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Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 3:21 PM
To: Novel Ideas
Subject: Re: [BULK] Fwd: Library parking lot

Kim,

Thank you for your email. At this point I won't be changing my decision. The City Council has been discussing this project longer than my term in office (May 2017). There was plenty of opportunity to voice your opinion during this time. We had a study session recently devoted just to this project. I will admit that I personally wanted a little more parking but the overall sentiment of the council was what was approved.

Moving forward, if we have a major problem, we can always take out some of the green space later and put in more parking lot in my personal opinion. The most compelling argument for this project is that we have an underused parking garage next door so why spend citizen tax dollars on more parking? I have driven by that parking garage for the past two days and it has been only half-full. In addition if we wait much longer this lot won't get done until next year. We are not going to please everyone and it is time to move forward on this project.

I feel we have made a good decision for the city. I am sorry I can't give you the answer you were looking for.

Councilman Chuck Kuhle

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 20, 2019, at 11:12 AM, Novel Ideas <info@novelideasgifts.com> wrote:

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This was a simple request, so perhaps it is understandable it was overlooked. I did have an opportunity to talk with Mr. Wrighton and Mr. Horn about my concerns and thought they might prompt further discussion within the council.

I'm attaching a link to the Herald & Review column that was published in Sunday's paper about the questions people are asking.

Thank-you for your time.

https://herald-review.com/opinion/columnists/kim-soman-deatherage-not-enough-answers-about-library-lot/article_fb7233d7-d981-5606-bfc2-55981391ad17.html