

Randy Myer post (8.28.2013) re: McEuen Field being more than one issue:

I thought about a comment made by Keith Erickson here about a candidate (Amber Copeland) being a "one issue " candidate. It occurred to me that Keith is wrong on two counts. First about the candidate he spoke of and secondly about McEuen being one issue. McEuen is a very complex set of issues that has become stereotyped as "McEuen." It exists as a symbol at one level of how this community is seen and wishes to be seen. At another level it represents old Cd'A transitioning into new Cd'A. The attempt at removing the boat launch, the removal of the ball fields and the splash pad next to the lake all exemplify this. The expenditure of massive taxpayer dollars to upgrade a park is a huge issue in itself. The involvement of LCDC as an URD makes many question how URDs should operate. The possible environmental impact of changing real estate adjoining Tubbs Hill was an issue that spurred KEA to oppose parts of the McEuen change. The artists conception of an archway, while a more recent issue, again brings to the forefront what Cd'A residents want to represent them The choice of a non-local artist for the arch also was an issue. It was reported that the designers forgot benches and trash containers as well which brings into question the design function as an issue. The unknowns related to maintenance and operation of an underground parking facility and how it should connect to private and public properties is an issue. The change in traffic brought about by the new McEuen is a big issue. I suppose there is more but I think the point is well made. McEuen is NOT a single nor simple issue.