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We support Councilmember Lisa Anderl's proposal that parks and open spaces be included in a new land use designation, Parks Zone. This would guarantee a single set of development standards for all areas in the zone and ensure that all parks and open spaces will have development regulations consistent with their intended use.

It is important that we do not allow net increase in impervious surfaces in the parks. Parkland should be reserved for recreational uses and associated facilities, not government offices, and the proposed height limit of buildings with parks should be reduced. Parking structures should not be allowed in our parks, and transit stops should be limited to the rights of way, not the parks themselves.

Lastly, a future re-zone of parkland should not be allowed without a community vote.

Thanks for listening.

Cordially,
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