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Karina,  
Please forward to the Springs MAC.

Council members:

I oppose underground parking next to the Boyes Hot Springs post office as proposed by Ken Mattson.

- 1) If the ventilation system is not properly maintained, it could lead to carbon monoxide issues.
- 2) Supervisor Gorin, stated in an e-mail (quote) "lack of activity and no eyes on this area, is allowing mischief to happen currently. (unquote)" However, underground parking has almost no "eyes on the area". At least now, you have passing motorist and pedestrians able to see what is going on and report any "mischief", including drug dealing and a bicycle chop shop.
- 3) The underground parking may become a place for homeless. Unlike private property, where the owner can call the sheriff to remove trespassers, on public property can be very difficult to get the homeless to move to shelter elsewhere. If it is deemed OK to allow homeless to encamp in the underground garage, the money would be much better spent building an actual homeless shelter.
- 4) Underground parking will actually reduce the number of parking spaces (from the current 45 spaces.)
- 5) My friends owned a loft on 1st St E with underground parking. The complex had to add a gate to stop the skateboarders from skateboarding down the driveway into the parking.
- 6) The lot just to the north, where Uncle Patty's once stood, only has street access from this area of Boyes Blvd. Underground parking will have to allow for access to this property, reducing the number of parking spaces and reducing the area for a Springs Plaza.

Any problems with the current parking area would be exacerbated if it goes underground.

I oppose the underground parking plan. The existing parking should remain and the plaza should be put on old Uncle Patty's property.

Regards,  
David Eichar

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