

At 44:00 into the audio recording of the discussion of the MOU at the 5/8/2015 City Council Meeting, Mayor George Bird says:

As it's been said eloquently by my colleagues to my left and right, this was a Win-Win-Win. The Homes Association, the School District has asked us to sign off on this, and **credit goes to one person, and that's our City Attorney, who the public must know that she really spearheaded and brought together the parties after having talked to each of them and worked together to come up with a Win-Win-Win-Win situation. As it's been said, rarely in legal settlements does everyone come out better off, and this is one of those situations where it can be truly said everyone is the better because of coming together of all these individuals and entities to resolve an issue.** I agree with Mr. Barnett -- there is no good precedent to selling parkland, it's our most valuable resource here, and what we all do. The reason why I am also in favor of this proposed MOU is because of the liability issues that we would undoubtedly have, the uniqueness of that particular issue with regard to that particular property, the inaccessibility of any members of the public to utilize that parkland, and the preservation of that dirt forever to never be developed—so it will look the same to our residents. We will all get the benefit of looking at that open space and now someone else will be paying property tax on it, which will put a few extra dollars in our pockets – so that's an additional win that hasn't been mentioned previously. For those reasons and as eloquently as Councilmember Perkins stated it, I am also in favor. That being said, can we have a motion?