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Mayor/Councilors/Budget Committee Members- After Monday night's discussion about using UR funds for planning for a new park, it may make sense to have staff look at all funds (UR SPIF grants, Parks SDCs, grants) to determine if we can replace structures, fill potholes, re-build play areas, etc in addition to GF operations funds. It makes sense to explore to see if there are opportunities to use capital-based funds for replacing or renovating facilities which are "blighted" or worn-down due to impacts of growth. Also, this information could provide a great opportunity to educate ourselves and the public about how dedicated funds can and cannot be used. With SDC's declining and UR project-funding uncertain in the future, there may not be anything we can do to bring additional funds to fixing parks. But I'd like to turn this rock over to see if there is - and get the public properly informed. I agree with the Mayor, the recent mis-information by the SJ should not be suffered. I'm proud of our parks - let's see if we can keep them in the best condition possible.

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