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Subject: Re: Memorial Stadium Track Project

Ted,

Thank you so much for your email. Our East End/Valley Street neighbors have had such little outside support, and yours is vital. Your advocacy is so appreciated.

With gratitude,
Antanette

On Feb 6, 2022, at 10:51 AM, tfigura via councilgroup <AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Honorable City Council Members,

Reading the article in today's Citizen-Times, I want to strongly support giving priority to a walking track, consistent with the vision of the East End neighborhood, in any plans for the Memorial Stadium park. Doing so fulfills two extremely important principles that should be guiding all of City Council's actions— 1) reparations for Asheville's Black citizens who have been treated horribly by our predecessors and 2) serving and strengthening neighborhoods.

While I don't object to another soccer field at the park, that must take second place to the longstanding and unfulfilled desires of the East End neighborhood (and promises by the City) for a track at that location. Also, any plans for a semi-pro soccer field at that location must include concrete measures to protect the East End neighborhood from any negative impacts created by the soccer field. Since these negative impacts are already occurring due to the use of the field by Asheville City Soccer Club, those measures must be remedial.

If Asheville is to change its reputation as a city that talks a good liberal game but fails to take truly progressive action, City Council must pay attention to this issue, fund the track and refuse to provide funding for any project that negatively impacts the track or the East End neighborhood. It's time to stand with our sisters and brothers.

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