

Here are some other facts the newspaper isn't reporting:

- 1) The school board appoints the majority of the library board.
- 2) Current and/or former School personal sit on the library board
- 3) The school system wants the current library building

You can read the meeting minutes of the library board meetings. They are for the most part correct and they are more correct than any newspaper article that I have read. The minutes are posted on the libraries web-site. I have copied the minutes to make sure they haven't been changed

The big picture in the next 10 years:

Schools - At this time there are no plans to build another high school. The High School will have new varsity fields on the HS 'island'. The Monon Elementary will be having a sports complex that will be used by the high school and various community groups.

Trails - The Midland Trace and Monon will be built to intersect through the Downtown Westfield. The Monon may be complete. This is because of the status the Daniels put on it. Federal money will be the funding source of choice and that is slow.

Library - There will be a new library. The current location can support the growth needed for our growing community.

Economic Development - the focus will shift towards business instead of only residential development. This will ease the property tax burden.

Town Hall - There will be a new town hall. The current one will not support the growth of the community.

SR32 will be expanded.

SR31 may be upgraded to interstate grade by then.

This is the big picture. The problem with the library board is that they didn't make their decision looking at the big picture. They made it in a vacuum ignoring what was going on around them in the community. That is why so many people stood up and said no. That is why people are continuing to stand up and say no.

This is our right as citizens and tax payers. Personally I am proud to live in a community where people are taking in interest in local projects and government.

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