

Council Meeting – October 2, 2018

Item: X Public Hearings: Sale and purchase of property by APRC

I am Dr. Carol Voisin. I have lived in Ashland for almost 20 years.

I'm speaking to the purchase of property by APRC. According to the council packet the purchase of the lot is contingent on the sale of lot 2504 to Jackson County Housing Authority, ~~and from the sale of the YMCA property. (pg. 1 & 2).~~ *That is not my concern.*

Once the ^{new} property is purchased hopefully after all the unknown disclosures by the seller are settled like whether or not the property has a wetland designation; and after there is a professional land survey of the property; and whether or not there is anything that would effect this property. (pgs 43-46) This question arises for me: what will the cost be for a potable water supply and for sewer of which there is neither? Infrastructure is a considerable expense before there is any other kind of development.

~~Which~~ ^{This} leads me to my major concern and question ^s APRC has the confidence that \$1,000,000 will be sufficient to create a park on this land. Just how confident is this assessment when the Garfield Park budget was much greater than ^{the} projected costs? Upon what does APRC base this \$1,000,000 cost to build the park when there is no infrastructure and ^{when} previous park CIPs have gone over budget? In addition to this, what will be the cost to maintain another park in Ashland when operational costs are already stretched to the max? Where is the money coming from to pay for this million dollars when this project was not even in the budget?

The resources available in the CIP parks fund is \$981,825 not \$1 Million. With CIP claims to these funds already in the budget, how will the new park be built? And what is going to happen with the parks general fund that has a fund balance of \$5,579 for June 30, 2018?

~~Can you just stop spending money until you get your house in order because it isn't in order.~~

How can you continue to approve spending?