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From: Randy Gay <rwggay50@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2023 4:01 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site; Mayor Staff
Subject: Poplar stand for sewage treatment

I read the article in the Missoulian on April 20th about the poplar tree farm near the sewage treatment plant. I understand that the plan to sell the trees for pulp fell through. However, it seems to me that before the City leaps ahead and removes the existing trees, it might be wise to consider some alternatives for the site. I am a retired Forest Service forester. I know a number of retired FS certified silviculturists who live in the Missoula area. I think that at least some of them would be willing to evaluate the existing stand of trees and provide some alternatives for managing the site and possible products. Besides sucking up phosphorus and nitrogen out treated wastewater, the trees are sequestering carbon and producing oxygen.

I urge you not to be too hasty to remove this unique example of afforestation.

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From: Whitney Hemman <whitnichemm20061114@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2023 5:39 AM
To: Sandra Vasecka
Cc: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Re: Graffiti Wall Questions

Great, thank you so much!

On Sat, Apr 22, 2023 at 5:56 PM Sandra Vasecka <VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon Whitney,

Thank you for reaching out! Those are great questions. I don't personally have all of the answers on hand but I will forward your email to the proper department. Since it is the weekend we will not get answers until during the work week; but I wanted to reply and let you know that we received your email and appreciate it! I hope you have a splendid weekend in the meantime!

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From: Whitney Hemman <whitnichemm20061114@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 22, 2023 10:22:15 AM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Subject: Graffiti Wall Questions

Hello, My name is Whitney Hemman. I live in the small town of Perryville, Missouri. I work at a place called the Perry County Community Task Force. We work with youth in our community in order to promote drug prevention.

We have several different programs. One of them is a class for teenagers who are currently in trouble via the juvenile justice system. In working with the students in this class we had the brainstorm to try and convince our city to build us a designated graffiti wall that people can use to display their artistic talent rather than on local businesses and buildings like they have been doing.

I started researching if other cities had designated graffiti walls and via Google found out that you all do. Therefore, I had some questions that I am hoping you can answer. I am hoping to gather research to take to my city council to prove to them that this is a great idea.

Here are the questions I have.....

1. Do you find that the amount of illegal graffiti has decreased since having your designated wall?
2. What is your wall built out of, or was it just a wall that wasn't being used so someone donated it?
3. Does someone take care of repainting it periodically so that it is ready for new art or does one of the artists who want to use it just repaint it?
4. Have you encountered any problems with the wall or do people do a good job of "self policing" it?
5. Do you have rules posted?
6. How did you advertise to let people know that this wall was designated for graffiti?

I appreciate any information that you would be able to give me. I would love to make this dream that these kids have become a reality. Thanks so much!