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I don't know how much of that plan has been changed, however, it seems that would take care of any problems leading to the new park.

I do have concerns with a proposed elementary school on Bass Lake Road with the condition of the current road. Traffic is of a huge concern to many, including myself.

In regard to the park and new school, I would recommend proposing anything that would address those concerns.

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I think if Bass Lake does that type of staggering, it would minimize late night lights and noise.

I would recommend anyone concerned about lighting and noise to visit a night game at Lembi Park (games resumed Monday).

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I know that night lighting is also a major concern and if the theater was allowed to have evening performances, I would ask that the noise, traffic, and lighting be evaluated. A finish time and occupancy would need to be considered.

It is my understanding, however, that this has been changed to a day use educational facility and those concerns should become null and void.

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My family and I are 150 percent in favor of the park and all that it will offer to our community.

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-- KimVanhold

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I would also love to walk down the street rather than drive all the way to Folsom to play in my softball league.

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