

To the Boulder Town Clerk Jessica LeFever,

Public Comment from Tina Karlsson, Boulder Resident

Date May 2nd, 2023

Regarding the ADA pathway option brought to the town by Jimmy Catmull:

Thank you Jimmy for bringing this grant option to the communities attention. Grants are really helpful, especially for a small community like ours. We have gotten many grants in the past to help in community projects.

And with community support, we can choose grants that fit our needs and I feel that this one should take a pass.

Here are some questions and my comments:

There is grant money available for an ADA project but is this proposal a needed or desired option for our town?

Is it an appropriate use of town funds?

The permeable pathway we have was chosen as an appropriate option for the intended use and it is also very maintainable by the town.

An 8-foot wide cement/concrete pathway would not be so easily maintainable by the town, and I don't think it is appropriate to replace what we already have.

I suggest the priority for ADA needs in town should start with the front door of our community center.

Public infrastructure needs public input and general consensus. The first step in securing grants should start at the community level with a set of priorities that the community is willing to support and fund.

I encourage the town council to start to solicit projects the community is interested in funding, prioritize the project, and then look for grant money to help if needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Tina Karlsson