

Councilwoman Deanna Goodlander's comment re: McEuen Field vote:

I agree with Mike. this is the beginning of a long process. When we said equal or better and made that part of the motion we made it very clear the direction we expect it to go. The boat launch is the biggest issue and will take some hard work to get it financed and in place before making changes at the McEuen area. Right now it is very beautiful and quiet at McEuen, All this rain has made it and Tubbs hill so green and I understand the difficulty that many of us old timers have with changing it. Times are changing and we are not the city of 14,000 any more. We have 44,000 people living here now and our 100 year old City Park can't continue to handle the numbers. We are losing trees because of the compaction of 2000 feet per day in the summer. People want to be near the water and McEuen needs to be available to more people.

In the future we will see Mom's and Dad's pushing strollers on the pathways, kids playing on what can be a unique and remarkable play ground. kids running through the water feature and families picnicking in the pavilion. We will see tennis players, bocce players, bikers and dogs enjoying a run.

I think that every member of the Council who voted yes to move forward with a master plan, expect to see some changes. I think also that it took courage and conviction that we were doing the right thing for the future. We studied hard, we listened to the "fors" and "against". We also know that those who are up for election will have strong opposition based on their vote, I admire them for doing what they believe was right irregardless of the consequences. It wasn't easy.