

Henry's Corner Expanded (1410 Ford Street)

Most of our discussion of this property has been in terms of beautification and the display of used items placed outside that created a negative appearance. There are other reasons to consider this corner.

Public Safety - Auto

There are other reasons to look at this property. The narrowing of Jackson Street which creates a blind spot in making the sharp set of turns is due to the location of the 1410 building and property line. Jackson Street at this point was where the old street car line was located that went from downtown Golden to downtown Denver. If we had the building and tore it down we could transfer 20 feet or more and let the city redesign Jackson Street to smooth out the curve and eliminate the driving blind spot.

Public Safety - Pedestrian

Under the west corner of the building and under the parking lot a 15 feet (very large) Kenny Run drain pipe is located. You can see the drain pipe behind the building which is hidden by the trees and vegetation. There is about 40 to 50 feet of open drainage that is some 20 feet below the street and sidewalk. The drain pipe then continues under the Methodist church parking lot and on up Jackson St.

If we worked with the City funds and Urban Drainage funds and GURA funds we could contribute to the enclosure of the drain pipe and put the side walk extending the Methodist church parking lot over the drainage pipe and exit into a pocket park. The trees could be kept and the new side walk would be safer for pedestrians.

Beautification and Historical Point of Interest

Right now the view from Coors Parking lot or from Jackson is not attractive. If we created a pocket park with a bronze statue and historic plaque of the old street car (FYI: Street Car No. 25 that ran from Golden to Denver is now fully restored and operational by the Colorado Railroad Club), this would tie into Golden's past and be a visitor point of interest at this intersection. We have nothing now, except for memories of senior Golden residents, which ties the interurban to Golden downtown history. Working with the Golden Civic Foundation, we could do this.