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Subject: Re: Do Racial Equity! Support a Track at Memorial Stadium!

kim, where can i get a schematic of the city's plan for that area? i do not support a track like the ones for track and field events. my understanding is the neighborhood just want a a path to walk on. that ii understand. there could be a path like the one that surrounds weaver park and distill leave room for the professional soccer term to play their games is this being considered. how wonderful to find a solution that supports both groups. that is true equity. thank you, maggie. can i see a plan for the track the city has. i have looked on the city's website. seems there would be clarity somewhere. thank you. maggie everett

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 3, 2022, at 9:18 AM, Kim Roney <kimroney@avlcouncil.com> wrote:

Maggie,

Thank you for your input on the East End/Valley Street advocacy to secure a track at Memorial Stadium. I appreciate the leadership of my colleagues on this matter. We have discussed this during checkins and I anticipate there will be more information available for the public soon.

With Gratitude,
Kim

On Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 2:45 PM 'maggie everett' via councilgroup <AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

: Asheville City Council,

Dear City Council and City Manager Campbell,

I want to ask you to help our City make good on our promises to East End/Valley Street neighbors and to make good on our commitment to racial equity by setting aside American Rescue Plan funds to build a track at Memorial Stadium.

For decades, neighbors who have faced racism in many ways for decades in our City including the devastation of urban renewal. More than 10 years ago, these neighbors asked for a track to be built at Memorial Stadium. It was dreamed as a place where neighbors could support their health together. We know walking, jogging, and running help to improve heart health, lower the risks of chronic diseases, support healthy blood sugars, lower blood pressure and reduce stress among many more health benefits. We also know that health disparities due to systemic racism in all areas of life negatively impact the lives of so many black Ashevilleians.

As we talk of reparations and racial equity, one thing the City could do to build trust and do racial equity is to keep its promises to the Black community regarding the track at Memorial Stadium.

I join my voice with the chorus of East End/Valley Street neighbors and call for the City to improve Memorial Stadium in ways that support neighborhood use and to set aside ARPA funds for the following purpose:

- *Build a 6 lane track around the entire field for neighbors to use for regular exercise
- *Reduce the field by 6 yards (this still being FIFA compliant)
- *Remove bleachers from the far side and only have bleachers on the side closest to McCormick Field

*Create a parking plan for Memorial Stadium

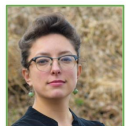
Thank you for hearing the concerns of the East End/Valley Street neighbors and for following through on your promises to our African American community. I ask that you commit to racial equity in all of your decisions. And finally, thank you for your service to our community.

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