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October 22, 2009

Catherine Wilkerson

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated October 15, 2009
09-236 Wilkerson

Dear Ms. Wilkerson:

I am responding to your request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, dated October 15, 2009 and received October 16, 2009. Your request for "all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the council meetings which began on April 14, 2008 and April 21, 2008" is granted in part and denied in part. Your request is denied to the extent that the following redactions have occurred:

1. Information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy. MCL 15.243(1)(a)

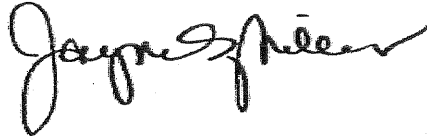
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If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Carol King, City FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6210, ext. 42198.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jayne S. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jayne S. Miller
Community Services Administrator

09-236
Wilkerson

King, Carol

From: Catherine Wilkerson [catwilk@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 8:24 PM
To: King, Carol
Subject: FOIA request

Carol King
FOIA Coordinator
City of Ann Arbor
100 N Fifth Avenue
Ann Arbor MI 48104

Dear Ms. King:

I am requesting all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the the council meetings which began on April 14, 2008 and April 21, 2008 but may have continued past midnight into the next calendar days.

Please exclude from this request any electronic communication initiated by a staff member of the city attorney's office and any documents attached to the electronic communication.

If you determine that the contents of an electronic communication, in whole or in part, is subject to a disclosure exemption under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, please provide the electronic communication, including the header information, with the exempt portions redacted.

If you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption as the basis for withholding any record responsive to this request, please include in your full or partial denial letter a description of the item and the statutory provision that exempts it from disclosure. If you determine that an item is exempt from disclosure under M.C.L. sec 15.243(1)(m) (communications and notes within a public body), please include an explanation of why the public interest in encouraging frank communication between officials and employees of public bodies clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Upon identifying the records that should be disclosed under this request, please notify me of the estimated cost of providing copies to me. I will accept the material in electronic machine readable format to reduce costs. If the costs will exceed \$25, I would like to exercise my section M.C.L. Sec. 15.233(3) right to inspect the public records prior to incurring any cost for duplication. Please contact me at catwilk@sbcglobal.net to discuss the estimated charges and to schedule a time when I can review the documents.

Sincerely,
Catherine Wilkerson

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27 copies @ .05 = \$1.35

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King, Carol

From: Rapundalo, Stephen
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2008 7:08 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: FW: Comments on Golf Course Recommendations
Attachments: 4-14-08 Golf Course Recommendations (note to Mayor & Council).doc; Rapundalo, Stephen.vcf

Stephen

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From: Jane Lumm [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2008 3:13 PM
To: Anglin, Mike; Chris EasthopeLaw.com; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Kunselman, Stephen; Greden, Leigh
[REDACTED] Rapundalo, Stephen; Lowenstein, Joan; Briere, Sabra; Ron Suarez; Hieftje, John
Cc: Bill Newcomb; Ed Walsh; Paul Bancel; Miller, Jayne
Subject: Comments on Golf Course Recommendations

Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached for your consideration are some thoughts regarding the recommendations on the golf courses. Jayne, I do not have all the Golf Advisory Cte. e-mail addresses and would appreciate it if you could please forward.

Thanks, Jane

April 14, 2008

Memo to: Mayor and Council
cc: Golf Advisory Committee, Jayne Miller
Subject: Comments on Golf Course Recommendations

Hi all, hope everyone is well. With Council's working session tonight on the golf course recommendations, I wanted to pass along a few comments for your consideration as you act on these recommendations.

First, thank you again for your actions to date regarding the golf courses. By creating a Golf Advisory Committee, Council made a strong statement that it wanted to provide the golf courses every opportunity to be successful. That was an important and necessary message. Also, Council recognized that to improve the operating and financial performance of the courses, enlisting the help of outside expertise was necessary. Several of the specific appointments Council made to the Advisory Committee were strong choices and I'm confident that, if given the opportunity, these folks can assist staff in significantly improving the performance at both courses.

"If given the opportunity" is the operative phrase here. While I believe the specific recommendations are for the most part appropriate (more later), there are concerns that some involved in this effort do not unfortunately share Council's desire to make a genuine effort to improve both courses and provide a reasonable amount of time and opportunity for both courses to prove themselves. I'll expand on that as well.

Recommendations for the Courses

While I may not be working with the final set of recommendations (not having seen the materials you will be provided this evening), these comments are based on Staff and Task Force recommendations discussed last week. Based on that, I believe many of the recommendations are appropriate. They include:

- **Forgiveness of the inter-fund loan.** While the City could debate at length whether all of the charges contributing to that \$1.6M in debt were equitable/legitimate or not, that would not be constructive. Rather, providing a clean slate for the courses going forward (as was done with Hydropower's debt/losses when it was transferred from the Enterprise Fund to the General Fund) does send a positive message about trying to make the courses successful and hopefully Council will accept this recommendation.
- **Increase annual operating costs by \$220K. (approx. \$145K for LP and \$75K for HH)** All of the experts – Jim Keegan and the industry experts appointed to the Advisory Committee – agree that the relatively small annual operating cost increases for staffing, marketing, supplies, and IT are essential elements of a recovery plan. It may take a year or two for the full benefits of these investments to be seen (in terms of increased play), but without them, it seems certain the volume of play will not rebound. Hopefully, the City will have the patience to allow these benefits to accrue. It is important to keep perspective on the volume at the courses. In 2003-04, there were

roughly 25,000 rounds played at each course. And in 2004, Huron Hills also performed much better financially than Leslie Park on both a cash flow and full-accounted basis. In 2006-07, LP volume was 21,900 rounds (down 14% over the three years) and HH was 13,900 rounds (down 55%). Clearly, and as Jim Keegan noted, industry factors alone do not account for declines of that magnitude (certainly not 55%, and, it's worth noting that no new local courses were constructed over this timeframe) so if the City were able to recapture its 2003-04 market share, significant volume increases would result. Recapturing the lost market share will not be easy to be sure, and it will take time, but possible. (Jim Keegan stated that it would take a couple of years to "improve the brands".) I have not seen the detail/assumptions underlying the City's six year financial forecast for the courses, but the bottom-line numbers in that forecast do not seem to reflect much of a volume increase/recovery of market share for the investment made.

- **Capital investment of approximately \$750K.** While PAC recommended capital investments of \$1.8M (based on Jim Keegan's recommendations), the experts now on the Advisory Cte. believe that requirement was overstated. An overall capital investment level of \$750K or so seems reasonable, although the allocation of that investment between the two courses is questionable (less than 10% of it, or about \$60K is earmarked for HH). I recognize that about half of this capital investment is for equipment purchases and that in some cases, the equipment purchases for LP mean that the existing LP equipment will be moved to HH (and is an upgrade for HH). However, for clubhouse and course improvements, approximately \$400K is recommended for LP and only \$10K for HH and that does not seem to be an equitable distribution. (one example/thought -- HH is the designated/preferred course for the high school girls' teams. According to some high school coaches, HH, unlike LP, does not have adequate restroom space for the girls to change their clothes. Approx. \$100K of the capital investment for LP is for improved/expanded restrooms.) Whether the capital investments are funded by the General Fund or Parks-related funds is a decision for you to make (and I'm sure will be subject to lively debate ☺), but I do believe that Parks funds are an appropriate source (the facilities are part of the parks' system and golf is a recreation activity after all). I do not share PAC's view that funding for golf should be solely from the GF and not impact parks budgets in any way.

The recommendations I believe you should reconsider are:

- **Retaining the courses in an Enterprise Fund.** (PAC recommended moving HH to the GF) As I've mentioned previously, I do not believe it is appropriate to treat any of the recreation programs differently and that all should be in the General Fund. I also believe that maintaining a proper balance of active and passive parks and recreation programs is important for the City (we already have a situation where most –almost ¾'s according to the PROS Plan- of the land in our parks system is dedicated to open parkland and natural areas). At a recent meeting with representatives of the AA Golf Association, Jayne Miller indicated that staff agreed with the need to support and promote active recreation and achieve a balanced parks and rec system. Holding one of the primary recreation activities (golf) to a more rigorous financial performance

standard (GF funded rec programs are, by definition, subsidized) seems inconsistent with those goals and would result in, if anything, further exacerbating the imbalance.

- **Evaluate alternative uses for HH (and allocate \$50K for an alternative use study) and report back in November 2008.** Why should you re-consider this? Because it sends the wrong message, that the decision has already been made, and is based on faulty premises. The message it sends is that improving HH is likely a futile effort, so the City may as well begin now to develop the “real” plan. One may think this is only good advance planning and that might be true if it were not already driving behaviors towards eliminating golf at HH. The faulty premises? There are two of them. First, that LP makes money and HH is a huge loser. This notion was even raised at the Town Hall forum and it is not surprising the community has this misconception – it has been reinforced over the last several months by Jim Keegan and by staff. The reality – based on the City’s own 6-year financial forecast (2008 through 2013), LP will lose **more** \$ than HH. If financial performance is the primary criteria, then HH should not be the candidate for closure. Secondly, it is HH, not LP that is a better fit with the mission of municipal golf – offering affordable golf for the masses and an entry-level course for those learning the game (not to mention a walking course for exercise). The City’s mission/vision statements clearly articulate the differences in the “brands”:

“At Huron Hills Golf Course we strive at every opportunity to provide an outstanding golf experience through unrivaled customer service that is tailored to all skill levels and ages. We aspire to be the first and most affordable course to consider when deciding where to play in Ann Arbor.

At Leslie Park Golf Course we strive at every opportunity to provide an outstanding golf experience at a championship golf course through unrivaled customer service. We aspire to be the first course to consider when deciding where to play championship golf in Ann Arbor.”

Huron Hills – a decision already made?

The charge Council gave to Staff and the Golf Advisory Committee was to identify strategies and actions to improve the operating and financial performance of both courses. Simple and straightforward – try to improve both courses.

As you well know and appreciate, in any endeavor of committees or teams, participants bring their biases to the table. That’s understandable/natural and not a problem unless the biases result in behaviors that jeopardize the mission of the group. Let’s look at some of the behaviors and you can be the judge of whether they are concerning or not.

- In terms of capital investment, PAC initially recommended \$1.8M for the two courses. Staff then recommended cutting that in half to about \$940K. Sounds reasonable, but the Staff allocation was \$920K for LP and only \$20K for Huron Hills. After discussions with

the Advisory Cte., the amount for HH was increased to \$60K. Still less than 10% of the total, but 3X more than Staff's recommendation.

- In the Staff recommendations for HH, the largest single expenditure was not for golf, but rather to study alternative uses for the property. Specifically, \$50K was added by Staff (not in PAC recommendations) for "Comprehensive Assessment of Use Activities for HH". It is my understanding that this \$50K has been removed from the HH tally of incremental costs (which is certainly appropriate as the Golf Enterprise Fund should not have to pay for a study to eliminate golf), but in a sense, the damage was done. Staff had sent a strong message that evaluating alternative uses for the property is a near-term priority.
- The Staff recommendations also included a recommendation to "consider moving LP equipment to the Fleet Fund at a later date." Why not HH equipment? If the staff recommendation had been to move HH to the GF (as PAC had recommended), this singling out of LP equipment might have made more sense, but Staff's recommendation was not to move HH, but retain it in the Enterprise Fund (along with LP). It is not clear if it makes sense to transfer these fleet costs, (which would obviously help LP's bottom-line, if not charged back to the Enterprise Fund) or what the motivation is, but considering the action only for LP suggests that staff may have made an assumption that HH Golf Course will not be around when that discussion will take place or that LP warrants special treatment (e.g., and transferring these operating costs out of the EF would give LP the additional financial assistance needed to succeed as an EF).
- During meetings, when asked for details on recommendations, a Parks' staff member responded to the effect that, "I didn't think HH was viable, so we didn't put much together." It isn't just this individual's comment and actions – these feelings seem to be pretty pervasive. As they say, "attitude is everything." (Remember too, but it bears repeating, based on the City's own financial projections, LP loses more \$ than HH, so it's unclear how the term "viable" is defined.)
- At the initial Task Force meeting, the PAC representative asked for a schedule showing the City subsidy for golf per round played. Schedules were subsequently provided comparing costs for all city recreation activities (even the Farmers' Mkt. –at 478,000 visitors/yr. for every yr. from '03-'08- was included in the comparison). That is a legitimate question and discussion if the charge of the Golf Advisory Cte. were to evaluate alternative uses for the HH property. That is not, however, Council's charge to the Advisory Committee and, hopefully, it is not representative of PAC's views on the matter.
- Should that schedule of costs for the various rec programs be provided to Council, you should use it with caution as there appears to be at least two conceptual/analytical flaws. The first is that the costs for golf are the fully accounted enterprise fund costs including the allocations for MSC, IT, retiree health care, depreciation, and interest charges, while I strongly suspect the costs for the balance of the recreation programs (since, except for the Farmers' Mkt., they are buried in the GF) do not include any of these allocated costs – not at all an apples-to-apples comparison. For perspective, the schedule shows cumulative net costs (rev less costs) for the golf courses combined for the six year period 2003 through 2008 at about \$1.05M – the allocated/non-operating costs during that period? About \$2M! In other words, without all the allocated/non-operating costs, golf would have had a net "profit" of \$1M rather than a net "cost" of \$1M. The second problem with the schedule

relates to the \$354K operating transfer from the General Fund to the Golf Fund in 2005-06. It should not be in this analysis at all as it has nothing to do with golf operations. That transfer reflected prior year losses for rec activities for the other non-golf rec activities that were previously in the Golf Enterprise Fund. The transfer is applied as a reduction in LP's costs (not shared with HH) which understates LP's net costs for the six year period. Without this transfer, LP's net costs (and costs per visitor) would actually be higher than HH's rather than much lower as presently shown on the schedule. The point here obviously is that if/when it comes time to analyze alternative uses for HH, the City must be very careful the data it uses is accurate and represents true apples-to-apples operating cost comparisons between alternatives. That analysis must also reflect the one time costs to reconfigure the property (for example, recent capital plans for parks have shown the costs for soccer facilities/soccer complex ranging from \$300K to \$750K).

As Council, you need to judge whether these behaviors are concerning or not – whether staff and/or PAC have already given up on HH and mentally moved on to “Step 2” (what to do with the property when the course is closed). You need to decide whether a “full faith” effort is being given to allow both courses to be successful, and if not, how to ensure it is.

When Jayne Miller and I met on this topic last Fall, Jayne was very upfront in letting me know that “LP was her priority”. Although concerned, I did appreciate her honesty. I suspect Council shares that view to some extent, but would expect that HH is provided a reasonable opportunity for improvement. And I think we'd all agree that means a time frame beyond the end of this summer and certainly means not acting in a way at this early juncture that pre-determines the outcome. On a positive note, it seems that excellent progress has been made on the marketing front – with official opening day events at the courses, better signage, CTN promotions, etc. Hopefully we'll give these measures time to gain traction.

As always, thanks for listening (and sorry for another long note).

Jane

King, Carol

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King, Carol

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 11:01 PM
To: Kunselman, Stephen
Cc: Suarez, Ron
Subject: chickens

Ron was sleeping. He can bring it back at the next meeting.

*Sabra Briere
First Ward Council member
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King, Carol

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 10:22 PM
To: 'broadwayhood' [REDACTED]
Subject: Historic District passes!

The historic district passed for our neighborhood! Hooray (in my opinion).

The historic district for St. Vincent's as tabled for a month. It will be heard again in the second meeting in May.

Thank you for coming out and being heard.

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King, Carol

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 8:57 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: Jim Koli's letter

Dear Stephen,

I happened to notice (I'm looking in your direction) that you are trying to compare Jim Koli's letter with the report submitted by Kristine Kidorf.

What he sent you was the DRAFT – subsequently changed. All the language he objected to was corrected. That's the purpose of draft language. The map was corrected (improved, really, with the addition of a NORTH arrow).

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King, Carol

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 10:02 PM
To: Anglin, Mike
Subject: Building Costs

Hi, Mike:

In your comments this evening about the building project, I picked up one comment you made that was in error. If I heard you correctly, you stated that furniture was not included in this budget. You will be glad to know that FF&E, (furniture, fixtures and equipment) is, indeed, included in the budgeted amount of \$47,400,000.

Roger

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 11:37 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: let's be serious here

Chris texted me that Anglin voted no on purpose to bring it back b/c he doesn't like the Hieftje amendment??? Without Hieftje's amendment, Hieftje votes no, and that means it fails 6-5... So Anglin better take Hieftje's amendment if he wants it to pass.

-----Original Message-----

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 11:00 PM
To: 'Linda Lombardini'
Cc: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: let's be serious here

Two shots! Yes, a chicken elder hostel. Hey, I'm looking at Suarez right now, and he didn't realize that he voted against the chicken ordinance, and it failed. I can't believe that it failed on first reading! Anglin, who co-sponsored, voted against it too. This is baffling...People who wanted chickens are going to be really angry at Suarez and Anglin.

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Lombardini [mailto:Linda@trilliumrealtors.com]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 10:56 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: let's be serious here

Margie:

An elderly chicken farm?

I'd say a shot of Tequila is in order...

Linda

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From: Teall, Margie [mailto:MTeall@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 8:50 PM
To: marktuck [REDACTED]
Cc: Linda Lombardini
Subject: RE: Clarification...

While I was unable to attend the meeting, and haven't heard about this or any mixed messages, one word..."Whew." oh, and one more... "Yea!"

-----Original Message-----

From: marktuck [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 7:47 AM
To: startboard [REDACTED]
Subject: Clarification...

Dear Steering Committee Members,

Particularly for those of you who were at the last steering committee meeting, I may have thrown you what looked like a curve ball, by announcing that I was only going to be heading up FestiFools for one more year. I should have prefaced that with the fact that I was only going to head up this worthwhile project for one more year, IF I could NOT get what we needed to make this project sustainable and viable.

It appears now that the U-M has decided to wholly back this project and is now asking us what we would need to accomplish this feat.

This could mean extraordinary support for FestiFools that, if it comes to pass, would mean that my involvement with this project would remain 100%, and well beyond the one-year commitment that I had originally proposed at our last meeting.

Sorry for all of the mixed messages to date, but our message from myself and the board, from here on out, should be one of enthusiasm and support for the long-term continued success of this very popular event and it's attendant educational programs.

This next year's FestiFools is going to be a very demanding venture, and the University will want to stack our board with U-M appointees as well. This is the point at which our board will morph from advisory to a working board quite quickly. I appreciate everyone's dedication and service to this project so far, however, if there is anyone who wishes to not be included on the board, understanding the kind of time/work commitment that will be required, from here on out, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanks,

--Mark

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 11:36 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: You wouldn't believe...

Did Chris attack him? He was supposed to give a speech in response to Anglin.

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 9:49 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Greden, Leigh R.
Subject: You wouldn't believe...

MA is taking our "Communications from Council" time to make a statement, reading a written statement, against the Courts/Police building... for the petition drive. Unbelievable. It's almost 10:00 pm and we just got through the historic district public hearings...

King, Carol

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 10:43 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Bowden (King), Anissa; Fraser, Roger
Subject: Amendment Language

No chickens will be allowed unless the owners of all the adjacent properties agree to this in writing and this agreement is presented along with an application for a permit.

King, Carol

From: Kunselman, Stephen
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 11:14 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Cc: Suarez, Ron; Anglin, Mike
Subject: RE: chickens

Oh and what happened to Mike? Steve

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To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: let's be serious here

Going to bed now (sorry)...What ever happened to the minister that was going to buy a house?

Talk soon!!

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Exactly... No, we need her! Her city needs her!! And, we're all a little nuts.

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When 'mom' Briere doesn't vote first, her boys don't know how to? I'm telling Sandi that she's NUTS to want to be on council. :-)

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Thanks,

--Mark

King, Carol

From: marktuck [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 9:17 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: startproject [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Clarification...

I know, I was having a little post-event fallout, but now we've gotten some people interested in pushing this thing forward from the U--not to mention some nationally syndicated TV time in the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade... Do you think the Mayor would be interested in being on our board, if only in an honorary capacity?

--Mark

> While I was unable to attend the meeting, and haven't heard about this
> or any mixed messages, one word..."Whew." oh, and one more... "Yea!"

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: marktuck [REDACTED]
> Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 7:47 AM
> To: startboard [REDACTED]
> Subject: Clarification...

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> Dear Steering Committee Members,

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> Particularly for those of you who were at the last steering committee
> meeting, I may have thrown you what looked like a curve ball, by
> announcing that I was only going to be heading up FestiFools for one
> more year. I should have prefaced that with the fact that I was only
> going to head up this worthwhile project for one more year, IF I could
> NOT get what we needed to make this project sustainable and viable.

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> It appears now that the U-M has decided to wholly back this project
> and is now asking us what we would need to accomplish this feat.

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King, Carol

From: Rapundalo, Stephen
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 7:57 PM
To: 'Stephen Pontoni'; Teall, Margie; 'Staebler Ned'
Subject: RE: Thoughts on HHSAB
Attachments: Rapundalo, Stephen.vcf

I would like to see any recommendation for housing on the old Y site to include rationale for such siting. In other words, the recommendation must be based on cost benefits, proximity to services, and other criteria that staff have presented to us. It's simply not enough to make a general recommendation without any basis for it, or to justify it for the reason that some in the community have argued for it.

Stephen

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From: Stephen Pontoni [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 11:14 AM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen; Teall, Margie; Staebler Ned
Subject: Thoughts on HHSAB

Stephen, Margie and Ned,

Thanks for your patience on these issues. I am trying to catch up rather quickly on all the back story here.

I worry that I have ruffled some feathers here, but I guess I might be a bit idealistic. We have had 50 different people show up to our public meetings over the last few months all expressing a strong desire to keep the units at the old Y site. We have had 1 person show up expressing a different opinion. It is important that these folks have their voices heard, and these are the people that are dealing with these problems at the ground level. You nor I have that burden. So I am trying my best to understand both sides so that our commission can offer the best recommendation.


I get that the site is needed for the staging area, and I will back off that. However, I am still convinced at this point that the site should still be used for 100 units of affordable housing. I am hoping those negotiations are still open, and that we can work to do what's best for the community and the landscape.

Thanks,

Steve Pontoni

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Stephen V. Pontoni



"Young people have an almost biological destiny to be hopeful."
-Marshall Ganz

King, Carol

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Council

King, Carol

From: Zeisloft, Keith
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 9:19 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Stone, Nancy Y
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A; Samborn, Shryl; Mattson, Ann
Subject: RE: Request for City Hall/15th District school class visit: A2 Open School

Margie:

Yes, my typo! The date is Wed 21 May, not Sat 31 May.

KZ
Keith Zeisloft
Court Administrator
15th Judicial District Court
Ann Arbor, Michigan

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Mon 4/21/2008 7:54 PM
To: Zeisloft, Keith; Stone, Nancy Y
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A; Samborn, Shryl; Mattson, Ann
Subject: RE: Request for City Hall/15th District school class visit: A2 Open School

Keith: Thanks so much for the great plan! The date they had asked for was May 21st, not 31st. Maybe it was a typo, but I hope Judge Mattson can accommodate the class on the 21st. I will forward the description you gave on to the teacher, and hope that the date can still work. If not, then I hope they can change their plans, and come on the 31st. Just let me know. Thanks again. -Margie

From: Zeisloft, Keith
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 2:32 PM
To: Stone, Nancy Y; Teall, Margie
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A; Samborn, Shryl; Mattson, Ann
Subject: RE: Request for City Hall/15th District school class visit: A2 Open School

Council Member Teall, Nancy,

Judge Ann Mattson has volunteered to host the class on the afternoon of Wed 31 May, but it's far too soon to predict which courtroom will be available then. Consequently, although we're sure that a courtroom will almost certainly be available, we may not know until the last moment *which* courtroom is available.

So – if you're able to put this together for the class on that date with their City Hall visits, please confirm with the time and I'll send on additional details!

KZ
Keith Zeisloft
Court Administrator
15th Judicial District Court
Ann Arbor, Michigan
<http://www.15thdistrictcourt.org/>

From: Zeisloft, Keith
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2008 11:31 AM
To: Stone, Nancy Y; Teall, Margie
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: RE: Request for City Hall/15th District school class visit: A2 Open School

Council Member Teall, Nancy, Angela,

The Court has often hosted grade school classes! We usually assemble the kids in an available meeting room where they can leave their bags, jackets, etc., then take them up to an available courtroom (usually one of the two grander original courtrooms with attached lockups, if possible) for a courtroom tour. The kids get to walk behind the bench, sit in the witness chair, jury box, etc. They visit the lockup area, get to bang the gavel, etc.

Then we wrangle the kids into the public seating and the Bailiff enters to announce the judge ("All Rise!"), who then answers questions from the kids. If time permits, we've also had short mock trials, with the kids playing the roles of prosecutor, victim, witness, cop, defense attorney, jurors, etc. It's usually a lot of fun and, if the court recording system is working, we provide a video copy of the mock trial.

After the courtroom session, we escort the kids back down to the original meeting room to pick up their personal possessions and answer any followup questions they may have.

Total time: about 90 minutes, excluding time required to pass through the Courthouse security procedure (that can take a while with 20-30 kids + teacher + parent participants, and cellphones with cameras are not permitted in the Courthouse).

We don't permit kids to observe actual trials and hearings. ("Gee, Susie – isn't that your dad over there in handcuffs?")

The downside here is that we usually schedule these events for Friday afternoons when the courtroom dockets are minimized. Because we share courtrooms with the Circuit Court, we never really know which courtrooms will be available, and the odds of getting a free judge in a free courtroom are significantly greater on Fridays. There are also a lot fewer litigants, parolees, probationers and public visitors in the Courthouse on Fridays after 1 PM. Because the Courthouse lacks non-public secure hallways, it's also less likely then that the kids will be exposed to shackled, handcuffed and unhappy prisoners being transported in the public hallways.

I'll see if I can put something together for Wed 31 May, and I'll get back to you by Tue 22 Apr.

KZ
Keith Zeisloft
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From: Stone, Nancy Y
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2008 9:43 AM
To: Teall, Margie

Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A; Zeisloft, Keith

Subject: Request for City Hall/15th District school class visit: A2 Open School

Hi Margie,

If meeting with both the Mayor and Roger are key, could you provide me with a few dates to work with in order to work with their schedules? Keith--is the 15th District Court able to provide some type of tour as the second half of the visit?

Most groups come to City Hall for 90 minutes to 2 hours and we juggle a few speakers for @15-20/min in Council Chambers, and then a walking tour up to the 6th floor for the view (if of interest) and then of some area, usually Police. Then the group could head off to lunch. Will they need an area to eat their bagged lunches or are they planning to dine downtown?

Thanks! -Nancy

Nancy Stone, City of Ann Arbor

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From: Teall, Margie

Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2008 2:42 PM

To: Fraser, Roger; Hieftje, John; Dempkowski, Angela A; Schopieray, Christine

Subject: Need to set up a school class visit

Hi folks: I have a request from a fifth grade class at the Open School to set up a visit with several different departments at the city, on May 21st. The class has voted, and would like to meet with the mayor, (which they did when they were in first or second grade, and they loved it!), and see the "inner workings" of City Hall... including District Court, Police/Fire, anything we can do. They could break it up in to two sessions (9-11:00; lunch; 12-2:00), or four different short tours? I think they should meet the administrator too, if he's around. They are very excited, and I need to know what I can do to make it happen for them. Please advise me! Thanks!

-Margie