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I am emailing about the proposed storage unit facility that would sit next to the Fisher's Technology building at 575 E. 42nd St. in Garden City. I live walking distance (about 100 yards) to the empty lot and was a neighbor who attended, and listed my disagreement, to the proposed storage unit project during the open hearing last month. I see that the lot is zoned for mixed use and NOT for storage and don't understand how a storage facility fits in with the walkable neighborhood next to the river, that has ONLY 1 access road.

While a storage unit in the Garden City area isn't a bad idea with the numerous apartments and townhomes popping up, it doesn't make sense to have prime, river adjacent, property used for this purpose, as it will negatively impact the surrounding neighborhood and the "garden and art" vibe that Garden City is trying to foster.

In addition, this one access road and its intersection already are dealing with busses and UPS trucks, in addition to having The Boys and Girls Club, a park, and Future public school. Adding trailers and uhauls to the road seem short sighted to the traffic.

Storage units are notoriously low engagement facilities, which are car and truck dependent. This is a peculiar fit in a neighborhood and next to the Boise River. Having grown up in Ada county, Garden City has notoriously been known by many nicknames that focus on the lack of any positive traits. Over the last few years, it has done an admirable job evolving into the 21st century, becoming a desirable, livable, walkable, and bikeable community.

In 2022 Garden City released its Comprehensive Plan for growth and focused much of it on wanting to foster art, gardens, and community engagement along the Boise River Greenbelt, a storage unit does none of these. Garden City mentions building a vibrant culture along this natural resource that many cities would be jealous of, and a storage unit does not provide this either. allowing a storage unit so close to the river is no different than the recent decades of run down manufacturing shops and warehouses that have described Garden City in the past. Is Garden City really leaning into becoming a destination known for the river, art, gardens, and diverse history built upon the Chinese garden district or lean into the recent history of being known as a drive through town filled with storage and warehouses?

Please consider carefully before approving this project.

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