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Mr. Betts:

At the May membership meeting of the Over the Rhine Community Council we heard a presentation by the owner and operator of Panino's restaurant reviving the idea of leasing a significant portion of the Imagination Alley recreation park to them. This was disappointing on several counts. Their characterization of the park as a haven for illicit activity does not coincide with the experience of a majority of our members. More concerning, they reported that the Recreation Department encouraged them to approach the Community Council for support for surrender of the southeast quadrant of the space to their commercial use. We would like to remind you of the community's rejection of this type of proposal during your exhaustive engagement process some months ago.

Our community remains committed to the proposition that **all of Imagination Alley shall remain a public space open to all residents** and that this small space should receive its fair share of your admittedly limited maintenance resources.

Trusting that you will abide by the wishes of the community,
Thank you,

Maurice Wagoner
President- Over the Rhine Community Council
on behalf of the membership