

1. No. There should be absolutely no significant new traffic introduced into the Colonial Hills neighborhood.

The upcoming challenge, of course, will be how to keep traffic from being generated onto Indianola Avenue (and other Colonial Hills streets) if a new elementary school is built on the old Harding Hospital site.

The key is resident involvement. Residents must have the first word and the final word in all decisions involving the proposed new school. It is my understanding that residents are currently being surveyed to determine if they want the new school or not.

On one hand, replacing the old Colonial Hills Elementary School sounds too good to be true. My son attended Colonial Hills in the 1980s. Even then, it was in poor condition, with the school district constantly playing catch-up with maintenance and modernization.

I question how a new school on the Harding site will not increase Colonial Hills traffic. I have heard of plans to build a turn-around on the site, to keep drop-off and pick-up traffic from building up on the street. That will help, IF the amount of traffic does not increase. After all, we have managed all these years with traffic at Colonial and Greenwich.

The trouble is, Worthington's elementary schools are overcrowded. If a new school is built, it will be built to house more students than the current Colonial Hills Elementary. I don't know if it is possible to build such a school and not increase Colonial Hills traffic.

Colonial Hills residents have some difficult decisions to make. Whatever the community decides, it absolutely must work together to ensure that its traffic concerns are addressed.

I lived in Colonial Hills for 36 years. I know how important its safe streets are. I will stand by whatever residents decide as I represent the city during the coming decision-making process.

2.

The good news is, the Selby Park playground will be upgraded with new equipment and replacement of the rubber surface next year. It has been 19 years since it last improvements, and they will be welcome.

Trouble is, I am not sure that improvements to the shelterhouse are included in the project. If they are, good. If not, the city needs to look into making sure it is in good, safe, condition. I have heard many concerns from residents. The shelterhouse provides such a service to not just Colonial Hills residents, but to the city itself, by

providing meeting space and bringing in income through rental fees. We can't afford to let it slide.

3.

The city will begin spending \$500,000 a year on waterline improvements beginning in 2021. City Manager Matt Greeson assured me that Colonial Hills' problems with line breakages has been recognized, and he expects the neighborhood's improvements will be at the top of the list as the entire city is considered.

I was pleased to see the amount set aside each year through 2024 (perhaps longer) has been increased from its original \$250,000.

I hope residents have kept city officials and council members aware of their concerns, and perhaps helped the amount to be spent to double.

As a council member, I would pledge to make sure such complaints are heard and addressed. Certainly city staff should be accessible, as should council members.

I would like to be the council member you can call when something goes wrong.

4.

The city is actually built and zoned to attract diverse businesses. Our primary source of income tax revenue

(which makes up approximately 70 percent of the city's income stream) comes not from the banks and pizza places you see on High Street, but from the warehouses, small manufacturers, offices, and other businesses in the city's manufacturing district along Huntley, Wilson Bridge, Worthington-Galena, Lakeview Plaza, Proprietors and other nearby roads and avenues.

The city must never let up on its efforts to keep those sites filled and thriving. It must continue to work on the city's unfortunate reputation for being a difficult city to work with. It is not, much has changed, but the perception has not kept up with reality.

City leaders seem optimistic that the now empty Anthem building will soon see tenants. New class-A office buildings on the UMCH site will help bring our income back to a comfortable level. Continually working to maintain current business cannot be emphasized enough.

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing the city exists in the aging office buildings along West Wilson Bridge Road. The building at 350 W. Wilson Bridge was recently completely updated, and it is now full of new business. The other large office building along that stretch were built in the 1970s and 1980s, and need to be brought up to date to attract new businesses. Unfortunately, those offices are owned by

an out-of-state business, making it hard to work with to encourage development.