

eComments

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While I don't have any specific objections to this proposed land purchase for SPH (Ord 2025-19-06), my previous criticism of the piecemeal and slapdash approach to expansion remains (my comments on the failed bond proposition in 2024).

SPH is a community-owned facility and deserves a thoughtful, long term plan for successful expansion. Such a plan should envision a compact and contiguous campus – not the current (and growing) "spread all over town" mess.

Reiterating my 2024 summary: "... SPH can justify utilizing methods a acquiring property that are based on "public interest". Such methods are seldom 100% pleasant but they are justified by putting a well-justified "public" interest ahead of any unjustified "private/for-profit" interest.

Eminent domain is the only competent method I know of that will put the public's interest SPH over private speculative greed. The groundwork for such and action to be successful would require competent long-term planning by SPH and should be supported by a vote of the service area.