

Council E-mails

Sabra read

January 9, 2006

Lowertown public speakers headcount

Greden - Historic preservation is "TOTALLY negative!"
"Historic preservation is like cutting off your leg because
you have a hangnail."



Community Services Area

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December 17, 2009

Fran Wright

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated December 2, 2009
09-292 Wright

Dear Ms. Wright:

I am responding to your request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, dated December 2, 2009, received December 3, 2009, and extended to December 24, 2009. Your request for the emails sent during the City Council meetings of January 9, 2006 and April 17, 2006 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)

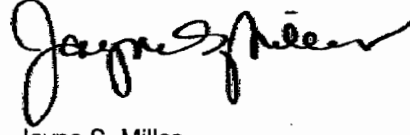
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If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Carol King, City FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6210, ext. 42198.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jayne S. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jayne" being more prominent.

Jayne S. Miller
Community Services Administrator

Foondle, Laurie

From: Fran Wright [fwright@umich.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2009 9:49 PM
To: Foondle, Laurie
Subject: Re: FOIA Request for Council emails of 01/09/2006 and 04/17/2006

Dear Laurie- I finally found the time to look at the city's website for the council meeting minutes (my what detail!) and I have two council meetings that I am interested in seeing the emails sent during the meetings. The dates are as above, January 9, 2006 and April 17, 2006.

Thank you for your help in locating these on the website. Fran Wright

I began processing your FOIA request and learned that there was not a City Council meeting on Monday, November 7, 2005. I then searched the minutes for the Council meetings held in October, November and December 2005 and found that there was no public hearing on the Lower Town Historic District during any of the meetings during these months. If you'd like to amend your FOIA request with a different date, please forward your revised request to me.

Thank you,
Laurie

Laurie Foondle
Special Projects Coordinator
Community Services Area
City of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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734-994-8312 -- fax

lfoondle@a2gov.org

Rec'd 12/3/09
12/3/2009



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December 10, 2009

Fran Wright

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated December 2, 2009
09-292 Wright

Dear Ms. Wright:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request, dated December 2, 2009 and received December 3, 2009, for the emails sent during the City Council meetings of January 9, 2006 and April 17, 2006. 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 December 24, 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

Foondle, Laurie

From: King, Anissa
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:06 PM
To: Carlberg, Jean; Easthope, Christopher; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Johnson, Robert; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen; Roberts, John; Teall, Margie; Woods, Wendy A
Cc: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Fraser, Roger; Postema, Stephen
Subject: Tax Abatement Policy of 10-4-93
Attachments: Tax Abatement Policy 10-4-93.pdf

Per the request of Councilmember Higgins, I have forwarded a copy of the resolution that Council approved on 10-4-1993 regarding tax abatements.

Anissa R. King

Council Admin. Coord.

City Clerk's Office

734.994.2892

734.994.8296

12/10/2009

RESOLVED, By the Mayor and City Council that the Packard Office Plaza Land Division be hereby approved.

Councilmember Hunter moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

R-467-10-93 APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION REGARDING CITY POLICY FOR
GRANTING TAX ABATEMENTS

A resolution regarding a City policy for granting tax abatements was considered.

Councilmember Hunter moved that the resolution be adopted.

Council unanimously agreed that the fourth paragraph of the resolution be amended as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Ann Arbor City Council hereby establish a policy that: The City of Ann Arbor shall not grant Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates (RELEASE APPLICATION REQUESTS) under Michigan Public Act 198;

Council unanimously agreed that the fourth paragraph of the resolution be further amended as follows:

RESOLVED, That ~~the Mayor and the Ann Arbor City Council hereby establish a policy that: The City of Ann Arbor shall not grant Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates (release application requests) under Michigan Public Act 198~~ THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR WILL OBJECT TO THE GRANT OF THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE UNDER P.A. 198 OF 1974 UNLESS THE VACANCY CREATED BY A PETITIONER'S DEPARTURE FROM THE CITY HAS BEEN FILLED BY A BUSINESS WHICH MEETS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: A NEWLY CREATED LOCAL FIRM, A FIRM RELOCATED TO ANN ARBOR FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION, AN EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING ANN ARBOR FIRM;

The question being the resolution as amended, on roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Nicolas, Peterson, Stead, Hunter, Hanna-Davies, Grady, 6;

Nays, Councilmembers Creal, Lumm, Stoll, Mayor Sheldon, 4.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

The resolution as adopted reads as follows:

R-467-10-93

Resolution to Establish City Policy
Regarding Industrial Facilities Exemption
Certificates (Tax Abatements)

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor wishes to maintain a good quality of life by retaining and expanding its economic base including quality employment opportunities for residents;

Whereas, The State of Michigan Public Act 198 of 1974 has been historically used in the Washtenaw County area to relocate/transfer businesses and, therefore, jobs from one political jurisdiction to another; and

Whereas, Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates often result in a net loss of employment opportunities and municipal tax revenue from within the City of Ann Arbor;

RESOLVED, That the City of Ann Arbor will object to the grant of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate under P.A. 198 of 1974 unless the vacancy created by the petitioner's departure from the City has been filled by a business which meets one of the following criteria: a newly created local firm, a firm relocated to Ann Arbor from another jurisdiction, an expansion of an existing Ann Arbor firm; and

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk and City Administrator take the necessary steps to implement the policy and send official notification to all regional taxing jurisdictions.

R-468-10-93 APPROVED

RESOLUTION REGARDING TAX ABATEMENT
FOR DIGITAX, INC.

Whereas, Digitax, Inc. has stated its intent to obtain an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the purpose of locating its new facility at 4420 Varsity Drive in

Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan;

Whereas, 30 Digitax, Inc. employees will be transferred from the City of Ann Arbor to Pittsfield Township; and

Whereas, Before Pittsfield Township can grant a tax abatement to Digitax under Michigan Public Act 198 of 1974 as amended, the Ann Arbor City Council must consent by resolution to the granting of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council hereby approve the granting of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Digitax, Inc.; and

RESOLVED, That this resolution supersede all other previous Council actions regarding the granting of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Digitax, Inc.

Councilmember Lumm moved that the resolution be adopted.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Creal, Stead, Hunter, Lumm, Grady, Nicolas, Mayor Sheldon, 7;

Nays, Councilmembers Peterson, Hanna-Davies, Stoll, 3.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

TABLED

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-93 - SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE STANDARDS

Whereas, Section 7.4 of the Ann Arbor City Charter authorizes the publication by summary of ordinances over 500 words in length;

RESOLVED, That the publication of Ordinance No. 19-93 be by the following summary:

Ordinance No. 19-93 amends Chapter 55 (Zoning) of the City Code regarding special exception uses. The revisions add a definition for special exception use; modify regulations for established uses; amend special exception use provisions in the Single-Family, Two-Family, Townhouse, and

Foondle, Laurie

From: King, Anissa

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 7:45 PM

To: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Carlberg, Jean; Dempkowski, Angela A; Easthope, Christopher; Fraser, Roger; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Johnson, Robert; Lowenstein, Joan; Miller, Jayne; Postema, Stephen; Rapundalo, Stephen; Roberts, John; Schopieray, Christine; Teall, Margie; Woods, Wendy A

Subject: Update 4/17/06 Packet to include D-22

the packet has been updated to include D-22 please upload the latest packet to view it, thanks.

Anissa R. King

Council Admin. Coord.

City Clerk's Office

734.994.2892

734.994.8296

12/10/2009

Foondle, Laurie

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 7:33 PM
To: King, Anissa
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Here is the resolution for tonights agenda. I will assume you will send out to all of council

Attachments: RESOLUTION REQUIRING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE BY
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RESOLUTION
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RESOLUTION REQUIRING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HEALTH
INSURANCE BY NON-BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2006-2007

WHEREAS, the cost of health care and health insurance premiums is rising at rates exceeding the rate of inflation throughout the United States and the State of Michigan;

WHEREAS, the cost to the taxpayers of the City of Ann Arbor of providing health insurance to City employees and retirees has compounded by at least 10% in recent years;

WHEREAS, non-bargaining unit City employees began contributing to the cost of health care in the 2004-2005 fiscal year, with contributions set at monthly rates of \$20, \$40, and \$80 respectively for single, double, and family coverage.

WHEREAS, the Administrator has compiled data regarding the expected cost of providing health insurance to the City's non-bargaining unit employees for single, double, and family coverage for the 2006-2007 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, an increase in financial contributions by non-bargaining unit City employees for City-provided health insurance is fair, consistent and important to ensuring prudent fiscal policy on behalf of the taxpayers of the City of Ann Arbor;

RESOLVED, that non-bargaining unit employees of the City of Ann Arbor shall pay the following toward the cost of their employer-sponsored health insurance provided by the City of Ann Arbor, effective July 1, 2006:

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Single coverage: | \$ 40.00/month |
| Double coverage: | \$ 60.00/month |
| Family coverage: | \$ 100.00/month |

RESOLVED, that the Administrator shall take all action necessary to implement this policy.

RESOLVED, that the Administrator shall make recommendations to the Budget Committee yearly, in March.

SPONSORS: Council Member Higgins, Lowenstein, Rapundalo, Carlberg

DATE: April 17, 2006

Foondle, Laurie

From: Carlberg, Jean
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 7:31 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: Here is the resolutuion

I am happy to sponsor, and also favor the postponement. Jean

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

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 7:18 PM
To: Lowenstein, Joan; Carlberg, Jean; Rapundalo, Stephen
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Here is the resolutuion

Let me know if you want to sponsor I need to get this into Anissa for tonight's agenda. Chris will add a resolved clause to move the Open Enrollment date and a motion to postpone for 2 weeks.

Thanks,
Marcia

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Foondle, Laurie

From: Antil, Pamela
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 7:17 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; 'raldrich [REDACTED]'; Goodridge, Julie; 'rfhewitt@redhawkannarbor.com'; 'cluckenbach [REDACTED]'; 'joneal@onealconstruction.com'; 'parkerj@aadl.org'; 'elmo [REDACTED]'; 'sandl@trilliumrealtors.com'; Teall, Margie
Cc: Crawford, Tom; Bazick, Greg; McCormick, Sue; Pollay, Susan; 'kclein@quinnevans.com'; Easthope, Christopher; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: Community Security & Public Space Task Force - Minutes and Meeting Reminder for 4/27/06 - REVISED
Attachments: Community Security Public Space Minutes 033006.rtf; Community SecurityTask Force AGENDA_04_27_06.doc

Task Force Members:

Please find the minutes from our last meeting and remember to mark your calendars for Thursday, April 27th from 4-6 p.m. for the next Task Force meeting (agenda attached). If for some reason you are unable to attend the next meeting, please send me a quick note.

Thank You,
Pam Antil



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COMMUNITY SECURITY AND PUBLIC SPACE TASK FORCE
March 30, 2006
Meeting Minutes

Taskforce Members Rob Aldrich, Roger Fraser (Chair), Julie Creal Goodridge, Roger Hewitt, Carl Luckenbach, Joe O'Neal, Josie Parker, Evan Pratt, Sandi Smith, and Margie Teall

Absent: None

Also Present: Pamela Antil (City of Ann Arbor), Ken Clein (Quinn Evans Architects), Tom Crawford (City of Ann Arbor), Susan Pollay (Ann Arbor DDA), Tamara Real (Ann Arbor Arts Alliance), and Mike Quinn (Quinn Evans Architects)

I. Introductions

Chairperson Fraser called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

II. History of Municipal Center

Ken Clein of Quinn Evans Architects made a presentation outlining the history of the City's efforts to address space needs, and outlined the various discussions and configurations that were considered. As part of this report, Mr. Clein outlined the most recent expansion ideas for the Larcom site, including logistics, schedule, and cost.

III. Overview of Pre-Concept Work

This report by Mr. Luckenbach was moved to the April 13, 2006 agenda.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

Chairperson Fraser asked each Taskforce subcommittee to provide a short report:

- Space Refinement/Parking – Pamela Antil, Assistant to the City Administrator, reported that the Subcommittee met and that staff from the Court and the City were in the process of reviewing the October 2004 Space Needs Assessment completed by Plante & Moran Cresa, LLC. Staff will report back to the Task Force at the April 13, 2006 meeting on their findings.
- Site Alternatives – Roger Hewitt reported that the Subcommittee developed a lengthy list of potential sites for a Court/Police building or a municipal center. A copy of the Site Alternatives Subcommittee Report is attached to these minutes. After some discussion by members of the Task Force, the Subcommittee was directed to focus their discussion on four site alternatives:
 - Larcom
 - S. Fifth Avenue (Library) lot
 - 1st & Huron
 - S. Ashley (Kline) lot

- **Public Spaces** – Josie Parker reported that the Subcommittee discussed ideas for how the City and Library could partner if City Hall moved to the library lot. She said that there are Library meeting rooms, the Board Room, and some open spaces that could be shared. The Subcommittee discussed the idea of designing a Council Chambers so it could also be used as a performance venue, as well as ways to activate the open space in front of a new City Hall including a skating rink or other uses. Ms. Parker reported that she spoke with a Main Street Association representative to get some idea of the Main Street area events that could be staged in another place like a new civic center. Mr. Luckenbach reported that he had spoken with a University of Michigan representative to help establish appropriate criteria for public open space. Margie Teall announced that there would be an indoor performing arts planning meeting on April 12th. The Subcommittee will continue to meet and give updates as more information is gathered.

V. Other Reports

Susan Pollay also reported that the City and DDA are continuing their talks with the Federal General Services Administration about the potential to expand the HDC underground parking structure onto Federal property, thus increasing the number of parking spaces.

VI. Next Steps

Chairperson Fraser asked the Subcommittees to provide updates at the next Task Force Meeting to be held on April 13, 2006.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Next Task Force meeting:
Thursday, April 27, 2006 – 4PM in the 4th Floor Meeting Room

AGENDA

COMMUNITY SECURITY AND PUBLIC SPACE TASK FORCE THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006 - 4:00 PM ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY - BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

- I. Approval of Minutes
March 30, 2006
- II Overview of Pre-Concept Work
C. Luckenbach
- III. Subcommittee Reports
Space Needs/Parking
Site Alternatives
Public Spaces
- IV. Establishing Priorities
- V. Next Steps
- VI. Adjourn

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 10:06 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; *City Council Members (All)
Cc: McDonald, Kevin
Subject: RE: Litigation Problem

I was right. Nah nah nah nah nah nah.

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

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 10:03 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: McDonald, Kevin
Subject: Litigation Problem

The matter discussed was a 2000 MDOT construction project at Washtenaw and Huron Parkway. The City participated with MDOT on the cost of the project and would, therefore, be sharing costs of settlement, if any, with MDOT. If I recall correctly, MDOT authorized the City to handle this case.

King, Carol

From: Kurt Brandle [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 9:30 PM
To: Konkle, David; Andrew Smith; David Wright; George Albercook; Jason Bing; Paul Ganz; Robert Black; Steve Miller; Tim Athan; Wayne Appleyard; Wendy Woods; Yoshiko Hill
Subject: Re: Meeting Notice and Minutes

Hi All,

As I have to attend tomorrow an important meeting of the local chapter, American Institut of Architects, in which an initial discussion of Design Guidelines for Downtown Ann Arbor will be discussed, I can come to the Energy Commission meeting only during the first 20 minutes.

I would like to give a short report on the Guidelines activities. Importantly our committee members understand that their should be a Green/Energy component included. I would like to hear whether our Energy Commission may like to have any input on that. I would be the liaison person.

See you tomorrow.
Kurt

On 1/3/06 4:32 PM, "Konkle, David" <DKonkle@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us> wrote:

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> Please note that the meeting is back in the old meeting room on the
> 4th floor and will not be televised. Also, members are invited to
> meet at the Espresso Royal Cafe on Main St Wednesday morning at 8:00
> am to continue discussion and development of the 20% renewable energy plan.
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> ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION - MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
>
> CITY OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN
> Energy Office P.O. Box 8647, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107
> Phone (734) 996-3150 Fax (734) 994-1795
>
> January 10, 2006
> 4th Floor Work Room- No Live CTN Broadcast City Hall - 5:30 pm
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> AGENDA
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> I. Approval of Minutes
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> II. Public Input - limited to 10 minutes maximum
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> III. Energy Report - Energy News from the Energy Office, and Commission
> Members
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> IV. Energy Commission Discussion - Continuing to Develop a Green Energy
> Report for the Mayor and Council

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- > In a speech to City Council on September 19, 2005 the Mayor
- > stated a goal of 20% renewable energy by 2015 for Ann Arbor. He has
- > requested that the Energy Commission prepare a report to be presented to
- > City Council at a special working session in the next few months.
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- > V. Other Business/Public Input - Limited to 10 minutes maximum
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- > VI. Adjourn
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- > ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION - MEETING MINUTES Dec 13, 2005
- > City Council Chambers
- > City Hall, 5:30 PM
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- > Attendance: Robert Black-Chair, Kurt Brandle, Wayne Appleyard, Andy Smith,
- > Tim Athan, Jason Bing, David Wright, Paul Ganz. Wendy Woods -
- > Councilperson, Dave Konkle - staff.
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- > Robert Black called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm
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- > There was no public commentary.
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- > Minutes from the November meeting were approved.
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- > Energy Report - Energy News from the Energy Office, and Commission Members
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- > Jason Bing reported that the EnHouse was planning a series of Energy
- > Efficiency Workshops for late January and February. The schedule will be
- > determined in the near future.
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- > Dave Konkle reported that the City was continuing their research on LED
- > lighting and had installed an LED streetlight on Ann Street directly across
- > from City Hall for testing.
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- > Presentation on GoSolar Ann Arbor Program
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- > John Wakeman of SUR Solar updated the commission on the GoSolar Ann Arbor
- > program and suggested that there would be a second year of the program in
- > Ann Arbor plus a new program started in Grand Rapids.
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- > Presentation on "Pay As You Save" Program
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- > David Wright gave an update on progress on the DTE "Pay As You Save"
- > program. The program committee has been formed and are looking for \$150,000
- > in start-up funds plus a financial source for the program funding.
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- > Energy Commission Discussion - Developing a Green Energy Presentation for

> the Mayor and Council
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> Continued discussion on the form and content of the Energy Commission's
> presentation to City Council. A date of February 13th has been chosen for
> the Council presentation.
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> The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.
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King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 9:25 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: Lowertown public speakers headcount

Residents

Support- 5

Oppose- 15

Mixed- 2 (opposes this one, but supports concept; concerned about how properties were designated)

Non-residents

Support- 3

Oppose- 4

King, Carol

From: Tracy Jensen
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 9:24 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Re: berkley

Margie--

This is great... thank you so much for this information. I am going to talk to my neighbors to see what they all think. I think we should do it. According to the map, the New West Side Association already covers our area, but I do not believe from a quick peek at their web site that they are particularly sensitive to the concerns that we have here. I am still waiting for one person to reply regarding the 24th. I will let you know as soon as I hear.

Thanks, Tracy

On 1/9/06, **Teall, Margie** <MTeall@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us> wrote:

You just need to register as a neighborhood group! I just went online to find the link(s) and this was the online path I found: Go to the City website (A2gov.org or ci.ann-arbor.mi.us). From the homepage, go to: City directory / Community services / Planning & Development / Public involvement / Public Notice & Input Procedures. There you should find what you're looking for. There is also a page that describes residential associations, also under the Planning Department. I need to re-read the brochure...There are only two of us, but they may have included the Mayor...?

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

From: Tracy Jensen
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 11:22 AM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Subject: berkley

Good morning!

Thank yo so much for sending the WRA brochure. I copied a lot of it verbatim (I do hope that is ok... I gave the WRA credit and thanks at the end) and made some changes that make it much more appropriate for our neighborhood, where parking is less of an issue but noise and trash are larger problems. I will be emailing it to my neighbors today for their review.

I have several questions:

What is required to form a neighborhood association? Is it necessary to have this if we want to hand out this brochure to incoming residents? So far we are a group of homeowners on the east side of the street. If we form an association, I think we would have to solicit and include the whole block (which probably would not be that hard) or maybe the other block as well. Thoughts?

I noticed in the WRA brochure that they said there is a third representative in Ward 4. I thought it was just the two of you! Have I excluded someone? If so, deepest apologies!

If we end up scheduling a meeting on one of the upcoming Tuesdays, could Marcia come instead representing both of you? If we start at 5, could Margie come for just a few minutes to make a presence? I am having a really hard time scheduling this so that all the parties can come. I think that these landlords will respond to pressure from multiple parties (even though they have not really responded to my family alone), so I want as many people there as possible. Thoughts?

Also, do you have ideas as to where we can meet, because if this meeting works out to include more than 10 people or so (and I hope it will) then my house is too small.

Please write back or call if that is easier.

Thanks for all of your help.

Tracy

[REDACTED]

King, Carol

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 8:28 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Cc: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: .

Certainly. It will take a few days to do the research.

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

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 8:19 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Cc: Greden, Leigh
Subject: FW: .

Roger,
Following along the email below could you check this out for Leigh and I? If we can designate this to a local appeal board we should have a discussion which one.
Thanks,
Marcia

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Sunday, January 08, 2006 8:15 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: .

Really? I thought we were told recently via e-mail that the State appeal was the ONLY appeal available. Can WE (the Council) be the local appeal? I definitely think this should be pursued, probably through Donna, Jayne, and Kevin.

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

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Sunday, January 08, 2006 8:09 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: .

I talked tot he ZBA about the historic district when we all went out in December. The ZBA did indedd hear appeals in the past, until the State changed the law. The most interesting thing I heard was that the appeal only goes to the State if the local municipality fails to designate an appeal board at the local level. If you want I would be willing to pursue this further.

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Sunday, January 08, 2006 7:40 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Subject: .

Her comments make me realize that this entire historic preservation thing it TOTALLY subjective! It all depends on how a few people on the committee think a particular neighborhood should look!

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 8:07 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: You could join

As to size and scope, same issue-- it's addressed by zoning (which stops apartment bldgs) and setbacks (which addresses size)

As for aesthetics, it's none of our d*mn business.....!!!

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

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 8:06 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: You could join

But what about tear-downs?

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 8:05 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: You could join

But we can deal with that in other ways!

Historic preservation is like cutting off your leg because you have a hangnail.

We need to change zoning (downgrade to R1) and change setback rules. That will stop bigfoots

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

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 8:02 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: You could join

No way...I really don't like either of them... And they can say that their neighborhood is thriving, with houses like the one next to Brater's. They love that stuff.

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 7:59 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: You could join

It's one thing he and I agree on.

These people are all right. Sorry, darlin....

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

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 7:57 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: You could join

Jeff Deboer's group....