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: Asheville City Council,

Dear City Council and City Manager Campbell,

Asheville is getting lots of good press concerning reparations. The actions in this regard have been less awesome...

Urban renewal wrecked havoc on the East End/Valley Street community... Now you have a chance to make good in some small way to make reparations to this community...

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 often dropped promises to the Black community regarding the track at Memorial Stadium.

I ask 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

Thanks for your support to right a wrong that adds more pain by listening to the citizens of the East End/Valley Street community and building the track that they have been promised so many times before...

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