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October 20, 2009

Phyllis Ponvert

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated September 28, 2009
09-205 Ponvert

Dear Ms. Ponvert:

I am responding to your request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, dated September 28, 2009, received September 29, 2009, and extended to October 20, 2009. Your request for "all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the council meeting which began on May 7, 2007" 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)
2. Information or records subject to the attorney-client privilege. MCL 15.243(1)(g)

Pursuant to your request, electronic communications initiated by the City Attorney's Office have not been provided; however, there are electronic communications sent to and from City Council members that include members of the City Attorney's Office, which have been redacted.

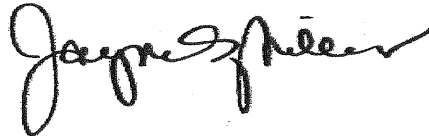
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If you receive written notice that your request has been denied, in whole or in part, under Section 10 of the Act, you may, at your option either: (1) submit to the City Administrator a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason(s) for reversal of the disclosure denial; or (2) file a lawsuit in the circuit court to compel the City's disclosure of the record. If after judicial review, the circuit court determines that the City has not complied with the Act, you may be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and damages as specified under the Act.

The Michigan Freedom of Information Act specifically provides that a public body may charge a fee for searching for and copying a public record. The cost for copying the records is \$2.00 payable to the City of Ann Arbor. Upon receipt of this amount, the documents will be released to you. Your documents may be picked up in the Community Services Office (Sixth Floor, City Hall), Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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.

Jayne S. Miller
Community Services Administrator

09-205
Ponvert

King, Carol

From: phyllis ponvert [phyllis2007@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 12:13 AM
To: King, Carol
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information request

Ponvert
exemptions
privacy
internal notes

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 council meeting which began on May 7, 2007 but may have continued past midnight into the next calendar day.

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 734-662-9186 or phyllis2007@earthlink.net to discuss the estimated charges and to schedule a time when I can review the documents.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Ponvert

rec'd 9/29/09



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Community Services Area

October 6, 2009

Phyllis Ponvert

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated September 28, 2009
09-205 Ponvert

Dear Ms. Ponvert:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request, dated September 28, 2009 and received September 29, 2009 for "all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the council meeting which began on May 7, 2007". The City of Ann Arbor, by this letter, is giving notice, as required under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, to extend for not more than ten business days the period during which it will respond to the above-stated request. You may expect a response by October 20, 2009.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Carol King, City FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6000 ext. 42198.

Sincerely,

Jayne S. Miller
Community Services Administrator

King, Carol

From: ann farnham [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 8:22 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: City Code Violation Notices in The Village

Dear Leigh,

That's interesting. I guess he has no concerns with access and ability. Many in our community - for reasons of age, size, or physical ability - are unable to manage to pull them to the back.

I don't envy your job - it's impossible to please all the people all of the time. Best of luck as seek some common ground.

Thanks again for all your efforts. It should prove to be an interesting annual meeting tomorrow night for the Village at Pittsfield Elementary. If you are there, I'll make a point to say hello and introduce myself.

Regards,

Ann Farnham

>From: "Greden, Leigh" <LGreden@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>
>To: "ann farnham" <annfarnham@[REDACTED]>
>Subject: RE: City Code Violation Notices in The Village
>Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 19:49:58 -0400

>
>Ms. Farnham-
>
>I'm going to continue working on this. The neighbor sent me a letter
>today opposing any efforts to change the law. He believes the trash
>cans are unsightly and should be kept in the back.

>
>-Leigh Greden

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>-----Original Message-----
>From: ann farnham [mailto:[REDACTED]]
>Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2007 9:59 PM
>To: Greden, Leigh
>Cc: annfarnham@hotmail.com
>Subject: RE: City Code Violation Notices in The Village

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>Dear Leigh,
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>I'm disappointed to hear that this is the case. In the meantime, I do
>appreciate that you, the City staff and Melissa at the Village are all
>trying to work this out. I hope it can be resolved soon. Thank you
>for the update and your efforts on behalf of our community.

>
>Regards,

>
>Ann Farnham

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> >From: "Greden, Leigh" <LGreden@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>
> >To: "ann farnham" <annfarnham[REDACTED]>
> >Subject: RE: City Code Violation Notices in The Village
> >Date: Sun, 6 May 2007 18:12:06 -0400
> >
> >Ms. Farnham-
> >
> >I have been working with City staff and Melissa Brown to come up with
> >some solutions. Unfortunately, there is a neighbor [REDACTED] who
> >insists on complaining to the City. He lodged another complaint late
> >last week. When the City receives a complaint, we must respond, and
> >thus the enforcement officers will be back out soon. -Leigh Greden
> >

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

> >From: ann farnham [mailto:[REDACTED]]
> >Sent: Monday, April 23, 2007 8:44 PM
> >To: Greden, Leigh
> >Subject: RE: City Code Violation Notices in The Village
> >
> >Thank you for following this up Leigh. Tomorrow is pick-up day for
> >our
> >
> >waste so it is not the best day to view the whole situation. That
> >said, I hope tomorrows visit here yields some practical results.
> >
> >We were all notified on our street today by Village managment that we
> >should not have any trash or recycling cans in the front of our units.
> >Doing so would be a city code violation. It appears that no other
> >streets in the Village received this notice. I know that Melissa is
> >working hard to help resolve this with the city.
> >
> >I am hopeful that a resonable resolution will come from all of this.
> >The street is no less neat or untidy as any other Ann Arbor street.
> >The notion that any of our neighbours are in violation seems so odd
> >and
> >
> >unfortunate.
> >
> >Thank you again for our time and efforts in sorting this out.
> >

> >Ann Farnham

> > >From: "Greden, Leigh" <LGreden@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>
> > >To: "ann farnham" <annfarnham[REDACTED]>
> > >Subject: RE: City Code Violation Notices in The Village
> > >Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2007 19:59:17 -0400

> > >Ms. Farnham-

> > >Melissa Brown spoke with our Code Enforcement Supervisor, and I am
> > >in

> > >touch with both of them. He will be out to the complex tomorrow to
> > >review the situation. As expected, the tickets were issued in
> > >response
> >
> > >to a complaint from one of your neighbors. I will continue to keep
> > >you
> >
> > >posted.
> > >
> > >-Leigh Greden, City Council
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> > >
> > >-----Original Message-----
> > >From: ann farnham [mailto: [REDACTED]]
> > >Sent: Friday, April 20, 2007 4:25 PM
> > >To: Greden, Leigh
> > >Cc: mbrown@kramertriad.com; villageco-op@sbcglobal.net;
> > >pittsfieldvillage@yahoogroups.com; kenms [REDACTED]
> > >annfarnham [REDACTED]
> > >Subject: RE: City Code Violation Notices in The Village
> > >
> > >Leigh,
> > >
> > >Thank you so much for your attention to this. I know a practical,
> > >satisfactory resolution can be found.
> > >
> > >Ann Farnham
> > >
> > >
> > >>From: "Greden, Leigh" <LGreden@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>
> > >>To: "ann farnham" <annfarnham [REDACTED]> "Kunselman,
> > >Stephen"
> > >
> > >><SKunselman@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>
> > >><CC: <mbrown@kramertriad.com>
> > >>>Subject: RE: City Code Violation Notices in The Village
> > >>>Date: Fri, 20 Apr 2007 14:59:19 -0400
> > >>
> > >>>Ms. Farnam- Thank you for writing. I will contact Melissa Brown
> > >>>at
> > >
> > >>the
> > >
> > >>>Co-op, as well as City staff, to learn more about this.
> > >>>-Leigh Greden, City Council
> > >>
> > >>
> > >>-----Original Message-----
> > >>From: ann farnham [mailto:annfarnham [REDACTED]]
> > >>Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2007 2:13 PM
> > >>To: Kunselman, Stephen; Greden, Leigh
> > >>Cc: mbrown@kramertriad.com; villageco-op@sbcglobal.net;
> > >>pittsfieldvillage@yahoogroups.com; kenms [REDACTED]
> > >>annfarnham [REDACTED]
> > >>Subject: City Code Violation Notices in The Village
> > >>

> > > >Hello.
> > > >
> > > >I'm writing regarding a recent dispersal of violation notices in
> > > >the Village Cooperative Townhomes neighbourhood for trash can
>violations.
> > > >
> > > >My family didn't get one of these violation notices but it seems
> > > >many
> > > >
> > > >up and down the street did. I was taken aback when I saw it
> >happening.
> > > >Some of my neighbours, specifically those with interior units,
> > > >and still others with end units, received violation notices.
> > > >Others did not. If there's a trash enclosure (a small fence
> > > >constructed with the coop's
> > > >approval) by the front of an interior unit does that change the
> > > >situation with the city? If the trash can is to the front of the
> > > >porch
> > > >
> > > >rather than behind the porch, does this make the difference
> > > >between
> > > >
> > > >a
> > > >
> > > >violation or not? What if there is better natural coverage for a
> > > >trash
> > > >
> > > >can like a bush or tree to the front of the porch compared to the
> > > >area to the rear of the porch? Even if the trash can is quite
> > > >obscured from
> > > >
> > > >view from the street, some of these addresses received violation
> > > >notices.
> > > >
> > > >This seems unfair for people with interior units living here in
> > > >the
> > > >
> > > >Village to require them to keep their trash cans at the back of
> > > >the
> > > >
> > > >structures.
> > > >With the city now having mandated large, rolling trash cans, who
> > > >would want to keep their cans at the back and then roll them
> > > >through their homes across their floors each week?
> > > >
> > > >In our neighbourhood, we don't have large driveways to roll our
> > > >trash
> > > >
> > > >cans down on collection day. I'm proud that our Village
> > > >neighbourhood has, for it's approximately 63-acre size, a
> > > >remarkably small carbon footprint. We value our gardens and
> > > >green spaces, not the asphalt or other paved surfaces.
> > > > We don't have garages to store the many excess materials which
> > > >inevitably accumulate in life nor to put trash cans out of sight.
> > > >
> > > >Our neighbourhood lends itself beautifully to a low-consumption,
> > > >green and sustainable lifestyle. We have large green spaces for

> > > >kids to spread out and play in. We are working as a community to
> > > >restore trees
> > >
> > > >which require removal for reasons of age, disease, or danger to
> > > >community safety or property. We cherish our gardens - those
> > > >beautiful
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> > > >corner and center-island beds so well maintained by the Village
> > > >as well
> > >
> > > >as the countless personal garden spaces cared for by co-owners
> > > >and
> > > >residents.
> > > >
> > > >It seems backward for the city to place penalties on such a place.
> > > >As a community, we ought to be encouraging more of this lifestyle.
> > > >
> > > >Many who live in the Village use the smallest available trash
> > > >cans the city has to offer, keeping consumer trash output to a minimum.
> > > >Are there perhaps statistics on our neighbourhoods comparative
> > > >trash output
> > >
> > > >per capita? I'd be curious to know. I suspect we're helping the
> > > >city keep it's landfill requirements to a minimum. The facts,
> > > >whatever they
> > >
> > > >reveal, would be welcome. I would personally like to see the
> > > >Village
> > >
> > > >embrace and promote the green and sustainable elements of our
> > > >neighbourhood even more.
> > > >
> > > >My own family opted for the smallest of the rolling cans because
> > > >we
> > >
> > > >found the standard issue size so unwieldy even when only
> > > >partially
> > > >full.
> > > >As a family of 4, we only fill a small-sized (smallest size
> > > >available
> > >
> > > >to households here) garbage can.
> > > >
> > > >The logistics of getting it all to the curb also has impact here
> > > >for many in our neighbourhood. My home is on a small hill and we
> > > >must negotiate the few sets of steps or a hill covered with snow
> > > >in
> > > >winter.
> > > >We are two able-bodied adults, now have the smallest of the cans
> > > >on
> > >
> > > >offer, and can still find it difficult to move the can up and
> > > >down from
> > > >
> > > >it's designated spot by the side of our home to it's designated
> > > >spot on
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> > > >the street on collection day. Many of my Village neighbours are
> > > >less
> > > >able-bodied and many have more cumbersome paths to negotiate to
> > > >the
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> > > >curb in all of Michigans glorious weather conditions.
> > > >
> > > >Before the standard city cans were implemented, we kept our
> > > >garbage
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> > > >at the back of the unit and carried it around to the front on
> > > >collection day. The rolling cans were too heavy to carry - even
> > > >the smallest one
> > > >- and wouldn't roll smoothly on the grass without tipping over
> > > >and spilling. One day it fell over and my arm was twisted as I
> > > >tried to keep it from spilling its contents. That's when we
> > > >moved the can to the side of the building.
> > > >
> > > >For personal and esthetic reasons, I dislike having my garbage so
> > > >close
> > > >
> > > >to where guests come to my door. Unfortunately, it was the only
> > > >practical
> > > >solutioin because of the nature of these heavy, rolling cans. I
> > > >have
> > > >it
> > > >nestled in close to a burning bush I've purposely let grow a
> > > >little
>
> > > >taller and more treelike as I've pruned it each year. Recently,
> > > >a
> > > >2007
> > > >
> > > >Landscaping Guidelines document from the Co-op announced a
> > > >Village-wide
> > > >
> > > >pruning of all burning bushes to 3 ft high. My little bit of
> > > >natural
> > > >
> > > >cover or camophlage will be gone this spring. I'm looking at
> > > >adding some tall, ornamental grasses to provide some visual
> > > >distraction away from the can. I don't have the space to
> > > >construct a trash can enclosure without completely re-digging the
> > > >garden area
>
> > > >at the side of
> > > >our home.
> > > >Fortunately, I am able to both afford and physically plant a
> > > >landscaping element to offset this change.
> > > >Many have neither opportunity. Nor are all able to afford
> > > >constructing
> > > >
> > > >an enclosure, if this is what the city requires for interior
> > > >units in
> > > >
> > > >the Village neighbourhood.

> > >
> > > >Finally, to the issue at hand: the violations posted this week.
> > > >Here's what I saw happen yesterday and my reaction to it. A
> > > >neighbour in my building got a notice on his door about his trash
> > > >can
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> > > >being at the front of the unit - nicely hidden, might I add,
> > > >behind
>
> > > >a
> >
> > > >taller, full yew bush. His home and yard are meticulously kept.
> > > >I
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> > > >was offended when I saw the notice on his door. I had to look
> > > >hard
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> > > >at the front of the unit to see that, in fact, a trash can was
> > > >actually there.
> > >
> > > >The trash can did not cause offense to me. The notice, however,
> > > >did.
> > > >
> > > >As a member of the community, I was embarrassed that he received
> > > >a
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> > > >violation notice. That it comes from the city, means that it
> > > >comes from
> > > >
> > > >me as well. Similarly, neighbourhood curb appeal violations
> > > >appeared
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> > > >in The Village in the past year enforcing strict garden marker
> > > >regulations with subjective esthetics as the yardstick - one
> > > >neighbours
> > > >
> > > >flowers were, it seems, another's weeds, and my shrubs were how
> > > >overgrown compared to those a few blocks over? It generated bad
> > > >feelings and mistrust over some otherwise small and manageable
> > > >issues.
> > > >
> > > >How far do we take these things without crossing a line and
> > > >offending
> >
> > > >our good neighbours? Is it worth the price? We have made
> > > >choices to
> >
> > > >live in this neighbourhood without driveways, in multiple-family
> > > >homes.
> > > >There must be a way to amend the city guidelines to accommodate
> > > >the
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> > > >many styles of housing in Ann Arbor. The standard imposed here
> > > >may
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> > > >apply easily to a stand-alone single-family dwelling. It's less
> > > >practical for a multiple-family dwelling like those found in the

> > >Village.
> > >
> > >>Violation notices like this which attempt to enforce a community
> > >>standard don't always reflect the practicality and patience of
> > >>the community it represents. Yes, I want my neighbourhood to be
> > >>clean,
>
> > >>neat, well-kept, safe and healthy. But I don't want it all to
> > >>become
> >
> > >>so un-neighbourly. I would hope for more balance between the two.
> > >>It's difficult but I know it's possible. This week especially,
> > >>we should all be reminded to reach out more and point fingers less.
> > >>Working out solutions which will then work for ALL of us is
> > >>always worth the extra effort.
> > >>
> > >>I encourage the city to discuss and adopt more practical
> > >>guidelines
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> > >>which apply with suitable flexibility to the variety of dwellings
> > >>and
> >
> > >>lifestyle choices in Ann Arbor. Please consider some of the
> > >>issues
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> > >>mentioned here as you work this through. I encourage the city to
> > >>reconsider the violations in question and work with the Village
> > >>co-owners, residents and our representatives on the Board of
> > >>Directors
> > >>
> > >>to come to a practical solution to this issue.
> > >>
> > >>Thank you for your time and your shared interest in our community.
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> > >>I
> >
> > >>hope you can find a neighbourly balance to satisfy all concerns.
> > >>
> > >>>Ann Farnham
> > >>>
> > >>>A Village Co-owner and Resident
> > >>>
> > >>>

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King, Carol

From: David [David@sunward.org]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 9:52 PM
To: Kurt Brandle
Cc: Bill Verge; Charles Hookham; Erica Briggs; Jason Bing; Hieftje, John; Paul Ganz; Robert Black; Steve Miller; Wayne Appleyard; Yoshiko Hill; Konkle, David
Subject: Re: Resolution to intervene in rate case and background material for Tuesday's Energy Commission meeting

The 20% number is our green energy challenge for Ann Arbor. As far as I know no one is planning to provide this to the city, and, it is up to the energy commission to assist with the development of the opportunities for our community so that we can achieve the 20% goal. That point probably needs to be clarified in the resolution.

I would like for Ann Arbor to intervene in the Detroit Edison rate case and ask the the public service commission to require Detroit Edison to create a customer rate that would require Detroit Edison to develop a utility rate as described in the resolution. As a regulated utility Detroit Edison is required to file rate cases with the Michigan Public Service Commission. Rate cases allow the utility to demonstrate that they are providing a public service and to get approval from the MPSC for their rates and recoverable costs. By intervening will be asking the commission to consider our request -- as a regulated customer of Detroit Edison to create the utility option that we are describing.

Ultimately I believe it will be the city council that will need to approve this request. I am currently working to determine if we may be able to jointly intervene with other interested parties who already have resources which they may be willing to use with the city and possibly other interested parties as we intervene in this case.

I hope to know more tomorrow. If we are unable to do this and if the city is interested in intervening then we would need to find an attorney.

Thanks,

David

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

From: Kurt Brandle
To: David Wright
Cc: Bill Verge ; Charles Hookham ; David Wright ; Erica Briggs ; Jason Bing ; John Hieftje ; Paul Ganz ; Robert Black ; Steve Miller ; Wayne Appleyard ; Yoshiko Hill ; Konkle, David
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 9:55 AM
Subject: Re: Resolution to intervene in rate case and background material for Tuesday's Energy Commission meeting

David,

I like the resolution also. It probably needs a few 'minor' additions out of my following questions:

Who is planning to provide the 20% renewables for the City energy use?

Is just saying "Ann Arbor" ambiguous?

Whose resolution to the PSC is it? Our commission's or City Council's?

Kurt Brandle

PS.

Not related to the above but for further consideration to develop power behind Michigan renewables financing: Would it be possible and make sense to set up a private company which could sell "Michigan Wind Production" shares

and which could team up with the City (as the largest electricity consumer) to promote the production, buy wind power,

and eventually make a profit from it (including City as a share owner)?

Businesses and private people could buy into the effort. It could have a tremendous public relations effect for renewable energy use in Ann Arbor and state wide.

Austin is lucky to have in Austin Energy a community owned energy company.
It would help to create an equivalent for Ann Arbor.

On May 7, 2007, at 8:02 AM, David wrote:

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

From: David

To: Robert Black ; Konkle, David

Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 7:55 AM

Subject: Resolution to intervene in rate case and background material for Tuesday's Energy Commission meeting

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King, Carol

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 8:33 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Subject: Conflict of Interest-Auditor's request

After reviewing the April 19 letter from Carol Schuler regarding the conflict of interest policy, I do not believe that it applies to council members and as such we would have to adopt our own policy to be effective. The wording of the policy clearly discusses employees. We are not employees and as such would have to adopt our own policy. As elected officials we have our own ethical guidelines and conflict of interest mandates that I believe are a little more global than the ones listed.

Chris

King, Carol

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 8:09 PM
To: Kunselman, Stephen; Teall, Margie

Steve and Margie:

I view both of you as moderate-tempered common-sense council members. I would like to buy you coffee or lunch sometime soon and discuss a few issues including Zaragon and the Budget. As you may recall, I was one of the authors and primary supporters of the zoning change in the South University area that passed this body unanimously. I would like to walk you through my thoughts on this and implore you to take a close look before immediately branding yourself as an automatic "no" vote. Let me know if there is a good time, I'm flexible.

Chris


King, Carol

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 7:42 PM
To: 'Tabitha Harris'; Woods, Wendy A
Cc: Miller, Jayne
Subject: RE: meeting with S. Maple residents

Hi Tabitha:

Congrats on the graduation! I won't be able to attend the meeting as i have an event to attend that evening with my children. Wendy has inofrmed me that she will attend. I will lend whatever assistance I can to help resolve this ongoing problem. I have cc'd Jayne Miller on this reply so that she may contact HUD on our behalf and extend an invitation to attend.

Chris Easthope

From: Tabitha Harris [mailto:
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 4:24 PM
To: Woods, Wendy A; Easthope, Christopher
Subject: re: meeting with S. Maple residents

Hello Wendy and Chris:

Good news!! I am graduating on May 14th! It has been a long road. I just met with Det. Stephenson of the A2 police and he reserved the City Council chambers for May 16th from 7-9 pm. I would like to know if both or one of you would be available to attend. We need to have at least one of you there at the meeting. Also, once we get the date set for sure, we will need one of you to contact the HUD representatives and invite them out. They will have someone come out as long as a city official requests it.

Please let me know ASAP. As you know, we have been having these problems for a long time now and it is our goal to have some solid resolutions come out of this meeting.

Thanks,

Tabitha

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 9:32 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Subject: Spreadsheet

Here's my working spreadsheet of changes that are floated for the Budget. We can discuss tomorrow.



07-08 Budget
changes.xls

<u>Description</u>	<u>Service Unit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NET CHANGES TO GENERAL FUND		(\$186,132.33)
Increase Administrative collection fee by 0.1%, to 0.9% total		\$236,500.00
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Restore 1.0 FTE Firefighter position	Fire	(\$76,333.00)
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Restore Human Services Funding at 90%	Comm. Dev.	(\$116,100.00)
Reduce citywide General Fund "Materials & Supplies" by 2.0%		\$15,300.00
Restore proposed Police Command demotions	Police	(\$71,000.00)
Transfer from Police Consulting	Police	\$71,000.00
Restore 1.0 FTE Special Services CSS	Police	(\$65,333.33)
****Reduce non-union pay raise budget from 3.0% to 2.5%		\$0.00
Restore 1.0 Parks Facility Manager	Parks	(\$75,000.00)
Hire 1.0 Community Standards (Parks)	Police	(\$63,000.00)
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EXCLUDED ITEMS:

*Eliminate funding for AFSCME president		\$82,000.00
**Restore 1.0 FTE Police Crime Prevention Specialist		(\$72,000.00)
*** Implement PAC changes to Budget		(\$436,000.00)

- * Cannot eliminate yet due to lack of impass
- ** Duties will be assigned to 1.0 FTE Commun Affairs officer
- *** Assumes Facility & Commun Stds positions count toward \$
- **** Still awaiting a dollar value on this item

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From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 8:06 PM
To: 'Paul Klinger'; Woods, Wendy A; Johnson, Robert; Suarez, Ron; Rapundalo, Stephen; c4; Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Hieftje, John
Cc: pklinger
Subject: RE: Easy Street sidewalks

Mr. Klinger-

Thanks for writing. The City Council vote last year not to install any sidewalks on Easy Street during the road re-construction was not consistent with the City's non-motorized transportation plan. Immediately following that vote, I began meeting with several Easy Street residents representing all sides of the issue to explore options. Councilman Kunselman and I issued a written survey to all Easy Street homeowners in December. Over 60% of homeowners responded to the survey. The results showed mixed feelings. We offered one sidewalk as an option on the survey, and residents on the west side of the street preferred that option compared to residents on the east side of the street. Based on the survey results, meetings with the neighbor group, and the City's non-motorized plan, we developed the following:

- * 1 sidewalk will be built on the west side of the street. No sidewalks will be built on the east side of the street.
- * All Easy St. residents will be assessed to pay the cost. Homeowners who wish to finance the assessment will be charged a discounted 1% rate per year.
- * The City will contribute money to help reduce the cost to residents. Low-income residents may also apply to the City for additional financial support through our Community Development Block Grant program.
- * As a result of all these changes, the cost to each homeowner is about 1/4 of the earlier proposed cost.

I recognize that some residents who want two sidewalks will not be happy, just as some residents who want no sidewalks will not be happy. But this is a compromise that balances these varying competing interests. Indeed, several residents spoke to City Council tonight in favor of this proposal, including one who previously opposed any sidewalks.

-Leigh Greden, City Council

From: Paul Klinger [mailto:pklinger@cityofsanrafael.org]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 12:45 PM
To: Woods, Wendy A; Johnson, Robert; Suarez, Ron; Rapundalo, Stephen; c4; Kunselman, Stephen; Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Hieftje, John
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Subject: Easy Street sidewalks

Council members:

In regard to the Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Easy Street Sidewalk Special Assessment Project, sent April 24, 2007, I have some questions. Does this notice mean that the city is really putting in the sidewalks, or are you showing us

the costs to each household should we vote to accept the proposal? If the former, there seems to be a step missing from the decision making process. The last step I recall was an independant vote taken by Ron Lev last summer that resulted in a majority of homeowners rejecting the proposal. Was there another vote taken that contradicted that vote? If so, I do not recall being included in it. If there was a vote that resulted in a majority of Easy Street residents agreeing to the sidewalks, I want to see it. If there was not an other show of opinions on the matter, may I assume that you vetoed our vote and proceeded with your own agenda? Were all those meetings and charts and good will just to confuse my neighbors and me into believing there was really a Democratic process going on. So, it comes to this? We have been cajoled, pressured, and even called selfish by one of your members, in the public arena of a letter to the editor of the Ann Arbor News no less. If you have an explanation, lets hear it! If you have justification, lets hear it! I'm paying attention.

Pam Klinger

[REDACTED]
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
[REDACTED]

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 7:56 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Building Advisory Committee

Th 430 might be better for me-- I have a haircut at 615, so ending at 615 would be good.

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

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 7:55 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Building Advisory Committee

Do you want to meet with Ken tomorrow after lunch?

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 7:52 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Building Advisory Committee

I'll try to come for the fun of it.

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From: Teall, Margie
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Thanks,

QUINN EVANS | ARCHITECTS
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Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 1:12 PM
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Good pt. He won't come during the day-- he only does stuff after work. But he'll be easier than RS.

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To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Building Advisory Committee

I'm not just talking about Ron. This particular meeting is about our council space needs...I think everyone who wants to should have input, particularly those who have been around a while. My concern if I do that, is your co-council member.

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From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 7:51 PM
To: Teall, Margie
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This is going to be tricky. You are going to have your hands full to the point that, I predict, the committee will become dysfunctional. There's no way he'll be able to get his arms around this.....

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King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 7:17 PM
To: Hall, Jennifer; Klinke, Amy
Cc: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: HHSAB apps

Phillis wrote me this a.m. She asked which Councilmembers will serve. Margie, we should discuss.

From: Jennifer Hall [<mailto:hallj@ewashtenaw.org>]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 8:55 AM
To: Greden, Leigh; Klinke, Amy
Cc: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: HHSAB apps

Also, I talked Phillis into applying. She should be putting an application in this week.

Jennifer Hall
734 622-9006

From: Greden, Leigh [<mailto:LGreden@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2007 5:59 PM
To: Jennifer Hall; Amy Klinke
Cc: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: HHSAB apps

I put something in the NEWS, but I still think we should add something to the website. It'd be great if you could write a short blurb. Thx!

From: Jennifer Hall [<mailto:hallj@ewashtenaw.org>]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2007 8:48 AM
To: Greden, Leigh; Klinke, Amy
Cc: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: HHSAB apps

Sorry, I missed this message. Do you still need this?

Jennifer Hall
734 622-9006

From: Greden, Leigh [<mailto:LGreden@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>]
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2007 3:37 PM
To: Amy Klinke; Jennifer Hall
Cc: Teall, Margie
Subject: HHSAB apps

I'm going to ask Tom G to run an In Brief that Mayor is accepting apps for HHSAB. Would you be willing to write a short tidbit about it? If so, I can ask IT to post it on the City website.

King, Carol

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 8:29 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh
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I can be there by 5:15 tomorrow. I'm only speaking about council space..

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But this seems like the point where we would want council input for what they all think we will need in terms of our space for the future. I'm less inclined to want everyone's input on details for every department later on. I'm also worried that we won't all be able to meet this week. I'm available tomorrow afternoon, and Thursday until 10:00.

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Ken informs me that this is really just part of that initial space planning that we hired them to complete this spring (see below). It does make me concerned that we get more input from Council than just us three. Are you available at any of these times Marcia? I suppose I will forward to Ron. I am relatively free this week. Thoughts on including the rest of Council?

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King, Carol

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 7:56 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Teall, Margie
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: FW: AT&T in ROW Question

John,

Here was an email trail regarding the Master's issue. I was without my computer for the ten days following this. I would like to move the legislation that Abby has suggested in your emails. Your thoughts.

Marcia

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2007 5:06 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: FW: AT&T in ROW Question

Marcia:

Here is the staff's look at the question. There is nothing AT&T is doing that is not allowed under their existing franchise. I visited the site on Pauline and talked with the AT&T technician that was working there. He confirmed that the equipment is interrelated. The fan is required because of electronic equipment in the big box. I did not find the noise all that objectionable, but it is clear that it could be heard during the quiet of the night.

If the fan continues to be annoying, we may be able to work on that issue, but only through persuasive efforts, I suspect.

Wish I had better news.

Roger

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

From: Hupy, Craig
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2007 2:05 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Cc: McCormick, Sue; Elias, Abigail
Subject: AT&T in ROW Question

I have discussed the situation with Abby Elias and have included her in the response, so she may correct me if I do not relay the information correctly.

Under the Telecom Act, we have to grant AT&T access to the right of way. The new installations are review by Project Management. The only current legal basis for denying them a location is if the location conflicts with an already present municipal use (water, sewer, street light, etc.) We do not recover permit fees from AT&T for this review. AT&T already pays Metro Act fees, for all practical purposes, for use of the full r.o.w. system within the city. If a permit fee was charged it would be deductible from the Metro Act fees.

As to electrical interference, that would be an issue regulated at the federal level, likely the FCC.

King, Carol

From: jehuty [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 8:42 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Cc: Kyle Goszyk; mstoker [REDACTED]; nassanis [REDACTED]; robbyho [REDACTED]; modar [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Landlords' response to lease ordinance changes

I'll throw my two cents in.

I don't like moving past 77 days. We went to 77 as a middle ground even though we had no impetus to other than that. Moving again keeps us moving according to their terms which though I respect, I think will keep continually weakening the ordinance. We gave them half, I don't like giving three-fourths, it's of no benefit to students (especially when their statistics are shaky for this year).

In addition, I liked 77 because it accords with Thanksgiving for a Sept 1 lease or beyond that. Going pre-Thanksgiving allows for enough free time to encourage a rush. I think Nick is with me on this one.

I agree with Kyle that we should take out the waiver altogether. Though there may be some sort of punishment in letter, it will be hard to enforce, and as long as there is an incentive to circumvent the law, people will do it. Kyle's example is but one of me annoyances that could come up from this.

I'm curious to the 7 months move. I would like to know why the landlords proposed that. It helps us but I really would like to know why before I give it a full thumbs up.

Sorry I didn't toss these out faster.

All the best everyone,

Mohammad

Quoting "Greden, Leigh" <LGreden@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>:

> Thanks, all. These have been some good comments.
>
> It seems there is consensus that 70 days is a reasonable compromise,
> and that the 7-month provision is OK. The only issue probably worth
> more exploration is the waiver issue. How about if I ask the attorney
> to draft some language that we could look at?

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

> From: Kyle Goszyk [mailto:kgoszyk [REDACTED]]
> Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 11:01 AM
> To: Greden, Leigh; jehuty [REDACTED]
> Cc: mstoker [REDACTED]; nassanis [REDACTED]; kgoszyk [REDACTED]
> robbyho [REDACTED]; modar [REDACTED]
> Subject: RE: Landlords' response to lease ordinance changes

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> I think the first agreement allowing the number of days to be switched
> from
> 77 to 70 is OK.

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> I am still really hesitant allowing the waiver to stay. There is no
> good way to police the way the landlords use it. I feel I will again
> receive a very ambiguous letter in the mail come the beginning of
> October concerning resigning my lease. I do not want to see this. Even
> if the landlords agree to not give monetary incentives, it is still
> easy for tenants to do so. I feel the waiver will create more
> confusion and frustration to current and future tenants alike, and I
> stand strong on my opinion that it should be eliminated completely.

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> Changing the exemption time from 9 to 7 does not pose any immediate
> problems in my mind. I think it might benefit the students more than
> the landlords think.

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> I will not be in Ann Arbor until next fall, but please call me at [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED] if you would like any more opinions. Thanks.

> Kyle Goszyk

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

> From: Greden, Leigh [mailto:LGreden@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us]
> Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2007 9:15 PM
> To: jehuty [REDACTED]
> Cc: mstoker [REDACTED] nassanis [REDACTED] kgoszyk [REDACTED]
> robbyho [REDACTED] modan [REDACTED]
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> A meeting would be great, but I'm afraid the schedule is going to be
> tough for the next two weeks. I'm gone all next week, and thus I'm
> swamped at work this week getting stuff done before vacation. So
> e-mail may be the best way.

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

> From: jehuty [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
> Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2007 8:16 PM
> To: Greden, Leigh
> Cc: mstoker [REDACTED] nassanis [REDACTED] kgoszyk [REDACTED]
> robbyho [REDACTED] modan [REDACTED]
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> Many of the proposed changes are worth discussing. And some of us are
> in town, would it be worthwhile to meet and talk?

> Mohammad

> Quoting "Greden, Leigh" <LGreden@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>:

>> TO: City Council-MSA Committee

>> Per our last Committee meeting, I met with the landlords to discuss

>> the Committee's proposed changes to the lease ordinance. The
>> landlords have several proposals:
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>> * The Committee proposed reducing the waiting period from 90 days to
>> 77 days. The landlords want it eliminated, or as a compromise,
>> reduced to 60 days. I said no, so they asked that we pick 63 days (9
>> weeks) instead of 77 days. I responded that I would consider 70 days
>> (10
>> weeks) as a compromise. That would take the typical Sept. 1
>> campus-area lease to Nov 10 instead of Nov 17, which is just before
> Thanksgiving.
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>> * The Committee proposed eliminating the waiver provision. The
>> landlords would like the waiver provision to stay, but they would
>> agree to a provision that no waiver can be presented or signed until
>> at least
>> 7 days after a tenant takes possession of the property (i.e., moves
> in).
>> In their eyes, this would eliminate the problem of waivers being
>> buried in paperwork given to students when they move in. They would
>> also agree to a provision that prohibits landlords AND tenants from
>> offering incentives (financial, otherwise?) in exchange for signing a
> waiver.
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>> * Under the current law, leases for less than 9 months are exempt.
>> The landlords propose reducing that time period to 7 months, which
>> would actually INCREASE the number of landlords subject to the
> ordinance.
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>> Thoughts? -Leigh Greden
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King, Carol

From: Joan M Doughty [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 9:46 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen; Greden, Leigh; Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Woods, Wendy A; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Johnson, Robert; Suarez, Ron
Subject: Lola Killey's e-mail

Dear Mayor Hieftje and Council Members:

Lola Killey asked me to forward her e-mail to you. She received several "Undelivered Mail" messages after she sent it to you over the weekend. Perhaps your mailboxes were full, or the server was down.

jmd

Dear Mayor Hieftje and Esteemed City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Community Action Network (CAN). I am asking the the City Council reinstate the funding level for CAN to \$62,000. This organization provides critically necessary functions. A reduction in its funding level would severely impact its effect and success at performing these functions. I know this because I have been involved with CAN in two important ways. Before I mention those ways, I want to explain "the gap" that exists so that you can truly understand how important CAN is.

I am the current King School PTO President. I have served on the PTO Executive board for 2 years, and have been a very involved member for 3 years. My daughter is in 3rd grade at King school. She is very privileged, having all of the benefits of the upper class, such as: gymnastics classes, Kumon Math and Reading classes, ballet classes, swimming classes, tennis classes, private violin and piano music lessons, etc. She gets homemade, healthy lunches every day. I walk her to school and pick her up every day. Her dad and I help her with homework every day. Her dad and I teach her all of the life skills, ethics, morals, and values that we have learned from our upbringings. We both have Masters degrees from the University of Michigan: her dad's is in History and mine is in Electrical Engineering. We have ranged from being academics to entrepreneurs in our careers. We live in a big house in a safe neighborhood. We travel nationally and internationally. In other words, there is nothing my daughter lacks in terms of experience and care.

[REDACTED] has classmates who live at Green Baxter Court (GBC). When I became involved in the PTO, I learned about the kids who attend King school and live there. I became aware of the huge gap between my daughter's life experience and theirs. They cannot be compared. I have volunteered in [REDACTED] classroom every year. I have seen firsthand the difference in behavior and skill level of my child versus the GBC kids. In several circumstances, it was striking and sad. I knew I had to help in whatever way I could.

As the PTO president, I have supported the outreach from our school to the GBC community. I will continue to do that as long as [REDACTED] attends King school. CAN's Executive Director, Ms. Joan Doughty, has documented those in her CAN literature. However, for me personally, that was not enough. I needed to do more to close the gap. I managed to get a piano donated to the Hikone Community Center so that the children would have an opportunity to learn to play the piano. I now provide free piano lessons for any child and adult at the Hikone center once a week. To see the children's excitement and enthusiasm when I come to teach them would melt anyone's heart. To also see how they struggle to do the simplest song motivates me immensely. [REDACTED] went to Kindermusik classes as a baby. She has music in her bones, so to speak, as a result of this exposure. These children have not had anything like that, to be sure, and it shows as they learn rudimentary playing skills.

Back to the funding ... I would not be able to give to the GBC and Hikone communities as I do if it were not for

CAN. The community centers and the CAN staff provide a way for me and the other organizations to target help and support. If not for CAN, I would be lost in my efforts to give back to these communities.

Furthermore, I see firsthand how the CAN staff help the children. The Hikone kids love the CAN staff. This is truly a community center by every definition. The children and staff have deep relationships that are demonstrated in love and respect. On my initial piano lesson day, I was astonished at how well the children behaved, concentrated, and learned. I never saw that kind of group behavior from the upper class children I have taught. The CAN staff makes a huge positive difference in these children's lives. They are teaching them critical behavior and ethics that will help them tremendously, and they do it with a lot of care and love.

To pull this altogether, let me finish with this. Everyone knows that our American youth are under attack from bad cultural influences: sex, drugs, poor nutrition (resulting in obesity and diabetes), narcissism as an acceptable behavior, and more. CAN and its supporters like me are working with people, especially the children, who are most vulnerable to these bad influences. We cannot do enough to help them. Cutting funds to support for CAN will wear away this support and make the children more vulnerable. These children have enough challenges in their lives - they have to compete with children like Margo. How can they possibly do that if our community doesn't give back? It is almost impossible with the current funding, and would be even more so if the funding were cut.

Please find a different way to cut the budget, and do not cut the funding for CAN. The children and the communities it supports need every dollar we can give them.

Sincerely,
Lola Killey

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

King, Carol

From: Johnson, Robert
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 10:00 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Woods, Wendy A; Kunselman, Stephen
Cc: Naud, Matthew
Subject: RE: PAC rep to the Env. Comm.

Margie,

Pac knows about this but has been waiting for Catherine Riseng to leave PAC before replacing her. She had her last meeting last week and PAC will take up the appointment then.

- Bob

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 9:55 PM
To: Woods, Wendy A; Johnson, Robert; Kunselman, Stephen
Cc: Naud, Matthew
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King, Carol

From: Tabitha Harris [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 9:26 PM
To: Woods, Wendy A
Cc: Easthope, Christopher; Miller, Jayne
Subject: Re: meeting with S. Maple residents

Thank you for responding so quickly. The information for the HUD reps is as follows:

Robert Nelson or Tom Lacy (these are the directors)
(313) 226-7900 x 8121 is Tom Lacy
x 8139 is Robert Nelson

They said as long as a City official lets them know that they want them to attend, they will attend.

If you need any further information, please let me know.

Thank you,

Tabitha

On 5/7/07, Woods, Wendy A <WWoods@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us> wrote:

Congratulations Tabitha. I will plan on attending.

From: Tabitha Harris [mailto:[\[redacted\]](mailto:[redacted])]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 4:24 PM
To: Woods, Wendy A; Easthope, Christopher
Subject: re: meeting with S. Maple residents

Hello Wendy and Chris:

Good news!! I am graduating on May 14th! It has been a long road. I just met with Det. Stephenson of the A2 police and he reserved the City Council chambers for May 16th from 7-9 pm. I would like to know if both or one of you would be available to attend. We need to have at least one of you there at the meeting. Also, once we get the date set for sure, we will need one of you to contact the HUD representatives and invite them out. They will have someone come out as long as a city official requests it.

Please let me know ASAP. As you know, we have been having these problems for a long time now and it is our goal to have some solid resolutions come out of this meeting.

Thanks,

Tabitha

King, Carol

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