

I just reviewed the Alpena News article again about the design (???) for the Culligan Plaza and can't sit on it any longer.

What was the goal here - a new street light?

The fountain is already the focal point for downtown and doesn't NEED any "improvements" to be an attraction. The steps and fountain edge provide seating for fountain watching.

It's a calming place, where people come to listen to music, read, eat ice cream, a destination to meet people and enjoy the outdoors while listening to water sounds.

In addition, I read that the county is deviating monies from the youth and recreation fund to do it - the monies I voted for

for YOUTH projects and uses monies from other grants. What about this project is for youth? - changing the fountain into a puddle??? Where are the kids going to fish next Brown Trout?

The overall design looks like something a first-year architect might do and for what - adding a few tables, eliminating most seating, and adding a projectile street light?

Contact Laurie Wade or Joe Donna (ACC Art instructors) and get someone that can give some real design elements to the fountain and space.

This plan is cold, void of our downtown aesthetic and feel, it's an atrocity and I don't want to pay for it with funds designated for other programs with real needs.

I'm sending this to the City as well as the newspaper. I believe that there are many, many other taxpayers that feel the way I do.

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