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Why the Treasure Hill project continues to resurface makes little sense. All the arguments have been made over and over during the past thirty years. The reasons why Treasure Hill would be an irrevocable mistake are as clear today as they have always been, and the town's growth has made it even more impossible. Isn't it obvious that Treasure Hill would be destructive to Park City? Isn't it obvious that the project is not feasible?

The citizens of Park City have brought up unsolvable problems with the development: access through narrow streets, snow removal, reduced parking, the impact on the environment and the landscape, overcrowding, a compromised water supply, pollutants, and disruption of old mines. Construction will go on for years bringing noisy dump trucks, construction equipment, and dust through neighborhoods where children play and access to skiing is interrupted. Nevertheless, the Sweeney funded studies show there will be no such problems.

Overcrowded conditions in Historic Old Town will be worse. There are times when local property owners find it almost impossible to find a place to park. During construction and forever after, parking will be even worse. Sidewalks, sometimes crowded, especially during Sundance, will be even more crowded. Nevertheless, the Sweeney funded studies show there will be no such problems.

Why is it that "the little guy" must fit within the architectural guidelines for size, style, and roof lines while the proposed Treasure Hill project is a concrete and glass behemoth far out of character with Historic Old Town? Why are we even considering a million square feet when original proposal was for a development one-third the size? Treasure Hill would loom over Park City destroying its personality and disrupting neighborhoods while the Sweeneys sit conveniently on the other side of the hill they donated, never to be developed, their monstrosity comfortably out of their sight lines.

This has gone on for nearly thirty years. It's all been said before. Nothing has changed. Given the impossibility of the project and its negative impact, why can't we just put it to rest for good?

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