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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #70139: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and City Council membe

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Request Details:

- Name: Bill Goff
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council members,
 This week on Tuesday you will discuss a project that is currently in progress at the Eisenhower area of Alexandria. The company Renew Enterprise is constructing a field on top of their water treatment plant. It is my believe that Mr Movitz and staff have misrepresented and misinterpreted our idea of Renew field. Our affirmation of the field was in no way based on a grandiose all inclusive stadium complex. Such statements made by facilities ,recreation department and the city are meant to scuttle the project.
 With the city currently in fiancial distress with hundreds of millions maybe a billion dollars or more targeted for school infrastructures to be rebuilt sports stadiums are no longer of prime importance. Our interest in the Renew Field revolved around the possibility of getting an intermediary alternative--until another stadium field a true city field could be built. I am confident that the Renew Field would satisfy this goal if expectations were lowered. Certainly their are issues but there is nothing on your comparison sheet that cannot be addressed on a less grandiose style. In fact much of your statement is incorrect and misleading. The complex is remote from the T.C. Campus but so too are the boys baseball field, girls softball field and boys and girls lacrosse fields. Yes Renew has a 15 year option to take back the filed --I have been told by the co-chairman of renew enterprise there is a 5% possibility of this being done however even if this does happen 15 years is an eternity . Your reference to just 73 parking spaces is ridiculous there are parking garages within walking distance and MS Katie North said there were thousands of space because of the PTO presence. So there are no issues with parking. A mis-representation not to do the project.
 I understand that Parks and Rec want to own this field and they can except for 5 or 6 nights. A feasibility study is necessary to ascertain what is necessary to retrofit the field. \$500,000 was made available for the Chinquapin project which has been shelved due to extreme expense--there is \$350,000 in the budget for the design of T.C. Stadium and the installation of lights which will not happen. So there are funds available. Reallocate these funds so a proper feasibility study can be performed and you can play football at night. The statement that the Renew filed would cost many millions of dollars is based on what. The statement that the filed would cost 1 million dollars is also flawed--Hammond Field was 2.2 million for just the field no lights so the numbers offered are very much skewed.
 There will never be lights on neighborhood fields-- this Renew Field -- is an intermediary field that will work if given chance or at least a feasibility as to why not. I , we cannot accept and an in house report ochestrated by the Recreation Report and Facilities. The project will have a sensational return on investment--potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars per year for semi pro teams-tournaments etc if it is built out . The mayor says this decision rests with the city council to decide, I cannot ask for more than that --the project will live and die on its own merits an objective review is appreciated

Bill Goff

A Sports Complex not a stadium

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 20

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