

New Location not the best Choice

Looking at the proposed options, I think the new location is not the best choice.

My reasoning is:

1. The interchange to access it on the improved 31 is not etched in stone, neither is a YMCA.
2. That location would serve a new high school better.
3. Park land near the current library should be considered for expansion.
4. A library near the elementary, middle and high schools makes a lot of sense.
5. The trail near the current library connects to the proposed Midland and eventually Monon trails.
6. The million dollars for more land elsewhere is not a large enough factor.
7. The integrity of the center of Westfield needs to be maintained.
8. Use eminent domain in the area bounded by *Union/32/31 for a City Center (city hall) complex/ Library/ Health Center/etc.
9. Create an enterprise zone near there to attract taxable business to pay for it. Within 500 yards of the corner of 32 AND Union is way too much blight for a CITY growing as fast as Westfield.
10. Use eminent domain to obtain the Gas America and bank/build a library and move the football field to a stadium within the above mentioned boundaries*.
11. Lobby the state to move 32 to the same route as 38, and prohibit truck traffic.
12. City services are readily available in the center of town. Snow removal/emergency, etc.
13. Add here, be creative.....

If everyone works together, great things will happen to Westfield. Just look to the south of Westfield at Carmel, mistakes or otherwise, you can clone what works, ignore what does not. They have lower taxes and revenue to pay their debt over time. Without city limit signs it's already hard to tell where one ends. Indy built the sports centers for attraction, Carmel is working for the ARTS. Westfield can find a resource also. Work with the county to attract businesses for the airport on 32, create a commercial airport only. Think!!!!!!

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