value, retail doesn't.
- Any type of business development is fine as long as it is well-planned. Unsightly businesses, like Fremont Motors lights and electronic signs detract from the small town goal. The city needs to do a lot more on proactive planning instead of promoting these projects with new utilities and then asking nothing from the business in terms of appearances.
- More restaurants and better retail.
- The beauty of living here is keeping Cody a small town.
- If industry is "soft" industry (technology) but hard industry will only make our community less desirable. We have limited visual space in which to house this industry.
- I believe that health care business will continue to grow. Also I hope that passenger air service will continue to develop.
- Coincidentally, I've been living in Cody for this entire time period, after moving from Arizona - a rapidly growing state. The growth rate in Cody is healthy and sustainable (contrary to what I observed in AZ). We should strive to maintain slow growth - not accelerate it.
- Restaurant and food services growth. Cody needs more family restaurants/less franchise food
- I worry that new retail businesses will not survive and we will have more empty buildings. Businesses that bring jobs make a big contribution to a community.
- I think industries that could benefit from low taxes, low government, and good employees should be courted. I would love to see firearms manufacturers and software developers move to Cody.
- We need business to come in and offer jobs!
- I would also like to see more growth of more service-based businesses, like home health, tailoring, etc.
- I think we'd do ourselves better if we focus on intellectual growth: develop culinary, outdoor adventure, hospitality, and/or environmental degree programs at a new educational facility in Cody that would provide jobs for Cody residents and careers for our young people within Wyoming. Don't let them leave the state; provide them with opportunities to stay here.
- We really need to pull a few more restaurants in. Losing Maxwells has hurt us. Perhaps even pulling in a chain like Applebees. If we are going to develop retail, a few more specialty or boutique shops would enhance Cody. There are specific areas of retail where a person has to shop out of town, you can't purchase locally because there are no stores that supply specific needs.
- Cody would benefit from solid, planned growth. Retail that is unique and restaurants that can cater to the existing and expanding population - local and visiting - would be great
- City population hasn't increased very fast but subdivisions have. Encourage growth within existing City limits, discourage farmland and wildland conversion
- Retail expansion without sustainable population is unrealistic.

- This is key. Seniors will come here. Spill over from Jackson will continue. But we need to focus business that will provide opportunities for our singles and young families.
- Market driven
- The population of Cody back in the mid 70's was about 5,000 people. It is now roughly twice that, not counting the hundreds of houses that have been built up the Southfork, Northfork, Sage Creek, Powell Highway, etc. So, the population has doubled, but we have higher taxes, more congestion, and less open space. I'd suggest that you conduct some research on the actual relationship between Cody's population, percentage of higher paying jobs, and property and sales taxes. You can get to the bottom of this whole conversation very quickly if you ask Codyites and all Wyomites (for that matter), why they live in Wyoming? You already know the answer; we live in Cody and Wyoming because we like being in the lowest populated state and we value the wide open spaces that result.
- If you're not growing, you're going.
- You seem to have left off our current top producers of tourism and recreation. They should continue to be promoted.

## Small Town Life and Lifestyle

### 7. What do you think best defines western culture in Cody Country?

#### **Other:**

- The western dress of shop owners and attractions.
- What defines Western culture, how about small government. How about property owner rights. How about less BEURAUOCRACY!!!
- Hospitality and friendliness extended to local folks who live here; not just to tourists!
- Cody IS rodeo ... but SO MUCH MORE, too !!! We need to diversify more.
- Building designs and materials can be important. There should be a studious look at present and historical architectural styles before saying what is preferred and where it is preferred.
- Cody needs to be a nice small town for it's own citizens instead of focusing on being a major tourist town.
- This is another question that does not have a single answer. It is the OVERALL feeling one gets in the community and that includes the natural setting, history, attractions, and buildings all together. None of this will count if residents don't approach visitors with a warm, friendly, and helpful attitude.
- Once again, I think building design is very important, just think other items are, also
- I like to emphasize the natural beauty of the area, not limit Cody to it's origins. Recognize the history of the area and then move toward the future. There needs to be a balance between the past and future.
- I've lived in some other places that are even more hospitable and friendly but are not as "western".
- People who enjoy guns, horses, wildlife, outdoor activities, and mountains
- Cody is not longer a western town; it is only western in the sense that it is in the "west". It is attracting out of state residents with out of state values
- If Cody is a western town and promotes the western way of life....yet when people walk into the Chamber and local stores no one is dressed western! Nose rings, etc. Where is our west? Not in attitude.
- Again some of this should be of equal priority.
- the 'western' activities of the people who live here- ranching, farming, rodeoing, riding, hunting, fishing, camping, etc.
- Why do people come to Cody? Yellowstone. And/or to experience unique natural landscapes. We must never forget that. Buffalo Bill is secondary.
- The whole world comes through Cody on their way to/from Yellowstone Park -- that's how it has always been and, regardless of the swing of the National Park policy pendulum, that will always be who we are -- and whatever promotes that in a healthy and productive way for both our town and our visitors is where we should place our focus.
- Building design is 70% ugly to 30% acceptable. Much improvement needed.
- I'm not a big fan of the interpretation of western culture Cody uses. How about a more modern approach that incorporates current outdoor activities and expands beyond cowboys, horses, hunting and fishing? Can western be defined as hiking, biking, climbing, kayaking, shopping, dining and appreciation for great wine?
- Western culture in Cody? That would be ranching, farming, and rodeo type events. However that seems to be fading into the background in favor of the plastic Drugstore Cowboy image retailers present in order to separate even more dollars from the tourist trade.
- Hospitality and friendliness are very important. Just one more attribute of what Cody Country has to offer.
- Speaking of hospitality - I hear far too often about poor service in restaurants. At the beginning of the tourist season a FREE course should be offered and a reminder in the local paper or mail out about customer service and being a good citizen in a tourist town
- Hospitality and friendliness are pretty much absent in Cody in my experience with other places; it's already lowest priority and you can't change people much.
- Adherence to western culture - as it is practiced in Cody - is causing us economic ruin.
- I think too much emphasis is placed on western culture here in Cody

- I don't care about Buffalo Bill or catering to a bunch of nitwits who complain that they were born in the wrong century. It would be nice to have some shops downtown that a person might actually want to walk into, rather than rubber tomahawk shops and art galleries
- Too much TACKINESS around Cody , like steel buildings and generic stick and shingle construction. Dullness and really bad architecture abound...

## Small Town Life and Lifestyle

### 9. If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, which of the following funding strategies to development policies and requirements for maintaining and/or developing the Cody Country western aesthetic might you support?

#### **Other:**

- When we are talking about western aesthetics, please keep it high quality and classy, not "barn wood" siding.
- Shouldn't need funding - just policies.
- I really don't want to see a convention center here.
- Use Klessens' money on bike trail!
- Use Forward Cody money on something constructive.
- More policies and requirements? That would probably translate into more city jobs, equipment, etc. Are we simply talking about your job security here?
- The only aesthetics that this pertains to are attractions and retail businesses and office buildings.
- Again, the answers are not particularly relevant to the question. Policies for maintaining the aesthetic heritage of the area are not highly dependent on public funding.
- The city of Cody should develop policies and codes for development that keep Cody clean, attractive and wholesome. A building code for businesses with a 'western style' would help protect Cody's image. A 'hodge-podge' of building styles is ugly.
- It does not take extra money to require businesses to meet a standard when designing a new building.
- developmental guidelines. Assistance from an architectural, developmental advisory group.
- It doesn't so much require money and policies as allowing people the freedom to continue doing what we do best.
- I'm a definite "maybe" on this one! Would have to look at specifics of a proposed policy. I don't like highly restrictive policies but maybe some small incentives or tax breaks to those who develop within some guidelines that provide that.
- I think it could be suggested, but don't think that the "community" or the government should tell people what they can do with their own property. I think such behavior is anathema to Wyoming and western culture.
- NO NEW TAXES
- why additional funding? Use zoning. A Harley dealer on main street may be western but not old west. Of course I not sure the government should tell folks what kind of business they can run but I guess if you can be told not to put a factory in a residential zone you should be able to say no tattoo parlors on main street. But who would decide what is western enough?
- should not have to fund the "western aesthetic- just work with current and future businesses to reserve and maintain it with carefully scripted ruels, regs and ordinances.
- We don't need more "western' buildings or themed businesses. We have enough. We do want buildings that look natural in this setting though, not out-of-place. Old Trail Town is dandy; The one or two Cowboy dinner reviews are find for those who like them; the Trolley is fine, even the shoot-out is OK (although it could be less hokey and better acted). But we don't need to find monies to fund more of this kind of thing. And we don't really need much more of this at all. We should limit the cowboy reviews for example; if everyone opens one, them you have half-a-dozen mediocre or bad ones, and that's just embarassing.
- Sounds like more government
- Again, why are we being asked how to afford the DEVELOPMENT of policies? The City Council, the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Chamber of Commerce and Travel Council and Forward Cody all just need to do the work they are already funded to do. We don't need to fund more rounds of surveys -- if you work on Main Street during the tourist season, you know why people come and what they are looking for -- it's no mystery.
- Lets maintain, NOT develop

- Again the connection here to the previous question is awkward. I am thinking mostly along the lines of building codes, not just in town but up the northfork/southfork.
- Don't see that changing the regs is a big funding issue. Just change the regs.
- What is there to fund? Just make it a requirement that to get a building permit, the building must fit in aesthetically with the community. If the commissioners cannot decide if something fits in, ask for public comment. I can't imagine that we would allow something like a 20 story steel and reflective glass office building right downtown.
- Requirements and guidelines for building infrastructure should be a builder responsibility. Development of requirement and guidelines are the responsibility of local govt using public process for approval.
- again, you need funding to develop a policy? I think people should be able to make their own decisions about aesthetics - I would hate to see Cody looking like a cookie-cutter community where things are just a slight variation of the same.....
- I think that this a community responsibility, and incoming businesses should respect what we as residents hold dear.
- Businesses should be first to follow the western theme and should pay for it.

## Small Town Life and Lifestyle

### 10. Please rate the importance of the development of public/commercial transportation to and from Cody (e.g. bus, air, rail).

#### **Other:**

- Let private sector develop it.
- Air is a MUST! Bus is not a serious issue.
- Train and Bust transportation may be helpful
- Airlines and cheaper flights
- The Colt bus isn't hardly used now
- The COLT is a wonderful resource and should be kept if possible and be used between Powell on occasion. If we can get the rail from the future Cheyenne line or something from the Amtrak run that crosses Montana it would be great especially if you put it with a Yellowstone National Park bus tour through Cody for several nights. We must keep the United and Delta connections to COD.
- Poor & expensive air connections, no rail and maybe no bus!! If you don't own a vehicle here, you're stuck!
- Keep the planes coming to Cody!
- When our airport charges 2 times the amount to rent cars, and flights are much more expensive, I wish we would quit pouring money into the airport, most have found a way around it!!
- Horse drawn multi-person carriages might be fun (like Red Lodge has)
- The prices need to be competitive to Billings. I still drive to the airport because it is cheaper.
- Why did we lose a bus hub? Recently, my husband had to get to a small NM town with no commercial air travel and I had to drive him to Worland to catch a bus.
- But really, what can we do? We are remote and have a small scattered population. If there isn't enough demand for public transportation to be a least 90% self-sustaining, maybe it isn't feasible.
- Extremely important to make a town livable.
- Air travel is huge, but neither bus nor rail are a big deal to me personally. I have no idea how well something like daily bus service to Billings would do. Probably not very well.
- Air and rail.
- If there is a reason for many people to come, the private sector (free enterprise) will capitalize on the opportunity. Public transportation RARELY makes good financial sense.
- We have a bus system that connects to Greyhound. This system is in place and is funded through a state subsidy with matching funds from city and counties.
- Air service is CRITICAL and must be supported!
- This needs a high priority. Visitors would appreciate it, also.
- Billings is so close and has a much better capacity for various airlines, etc. Can you utilize flights from Billings to here to make it more economical to fly.
- Makes no sense to remodel an airport without any air service!
- get rid of United and look for another carrier.
- If there is money to be made then private industry will do it.
- If airlines need subsidized lodging industry should pay it. not taxpayers
- no public money to the airport

- More flights in and out are needed. I don't want more rail. Maybe weekly bus service to other Wy towns with links to national service for those who can't afford to fly or drive? If we already have that, it is not well advertised
- Air service is the most important but it must also be reasonably priced. Right now it's cheaper to go out of Billings when connections are good there, although I still try to go out of Cody on business trips where possible. United's new flight time is not a good one; I think I'll be mostly flying Delta Rail would be a nice alternative but is that really a possibility?
- I really wish there was a better public transportation system that served a few of the more outlying areas (i.e. up to 10/15 miles out) so that senior citizens, or the housebound, have options to get to town for doctor's appointments, shopping, etc.
- Only air travel is important to my family and me.
- Cody needs a people rail line connecting to other towns in the basin as well as to Billings.
- Airline service is super important.
- we need a morning flight, year round, to Denver. Better bus service would be good within the Bighorn Basin, and connecting with out of state
- If people want to come here, they will find a way. Again, why are we pushing this when the top response on the last survey was to maintain open space?
- It's got to be easy to get here. If it's hard to find or troublesome in any way - like 3 connections, people will think hard about coming. That road between Laurel and Rockdale is ridiculously busy and dangerous. Help Montana out and make it easier to get here.
- bus service is a priority
- Air service is ESSENTIAL. If we don't maintain the air service, Cody is dead in the water!
- It's definitely hard to get here . . .
- For me air transportation was a key decision to move here. Having Billings nearby was critical as a backup when air travel is impossible from here. I would also encourage better bus service to Billings and Logan airport from Cody.
- Bicycle friendliness, Lanes, racks, Bicycle friendly business: Storage and benefits.
- Bus service taxis : a great need. Passenger air service : worthless till Cody air fares are competitive. We should not pursue this folly if it does not reduce airfares in Cody to reasonable levels.

## Small Town Life and Lifestyle

### 11. If you feel it is important to develop public/commercial transportation, how important is it to you?

**Other:**

- Now you've been told twice!
- Must have reliable air service.
- Probably 70 percent of my business arrives from the airport.
- Encourage YRA to have airlines fees more comparable to leave/return via Cody rather than drive to Billings. Sometimes the price difference is significant and it is more cost savings to travel from/to Billings
- I live too far out of town to use it
- With no rail or commercial bus service to Cody, many of my friends and relatives around the country will not visit Cody
- Yellowstone Business Partnership's inter-regional transportation idea is a good one. It is too bad COLT didn't work out. With traffic the way it was in YNP this year, we can expect some greater focus on mass transit there (per Yosemite).
- air service is critical
- As I'm now 65 years old, I would expect that public transportation shall become more important as time goes on.
- Air travel in and out of Cody is critically important. With consistent, reliable, affordable air travel we can be a great retirement local as well as a great travel destination.
- Are you kidding? "If you feel it is important..." but one of the choices is "Not Important."
- Low airfare to Cody would do more to boost visitors than anything else.
- sack united.
- It is essential that we have air service, or we will not get quality commercial growth.
- There are few means other than personal mobility to get to Cody. A Greyhound bus system would be useful.
- Bike lanes throughout town would be GREAT as an additional alternative for transportation.
- I think it's important to ensure Cody has a viable airport with a minimum of 2 airlines.
- I am young & healthy so I drive. i won't always be that way. I will want better public transportation as I get older
- bike paths and a bike friendly town, including out lying areas such as teh South Fork highway. Get the highway dept. to run a street sweeper along the South Fork Highway so the shoulder is clean enough to ride a road bike!!!
- Air service is ESSENTIAL. If we don't maintain the air service, Cody is dead in the water!
- Again bus service , intracity public transport . and taxis are important. Air service is NOT since we have Billings so close.

## Demographics

5. **Would you consider participating in a community advisory group(s), either existing community service organization(s) or a new group(s), to make specific recommendations and to ensure the final goals from the Cody 2020 vision plan are being realized?**

**Other:**

- Sorry too many irons in the fire now.
- I would participate except I know the groups will be biased as to what the Mayor and council decide they want, not necessarily what the people want. If we are seriously considering changing all these things listed in this survey each issue needs to be put on a ballot for residents
- Dean M. Parko, 916 Canyon Avenue, Cody, WY 82414 (h)527-4012, (w) 527-7383
- You already have your agenda. This questionnaire is simply public smoke.
- I would, but I work too much and have little extra time. My spare time is spent in recreation.
- I have served on city council, airport board, rc&d formation and would be happy to help develop future plans for cody. I even have a memorial named after me....guess who I am!
- A new roadway should be provided off the Southfork Road up to east gate. Gas leak, road construction, vehicle accidents have stopped any emergency rescue with only one-way in or out of the Southfork Road.
- Bud McDonald 228 Spirit Mountain Drive, Cody, WY 82414 - 587.4794 (home) 899.1949 (work)
- Been there, done that - 2007. Kathy McDonald
- Only because I am volunteered out at this time
- Only in Cody WY four to five times yearly at this point ...so would be difficult to participate but would do what I could.
- I'm already involved in multiple volunteer organizations in addition to a more than 40-hr/week job.
- I think there should be one, but I am not good at leadership. I can't get anyone to agree with me.
- Only because I'm still in college and not home enough.
- Not sure ... some of it would depend on how "political" it was.
- not possible within the next calendar year due to other commitments, but would consider it in the future.
- I am well-qualified to assist in addressing off-highway vehicle issues (planning, management, opportunities, and control).
- Health won't permit such an activity
- Only if it actually follows what a majority of the residents want.
- I participated in the previous study and am frustrated that the work from that was disregarded.

## Demographics

### 7. If you answered "No" to the previous question, how would you prefer to be informed?

#### *Other:*

- You are interested and concerned with many important aspects of the community/area and yet you hassled businessmen over small sandwich board advertising while allowing high intensity fluorescent (not your traditional - means signs) variable message board advertising. They certainly don't "fit" the Cody western image. These signs are distractingly obnoxious. Thanks for the opportunity.
- I have to sometimes really search to find out about votes that directly affect me and it sometimes seems that the powers that be do not want the public to know about some of the votes that directly affect the taxpayers.
- Newspaper notification BEFORE the event not after it's been decided.
- Public meetings and news is advertised, at least the ones you want the people to be aware of. The local newspaper is very tainted to a socialist agenda most of the time. McCormick likes to see public monies spent. Who instigated Cody 2020? It wasn't on a ballot. Why don't you have a survey with questions asking if the city officers, departments, employees, etc. are spending the tax dollars ok. Maybe question if parks are more important than the paving or other infrastructure. You are wasting yours and my time!!!! Yes, you should probably throw this one out also, it doesn't match up with what you are wanting to hear.
- Living out of town, we have the paper mailed to us. Many activities are either over or going on until we find out about them. Activities need to be advertised a few days prior, not the day before.
- Reduce our property taxes so that more people can afford to live here. Job prospects would increase if we had more ideas and opportunities for work.
- Organize meeting notices on one page of the local newspaper.
- the city should send direct mailings
- A mailing with an agenda
- Meeting information in newspaper is often not received in time as newspaper is delivered by mail. Information needs to be printed in earlier edition of paper.
- Those of us outside the city on satellites do not have access to local TV channels.
- Direct mailing via US Mail
- school children
- Part of the problem is mine. I don't always have time to read the paper so need to have an alternative.
- I can see why you have had such a small response to this survey. It's complicated and sometimes oxymoronic. The results of question 5 should not be considered valid. The public at large doesn't have enough information to be answering that question. And how can I prioritize the environmental factors when some of them are the causes of some of the others.
- I only listen to NPR. I do read the Cody and Billings papers.
- Get local hospitality or travel channel (even for a hour or two daily) time on satellite radio. More people are listening to Sirius/XM than all the local radio. Weather and local info and public meeting info can go on that. Would help a lot of the travelers too. This from input from this years tourists.
- I wouldn't want to be "slammed" with messages. Perhaps a weekly or monthly e-newsletter that we received prior to the events happening. (The newsletter that is sent out with the bills ... unfortunately by the time I get it much of the date specific info is obsolete.)

- Thank you for asking for public input!
- Posters