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BCC Questions City's Proposed Gating Of Canyonback Road, Restricting Public Access To Public Parkland Off A Public Road

The Crown was represented at the BCC meeting by Gary Morris, its hired consultant. Mr. Morris declined to make a presentation in support of the Canyonback Gate, but offered to answer any questions raised by the audience. When questioned about the need for the Gate, Mr. Morris stated that the Crown homeowners believed that the Gate was needed to deter crime. He indicated that bikers and hikers were trashing the neighborhood, jumping a fence to dive into the Crown Community's pool and doing other nefarious acts. Mr. Morris then stated that "drug dealing" was a significant problem justifying the Gate.

When the audience responded with audible skepticism, Richard Zien, Chairman of the Crown's Gate Committee, candidly admitted that crime was not the problem. The real problem, according to Mr. Zien, was that Mountaingate Drive, which leads to Canyonback Road, looks like a major street from Sepulveda Boulevard, causing many seeking a cut-through to the Valley to drive up Mountaingate Drive and ultimately arrive at Canyonback Road, where they are forced to turn back, as the road dead-ends at the trail head. That answer, however, raised another questions from the Council and the audience: Couldn't that problem be solved with a yellow street sign warning that there is "No Outlet"?

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