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I am a resident of Belle Square in beautiful downtown LaCrosse. I would like to start by complimenting the restoration going on downtown. We sold our home on south side LaCrosse of 32 years to move downtown. It was an adjustment, but we love it.

I want to express my disappointment on the proposed closing of Green Island Ice Arena. Why can a city the size of LaCrosse, not sustain this? As we promote the city of family filled activities, this would be a shame for our children, especially in the climate we live in, to not promote this kind of activity. I also worked with many of the families (in Pediatrics at Gundersen Health System), and know the opportunity for children who have special needs, to participate in activities as all children do. This was a dream come true for those families.

I just recently heard of the proposed Grandmas Gateway. It appears good on paper, however I am aware ORO is also highly involved in mountain biking, and the description in Sunday's Tribune, only touched on this in the description. As a hiker in Hixon, bikers and hikers do not do well together, especially when hiking with children. I took the time to see the area they are talking about as the entrance, and it begins with very dangerous blind spot. I also recall that is the area of frequent mudslides and believe a few years ago there were landslides involving large boulders and homes. I think I am correct that 9 out of the 10 trails on top of Granddads bluff, in the human powered trails, are for mountain bikers. Please consider people who still wish to have a relaxing and safe hike without having to be fearful of bikes coming through.

I wonder

If this is what the Hixon family had in mind??? Barb Heintz Sent from my iPhone