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Just because a 13 year old Gateway Plan said to build a hotel at the entrance to town, that plan didn't say to approve a building a 1 1/2 acre lot that would normally require a 3-acre lot. And it certainly doesn't mean you have to approve it if it defies common sense.

It also defies the will of your electorate—what I can't understand is that you know this and still approve it. Ms Breen's comment at the previous meeting on the Marriott that the citizens elected her to make this decision is disingenuous. Do you think we would have voted for you if we knew you would push for a massive hotel you know we don't want?

Have you given any consideration to what this hotel means for the economics of Ketchum? We know you haven't done any kind of economic study, but let's use some common sense.

Do you know how poor hotel occupancy is in Ketchum? Did you even bother to look at the data before moving forward with this hotel? Ketchum isn't like the Vail you are trying to make it into. We aren't a 2-hour drive from Denver and our airport won't be landing 737s like Eagle does. There is a limit to how many tourists are coming here, even with the Epic Pass. This hotel is unneeded and will have another out-of-town owner compete for profits with Ketchum resident owners of other hotels. How is that good for Ketchum?

There is no one in Ketchum to work in this hotel. Unemployment in Ketchum is 2%. That means only a couple dozen people at any time are looking for work. Where will these Marriott workers come from? You know the answer to this because PEG told you. They will recruit workers from all over the country. How is this good for Ketchum?

To approve this hotel means that you are knowingly bringing in 100 people into Ketchum who can't afford to live here, and only 23 of which will be housed by the hotel. Is this the reason for Bluebird? How can this tax[payer funded economic disaster possibly be good for Ketchum?

You force your own electorate to fight you to represent their interests when we voted for you to do that. This is very poor democracy.

Thankfully this is an election year. You can be sure we are keeping an accounting of how well you represent our interests versus the interests of people who don't live here, like out-of-town developers and rentiers.

Please stop representing PEG and start representing your voters.

Perry Boyle  
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