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Bass Lake project move in right direction

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It is unfortunate that a few of the new people who have moved to the Cameron Park/El Dorado Hills area over the past few years have brought their "NIMBY" attitudes from wherever they came from.

Case in point (Telegraph, Oct. 8) are the continued attempts by the Bass Lake Action Committee (BLAC) to fight and deprive the youth in our area from engaging in activities such as baseball, soccer, and softball that an overwhelming majority of families and children in this area want.

Although the leagues providing these activities exist, they exist to overflowing proportions in terms of the number of kids and the availability of fields.

As someone who has been involved in these activities from an organizational standpoint, the lack of fields has been an issue that the Cameron Park Community Services District (CSD), El Dorado Hills CSD, and the County of El Dorado has known about for at least the 10 years I've been involved. Every study has demonstrated how, based on population, woefully inadequate this area is in terms of field availability.

Finally a proposal comes on line, which has been in the works for a number of years, which addresses this shortage but certainly does not solve the problem.

If the project does not get built and built to maximize usage, there will be many kids in this area who will have to be turned away because facilities are not available.

As it stands, the Bass Lake Park project itself is not nearly enough to handle the expected future demands of growth in our area which means more children needing a place for activities.

As a staunch supporter of this project and one who has listened to the perspectives of the BLAC at various meetings, I am dismayed at their non-existent sense for this community and do believe, despite their assertions, that their desire is to see the project eliminated.

They have constantly tried every "excuse" to dissuade approval of this project even bringing up the issue of asbestos in the area which is the same area as where their homes are built.

They didn't seem to be concerned when their homes were built.

Mr. Glazier's comments in the article stating that decisions are being made because they are "politically right" and the project is "a smelly bag for the neighborhood to deal with," clearly indicate that his and the other members of the BLAC are only interested in their own backyard and not the community as a whole.

I applaud and fully support the efforts of the Cameron Park CSD, El Dorado Hills CSD, and the County of El Dorado to continue on this much needed project which benefits so much of our community and to continue to put the needs of the many ahead of the whines of a few.

— Chris Codiroli Cameron Park

Article insightful,

courageous