

Mr Kappelhoff,

My name is Connie Peterson and I live within 2 blocks of Aurelia park and would like to discourage you from spending that much of the taxpayers money into replacing the tennis court. I believe we should still have a basketball court, but in the 20yrs we have lived in this neighborhood the kids and teens in the area play basketball but only use the tennis court nets to lay and/or sit on. When its hot out the asphalt is soft and the posts that hold the tennis nets sag and come out of the ground with the weight of the people hanging or sitting on them. Thank you

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Jim,

We just want to give you our perspective. All our kids used these tennis courts throughout their childhoods and high school tennis careers; however we believe the time has come to only re-do the area for basketball courts and not tennis. As you have probably been told, in recent years these courts have been abused as well as misused. So now is the time to either go grass in this area or build bb courts.

Please let us know if there will be an open council meeting to hear from neighbors in this affected area.

Thank you,
Kitty and Paul Delperdang

Jim

Received notice today about the decision by the city to remove the tennis and basketball courts on the corner of 91st and Jefferson.

The courts are already gone....and I just want to express my concerns with the ideas of replacing and the costs. Are these costs to the city or taxpayers? I live just down the street at 648 91st and walk the school paths daily with my dog. I have seen these courts repaired in the past and in the last several years have watched groups of kids hanging out inside the courts, sitting on the nets, leaving all their garbage behind...use of foul language, fighting amongst those playing, unacceptable sexual behavior amongst young teens just to mention a few. Please tell me that if the city chooses to rebuild on this site, there will be some observation in place to keep this from becoming a place for youngsters to come (from I don't know where) and ruin it for other Blaine residents. As you may or may not be aware, the Blaine Police eventually had to remove picnic tables from Aurelia Park due to vandalism and kids hanging out causing trouble. How sad that the rest of us had to lose those amenities because of loss of control of a handful of kids.

I don't know all the answers, but I do know none of these kids live in the neighborhood - I have driven the neighborhood countless times and none of the kids are from neighboring homes. I can guarantee it is only a matter of time the courts will be marred with graffiti and trash. I would have enjoyed more years on the tennis courts with my neighbor, but it is intimidating when the court is filled with groups of young teens who have no respect for property or others.

Thanks..and good luck with your decisions.

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Park Director,

Thank you so much for considering upgrading the tennis courts and basketball courts at Aurelia park.. It needs something badly Although the thought for new tennis courts are great unless someone is going to constantly going to be checking on them it will deteriorate to what it is now quickly.. The kids hang out there at all hours and sit on the nets and take over the whole area so no one could play tennis if they wanted to and then the nets are broken down again. No matter what the residents say to these kids it doesn't help. At one time these were great courts to use but no more, it has just become an eyesore to our neighborhood in the south area of Blaine. Hopefully they will not destruct the park area next.

Thank you for your time

A concerned resident