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Please read into the public record:

On the agenda for tonight's Council meeting is a request for over \$2million additional taxpayer funds for Roosevelt Park. This is the first time the public is getting to hear about this new plan. I'm disturbed that the Mayor and Councilor McDonald thought it was appropriate to suggest such an outrageous sum of money for a project without public input. The additional expenditure of taxpayer funds needs to be debated with the public first before it is referred to the Finance Committee. Public comments are not allowed at the Finance Committee. There are many unanswered questions like, are these funds for cost overruns or did the scope of work change?

Rumor has it that the "compromise" now is to remove 3 feet of soil to remediate the lead and other toxins, and then cover it with PFAS-laden artificial turf to meet the needs of the sports community, with the idea that it can be changed back to grass at a later time in the future. We know this will never happen. Once the grass on the park is gone, it will be gone forever.

I remain opposed to any project with artificial turf because it will have significant effects on our quality of life:

- exposure to toxic chemicals, like plastic carcinogens and PFAS
- loss of the only natural green space in Precinct 5-1
- increase in heat when the surface temperature of artificial turf rises to 120-150 degrees
- increased possibility of flooding. One expert testified at the Board of Health meeting that artificial turf is impervious. (The water drains through it. It does not absorb the water like grass and soil.) 1 inch of rain will produce 27,000 gallons of stormwater per acre. Roosevelt Park is 3 acres. It is at the bottom of a hill. If the storage tank designed for the artificial turf field cannot hold the rainwater it will overflow.
- increased traffic and parking issues

I want to remind the Mayor and City Council that litigation has started against products that contain PFAS. This is an election year for the Mayor. Does he really want to steamroll this unpopular project through knowing the artificial turf contains PFAS? Is he ready to defend installing PFAS to angry parents?

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