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As a full-time resident of Yountville, I would very much like to comment on my hopes for the utilization of at least part of the field behind the elementary school to be set aside for a dog park. There are so many residents in this town that have dogs and we are very much restricted in our ability to facilitate any possibility for them to get the exercise and socialization that is required for a healthy and we'll adjust canine. I appreciate the suggestion that we are considering off leash hours as a partial solution to the problem. I have also viewed the proposed site across from the Catholic Church. I am sure like everything that Yountville does, it will be very attractive. Having said this, Of all the sites in Yountville, it is the least desirable option in town. It is less of a dog park and more of a "run". It's location along the highway and at the very southern end of the town is not ideal. I can assure you that nobody in the northern or central part of Yountville will be interested in dragging their dog to the far end of the town. I am hoping that this is not being proposed to dog owners to appease our request for a dog park. A long narrow run is not what Dog owning citizens of Yountville are looking for. My fear is that the town will put funds into this "dog run" site and it will not be utilized due to its marginal location and size.

I have many hopes for utilization of the elementary school property. I would love to see a wellness center. I would love to see expanded classrooms. I would love to see some level of a waterpark. I am not suggesting a pool, although that could be nice, I am more thinking of a play area that would bring communities together and that would allowed children to jump on a trigger point and sporadic water fountains could shoot up as the children play.

There are so many wonderful things that could be done with this property. Although I understand the need for more low income housing, I do not see the need for some developer, turning a profit to bring more standard housing in. I feel that many of the homes here are second homes to people whose primary residence is elsewhere. I feel that the size and the accommodations of this town are part of what gives it its charm. To add more high-end housing would not be in the town best interest in my opinion.

I am sure that you are aware that many people are speculating resulting in rumors. I feel that this property affords this town, the possibility of making it an even better town if done well.

Thank you,
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