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Morning.

I spoke with the County Parks Dept and they recommended that I reach out to you. I am very upset with the condition of the industrial development park (Missoula County park) along W Harrier and on the other side of the Coke plant on Expressway. I am told the association who was supposed to maintain this park once the city annexed the surrounding area (but not the park), has dissolved. ADEA property management has not maintained this park at all! I have reached out to them and am awaiting a reply. This park, that myself and other taxpayers pay for, has not been mowed or watered this spring or summer at all. The grass is close to 2 feet tall in areas. The grass has not been watered and is yellow and dying. The noxious weeds are out of control and haven't been dealt with. This trail on the west side of Coke that goes up the hill, is very widely used by myself and other taxpayers and you can't even walk on it because the grass and weeds are extremely overgrown.

Another factor is there are constant homeless people camping off W Harrier because they are noticing nothing is being maintained. There is constant trash along the park, there is matted grass under trees where they have put tents on occassions. There isn't anyone camping there right now, sometimes in the streets, but I have reported those as they come. I did file a trash report last week.

This truly is a travesty for those of us who enjoy walking in and amongst our parks. I have been told that numerous complaints have been received. There is still lots of summer and fall left where we want to use this park area, which is not usable in its current state. No one is stepping up to take care of this issue. Last year, it was only mowed once, and it was after numerous complaints. It appears that this park has been just shoved aside and no one wants to take claim. Please consider accepting this park into the City parks system so we can use this park for what it has been intended for. I know it doesn't provide revenue which is why the city didn't annex it years back, but yet, us taxpayers keep paying (more and more I might add) and not getting the benefit and support we are supposed to be receiving.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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