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Apologies, I only just discovered this was happening now ...  
Kindly forward the following letter to the Chair, and Council Members,

Dear Council, in review of the Proposed Budget, I see that "\$1 million in funding to continue the development of park amenities at City View Park (2500 Kerns Rd)" . I presume that is for the new 'pavilion' with the 'new' parking lot, correct? If not, what is it for specifically? **Details, please.**

Question 2: Where, in this budget, is the required funding for the replacement of the 3 toxic 'heat island' artificial turf fields in City View Park that have now exceeded their legal 'best-by' dates? (Recommended replacement date by the manufacturer is 5 years It's now been 9. At present, you are putting the public at risk.)

As you all know, the introduction of 'artificial turf' into this NEPOSS UNESCO World Biosphere was not only an ecological embarrassment, it remains a **civic disgrace**. Burlington is the only municipality **in the whole world** that has deliberately violated a designated UNESCO ecological sanctuary with the rapid introduction of artificial turf for the PanAm/federally funded 'sports centre'.

Question 3: When will City come to its senses and replace, at minimum, the artificial turf with new 'low maintenance' real grass? The water is now there (because of the new fake pond) to adequately water the "sports" facilities. Since the existing toxic turf has not been replaced yet, (at a projected average cost of \$1million per plastic field), there remains some hope that the city can and will RETHINK its long-term relationship to this outstanding 'public park asset' for future generations.

There are many of us who still wait for The City to do the Right Thing here.  
Remove the toxic fake grass. The PanAm Games have long gone. You got your money.  
It is time now to allow this once fantastic eco-system to heal and regenerate. Please.

The courtesy of a reply by anyone on Council would be greatly appreciated.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Lindsay Holton