

From: [Dolores Vasquez](#)
To: [Marissa Davis](#); [Philip Strom](#)
Subject: FW: hotel proposal- for the record
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Found this in my junk folder....sorry.

Take care,

Dolores M. Vasquez

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From: Kay Sparks <sparks3@nwi.net>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 5:04 PM
To: Dolores Vasquez <DVasquez@townoflyons.com>
Subject: re: hotel proposal- for the record

Please include the following in the testimonies regarding the proposed hotel building. Thank you. Kay Sparks

I am supportive of the proposed hotel building on Main Street, Lyons.

My husband and I have been visiting Lyons in one and two month increments for 3 years and moved here permanently 15 months ago. My support stems from two statements I have frequently heard over the last 4 years. First, "Folks drive through Lyons, but they don't stop to shop or enjoy what we offer." Second, "We need to change from "Gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park" to something that communicates that Lyons is a unique, special place deserving of being visited.

The presence of a hotel allows folks to consider staying in Lyons, whether they are on vacation, here for a wedding or world travelers. Staying at a hotel after a day of driving means you want to get out an walk, look around, find out what's special. Without that option, it is rare for folks to stop unless they know about the many special shops, be it for ice cream, unique leather goods, arts and gifts, pizza, etc.

From the information I have reviewed regarding the proposed hotel, a lot of careful planning has gone into it thus far; more planning will continue, with what has been called "pivoting" occurring as plans need to be refined. There are challenges. It appears that the residents in Lyons are used to challenges and I look forward to seeing how the developers and the town creatively address them.

As in any project this immense, there will be more challenges, some anticipated and some not. I do not believe these challenges should stop this proposal from going forward.

Thank you. Kay Sparks, 2169 Apple Valley Road, Lyons CO

Kay Sparks

Life is not about “or” — it is about “and.”

It is magical and messy.

It is heartwarming and heartbreaking.

It is delight and disappointment.

Grace and grief.

Exquisite and excruciating, often at the exact same time. Kristi Nelson