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Hello All and thank you for your Public Service to our fun City.

I'm Dick Adam, I've lived at 3341 Basil by Sandburg school for over 30 years. As many, many of our long term neighbors, our kids grew up going to Sandburg, Marquette or Sherman, then East High. Many of us helped on our school's PTA's and Booster Clubs, coached our kids in Youth sports and YES, in our neighborhood alone I count 3 Ex East Madison Little League Presidents, multi Board Members, tons of Coaches + I was lucky to be on the Fundraising Committee to get the new Park / Diamonds built, with Pat Richter as our Chair. With that background said, many of us were excited to see the city jumping in to buy & let's say save the land as EMLL. We are interested in reading the name change & Park's Dept maybe future changes etc., but talks in understanding how EMLL runs and works have not taken place yet. ? I acknowledge as a Non Profit, well meaning parents come and go as kids come and go. Let me advise that you have these talks with the EMLL Board and hopefully we read soon that EMLL will be around for years to come with "some" help from Parks & the City. But I ask that you not get too crazy with ideas to "change" it into something it's not.....kids need EMLL to learn to play Baseball & Softball, teamwork, having FUN, make friends & future High School Teammates and sportsmanship. Parents too gain skills of coaching, Board works, Concession volunteering and YES, having fun. We sure did when I and my kids were there. Keep open communication with the great Non Profit volunteers at EMLL and in the future, but keep the Park a LL Stadium. Heck, maybe make part of the parking lot a Winter Ice Rink? Again, we Alumni EMLL Board & Coaches will be following the dialog.

Secondly. Great to see the Library finally coming to life, after how long ? (kind of like the Market ?). I have expressed these thoughts to my Alder before. I look forward to going & I hope I can take my granddaughter to the new Library, but not have to wiggle through & around 250 homeless men there keeping warm during the Winter, or sitting at all the picnic tables during warm summer like weather. ?? To be seen I guess. ? I bike my neighborhood and it looks to be only say a 5 minute walk if that, from the Shelter , passed the Kwik Trip and up around to the new Library.

I honestly believe these 2, EMLL & the Library are great positive stories, let's all keep that in mind when planning the near & far future of these 2.

Thank you all for your times, we neighbors & EMLL Alumni will follow these closely in our conversations. Adios.

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