

# Letters

## Serve readers, not business

Editor:

With Broomfield citizens crying out against growth, and the City Council's superficial moratorium on the building of new homes now in effect, I'm astonished that the *Enterprise* would run as its July 27 front-page story a piece on Don Dunshee, the man who, as director of Broomfield Economic Development Corp., "will recruit business to sites in the city" and "bring corporate jobs to Broomfield like no one else." The *Enterprise* even had the audacity to picture the ambitious Dunshee in front of one of the sites he plans to transform — the very type of site, with open space and an unobstructed view of the Rockies, the citizens of Broomfield now fight to preserve.

Do you honestly believe Broomfield reads with excitement and pleasure about a new apartment complex coming to town? An interchange under construction that will bring more traffic and pollution to the city? Or soon-to-arrive corporate buildings that, surrounded by sprawling asphalt parking lots, will consume irreplaceable open space and obscure residents' view of the mountains?

You folks at the "community newspaper" just don't get it, do you? Why not help us — the people you serve — stop growth and perpetuate community, instead of supporting anything and everything business desires?

RON BAXENDALE II

## Stick to the plan

Editor:

I think it's shocking that the Jefferson County commissioners and the airport authority would totally turn their backs on the airport's master plan. It is the official document the public counts on. It does not even mention scheduled airline passenger service. How can they consider expanding the airport in the absence of comment on the master plan?

The public needs to trust government officials. When citizens believe the master plan is the guide for the airport's use, how can government officials depart from it?

If use of the airport should change, the master plan should reflect those changes with input from the public. Residents have the right to contribute to such master-plan changes before proposals for expansion are considered.

Commissioners John Stone and Betty Miller need to view changes in the airport's use as Commissioner Gary Laura has — as affecting the citizens they were elected to serve. Please listen to our issues and take us seriously. Thank you.

VERA and ROGER BOGART

## Fight scheduled flights

Editor:

Your readers should be alarmed by the expansion plans for Jefferson County Airport. If Betty Miller and John Stone don't join Gary Laura in a united front as our Jefferson County commissioners opposing scheduled airline service, the quality of life enjoyed by residents will deteriorate.

The streets built and maintained with our tax dollars will become even more congested if Texas businessman John Andrews is allowed

to bring into Jeffco Airport 20 flights daily with as many as 30 passengers each.

That could pour 600 people making 1,200 trips in and out of the area every day. We all know how jammed our streets are already with just us — local residents — traveling to and from work and shopping. Imagine the traffic congestion getting worse at rush hour!

Let DIA get up and running — and profitable — instead of diverting scheduled airline service to the county airport. Jeffco already is the fourth busiest airport in the state. Leave well enough alone. Call the county commissioners and urge them to protect our quality of life. Their number is 271-8525. Thank you.

IRMA and CALVIN SCHURMAN

## Bus service lacking

Editor:

Thank you for bringing our attention to the present inadequate service that the Regional Transportation District bus system is providing us citizens of Broomfield, but I would like to take this opportunity to expand on the subject. The route number is 128, and the schedule is available only Monday through Friday serving the work crowd from 6

a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at half-hour intervals. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (off-peak hours), there are only five trips through the city, three of which stop at the Broomfield Senior Center. The last bus of the day leaves the Broomfield park-n-Ride at 6:08 p.m., thereby eliminating evening use. There is no service on weekends or holidays. Furthermore, the only service north of 10th Avenue is in the Westlake area of 135th Avenue. We who live in the northwest part of the city get no service at all, and when I recall all of the tax money that I have paid to RTD so that others can ride, it's annoying in light of my present situation. When my family moved here 25 years ago, I was a hale and hearty 40-year-old who had no time for buses, but time has changed that considerably. Young people, trust me when I say that time takes its toll, and one day you too will welcome leaving the driving to someone else!

There are just nine bus stops in Broomfield, and the closest one to Gate 'n' Green at 13405 Main St. is at least two miles away at 10th Avenue and Ash Street. That's a pretty good hike for someone who uses a cane, walker, or wheelchair, or for that matter, just about any senior citizen. It certainly precludes using the bus service for any kind of shopping.

Presently, I would like to see the route extended north on Daphne Street, past the middle school and around the water tower on 136th Avenue and east to Main with a scheduled stop at the corner of 136th and Main; then turn south on Main to another scheduled stop at the Gate 'n' Green entrance gate. This addition would add approximately three miles to the present route with little or no inconvenience to the operators.

Future changes that I would like to see are these:

1. Half hour scheduling through the city during off-peak hours.
2. Extend the schedule times to 11 p.m.
3. Lower the off-peak hour fare to 25 cents for local use only. No transfers available unless regular fare is paid.
4. Publicize the present senior off-peak fare of 15 cents throughout the system.
5. Add weekend and holiday service.

Those readers who agree with the foregoing can send letters to John Caldera, RTD board member, and Clarence Marsella, manager, at the Regional Transportation District, 1600 Blake St., Denver, CO, 80202.

Please help.

**JACK CRONIN**

## **Bus solution offered**

**Dear Editor:**

Last week in the *Enterprise* City Briefs section, resident Jack Cronin's crusade to provide RTD bus accessibility for Gate 'n' Green residents was highlighted.

Senior Resources of Broomfield Inc.'s Transportation Committee has since contacted Mr. Cronin to see how we can assist him in reaching that objective.

We would like the public to know that through the Golden Wheels transportation program, we provide daytime, door-to-door transportation for older adults on weekdays within the city limits of Broomfield.

We take elderly and disabled people to grocery stores three days per week. On other days our buses travel to medical offices, Target, banks, beauty/barber shops, and the senior center.

One of the buses we use to provide transit service is an RTD bus that the city of Broomfield leases for us at a very favorable rate.

While we are pleased to be able to provide transit options for many Broomfield residents, I will personally explore modifying the RTD circulator route to include a stop at Gate 'n' Green at the earliest possible time.

**HANK STOVALL**