



Mayor Haila, or to whom it may concern,

The headline in the Ames Tribune of November 14, 2020, "I love our downtown" is very appropriate, but once you arrive on the corner of Lincolnway and Kellogg - not so! Since the Mandarin, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Tasty Taco and others have left, we have ugly, unmaintained lots, with nothing there except railroad yards. Lets put in a park or rebuild it!

The campus town planners need help also. Across from Friley Hall are three vacant boarded up lots in the heart of ISU and campus town. A dump - one building had "slum" written on it for a long time. How about a park or green space as well, or rebuild it.!!

These areas have been left deserted for sometime now. Those in charge should do something. Why did businesses leave Ames? The headline, "I love our downtown" could extend from, Lincolnway downtown to campus town. I know there are reasons and excuses but - it has been like this for a long time.

From a 40 plus years resident of Ames who expects more from this community.

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