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What should be built on the vacant lot at Broadway and Ainslie?

By Luis Lopez, 7th grade: I think there should be an art and break-dance studio so I can draw and dance for free. You can go there and hang out with your friends. When you're bored you can have fun and express yourself cause it can be a safe place and sell burgers, hot dogs, and drinks, and a tutoring place. I think it should be a freestyle club and art club, just for free, no paying.

We must build a dance club with homework help combined with art club and you can bring your pet to play with. This is a better idea because it's safe, and with ice skating you can fall down and cut your fingers off. This is where kids can hang out with their friends and they will not get in trouble. Thanks for understanding my answer.

By Abigail Peralta, 5th grade: Do you like skating? Here's some reasons why we should build an indoor skating rink in the vacant lot across from the car wash on Broadway and Ainslie.

My first reason why we should build the ice rink is that the ice rink will make money for the community. They will make money by people coming and renting skates. We could also make money by having a concession stand.

My second and final reason is that people will enjoy the ice skating rink. People will enjoy it because they will spend time there and do fun stuff like skating. Also people will be able to meet friends there and skate with them.

In conclusion, the ice skating rink is the best choice for the vacant lot, because, first it is a good way to make money and lastly because it is enjoyable. That is why we should have an ice skating rink in the vacant lot on Broadway and Ainslie.

By Ashton Brown, 6th grade: I feel that a video game arcade should be in the neighbor-hood because it is a great place for friends to hang out.

If there was a video game arcade in the neighbor-hood many people and their friends could hang out there all day and won't get bored. They won't have to go home early and besides once children get home their parents won't let them back out of the house. It is a great way for children to get active and for them to get out of the house. A video arcade will be great for after school. Children can go to the arcade and just relax.

A video game arcade will be good for kids because it will get them out of the house instead of watching t.v. all day. It will be good for them to socialize and make new friends.

By Leslie Arvidez, 5th grade: Video Arcade 1. It could be a fun thing to bring all the kids together and have fun. 2. There is an arcade around here so a lot of people would go. 3. An arcade is great for all ages and for both boys and girls. 4. It would be a great business because a lot of people would go.

By Myanna Smith, 5th grade: A skating rink should be built in the vacant lot on Broadway and Ainslie. It would be all year long. It has greater prices than a store, and it would get you exercise. It will be good all year because on the weekend if you don't have a lot of money you could walk down to the skating rink. Also you could get exercise in the winter. If you can't go to the gym or outside you can go to the skating rink. An arcade is really not healthy for your brain and a store costs too much money. An ice skating rink doesn't cost as much. At an arcade you don't get a lot of exercise because you're just eating junk food and playing games.

By Yulisa Rabadan, 5th grade: I think that in the empty lot on Broadway and Ainslie there should be an apartment building with reasonable rents. I think that because there are poor people who could live there. If poor people live there they will not have to live on the streets, and if poor people spent less money on rent they could spend it on food and medical care.

If an apartment building with reasonable rents was built then poor people could live there. For example, there are many poor families who do not have enough money to pay their rents. If there was an apartment building with reasonable rents then they could live there and be happy.

Another reason why an apartment building should be built is because if poor people lived in the apartments, they would not have to live on the streets. For example, poor families who live on the streets would have a place to go and live when it gets cold outside. Another reason is if people spent less money on rent, they could spend more money on food for their families. For example, a family that does not spend all their money on rents could spend more money on healthy food and fruit for their family to keep them healthy. Another reason is if people spent less money on rents they could spend more money on medical care. For example, if a family member got sick they could buy medicine for them.

In conclusion, I think that that is an important thing because there are a lot of people on the streets that are sick and who don't have money to buy food and medicine and I think that if they build the building it is going to help them a lot.

By Gustavo Valencia, 7th grade: I think there should be an indoor soccer stadium because people don't want to play outdoors cause it's too cold out-side. It's too hard to play soccer outside because it's cold, so that's why we should play indoors so we could have great skills.

By Jasmine Tripp, 9th grade: I think that on the vacant lot across from the car wash on Broadway/Ainslie there should be an apartment building with reasonable rents. My reasons are that will help people live better.

One reason is more people need a place to live. There is not a lot of places around Broadway that people that don't have a lot of money can live so they live in shelters or on the streets in the cold.

The second reason is so local businesses can have more customers because there are not a lot of people that are getting paid the amount of money they should have. They are getting less money than what they should have.

The third reason is for people to have more money for food and clothing with the reasonable rent. People with children always need money/food/clothing because kids always want new things.

In conclusion, there should be an apartment building with reasonable rents, so then everyone will have better shelter, clothing, and money.

By Sam Murphy, 7th grade: I think you should build an arcade. I will be there. Kids love arcades. It will make a lot of money. A lot of kids will not be on the streets. Then there will be a little game village.

By David Castenada, 4th grade: A video arcade because keep people in when it cold. Go to the video arcade after school because it will keep kids busy.

By Latrice Tripp, 10th grade: I think an indoor skating rink should be there. It should be built there, because we have nothing in this neighborhood. We need more things for kids to keep them off the streets, because it'll keep kids busy and it'll be fun to have fun. All the other choices are bad for the community and plus we already have everything except a video arcade. That would also be nice for people so they won't have to go all the way downtown to go see a movie. We don't have any activities for kids. Everything that's being built and taken down is all being built to be a condo and nothing else.

By Frehiwet Negassi, 9th grade: There is a vacant lot across from the Car Wash on Broadway and Ainslie, and I think it should be turned to an apartment building with reasonable rents. First, there could be more houses. If you built more houses, there could be more room for everyone. Also, there could be reasonable rents and allow any people from any classes to live there. Then, if there is more housing by the library it would be closer for the kids to go to the library.

Finally, the transportation, such as buses and trains, would be closer to the houses.

An apartment building with reasonable rents is better than an indoor skating rink because skaters could injure themselves. Also, an apartment building is better than a convenience store because there is already a convenience store across the street at the Car Wash. A branch of the Lincoln Park Zoo is not as important as an apartment building because the zoo is not a necessity. A video arcade is not important because it is a waste of time and money.

An apartment building helps a lot of people. The vacant lot has an important location for an apartment building because it is near the library and transportation.

By Cordell Young, 4th grade: I think we should build a video arcade in the vacant lot across from the car wash. You will meet people you don't know, by building an arcade. You will see your family there. You can go there after school all the time. You can get money for the community. I think the arcade is great because they can have birthday parties, they can have candy, and you can have prizes. I think that the arcade is best because you can play a lot of games. The arcade is the best choice for the vacant lot.

By Daysy Diaz, 8th grade: I think there should be built a store where I can buy chips, soda, and candy. One of the reasons that I think so is because if they build a video arcade the children in the community are going to stop coming to tutoring because they are going to rather be playing video games than coming to tutoring. Another reason is because there is a lot of apartment buildings.

By Andre Tripp, 8th grade: What I think should be there is an indoor skating rink. One reason it would be a great place for kids to skate after school. It would be a good addition because there's no indoor skating rink around there. You can plan hockey on the ice too if you go here. You can have a skating rink contest. More kids would be active and if kids get active there would be less trouble. Kids need more exercise. Why I think this indoor skating rink is a better choice than the store where you buy chips and candy because most grownups won't let kids go to the store because their teeth are already messed up. No not the branch of the Lincoln Park Zoo because the Lincoln Park Zoo is not small enough for the parking lot.

By Hirut Negassi, 7th grade:
On the vacant lot across from the car wash on Broadway and Ainslie they should make a children's restaurant for the library, because you can't eat at the library. When it is raining you could go there and eat

there, not outside. They could eat any food there, like chocolate, cookies, any food that they like. If they are building something, they should make it for the library children. There should be a security guard from the house to the library.

On Broadway and Ainslie I think that an apartment building should be built there. The reason why an apartment building should be built there is there are not a lot of condos and buildings in this area. It would be useful for buildings to be in the area because people are always moving and they need a new place to live. Also reasonable rates would help people afford to live in the apartment building. With the money people have saved living in this apartment building, they could buy food, clothes, and other essential things they need. Another way that a new apartment building would help our community is to bring people into it.

The reason why I think that apartment buildings should be built instead of an indoor skating rink is because a bigger amount of people will benefit more from an apartment building than a skating rink. Also another store in the area is unnecessary because there are already so many in the area. A branch of Lincoln Park Zoo should not be here because not too many people would come to see it and it would not be a good idea to place it in a residential area. A video arcade would be visited by a small portion of the neighborhood.

The apartment building would help a lot of families. The other options will appeal only to a less amount of people.

Dear Mayor Daley, I think that you should build an indoor skating rink. This would be good because they would get more money. The kids will love it. It will keep kids out of trouble. –Shay Jones, 7th gr.

By Bsrat Negassi, 3rd grade: I think there should be a store where you can buy chips, soda, and candy. There should be a store there because people might be hungry or thirsty. It would be a good place for children to go after school, so people could stop there to buy things, and so people could meet their friends there. For an example, it might be a sunny day and people might be thirsty. Another example, children could wait there for their parents after school. People would not have to go far to get what they need. Finally, people could meet there before going somewhere if they are hungry. The other places might not belong there. It's a good place for hungry people and children.

By Cortez Young, 6th grade: I think the video arcade should be on the vacant lot because whenever we go to Game Stop people fight over the games and start cursing and get the games cut off. Video games can bring memory back. It's learning new things. It could be a safer place for kids. You won't hear the kids cursing unless the game's on low and they get barred out. It's good exercise for your

mind. You could learn how to dance, play guitar, or sing. It could be safer because they can be closer to their home and can go home. It is better than the others because in an indoor skating rink you can get hurt, a store because it can get robbed, Lincoln Park Zoo Branch because it is too far from Lincoln Park Zoo, and better than an apartment building because it can fall down. In conclusion they should build an arcade there so people won't fight.

By Elija Wood, 3rd grade: I think there should be a video arcade on the vacant lot. A reason I think there should be a video arcade is that when the kids come out they can play at the video arcade. I would play at the arcade when tutoring is done. There should be a video arcade at the vacant lot so people working hard can get to go to the video arcade. After working hard I will go to the video arcade.

By Kevin Luu, 5th grade:

I think there should be an apartment building with reasonable rents built on the open lot.

It saves you money for stuff like food. It gives you a warm place to live and it's safe because it protects you from robbers. It protects us from bad weather, like lightening. It is better than the other choices because it's better that way.

By Andrew Tripp, 11th grade: I think a video arcade should be in the community. This arcade should be built on Ainslie and Broadway because I think it is a better place where the parents can have fun with their children. The second reason is there is a shortage of arcades for Uptown residents. The third reason is there is a shortage of places within walking distance for Uptown residents. The last reason is the video arcade will attract more businesses in the area.

An indoor skating rink will not be desirable because it will be for only people who skate. Most people in this area do not know how to skate.

An apartment building will not be desirable because there are enough and because of the busy streets, traffic, and noise.

A branch of Lincoln Park Zoo will not be desirable because it will be too small, and it will not be for the community. A candy store will not be desirable because there are too many in the community.

A video arcade is better than the other choices because it appeals to a broader group of people in the neighborhood. A video arcade will be a perfect size for the area. A video arcade fits better in a commercial area than an apartment building.