

Editor, Yuma Sun:

A recent article in the Yuma Sun tells us that two meetings have been set to discuss the planned Pacific Avenue athletic complex. City administration acknowledges the complex was originally to be located on the east side of town (on public land) and was the result of a public process to develop a master plan for recreation facilities. Then we are told that as a result of input from softball league leaders "outside of public meetings" the location was moved to private property (now removed from the tax rolls). The purchase agreement was signed and an option money check issued (made payable to the seller, not the escrow company) all absent any knowledge by the city council or the good folks of Yuma.

Impassive at being affronted, the council has since voted to create multiple millions in bond debt for the construction of the ball fields. City administration further informs us that now that the design contract has been awarded, now is the time to "engage everyone." Is the absurdity of it all lost on me? One would think that the presently proposed meetings would have been held before, not after it became a done deal. One might also think this a scrambling grand effort by the city administration to retroactively cover their bureaucratic backsides.

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