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To Whom it May Concern,

After two long years, the Goodman Community Center is about ready to open the doors to a brand new and much improved community center. As part of this project, we are moving the teen center programming currently located on East Washington to the new center. The Teen center will be located on the north end of the building closest to the rail road tracks. Outside of the building on the east side, we have built a new gymnasium and will have a teen courtyard between and behind the gym.

We are requesting the City Planning Commission grant the Goodman Community Center a conditional use permit to create a graffiti permission wall on the north side of the external wall of the gym. The wall, although highly visible and central to the teen courtyard, it is completely invisible from the street. The wall faces the Union Pacific railroad tracks and has a tree line that buffers it from Wirth Court Park on the other side of the tracks.

The wall will be carefully managed by the staff and will require artists to schedule a time to paint, and have a concept approved before they begin work. The hope is to give kids a space to express themselves that will possibly reduce graffiti on the rest of the community center property and surrounding community.

Thanks for your consideration.

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