

Can someone tell me why they didn't just tear down the shed? Oh, wait, for all intents and purposes, they did!

The Southside Community Shack is really taking shape

Cover the children's eyes, readers.

What the City has done to the shed on Parsley that the Kiwanis Club was going to tear down but instead sold to the City, is what's commonly referred as "CYA."

Once exposed to voters in Laramie County who supported building a new "park" in the southside (and it's not South Cheyenne, that is a specific geographic area with definite boundaries) by the Cheyenne Herald, the City began to obfuscate. See what remains of the shed - at the right.

Except for trying to save face and (keep the kids eyes covered) to "CTA" (substitute "their" for "your"), there was no logical reason or explanation for not tearing down the shed they bought from the Kiwanis Club. But, had they done that, it would have exposed the deal they made - the price they paid - as highly questionable.

The shack below has been stripped and now is the frame at the right, with a new concrete slab. Obviously, it cost far more to salvage the uprights and trusses than the cost of demolition was worth. Who's zooming who here?



Photo on 4/9/2009



Photo on 11/19/2008

The photo at the left was taken before the siding was peeled back on the facing end of the shed. The strong westerly winds so common around here, overmatched the cheap metal siding and it peeled around like a sardine can.

Almost five and a half years after Laramie County residents approved a southside park, work has finally begun to create one. In the intervening years, parks have been completed in other parts of Cheyenne. Started and finished. But not here.

One good thing about the delay was it gave the Cheyenne Herald time to expose the City's plans to use the existing storage shed for a "rec center" and/or "community house" and Mother Nature helped our cause by stripping it bare.

By having to start basically from scratch, the project has some potential. It's too bad the City didn't choose that course from the outset instead of trying to salvage a ratty old shed that would have been an insult to southside residents and all voters who

supported a southside park. Who knows, perhaps the County will end up with a fair-grounds on Archer, as voters expected when they approved all the money in the last Specific Purposes sales tax election, but haven't been provided.

The southside is seeing some commercial growth. As is South Cheyenne. A new Boys and Girls Club will find a home on the southside, at approximately Fox Farm and Walterscheid. Three new schools are coming - Rossman Elementary and South High School are under construction and Triumph High School is open, Pizza Hut has moved the Lincolnway restaurant to So. Greeley Highway and the Tortilla Factory is building their own restaurant farther south on So. Greeley, next to Marv's Mobile Home Repair - just beyond the light at Williams St. Someday, a renovated Capitol City Super Foods building will be completed and occupied. The sun is shining down here - on the City and County.

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