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No, no, no, a thousand times no, to approving Mr. Schumm's project. Can you imagine what a mess will be created and for how long? And projects with a limited time for affordable housing wind up as just expensive places after a few years, or disasters that don't fill up. Mr. Schumm has been sitting on this property while many city needs have come and gone.

What about the recent announcement that, despite a long planning process, the Senior Center will be largely or fully displaced by the fire station remodel. At one time recently, this was considered to be a place to attract seniors to the community. Now, we have a new director, and still a lack of focus, although there are programs that have been discarded and some that are still needed. So, the solution will be that the Senior Center will just be relocated to another part of downtown? Just where might that be, with parking and access to van service, etc.?

The proposed project is not neighborhood revitalization. If downtown is the neighborhood, it is been picked apart piece by piece, never leaving enough room for a new library or, apparently, a senior center, or bus stops and transfers.

If these comments belong with the PIRC or other, then please put them there.

We have an unelected and very new city manager who came to Lawrence after just four years in his last job, at a time when many may be making retirement plans. He wants to do things the way he did them before, and he apparently has the support of our unelected (for this term) mayor, an unelected city commissioner, and the rest. Please make the process open to the people who are already residents and know what the city needs. thank you.