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Depot area
Resident

Points for Support of Depot Building Use

— as a MULTI USE Building
that serves all of the citizens
of all ages
and in particular the needs
of the surrounding neighborhoods.

With a diversity of activities in
the building, it could be
open during the day, in the
early evening and on weekends.

Historically the depot served as
a meeting place ^{and a hub} for the citizens
coming & going. It has the
opportunity to return to this function,
as the hub of the "Rails-to-trails"
joining east and west, north and
south. I believe this is its highest
and best use. As a resident of the
depot area, living on the depot trail
and using it several times daily,
I have met a diversity of wonderful
people many who are using this trail
to get to work at VF / Shards & the Va.
On weekends many families and young
people use the trail for exercise and

Recreational endeavors. I truly have experienced it as a place where east meets west in a friendly co-existence.

To restrict the use of the ^{depot} building to a single tenant without the diversity of a breadth of uses would not be in the best interest of maximal use of the building. As businesses ~~and~~ activities grow & flourish additional space in the vicinity can be acquired.

In April 1-6 of this year ~~800~~⁸⁰⁰ to 1000 bicyclists from all over the nation and now Canada & the Netherlands, are coming to Gainesville for the beginning & ending of Bike Florida 2000. They are coming to ride our trails, visit our Springs, prairies, downtown festival and enjoy Florida's "Bike Friendly" community. We will be looked at more and more as an ecotourist destination, especially associated with Bicycling. A bicycle hub in the depot building adjacent to the memorial would provide a recreational centerpiece for downtown Gainesville.

owner age
57 yrs
ave income
#62,000
college
educated
spend
50-
50/day