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To: Barry Walthall
Subject: RE: W. Side Recreation Center

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Subject: W. Side Recreation Center

Dear Commissioners,

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting, but i wanted to let you know that I DO NOT support the City's proposal for the building and operation of a new recreation center in West Lawrence.

I wrote a letter to the Editor a couple of weeks ago, expressing my opinions about this proposal. If you did not see it, here is a link: http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2011/oct/31/rec-boondoggle/?letters_to_editor

The proposed facility far exceeds the reasonable needs of the community, overall, and feels like a gift of taxpayer money to the KU athletic recruiting program.

It also unneccesarily expands our City's debt in a time of economic uncertainty. Is the City recreating that golf course fiasco all over again?

I implore each of you to reconsider your commitment to this facility, at this time.

We have other, far more pressing needs.

I respectfully request that my comments here be made part of the public record.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Routh

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From: Richard Heckler [rheckler2002@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 2:20 PM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: New Rec Center

City Commissioners,

Let's try this concept:

1. Use the Farmland plant property as taxpayers own the property.
2. The economy is too slow to even think about flooding the retail/office sector further = mostly it's bad for business.
3. Use this property and tie the project into the county fairgrounds complete with hike and bike trails, restrooms and water fountains.
4. Make sure the hike and bike trails are easily accessible to east hills business park as well as gym facilities. The east hills employees might just like the idea of exercise for lunch that will boost their energy about midday.
5. Cut the project to a \$10 million project and use the 1994 sales tax money. Staff the rec center according to what money is available. Outdoor exercise facilities should help ease the staff expense.
6. The farmland plant facility is the most fiscal responsible choice rather than let it or retail/office space set vacant for a long period.
7. It's got K-10, the frontage road and will have new infrastructure.
8. Yes let's make it a fairgrounds project.
9. Rec centers are energy hogs which makes this project the most excellent candidate for the on site cleaner energy concept.
10. Thank you for your time on this matter.

Richard Heckler