

CITY COUNCIL EMAILS
ALL DAY 9/15/08

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Elias, Abigail

From: Dempkowski, Angela A
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:28 AM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Subject: Summer Festival \$\$ from 2008 Budget
Attachments: comm eventsreso.doc

Marcia: Per your request I have submitted the attached resolution for the 9/22 council meeting. The amount to be allocated from last year's budget is \$17,800.

Angela Dempkowski
City Administrator's Office

..Title

Resolution for Community Events Fund Disbursements from the FY 08 Budget **(8 votes required)**

..Body

Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Council wishes to support activities that promote or bring the community together in its richness;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor Community Events Committee met and reviewed funding requests from community groups;

Whereas, funding was not spent from the FY 08 budget; and,

Whereas, The Committee recommends the following allocations:

- 1) Ann Arbor Summer Festival – Top of the Park – June 13, 2008 - \$17,800 to cover costs associated with the event;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council appropriate and approve the recommended allocations from the FY08 General Fund fund balance for the remaining FY 08 Community Events budget balance.

Submitted by: Council Members Marcia Higgins and Margie Teall

Elias, Abigail

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:31 AM
To: Schopieray, Christine
Subject: From the Office of Mayor John Hieftje
Attachments: Hieftje_letter.doc

ASAP:

Please call State Representative Rebecca Warren's office in Lansing, obtain an email address for her legislative aid and for Rebecca and send this along to both. Use the same subject line as in this email. Please cc me.

Thanks!



CITY OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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Office of the Mayor
John Hieftje

August 8, 2008

Senator Liz Brater
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Senator Brater:

I want to first thank you for your hard work in supporting strong clean energy policy for our state. As you may know, the City of Ann Arbor has committed to a goal of 30% renewable energy for our municipal operations by 2010 and 20% of community-wide energy by 2015. Supportive energy policy at the state level will help us meet this goal, while regressive policies can make us miss our ambitious targets. As a part of our plan, we expect to enter into a long-term, fixed-price contract or tariff for renewable energy, and have intervened in Detroit Edison's rate case to advocate for such a tariff. I am writing to you today because I am concerned that a provision in SB 213, "Renewable Energy Portfolio and Energy Efficiency Act," as recently passed by the House, threatens the financial feasibility of such voluntary renewable energy tariffs in Ann Arbor and across the state.

Section 7(4) of SB 213 (as passed by the House, July 23, page 8, lines 6-27) partially exempts participants in voluntary renewable energy programs from the costs of RPS compliance, as long as they enrolled prior to passage of SB 213. However, this exemption expires after one year, at which time both existing and new **voluntary renewable energy customers will pay the full cost of both their voluntary purchase and the cost of RPS compliance.** In other words, every customer—whether a municipality, individual or organization—has to pay a fee for an RPS even if they are already exceeding the goals of the RPS with direct renewable energy purchases.

If the City of Ann Arbor switched to a long-term tariff for 100% renewable energy we would likely find ourselves paying the full cost of the Renewable Portfolio Standard *in addition to* the higher cost that we expect to for renewable energy. This could easily make a voluntary renewable energy purchase too expensive and stifle green energy development not only in Ann Arbor but for individuals, organizations and other cities

across the state. This provision could have the net effect of making the 4% by 2014 and 10% by 2015 standard—which already has too many exemptions, extensions and loopholes—become a de facto ceiling on renewable energy as opposed to the low floor that it should be.

However, these concerns can be resolved by making two deletions in Section 7(4) of SB 213:

- Strike the phrase "under an agreement in effect on the effective date of this act" (lines 12-13)
- Strike the last two sentences of Section 7(4), beginning, "The limitation on charges applies only..." (lines 16-27)

Note that these changes preserve the provision that customers would still have to pay the difference between the RPS fees and voluntary program fees if the RPS fees are higher, thus ensuring that this system cannot be gamed.

It is my hope that this bill will be amended so that customers who choose to go beyond the RPS requirements will not be burdened with the additional cost of RPS compliance. Together then we can move forward into a green energy future.

Sincerely,

John Hieftje, Mayor
City of Ann Arbor

Elias, Abigail

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:35 AM
To: 'Russ Collins'; Brad Tobin; Alan Aldworth; aberriz@mckinley.com; Bob Whitman; Brad Tobin; Chris T; Christen McArdle; debbie@essaycoaching.com; DelDunbar@aol.com; Elizabeth Palms; Francyne Stacey; henryabax@yahoo.com; jeanrowan@comcast.net; Mayor; jdrumelhart@aol.com; Ken Polsinelli; Laura Barnes; Lee Berry; Louis Callaway; Teall, Margie; madarling@aol.com; mary@a2so.com; Mary Williams; Matt Engelbert; nclark@blueadvisors.com; Phil Rhodes; burnsparkconsulting@earthlink.net; Susan Coran
Subject: RE: More Detailed Michigan Theater Board Agenda

Hi Russ:

I will be speaking to the delegation from Chapel Hill. You have my proxy.

John Hieftje

From: Russ Collins [mailto:rcollins@michtheater.org]
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2008 6:21 PM
To: Russ Collins; Brad Tobin; Alan Aldworth; aberriz@mckinley.com; Bob Whitman; Brad Tobin; Chris T; Christen McArdle; debbie@essaycoaching.com; DelDunbar@aol.com; Elizabeth Palms; Francyne Stacey; henryabax@yahoo.com; jeanrowan@comcast.net; Hieftje, John; Mayor; jdrumelhart@aol.com; Ken Polsinelli; Laura Barnes; Lee Berry; Louis Callaway; Teall, Margie; madarling@aol.com; mary@a2so.com; Mary Williams; Matt Engelbert; nclark@blueadvisors.com; Phil Rhodes; Russ Collins; burnsparkconsulting@earthlink.net; Susan Coran
Subject: More Detailed Michigan Theater Board Agenda

Dear Board of Trustees;

The meeting on Monday has many important items on the agenda. Below is a more detailed agenda. Please plan on the board meeting lasting until 2:00 PM. See you on Monday at noon!

Michigan Theater Board Meeting – September 15, 2008, Noon at the Michigan Theater

1. Executive Session regarding Executive Director and 2009 employee compensation.
2. Approving the 3rd quarter financial report and looking at year-end projections.
3. Voting on the Fiscal Year 2009 (Oct. 1, 2008-Sept. 30, 2009) budget.
4. Vote to approve minutes from July 14, 2008 Board meeting.
5. Hearing a presentation by Ed Lippincott, a commercial real estate broker from Marcus & Millichap, regarding their desire to represent for sale the Cadillac Building (this national real estate firm is selling the adjacent property for its owner Dan Pampreen).
6. Charging the Real Estate Committee to review our position
7. Approve the strategic soundness of the decision making process affecting the State Theater and empower the State Theater Sub-Committee (Chair, Lou Callaway) to:
 - Examine financial risk of gaining ownership and operating the State Theatre;
 - With information from O'Neal Construction examine the affordability of improving the State Theater to an acceptable level.
8. Voting to elect Frances Tordoro-Hargreaves (a brief bio is included below) to fill the unexpired term of Ken Polsinelli.
9. Approve the re-hiring of Plante & Moran to perform our annual audit.
10. Approve the renewal of our United Bank line of credit.

11. Vote on a new approach to managing our operational line of credit. The Finance Committee desires to save interest charges by allowing the staff to draw down and pay back up to \$100,000, as needed, without specific Board approval of each draw (up to \$100,000) on our \$250,000 United Bank line of credit.
12. The latest news on the Towsley Society events on September 23.

Frances Todoro-Hargreaves

Frances Todoro-Hargreaves is the Assistant Director of Commercial Operations at McKinley Inc. Frances works closely with government officials and is working on the redevelopment of several McKinley projects. Before working with McKinley Inc. she was the administrative manager for the Mayor of Ann Arbor. Frances Todoro-Hargreaves a mother of two young children. She earned her Bachelors degree from Rowan University in Geography with a concentration in Urban Development and earned her Masters from the University of North Carolina in the same subject. Frances is a member of the Chelsea DDA and a graduate of the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Ann Arbor program.

From Article IV of the Michigan Theater Bylaws:

Section 5. Resignation and Removal of Trustees. Any Director may resign by giving written notice of his or her resignation to the Board or to the Chair or Secretary of the Corporation. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified in such notice and the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Any Director may be removed, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of all Trustees then serving in office.

Section 5. Vacancies. Vacancies in the Board, however arising, shall be filled for the remaining term of the vacancy by a majority vote of all Trustees then serving in office at any regular meeting for the Board or at a special meeting of the Board called for that purpose. Persons shall be nominated for Trusteeship by the nominating committee and the list of any such nominees shall be included with the notice at which election is proposed.

Best Regards -- Russ Collins
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Elias, Abigail

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:45 AM
To: 'Bill Munz'
Subject: RE: Riverside Park

Hi Bill:

Just a note... More than half of the street lights in the city are owned and maintained by DTE Energy. They can sometimes be painfully slow, as in many months, in replacing bulbs when they burn out. If there has been a delay that goes beyond a week in fixing a streetlight I can usually guarantee that it is a DTE owned light. We have had many conversations with DTE on this and sometimes they will catch up but they soon fall behind again.

Thanks,

John Hieftje

From: Bill Munz [mailto:wmunz@burtekinc.com]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 7:34 PM
To: Smith, Colin
Cc: Hieftje, John; Loribee99@aol.com
Subject: Riverside Park

Hello Colin:

I have been meaning to contact you but I have been running crazy this week. Last Saturday, September 6, the women's rugby club held their first game in Riverside Park this season. As usual, they drive their vehicles into the park to set up the goal posts and there was a vehicle parked in the shade of the trees quite some distance into the park near the river bank.

I called the A2 PD and they dispatched a motorcycle patrolman to correct the situation, and for which I thank you.

My question is this: Did the women's rugby club go through the formality of securing the special permit required from Parks and Recreation to allow them to play rugby in Riverside Park? Please recall that when we first talked on the telephone you told me that apparently last season they had been playing rugby without a permit from A2 P&R.

The irony in all of this is that the rugby clubs are participating this year in the Adopt a Park program. My daughter Stephanie and her neighbor Eliana met recently in Riverside Park with a fellow from A2 P&R regarding the Adopt a Park program. He was accompanied by the fellow from the rugby club, who acknowledged that they are guilty of driving into the Park, but I think they are trying to offset the damage by participating in the Adopt a Park program (!?).

Thank you for the new barrier work you are undertaking in the parking lot. Hopefully this will help deter people from driving into the Park. It seems that every time there is a special activity at the Park, like kid's soccer, the parents don't hesitate to drive into the Park. I just don't understand it.

Please note that one of the street lights in the Riverside Park parking lot (there are only two) is still burned out.

Finally, there are still two City of A2 street lights burned out over the Fuller Road bridge in the area where the University had all of their construction this past Spring. Both are on the South side of the Fuller Road bridge, and one is right at the pedestrian cross-walk at the foot of Glen Street and the junction of Fuller Road and Fuller Street. Cars speed down the Glen Street hill and into this poorly lit intersection – it really is a safety issue. I would appreciate it if you could pass this information along to the appropriate folks to the street lights fixed.

Again Colin, thank you for all you have done.

Bill Munz

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Elias, Abigail

From: Dan Mulhern [readingforleading@danmulhern.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:54 AM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Fat Discriminating Leadership



September 15th, 2008

A weekly stimulant for those who lead - From Dan Mulhern

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may take a few moments to load
depending on your internet
connection*

Fat Discriminating Leadership

Friends,

Fat!So? Hmm. This past Saturday, on my radio show *Everyday Leadership: Making Work Work*, Marilyn Wann talked about the unfair treatment of fat people at work. She's no whiner. She is the author of a book, magazine and website, which all go by the name of Fat!So? (Note: Avoid her website if you can't handle the sight of exposed derrieres.) She said she doesn't like the term "overweight," because that implies fat people are over some norm, and are bad or wrong or weak for being so. She noted that many people are big or fat, just as some people are black, female, old, young, or homosexual. Being fat is part of the wonder of genetic diversity. She says fat people shouldn't apologize for it, and we shouldn't discriminate against people because of it.

The naked truth is that discrimination costs us in productivity. If I'm an owner or executive director, I want *everyone* fully involved. I don't want *anyone* feeling like they're not being listened to, or are being passed over for jobs. I want pathways to ideas and leadership open to

all talent, irrespective of irrelevant considerations of appearance. I want them fired up and feeling fully engaged and excited about our work.

Some would say "bias is just perception, and often false perception." I would say: perception is truth in this case. When people FEEL like they are being treated unfairly, a few of them will respond by working that much harder to prove themselves. But many will start to check-out, complain behind your back, and feel justified in *giving* less, because they feel they're *getting* less.

So, what do we – especially managers – do to keep everyone in the game? Four things:

1. Examine our own thinking, and our hidden biases, and root out those biases. Workplace culture follows leaders. If we think and speak and act in ways that promote diversity, people will follow. I *know* I have negative thoughts about some "different" people, because I live in a culture that creates that noise. I don't ask for those thoughts but there they are, so I have to catch them and choose to set them aside as irrelevant and unhelpful.

2. Clearly and frequently articulate that "diversity is in" and discrimination is unacceptable.

3. Proactively ask others whether they feel included and engaged and whether opportunities are fairly given. You can build your own (free) surveys easily with sites like www.surveymonkey.com, but I strongly recommend the use of diversity trainers who can help you work with the data.

4. Finally, we need a totally different attitude than our typical right-wrong mentality. Instead, we need to seek first to understand. I may say something with the best of all intentions, yet someone could have been deeply hurt, or "heard" a message I never intended. If my culture is safe enough for them to talk to me, and if I listen well, I can hear that they were hurt and learn in the future. And by listening to me, they can understand what I really meant. Both perceptions are real. Neither was "right" nor "wrong" in the first case. **The more**

hospitably we share ideas, and the more powerfully we seek to listen and learn, the more we can create a shared reality that works for both or all.

You get everyone fully in the game, when you

Lead with your best self.

Dan

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Elias, Abigail

Subject: Open Reading prep for the working session

Start: Mon 9/15/2008 3:30 PM
End: Mon 9/15/2008 7:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Hieftje, John

Elias, Abigail

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 9:01 AM
To: 'Jennifer Nathan'
Cc: Beth Bafford; Schopieray, Christine
Subject: RE: Campaign for Change Meeting

Hi Jennifer:

The calendar is full for today but Christine (cc'd above) can find another time later in the week.

Looking forward to talking with you.

Thanks,

John Hieftje

From: Jennifer Nathan [mailto:jnathan@michiganforchange.com]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 4:13 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Cc: Beth Bafford
Subject: Campaign for Change Meeting

Hi Mayor Hieftje –

Long time no see, hope you are well! In case you haven't heard, I'm back in town working on the Obama Campaign, and I am the regional political director for Ann Arbor and Jackson. Our regional field director Beth Bafford and I would love to sit down with you and talk through our program in Ann Arbor. Are you available on Monday at 1pm? Please let us know – we look forward to meeting with you!

Thanks,

Jenny Nathan

Women's and Jewish Vote Director
Michigan Campaign for Change

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<http://www.mi.barackobama.com>

Elias, Abigail

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 9:04 AM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: Speaking to my class

Hi Susan:

Please forgive me for taking so long to get back to you. The 30th will be the best day after all if you can still make it.

Thank you,

John

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2008 5:24 PM
To: Pollay, Susan
Subject: RE: Speaking to my class

hi Susan:

That's great, you are a gem. Please hold both the 30th and 2nd if you can. I will get back to you late tomorrow.

Thanks,

John

P.S. I have 30 students this term!

From: Susan Pollay [mailto:SPollay@a2dda.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2008 3:09 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: Speaking to my class

Hi John. For some reason I have this on my calendar as Thursday Sept 25th not Tuesday the 30th... Not sure how that happened? But at any rate, yes, I could readily switch to Thursday October 2nd if that works better for you and your class schedule. Just let me know. I'll stay put until I hear back. Best wishes. Susan

From: Hieftje, John [mailto:JHieftje@a2gov.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2008 9:56 AM
To: Susan Pollay
Subject: RE: Speaking to my class

Hi Susan:

Hope you are well. If we needed to, could you switch from Tuesday the 30th to Thursday, Oct. 2nd? But don't switch yet...

Sorry for the extra layer of email,

John

From: Susan Pollay [mailto:SPollay@a2dda.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 3:54 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: Speaking to my class

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From: Hieftje, John [mailto:JHieftje@a2gov.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 11:31 AM
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Let me know if that will work for you. If you need to be a little late that works too.

John

From: Susan Pollay [mailto:SPollay@a2dda.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 4:04 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: Speaking to my class

Hi John. Both days are fairly open for me. What time? Also, please remind me, what class room #?

From: Hieftje, John [mailto:JHieftje@a2gov.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 2:40 PM
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I hope you are doing well and enjoying the end of summer and all the new activity that comes with the start of classes at UM. I am writing with my annual request for you to speak at my class. You always provide a great deal of information in an easy to understand format even when you discuss TIF.

The best day would be September 25 if you can make it. The next best would be Sept. 30.

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Elias, Abigail

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Elias, Abigail

From: Mary Jo Callan [callanm@ewashtenaw.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 9:11 AM
To: Callan, Mary Jo; alicandhugh@yahoo.com; Briere, Sabra; Jeff Irwin; Frank Cambria; Norman Herbert; dlutton@reinhartrealtors.com; Dick Soble; gellisey@trinity-health.org; harmongini@msn.com; Lindsley, Elizabeth; Julie Steiner; Chuck Kieffer
Subject: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2
Attachments: image001.jpg

Good Morning,
Since most of you replied indicating that you can attend a second meeting of the JIF Funders' Committee on September 22nd at 8:00am, let's plan on it. We'll meet again here at the Annex Building (110 North Fourth Ave.), in the 1st floor conference room.
Looking forward to seeing you then;
Mary Jo & Chuck

Mary Jo Callan
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From: Mary Jo Callan
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 1:25 PM
To: Mary Jo Callan; 'aliceandhugh@yahoo.com'; 'Briere, Sabra'; Jeff Irwin; 'Frank Cambria'; 'Norman Herbert'; 'Dave Lutton (dlutton@reinhartrealtors.com)'; 'Dick Soble'; 'gellisey@trinity-health.org'; 'harmongini@msn.com'; Elizabeth Lindsley Forward; 'Julie Steiner'; Chuck Kieffer
Subject: RE: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2

Hi again,
So far Monday the 22nd is our leading candidate for a time to get together next. If you haven't already replied, can you please let me know if there is any way you can make that date and time?
Thanks a lot,
Mary Jo

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Subject: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2

Hello,

We had a robust discussion at our inaugural JIF Funders' Committee meeting this past Wednesday. However, due to scheduling conflicts and email glitches, we did not have enough voting members for quorum. Thus, we did not vote on the *housing first supportive housing pilot* funding recommendations sent to us by the WHA Operations Committee. To remind you, in order for the agency sponsors to start or continue these innovative services, the project will need to be approved at four different bodies. They are: the WHA Operations Committee (already approved); our JIF Funders' Committee (not yet approved); the WHA Board (not yet considered or approved); and City Council (not yet considered or approved).

We would like to convene another meeting of our Funders' Committee, so that we can continue our exploration and discussion of the proposed projects, and vote to approve or reject them. To that end, we would like to try to schedule something for the week of September 22nd. Please take a look at the proposed times below, and let us know if you can attend.

Monday, September 22nd at 8am;
Wednesday, September 24th at 8am;
Thursday, September 25th at 3pm

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon,
Mary Jo

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Elias, Abigail

From: Bergren, Mike
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 9:17 AM
To: Greden, Leigh; McCormick, Sue
Subject: RE: New street lights at Oakland triangle

This was the last quote from DTE, I will contact them to confirm.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2008 2:34 PM
To: Bergren, Mike; McCormick, Sue
Subject: New street lights at Oakland triangle

Mike-

The students have returned to campus and would like to resume work on the project to add some street lights to the Oakland triangle area. Here is an email from the president of the MSA. Assuming Council approval of the proposed district, do these numbers look right? Thanks.

As per your email to Bret last year, the pricing to get street lighting in this area was quoted at about \$4200. We want to get the ball rolling in these efforts. We're working on getting funding together right now. MSA certainly wants to chip in about \$2,000 and we're going to fundraise starting on Monday at local bars and restaurants.

I just wanted to check in with you to see if the costs would still be about \$4200 to get lighting in the area and to see if there is anything else we need to know before beginning to fundraise.

Elias, Abigail

From: Rhodes, Phillip [Phil.Rhodes@tetrattech.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 10:10 AM
To: Hieftje, John; Russ Collins; Brad Tobin; Alan Aldworth; aberriz@mckinley.com; Bob Whitman; Brad Tobin; Chris T; Christen McArdle; debbie@essaycoaching.com; DeIDunbar@aol.com; Elizabeth Palms; Francyne Stacey; henryabax@yahoo.com; jeanrowan@comcast.net; Mayor; jdrumelhart@aol.com; Ken Polsinelli; Laura Barnes; Lee Berry; Louis Callaway; Teall, Margie; madarling@aol.com; mary@a2so.com; Mary Williams; Matt Engelbert; nclark@blueadvisors.com; burnsparkconsulting@earthlink.net; Susan Coran
Subject: RE: More Detailed Michigan Theater Board Agenda

Board,

Due to power outages and network problems in our southern corporate offices, I will be unable to attend the board meeting today.

Jean Rowan has my proxy.

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Elias, Abigail

From: Sykes, Robin
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 10:48 AM
To: *Fire Department; *Police Department
Cc: *City Council Members (All)
Subject: 17th Annual AAPD Charity Golf Outing
Attachments: Golf Outing 08.pdf

All Personnel

OUR 17TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING IS COMING UP THIS WEEK, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19. IF YOU PLAN TO PLAY, AND WE HOPE YOU DO, PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS EVENT WILL SUPPORT OUR ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE CHILDREN OF NEEDY FAMILIES OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

A REGISTRATION FORM IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS WORTHWHILE CHARITY.



Proceeds to benefit the Adopt-A-Family program.



17th Annual Ann Arbor Police Department Charity Golf Outing

Friday, September 19, 2008
Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.
4-person scramble
Reddeman Farms Golf Course
555 S. Dancer Road
Chelsea, Michigan

\$85 per person

Fee includes:

Golf, Cart, Food, Prizes

For more information, call Lt. Mike Logghe at (734) 260-7114

Mail entries to:

Ann Arbor Police Department
Attn: Lt. Mike Logghe
100 N. Fifth Avenue
Ann Arbor MI 48104

Name of Golfers

Phone #

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

Make checks payable to the Ann Arbor Police Department



(The event filled up early last year, so please reserve your place by sending in your fully paid entry form as soon as possible.)

Elias, Abigail

From: Help
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:11 AM
To: *All Employees
Subject: ITSU Update: Fiber connection down

The fiber connection between City Hall and Waste Water Treatment Plant, Huron Hills and Gallup park has been broken by a snapped utility pole. Comcast is estimating 24 hours before the connection is repaired. We will update you as we are updated by Comcast.

Thank you for your patience during this outage.

~ ITSU Service Delivery and Application Delivery Teams

Elias, Abigail

From: Snyder Bob [chazsnyd@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:14 AM
To: Postema, Stephen
Cc: Peter Nagourney; Ellen Ramsburgh; Betsy Price; Nystuen, Gwen (PAC); John Nystuen; Ann Larimore; Barb Copi; Rusty Restuccia; Andrea Van Houweling; Gary Supanich; Christopher TAYLORC
Subject: Fwd: 601 Forest-Wind Studies & Development Agreement
Attachments: 601 Forest Dev Agreement & Wind.doc; ATT68167695.htm

Dear Stephen,

It's been several days since we connected briefly on the phone and I sent you the memo and attachment below concerning the proposed language in the 601 Forest Development Agreement. At that time you said someone from your office would be calling me to set up a time to answer my questions, although you also said, I believe, that the Development Agreement is (for some reason I don't understand) is generally something solely between the City and the Petitioner and not for public viewing, discussion, and input. Am I phrasing that correctly? If so, I would like to know why.

That aside, I still am asking to be contacted and to have at the very least a phone conversation, but preferably a meeting at City Hall, sometime this week.

I look forward to hearing from you or a member of your staff.

Thanks!
Bob Snyder

C. Robert Snyder, Ph.D.
President, South University Neighborhood Association

(734) 665-5524
chazsnyd@gmail.com

Begin forwarded message:

From: Snyder Bob <chazsnyd@gmail.com>
Date: September 11, 2008 12:31:15 PM GMT-04:00
To: Stephen Postema <SPostema@a2gov.org>
Cc: Mayor John Hieftje <jhieftje@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>, "Leigh R. Greden" <greden@MillerCanfield.com>, Ronald Suarez <RSuarez@a2gov.org>, Sabra Briere <SBriere@a2gov.org>, Stephen Rapundalo <SRapundalo@a2gov.org>, Christopher Easthope <CEasthope@a2gov.org>, Marcia Higgins <MHiggins@a2gov.org>, Margie Teall <MTeall@a2gov.org>, Mike Anglin <MAnglin@a2gov.org>, Stephen Kunselman <SKunselman@a2gov.org>, Joan Lowenstein <JLowenstein@a2gov.org>, Peter Nagourney <nagourney@gmail.com>, Betsy Price <cottonbets@gmail.com>, Andrea Van Houweling <apvh@umich.edu>, Gwen Nystuen <gnystuen@umich.edu>, John Nystuen <Nystuen@umich.edu>, Ellen Ramsburgh <ejramsburgh@hotmail.com>, Ann Larimore <annevans@umich.edu>, Matthew Kowalski <mkowalski@a2gov.org>, Kate West <katewest@umich.edu>, Rusty Restuccia <RRestuccia@aol.com>
Subject: 601 Forest-Wind Studies & Development Agreement

Dear Stephen,

Following up on my brief phone conversation with you yesterday, I am attaching a 3-page Word document which summarizes key points in the chronology of 601 Forest, Wind Studies, and the draft Development Agreement between the City of Ann Arbor and the developers.

As you are aware, there has been concern expressed by neighborhood residents, both members of North Burns Park Association (NBPA) and South University Neighborhood Association (SUNA) and other citizens, about the potential, some would say inevitability, that the proposed structure will add significantly to the wind turbulence already swirling around University Towers, just across the street. NBPA and SUNA members view this as a real and present danger to the health, safety, and general welfare of people, particularly pedestrians, who will be using both South University and South Forest. The developer has submitted their own study, a summary copy of which we have reviewed and whose assumptions and reported findings we dispute. At the August 18, 2008 City Council meeting, we again raised our concerns and I believe I am correct in understanding that, at the behest of City Council, both the Wind Study and the Traffic Impact Study were to be "re-visited" ("re-done" by outside independent consultants) and results available sufficiently in advance (e.g. no later than 9/29/08) of the October 6 Council meeting to be scrutinized by all concerned and discussed at the October 6 meeting. We trust that both of these studies are now in the process of review and being re-done.

In the meantime, we have concern regarding the nature of some of the provisions contained within the draft Development Agreement, copies of which were obtained several weeks ago. The major concern is regarding the "language compromise" worked out between the developer and the City, as contained in item P-17. The 3-page attachment documents the inconsistencies between what the developer said at the June 3, 2008 City Planning Commission meeting and the language modification, referred to as "a slight departure from the standard language", in P-17 in regard to building elevation provisions.

I request a meeting with you and/or a member of the City Attorney Office staff to discuss this "inconsistency" and the compromise language agreed upon, and how this explicit release from any obligation to build the exterior facade as previously presented may, or may not, affect Wind Currents.

I am available to meet most anytime during the week, and may be reached via email and/or the phone number below.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to discussing this matter in the very near future.

Regards,
Bob Snyder

C. Robert Snyder, Ph.D.
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“601 Forest” Wind Effect and Wind Studies: a Summary of Statements

Note: Underlines in the body of the text have been added for “emphasis” and “clarity”.

June 3, 2008

The Developer’s and the Planning Commission’s Statements Regarding Wind Effect: Lack of “Due Diligence” in Regard to Wind Effect

The following brief exchange, from the Minutes of the June 3, 2008 meeting of the City Planning Commission to approve 601 Forest, is, as far as I know, the only written City Planning Commission discussion on record regarding wind effect.

The Developer – “As to the wind question, you can see from the renderings that there are bays projecting from the façade. The cornice sticks out; there are canopies and street ornament. These break up the winds.”

Commissioner Eamus – “I took notes on wind tunnel effects. I sent messages to various architects, and didn’t get a lot of response, so I did research on my own. The expert recommendation is if it’s in a hurricane area -10 stories – otherwise, 22 to 25 stories. You should have a wind tunnel study done for buildings within that height. This doesn’t take into account the climate, meteorology or topography of the area. A wind tunnel study on a model of this building and surrounding buildings would be needed for LEED certification. You are at the west [ed. Note: “east”] end of South University – the wind comes from the west, so you’re not channeling it any more than it is already channeled. This is another reason I didn’t feel it was critical to study.

“Any concentration is immediately dissipated out the east end. It doesn’t address the down and backpressures that you’ll get, so it’s probably a good idea to look for LEED certification.”

Ronald Hughes, Co-developer of 601 Forest – “They did an extensive wind study which was not required by the city of Ann Arbor. We configured this building in accordance with that. This is why we proposed the cornice and the bays.”

Commissioner Eamus – Stated that he was very glad to hear that information.

June 23, 2008

South University Neighborhood Association’s Questions re: “601 Forest”

On behalf of SUNA and NBPA, I emailed Matt Kowalski a set of seven “question-areas” and concerns regarding 601 Forest, for transmittal to Mr. Dan Ketelaar, one of the co-developers. The full question-set is attached with this memo.

Question #2, below, deals with several basic questions regarding wind effects.

"2) Many residents and users are concerned about the Structure's impact on wind patterns. Please provide us with any reports/analyses in your possession that address the current Structure's impact in this area. Please also indicate who created these reports and whether the reports were commissioned and paid for by an entity associated with the "601 Forest" Project or an independent party."

On June 25, 2008, I received (via Matt Kowlalski) an email reply from Mr. Ketelaar saying that, until my email, he was unaware of the existence of SUNA and would be pleased to meet with our representatives anytime at our mutual convenience..

Since that time, there has been no further communication from Mr. Ketelar, we have not met with him, and the questions submitted on June 25, 2008 remain un-responded to. We (SUNA) have heard nothing regarding our Wind Study (and six other) questions since my July 3, 2008 letter.

July 27, 2007

Where is the Wind Study for 601 Forest?

Lacking any documentation to the contrary, despite repeated requests, we assumed that the developers, their architects, or engineers had not produced a credible Wind Study. Before taking the step of "Approval", it is expected that "due diligence" on this, and all other matters, would occur.

Such "due diligence" apparently did not occur when the City Planning Commission approved the project on June 3 without even seeing, let alone analyzing, interpreting, and questioning the results of the developer's, or anyone else's, Wind Study.

The City Council would be wise to step back and exercise their responsibility to act "with due diligence" until such time that a proper and complete (not just a summary) Wind Study has been submitted, read, debated, and the implications understood by all parties involved, including the citizenry.

[Undated]

City of Ann Arbor: Legislative File Number 08-0718 (version 1)

Title

Resolution to Approve 601 Forest Site Plan and Development Agreement, 2,05 Acres, Southeast Corner of South University and South Forest Avenues (CPC
Recommendation: Approval – 8 Yeas and 1 Nay

Memorandum

(Three paragraphs are contained in this Memorandum section. The latter part of Paragraph 2 contains the following...)

"...While the elevation provisions are a slight departure from the standard language (see paragraph P-17), the City Attorney's Office and the petitioner have discussed and come to a mutual agreement regarding this matter. The Attorney's Office has reviewed the agreement and the petitioner has acknowledged concurrence with its provisions."

601 FOREST DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

(P-17) "... PROPRIETOR shall not be required to construct the exterior "bay" living areas shown on the Elevations (the "Bays), PROPRIETOR may, in its discretion, construct none, some or all of the bays and PROPRIETOR may re-allocate the livable square footage of the Bays..."

This provision, above, runs directly counter to the Developer's (Mr. Hughes') statements contained in the June 3, 2008 City Planning Commission Minutes noted at the very beginning of this memorandum.

If, as noted in the Minutes of the June 3, 2008 City Planning Commission, Mr. Hughes states that the bays and cornices "break up the wind", would not the removal of said bays and cornices, as permitted in (P-17) above have a negative or undesirable effect on Wind Currents?

Question: Why – and by whom -- was the language of P-17, above, inserted in the Development Agreement, and how will "implementing" the language impact or affect the Wind Currents?

It is interesting to note that the summary copy of "601 Forest External Wind Study" submitted by the Developer's Consultants, Integrated Environmental Solutions, makes no mention of any effect, positive or negative, of the "architectural surface articulation" on mitigating (or not) Wind Current Effects,

Why, then, did Mr. Hughes state that that was the reason the architects configured the surface of the building to include "bays" and "cornices" for the purpose of Wind Mitigation?

Question: Does altering the exterior façade BAYS also alter WIND CURRENTS?

601 Forest Dev Agreement & Wind.doc

Elias, Abigail

From: Mary Jo Callan [callanm@ewashtenaw.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:25 AM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2
Attachments: image001.jpg

Sabra,
So glad you can make – and stay! Hope you enjoyed your trip to Calgary, and came back with some helpful ideas for our fair city.
Regards for now,
Mary Jo

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From: Briere, Sabra [mailto:SBriere@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:14 AM
To: Mary Jo Callan; Mary Jo Callan; aliceandhugh@yahoo.com; Jeff Irwin; Frank Cambria; Norman Herbert; dlutton@reinhartrealtors.com; Dick Soble; gellisey@trinity-health.org; harmongini@msn.com; Elizabeth Lindsley Forward; Julie Steiner; Chuck Kieffer
Subject: RE: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2

I will be there next Monday morning. And stay until the end!

Sabra Briere
First Ward Councilmember
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Subject: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2

Good Morning,
Since most of you replied indicating that you can attend a second meeting of the JIF Funders' Committee on September 22nd at 8:00am, let's plan on it. We'll meet again here at the Annex Building (110 North Fourth Ave.), in the 1st floor conference room.
Looking forward to seeing you then,
Mary Jo & Chuck

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From: Mary Jo Callan
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 1:25 PM
To: Mary Jo Callan; 'aliceandhugh@yahoo.com'; 'Briere, Sabra'; Jeff Irwin; 'Frank Cambria'; 'Norman Herbert'; 'Dave Lutton (dlutton@reinhartrealtors.com)'; 'Dick Soble'; 'gellisey@trinity-health.org'; 'harmongini@msn.com'; Elizabeth Lindsley Forward; 'Julie Steiner'; Chuck Kieffer
Subject: RE: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2

Hi again,
So far Monday the 22nd is our leading candidate for a time to get together next. If you haven't already replied, can you please let me know if there is any way you can make that date and time?
Thanks a lot,
Mary Jo

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Subject: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2

Hello,
We had a robust discussion at our inaugural JIF Funders' Committee meeting this past Wednesday. However, due to scheduling conflicts and email glitches, we did not have enough voting members for quorum. Thus, we did not vote on the *housing first supportive housing pilot* funding recommendations sent to us by the WHA Operations Committee. To remind you, in order for the agency sponsors to start or continue these innovative services, the project will need to be approved at four different bodies. They are: the WHA Operations Committee (already approved); our JIF Funders' Committee (not yet approved); the WHA Board (not yet considered or approved); and City Council (not yet considered or approved).

We would like to convene another meeting of our Funders' Committee, so that we can continue our exploration and discussion of the proposed projects, and vote to approve or reject them. To that end, we would like to try to schedule something for the week of September 22nd. Please take a look at the proposed times below, and let us know if you can attend.

Monday, September 22nd at 8am;
Wednesday, September 24th at 8am;
Thursday, September 25th at 3pm

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon,
Mary Jo

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Elias, Abigail

From: Bob Guenzel [guenzelb@ewashtenaw.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:26 AM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: State and Local Policy Course

John, Liz Gerber and I are co teaching a class on State and Local Policy at the Ford School this semester. We would like to invite you to be a guest speaker on "What do local governments do and why". We have tentatively scheduled this for Monday October 6th from 8:30 until 10. Let me know whether you are interested and if the date works for you. Thanks,
Bob

Elias, Abigail

From: Naud, Matthew
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:40 AM
To: Anglin, Mike; dalea@ewashtenaw.org; David Stead (E-mail); David@sunward.org; Nystuen, Gwen (PAC); grahamz@umich.edu; john_german@ahm.honda.com; rlc@umich.edu; ron.emaus@oakadaptive.com; Steve Bean (E-mail); summert@umich.edu; Teall, Margie
Subject: FW: New DEQ Press Release (Green Chemistry Action Plan Released)
Attachments: Greenchemistry091508.pdf

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From: DEQ Press Releases [mailto:DEQ-PRESS_RELEASES@LISTSERV.MICHIGAN.GOV] On Behalf Of Pat Watson
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 10:53 AM
To: DEQ-PRESS_RELEASES@LISTSERV.MICHIGAN.GOV
Subject: New DEQ Press Release (Green Chemistry Action Plan Released)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 15, 2008

Contact: Robert McCann
(517) 241-7397

Green Chemistry Action Plan Released

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"Michigan is a nationally recognized leader in pollution prevention, so I'm proud to announce this significant advancement in our efforts to promote less toxic, safer products during National Pollution Prevention Week," said DEQ Director Steven E. Chester. "This Action Plan will guide us as we draw upon the talents of our business, environmental, and academic communities to further green chemistry advancements to protect our environment and grow our economy."

The DEQ has been given primary responsibility to implement the Green Chemistry Executive Directive, including establishing a Michigan Green Chemistry Program and convening a Michigan Green Chemistry Roundtable.

The Roundtable, which is comprised of experts representing business, academia, environmental interest groups, and the public, had significant input into the development of the Action Plan and will be participating in the implementation of the Michigan Green Chemistry Program.

Further information on the Michigan Green Chemistry Program, along with a copy of the action plan, is available on the DEQ Web site at www.michigan.gov/deqgreenchemistry, or by calling the DEQ, Environmental Assistance Center at 800-662-9278.

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Elias, Abigail

From: Bill Munz [wmunz@burtekinc.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:47 AM
To: Hieftje, John
Cc: Stephanie M. Munz; Loribee99@aol.com
Subject: RE: Riverside Park

Hello John:

I am remiss in that I have not thanked you for your sponsorship of the resolution that you drafted and passed by the A2 City Council related to the opposition of the University's Master Plan for two parking structures on Wall Street. It is essential to have this sort of support from you and the City of A2 if anything is to be done to influence the University's Board of Regents.

Speaking of which, the parking structures are a topic for discussion at the next Regents meeting on Thursday, September 18. There will be speakers from the Wall Street neighborhood to speak out before the Regents and present petitions signed by concerned residents of the area. It would certainly be nice if you could be there to show support for the opposition to the parking structures, or in your absence another suitable representative from the City of A2. If you can't make the meeting on such short notice I am certain everyone from Riverside Park Place will understand.

Also, thank you for the insight on the street lights. As you know the U of M's construction project for the extension of power infrastructure to Wall Street interrupted the electrical service over the Fuller Street bridge. These lights have not worked since the beginning of the construction, almost one year now, so I am not certain that it is as simple as replacing the bulbs or perhaps there is something more substantially wrong with the electrical service to these lights. I just wanted to be certain to report the fact that they are not working. There is a lot of foot traffic over the Fuller Road bridge and it should be well lit for the safety of the pedestrians, especially considering the homeless people who live under the bridge. I have confidence that either DTE or the City of A2 will fix the problem.

Thanks John for all of your support and that of the City Council.

Bill Munz

From: Hieftje, John [mailto:JHieftje@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:45 AM
To: Bill Munz
Subject: RE: Riverside Park

Hi Bill:

Just a note... More than half of the street lights in the city are owned and maintained by DTE Energy. They can sometimes be painfully slow, as in many months, in replacing bulbs when they burn out. If there has been a delay that goes beyond a week in fixing a streetlight I can usually guarantee that it is a DTE owned light. We have had many conversations with DTE on this and sometimes they will catch up but they soon fall behind again.

Thanks,

John Hieftje

From: Bill Munz [mailto:wmunz@burtekinc.com]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 7:34 PM
To: Smith, Colin

Cc: Hieftje, John; Loribee99@aol.com
Subject: Riverside Park

Hello Colin:

I have been meaning to contact you but I have been running crazy this week. Last Saturday, September 6, the women's rugby club held their first game in Riverside Park this season. As usual, they drive their vehicles into the park to set up the goal posts and there was a vehicle parked in the shade of the trees quite some distance into the park near the river bank.

I called the A2 PD and they dispatched a motorcycle patrolman to correct the situation, and for which I thank you.

My question is this: Did the women's rugby club go through the formality of securing the special permit required from Parks and Recreation to allow them to play rugby in Riverside Park? Please recall that when we first talked on the telephone you told me that apparently last season they had been playing rugby without a permit from A2 P&R.

The irony in all of this is that the rugby clubs are participating this year in the Adopt a Park program. My daughter Stephanie and her neighbor Eliana met recently in Riverside Park with a fellow from A2 P&R regarding the Adopt a Park program. He was accompanied by the fellow from the rugby club, who acknowledged that they are guilty of driving into the Park, but I think they are trying to offset the damage by participating in the Adopt a Park program (!?).

Thank you for the new barrier work you are undertaking in the parking lot. Hopefully this will help deter people from driving into the Park. It seems that every time there is a special activity at the Park, like kid's soccer, the parents don't hesitate to drive into the Park. I just don't understand it.

Please note that one of the street lights in the Riverside Park parking lot (there are only two) is still burned out.

Finally, there are still two City of A2 street lights burned out over the Fuller Road bridge in the area where the University had all of their construction this past Spring. Both are on the South side of the Fuller Road bridge, and one is right at the pedestrian cross-walk at the foot of Glen Street and the junction of Fuller Road and Fuller Street. Cars speed down the Glen Street hill and into this poorly lit intersection – it really is a safety issue. I would appreciate it if you could pass this information along to the appropriate folks to the street lights fixed.

Again Colin, thank you for all you have done.

Bill Munz

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Elias, Abigail

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:59 AM
To: Hieftje, John; Easthope, Christopher; Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen; Teall, Margie
Subject: Council Vote on 42North

Mayor Hieftje and Councilmembers,

Just a note in response to your vote and stand on the 42North housing development at Council's Sept. 8 meeting. Many of us feel that City Government does not serve the interests of its citizens. The Council vote on the 42North project is only the latest example of this. The Mayor stated that it does no one in the City any good, if the courts would overturn Council's decision. He further stated that we owe a duty to the City not to get involved in litigation which may incur penalties. Are there NO circumstances under which the City would be willing to go to court to protect the interests of its citizens?

In spite of comments to the contrary from the Mayor and some Councilmembers, it was not apparent to us that Council and City staff spent sufficient time or effort reviewing the material supplied by neighborhood groups and individuals. The Mayor was even critical of people "reaching for minutia".

The South Maple Group sent a 5-page letter prior to the Sunday caucus, which detailed relevant case law and precedents which would support a vote against the 42North development. Did Council and City staff read this letter? Did the City attorney write a legal opinion refuting each point made in this 5-page letter? If so, why weren't those points made at the Council meeting on Monday evening, so that residents would have a better understanding of WHY those points presented in case law were not acceptable by Council? What are the City attorney's views, and what exactly was his advice to Council about voting in favor of 42North?

Why are City codes and ordinances tilted in favor of the developers? That is all we kept hearing for several months—if the development fits the zoning, it HAS to be approved. So where are you, Councilmembers, to start representing the interests of the citizens, who have to live with YOUR decisions. Why aren't these issues being discussed in detail by Council for improvement for future project considerations, rather than just accepting "old" out-of-date and non-relevant codes that negatively affect those of us who have to live with your judgments? If City codes and ordinances do not provide support to Council in voting in favor of the welfare of its citizens, then they need to be changed. You rebuked us for referring to the 1995 West Area Plan, saying things change; yet you were more than ready to accept the old code in favor of the developer by sticking with it for zoning purposes. Any, why is the burden placed on the citizens to start this process, while we are paying for "experts" in the Planning Dept., who should be evaluating more relevant criteria that encompasses all aspects of a developer's proposal? Shouldn't it be Planning staff's job, as well as yours, to look into details as to what projects really benefit the City or which may cause detriment instead? If the Planning Dept. staff reports are used as the final point during the process for Planning Commission to accept/reject a proposal, then it should be part of their job to check into more details of projects. We learned through these past 10+ months that Planning Dept. staff has not been the "be all" and "end all" in the evaluation process for developments. Very little time was used to actually study or evaluate criteria outside a very fine line of parameters which enabled the approval of this project.

Yes, we know, and I have personally been involved, in some of the citizens input meetings and others of this type recently, that are trying to start addressing these issues; but look what WE have to accept in our neighborhood, because these topics of major concern have not been given more scrutiny by staff, commissioners, and Council for this development.

We previously noticed the apparent bias of the City in favor of developers to the detriment of its residents. One small anecdote is illustrative: It was very disappointing to go to city hall and try to glean information from Planning Dept. staff, while the developers and/or their representatives came in and were given immediate attention by staff in a more cordial and responsive manner, while we were left standing to wait on them. This happened time and again. Some of your "expert" Planning Dept. staff only provided minimal information, and then, at a late point in time just prior to a Plan. Commission meeting or before the final meeting for a public hearing before Council.

The Mayor and most Councilmembers agreed that the 42North project was a BAD idea. They already know we have excess student housing developments throughout the city; new units on line are only partially leased due to the economy and pricing. Why AREN'T these matters relevant when determining what is built on the last remaining parcels of land? We are literally at the end of useful land space within the City. Therefore, we should be very concerned that those projects which are given final approval be appropriate for the entire City and fit the areas in which they are to be located.

There WILL be consequences to having empty projects sitting on destroyed land. In addition, putting students 3 miles from campus was known to be a poor idea, and of course, would create transportation problems, but we were told this could not be considered in deciding Councils' vote. It is ironic to say in the least, as we try to cut down on cars driving into the City, trying to get people to use alternate means of transportation into town, trying to save fuel by reducing idle time at intersections, and on and on, that even the issues raised by Councilmember Kunselman on the number of parking spaces doesn't hit the impact with Mayor and Council as to what will happen when given an excessive parking lot for this 42North project! Evidently your hands are always tied so that the developer does not have to go back and make changes that would be appropriate for our City goals. If Planning Dept. approves it, then so does Council.

If codes and ordinances prohibit thoughtful and reasonable people from reaching rational decisions, and thereby voting in a rational manner, then there is something VERY wrong with the codes and ordinances. To paraphrase Councilman Suarez, the gap between the leadership who makes the ordinances and the interests of the citizens need to be changed and improved.

Do we have leaders who are willing to take on this challenge?

Marian Williams
1836 Saxon
[REDACTED]

Psssst...Have you heard the news? There's a new fashion blog, plus the latest fall trends and hair styles at [StyleList.com](http://www.stylelist.com).
(<http://www.stylelist.com/trends?ncid=aolsty00050000000014>)

From: Sen. Chuck Schumer [info@dsc.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 12:10 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: NYT: A particularly cynical dirty trick



BREAKING NEWS

You helped the DSCC stay on the air for weeks in Oregon, and it worked. Friday's latest poll shows Democrat Jeff Merkley surging ahead for the first time.

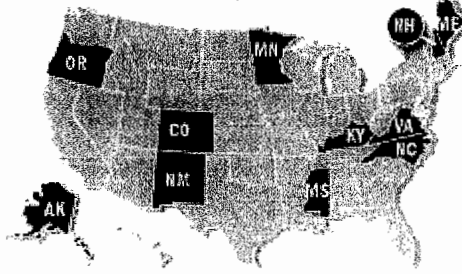
Dear Friend,

I'm so proud to have you standing with us now, as the stakes get higher and the knives come out. In just the last week, 15,000 of our grassroots supporters contributed, and with just 49 days to Election Day, it couldn't have come at a more crucial time.

Our Democratic candidates are under assault from all sides, and we'll need every last penny to fight back.

- **Last week, the DSCC's Republican counterpart added four states to their nationwide campaign of attack ads.** That means they're now on the air in six battleground states, and they have already reserved enough additional TV time to air \$20 million worth of the worst kind of smears and lies in key battleground states before Election Day.
- **Our opponents are once again blatantly disregarding election law to suppress the Democratic vote.** Last week in Mississippi, Republican Governor Haley Barbour challenged fundamental rules of fairness by trying to bury the hotly contested Senate race at the very bottom of the ballot.

2008 SENATE BATTLEGROUND



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Help keep the momentum going.**

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On Thursday, the *New York Times* called it "a particularly cynical dirty trick," but you and I know it's just par for the course.

- **Finally, the vast network of right-wing special interest groups has already spent \$17 million sliming our Democratic candidates.** One organization, the Orwellian-named Freedom's Watch, has pledged **TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS** to defeat Democrats.

This is what we're up against, and that's just what we learned about in the last week. But thanks to you, we're on the offense, countering every outrageous accusation and every distortion of the truth. In fact, the DSCC is already on the air disputing the NRSC's attack ads in all six states.

[Click here to see our latest TV ads. Thanks to you, we're fighting every Republican smear.](#)

You have my word that all of us at the DSCC are doing everything we can to monitor every single race and put your money where it will give us the best chance to win.

Thank you again for everything you do.

Sincerely,



Chuck Schumer

P.S. In just 49 days, we have a historic opportunity to elect a filibuster-proof majority that will help Barack Obama change this country. But our opponents seem willing to do almost anything, up to and including disregarding the law to win. We rely on your support to fight back.

[Click here to make an immediate contribution of \\$50, \\$75, or more.](#)

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Please support the DSCC today and bring us one step closer to a filibuster-proof Democratic majority.

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Elias, Abigail

From: Schopieray, Christine
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 12:11 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: update 9/15/08

Hi John-

Alison Busch from the State News in Lansing would like to speak to you. She's doing an article on the Lowertown Development. Her number is: 248-895-2210.

Steve Gulick called regarding a DDA appointment. His number is 734-355-7443.

Could you look at a calendar sometime this week and select which day you would like to have the City/U-M dinner on in January? They are eager to get this on their (U-M) calendars.

I have called Tony Ramirez and asked him to submit an application to the Cable Communications Board. Lisa Wondrash said that there are actually two openings on it. They would greatly appreciate having somebody with Cable experience appointed as most members are lacking in this area.

Guy @ Farmers Insulation returned your call. His estimate is \$3,400.00 for the walls that does not include the attic. This estimate was made after talking to Tim Goth @ Meyers regarding the siding and the window that they have. Guy's number is: 846-7707.

I spoke with Lyn Bowen in Parks. Tim Berla's appointment expired as of August 31st. It looks as though he has served for 6 continuous years so he is not eligible for re-appointment. I'm double checking with Anissa and her records.

Christine Schopieray
Assistant to the Mayor
City of Ann Arbor
734-994-2766

Elias, Abigail

Subject: Meet w/ Paul Diamond add UM to discussion
Location: your office
Start: Wed 9/17/2008 2:30 PM
End: Wed 9/17/2008 3:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: Hieftje, John

discuss some political things and some policy things Paul's number: 668-7632

Elias, Abigail

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 12:15 PM
To: David Reilly; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Higgins, Marcia
Cc: Fraser, Roger; McCormick, Sue; Hupy, Craig
Subject: RE: 1725 Franklin St. the Enclave on Maple Road

Importance: High

Roger, Sue and Craig,
Could you schedule someone to go out and see what is going on here and follow-up back up with Margie and I?
Thanks,
Marcia

From: David Reilly [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Sun 9/14/2008 8:38 PM
To: RoJHieftje@a2gov.org; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen; Greden, Leigh; Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Anglin, Mike; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Briere, Sabra; Suarez, Ron
Subject: 1725 Franklin St. the Enclave on Maple Road

I have been having drainage problems from the Enclave on Maple Road. Mr. Easthope has email me twice that the City Adminisator would contact me. He has not. My 40 foot Colorado Spruce is turning brown because of too much water. Mr. Neynaber has seen the water fun off and took pics last year. I am in a electric wheelchair. This started Dec, 2006.

On Sunday,9/14 I have the mighty Mississippi River coming out my backyard. I took pictures. I have 3 sections of cracked sidewalk caused by the water. It is really bad in the winter when the snow starts to melts. The tree was planted 20 years ago by the Dean Tree Fund. The crack is about 6 inches high. I emailed the mayor twice no reply from him or anyone. My cell number is 945-0023. The person that is building raised the land by 9 feet. There is no drainage on his asphalt road and no storm water retention area. Being that he is building one house at a time(2 homes in 2 years). Is that a loophole in zoning? In Dec.2006 the crack was 1 1/2 inches high.

Dave Reilly
1725 Franklin St.

Elias, Abigail

From: Chuck Kieffer [kiefperc@ewashtenaw.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 12:19 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Correction on Potential Meeting Time

My pleasure....
Will look forward to seeing you then.

Chuck Kieffer
Executive Director
Washtenaw Housing Alliance
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From: Briere, Sabra [mailto:SBriere@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:47 AM
To: Chuck Kieffer
Subject: RE: Correction on Potential Meeting Time

The Broken Egg on Friday is fine. I'll see you at 7:30.

Don't worry about trying to inform me about the concept, as I am aware of the Housing First concept and first steps. What I need are the criteria on which to evaluate these applications, and any subtleties you can offer to help me play catch-up.

Thank you! I'm looking forward to our meeting.

Sabra Briere
First Ward Councilmember
(734)995-3518
(734)484-3600 x 237 (work)

From: Chuck Kieffer [mailto:kiefperc@ewashtenaw.org]
Sent: Sat 9/13/2008 9:12 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Correction on Potential Meeting Time

7:30 would be great!
How about we meet at the Broken Egg, across from County Admin Building?

Chuck
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From: Briere, Sabra [mailto:SBriere@a2gov.org]
Sent: Sat 9/13/2008 9:00 PM
To: Chuck Kieffer
Subject: RE: Correction on Potential Meeting Time

Let's meet at 7:30. That should give us enough time.

Where should we meet? I'm open.

Sabra Briere
First Ward Councilmember
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From: Chuck Kieffer [mailto:kiefferc@ewashtenaw.org]
Sent: Sat 9/13/2008 8:35 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Correction on Potential Meeting Time

Sabra,

My apologies....wasn't remembering that constraint when I suggested a lunch get-together. Are you able to meet for coffee early on Friday morning. I'm good anytime from 7:00 AM on, and have a 9:00 AM date with Hugh Morgan (another member of the Funders Committee who couldn't make last week's meeting.) If this doesn't work, we may just need to punt until the following week.

Sorry for the difficulty, but trust we'll catch up soon.

Chuck
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From: Briere, Sabra [mailto:SBriere@a2gov.org]
Sent: Sat 9/13/2008 5:24 PM
To: Chuck Kieffer
Subject: RE: Correction on Potential Meeting Time

Dear Chuck,

I'm OK with lunch, but as you may realize, I work in Ypsilanti and get an entire 1/2 hour for lunch, so my ability to meet and discuss business then is really constrained.

Breakfast (coffee) is much easier for me. Can we consider that? I can start my day a little late, but it's really difficult to take a significant break in the middle of it.

Sabra

Sabra Briere
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From: Chuck Kieffer [<mailto:kiefferc@ewashtenaw.org>]
Sent: Sat 9/13/2008 11:21 AM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: Correction on Potential Meeting Time

Sabra,

Quick correction.... just following my earlier e-mail to you, I realized that I'd already had a prior commitment for the lunch hour on Friday, September 19. My apologies for my own confusion.

Perhaps Thursday lunch might still work for us both???

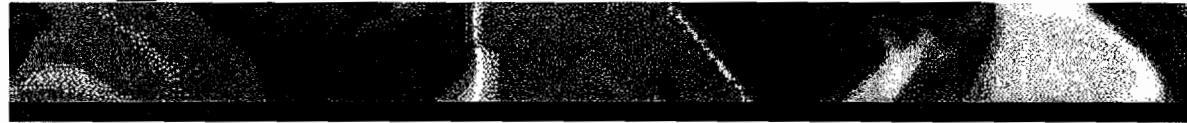
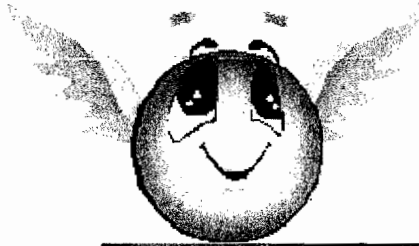
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Elias, Abigail

From: Bowden (King), Anissa
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 12:19 PM
To: Anglin, Mike; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Briere, Sabra; Dempkowski, Angela A; Easthope, Christopher; Fraser, Roger; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Kunselman, Stephen; Lowenstein, Joan; Postema, Stephen; Rapundalo, Stephen; Schopieray, Christine; Suarez, Ron; Teall, Margie
Subject: Communication Received from Community Records Foundation
Attachments: community records foundation.pdf; image001.gif

A communication was dropped off to the Clerk's Office today regarding an invite to the Community Records Foundation Friend Raiser scheduled for 9/20/08 at 4 p.m. at EMU's Student Center, Grand Ballroom on the 2nd floor. Communication is attached to this email if you need more details. Thanks.

*Anissa R. Bowden
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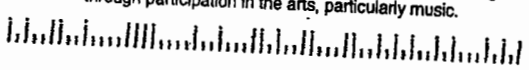


Community Records Foundation
714 East Forest Ave.
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198



Ann Arbor City Council
100 N. Fifth Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Mission Statement: Community Records Foundation builds community by bringing together diverse populations through participation in the arts, particularly music.



You and your family are invited to attend our family-friendly music event!

What: Community Records Foundation Friend Raiser
Where: EMU's Student Center, Grand Ballroom on the 2nd floor
When: Saturday, September 20th, noon - 4pm
Parking is FREE, located at 900 Oakwood in Ypsilanti

Eastern Michigan University Diversity and Community Involvement's VISION volunteer program will be hosting a Friend Raiser for Ypsilanti's Community Records Foundation, which builds community by bringing people together with music.

- Featured Musicians:**
- Hip-Hop
 - Ghanlan Drumming
 - Laith Al-Saadi a.k.a. King of the Blues
 - VOLUME spoken word
 - From the Motherland

- Activity Table Include:**
- Make your own drums out of recycled materials.
 - Eat popcorn
 - Write and record your own song or podcast
 - Have your face painted
 - Participate in the instrument petting zoo

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Elias, Abigail

From: Scott Brines [scott_swdev@flash.net]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 12:21 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: International Crossing

Dear, Mayor Hieftje

My name is Scott Brines with Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision and also with The Detroit River International Crossing Community Benefits Coalition. I spoke with you on Saturday morning at the Homegrown Festival briefly, and I must say that under the circumstances, the festival appeared to be a great success. I was impressed by the resilience of the community to brave the rain in support of local foods. It is a testament to the strength of Ann Arbor to have that kind of understanding for the importance of local economies. Your presence there verified the commitment and willingness of communities to come together with a common solution. I was glad to have participated.

Mayor Hieftje, the reason I am contacting you, is of similar goals for our Detroit community. There is a proposed new international crossing, to land in the community of Delray, a mostly impoverished, racially diverse, heavy industrial, heavily polluted shipping corridor that has had its share of challenges in its long history. This latest of challenges will bring more passenger and truck traffic, adding to air quality concerns. The community would prefer to see this large-scale project located elsewhere, but is in desperate need of redevelopment. The Community Benefits Coalition (CBC) has been working with Delray and MDOT to help revitalize and ensure a mutual co-existence with the new international crossing.

We have envisioned a modern structure that would essentially supply its own power using renewable energy sources such as wind and solar and also have been working with the community to plan new housing for the nearly 850 displaced local residents utilizing green building principles to create a sustainable model community and bridge. The integration of these technologies into the bridge, plaza or surrounding areas would not only benefit the community but the State of Michigan by promoting these designs in sustainability, creating local and regional economies and revitalizing a fractured community.

Ann Arbor has played a very important role in that strategy, being a model community in the development of renewable energies and leading the way for other communities to realize similar strategies. Your initiatives in green energy are benchmark. The community of Delray would be honored to have your support, advice or any contacts that could assist in our pursuits of a sustainable community.

Thank you,

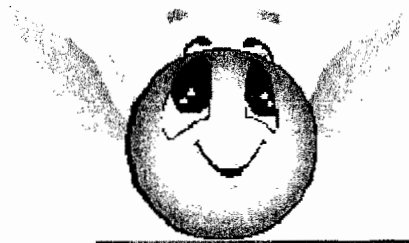
Scott Brines

Elias, Abigail

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Subject: 9/15/08 Agenda
Attachments: 09-15-08 Agenda.pdf; image001.gif

Attached is the agenda for the work session tonight.

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Meeting Agenda City Council

Monday, September 15, 2008

7:00 PM

G. C. Larcom, Jr. Municipal Bldg. 2nd Flr.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

WS WORK SESSION

WS-1 Adams Outdoor Signs

WS-2 Zoning Changes

ADJOURNMENT

COMMUNITY TELEVISION NETWORK (CTN) CABLE CHANNEL 16:

LIVE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008, 7:00 P.M.

REPLAYS: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008, 10:30 A.M.; AND SEPTEMBER 19, 2008 7:30 P.M.

REPLAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate. Accommodations, including sign language interpreters, may be arranged by contacting the City Clerk's Office by telephone at 994-2725 or by written request addressed to the City Clerk's Office, 100 N. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104, at least 24 hours in advance.

A hard copy of this Council packet can be viewed at the front counter of the City Clerk's office.

Elias, Abigail

From: Ann Arbor SPARK [information@annarborusa.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 12:52 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Weekly Event Calendar



September 15, 2008

Ann Arbor SPARK Events and Updates

The Business of Green/Annual Innovation Awards Featuring Thomas Friedman
Sponsored by Michigan Business Review and Washtenaw Economic Club

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2008
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Location: EMU's Convocation Center, 799 N. Hewitt Rd., Ypsilanti
Click [here](#) for more information.

GDI Infotech Advanced Development Training Program
Sponsored by GDI Infotech and Ann Arbor SPARK

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2008
Time: 4 - 7 p.m.
Location: SPARK Central, 330 E. Liberty, Lower Level, Ann Arbor
Cost: Free, click [here](#) to register.
Click [here](#) for more information.

Who Needs a @#! Venture Capitalist?
Sponsored by Ann Arbor SPARK and New Enterprise Forum

Moderator: Mahendra Ramsinghani, venture financing expert
Panelists:
· Cindy Douglas - Director, Program Administration, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
· Francis Glorie - Former CFO, Irwin Magnetics & Independent Finance/Marketing Consultant
· Tony Grover - Managing Director, RPM Ventures
· Peter Woodford - Alternative Investments Division Administrator, Investments Bureau, Department of Treasury, state of Michigan
Date: Thursday, September 18, 2008
Time: Registration & networking 5:00 p.m.
Program begins at 5:45 p.m.
Location: SPARK Central, 330 E. Liberty, Lower Level, Ann Arbor
Cost: \$20.00, Free for NEF members
Click [here](#) for more information.

Mingle & Match at Zell Lurie
Sponsored by Zell Lurie Institute and Ann Arbor SPARK

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Location: University of Michigan Ross School of Business, 701 Tappan, Room W0750, Ann Arbor

Cost: Free, click [here](#) to register. **Advance registration is REQUIRED.**

Click [here](#) for more information.

Funding Your Start-Up: Strategies for Bootstrapping

Sponsored by Ann Arbor SPARK

Moderator: Skip Simms, Executive Director, Pre-Seed Capital Fund, Ann Arbor SPARK

Panelists: Linda Jolicoeur President, Target Equipment Leasing

Lisa M. Kurek, Managing Partner, Biotechnology Business Consultants, LLC

Anik Ganguly, Tech Entrepreneur and Angel Investor

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Time: 5 - 5:30 p.m. - Registration and Networking

5:30 - 7 p.m. - Program

Location: SPARK Central, 330 E. Liberty, Lower Level, Ann Arbor

Cost: Free, click [here](#) to register.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Hot Shots: Career Connections at Melange

Sponsored by Ann Arbor SPARK, Chambers of Commerce of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, Eastern Michigan University, The University of Michigan, Washtenaw Community College and Washtenaw County's Department of Employment Training and Community Services

Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.

Location: Melange, 314 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor (**NOTE NEW LOCATION**)

Cost: Free, click [here](#) to register.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Financial Executives Breakfast

Sponsored by Ann Arbor SPARK

Speaker: Shannon Maloney, Vice President of Transamerica Retirement Services

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2008

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: SPARK Central, 330 E. Liberty, Lower Level, Ann Arbor

Cost: Free

Click [here](#) for more information.

Career Services

Spotlight On:

GDI Infotech - Financial Data Analyst

Description:

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with related internship.
E-mail resume to talent@annarborspark.org.

[Latest Talent Search update >>](#)

Area Events

IT/SOFTWARE

Rich Internet Applications Group: Flex Frameworks

Speaker: Raj Rajen
Date: Monday, September 15, 2008
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Location: SPARK Central, 330 E. Liberty, Lower Level, Ann Arbor
Click [here](#) for more information.

Agile Groupies

Date: Tuesday September 16, 2008
Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Soar Technology, 3600 Green Court, Suite 600, Ann Arbor
Cost: \$7, please bring cash.
Register at: <http://agilegroupies.ning.com/events/event/show?id=2059752%3AEvent%3A2142>
Map and Directions: <http://www.soartech.com/contactus.aadirections.php>

Introduction to Adobe AIR for Flex and Flash Developers

Sponsored by Refresh Detroit

Speaker: Joey Lott, Flash and Flex author
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2008
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton
For more information visit: <http://www.refresh-detroit.org>

Donuts and Search Marketing

Sponsored by Pure Visibility

Date: Friday, September 26, 2008
Time: 8:30 - 10 a.m.
Location: Pure Visibility Library, 201 S Main 5th Floor, Ann Arbor
Cost: Free
Click [here](#) for more information.

Lightning Talk Fridays

Sponsored by SRT Solutions

Date: Friday, September 26, 2008
Time: 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Location: SRT Solutions, 206 S. Fifth Ave, Suite 200, Ann Arbor
Cost: Free
For more information: <http://srtsolutions.com/content/LightningTalks.aspx>

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Leading Strategic Change

Sponsored by American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Maia Chapter

Speaker: Robert Winfield, MD
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2008
Time: 6 p.m. - Networking, 6:30 p.m. - Dinner
Location: Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor
Cost: \$18
Register at <http://abwa-maia.org/contactus.html>.

Mobile Marketing

Sponsored by Lunch Ann Arbor Marketing

Speaker: Shawn Smith, MLive
Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2008
Time: 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: Pizza Pino, 221 W Liberty St., Ann Arbor
Cost: Free
Click [here](#) for more information.

Build Your Skills: We Got Game. Thinking Inside the Box.

Sponsored by National Association of Career Women

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2008
Time: 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: Weber's, 3050 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor, MI
Cost: \$20.00
Event Phone: 734.439.2904

Naming

Sponsored by Lunch Ann Arbor Marketing

Speaker: Scott Hauman, Q LTD
Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2008
Time: 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: Pizza Pino, 221 W Liberty St., Ann Arbor
Cost: Free
Click [here](#) for more information.

Young Presidents Organization (YPO) Luncheon

Sponsored by YPO

Who should attend: Qualified, interested executives
Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2008
Time: Noon - 2 p.m.
Location: The Chop House, 322 S. Main, Ann Arbor
To learn more and/or request an invitation, please call Louis Meeks at 248-496-6215 or Jeff Styers at 248-920-2010.

Roads to Renewal: A Summit on the Midwest's Industrial Future

Sponsored by The Center for Automotive Research in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration and the University of Michigan's Institute for Research on Labor, Employment and the Economy

Speakers: Dave Cole, chairman and Sean McAlinden, Vice President of Research and Chief

Economist at CAR, Sandy Baruah, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce; Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor of Ohio; Ernie Fletcher, former Governor of Kentucky; Dennis Cuneo, Senior Advisor to Toyota and Toyota Boshoku and Pin Ni, President, Wanziang America Corporation

Dates: September 30 and October 1, 2008

Location: Renaissance Chicago Hotel

For more information and to register: <http://midwestsummit.cargroup.org>

Building Relationships With Bloggers

Sponsored by Lunch Ann Arbor Marketing

Speaker: Daniel DeMoss

Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2008

Time: 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Pizza Pino, 221 W Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Cost: Free

Click [here](#) for more information.

START-UPS

NIH SBIR/STTR Proposal Preparation Workshop (2-day)

Sponsored by BBC

Presented by: Biotechnology Business Consultants

Date: Thursday - Friday, September 18-19, 2008

Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: MITC Conference Center, Ann Arbor

(directions at <http://www.michitc.org/cc/08/index.html>)

Fee: \$125 Michigan Participants/ \$300 non-Michigan

Registration: http://www.bioconsultants.com/registration_form.html

or by calling (734) 930-9741

Entrepalooza 2008: From Theory to Practice

Sponsored by University of Michigan

Speakers: Roger Newton, Esperion Therapeutics and co-discoverer of Lipitor®; Sam Wyly, serial entrepreneur and investor

Date: Friday, September 19, 2008

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: U-M Michigan League, 2nd Floor, 911 North University, Ann Arbor

Cost: Free

Click [here](#) for more information.

Entrepreneurship Hour

Sponsored by Center for Entrepreneurship, University of Michigan College of Engineering

Speaker: Jan Garfinkle, Arboretum Ventures

Date: Friday, September 19, 2008

Time: 3 - 4 p.m.

Location: Stamps Auditorium in the Walgreen Drama Center

Cost: Free, click [here](#) for more information.

NETWORKING

YP Underground

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Time: 5:15 p.m. for fun, food and networking with fellow young professionals

Location: Bar Louie (401 E Liberty St. in downtown Ann Arbor)

For more information contact Angela (angelakujava@gmail.com) or Rebecca (lopezkriss@gmail.com).

2008 Celebrate Invention

Sponsored by U-M TechTransfer

Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2008

Time: 3 - 6 p.m.

Location: Michigan League Ballroom

Cost: Free

Advance registration is required.

Click [here](#) for more information.

World in a Basket Annual Benefit Auction

Sponsored by Washtenaw Literacy

Honorary Host: Lloyd Carr, Former UM Head Football Coach

Date: Friday, October 3, 2008

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor

Cost: VIP Ticket: \$75 Individual Ticket: \$50 by September 19, \$60 at the door

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For more information: <http://worldinabasket.blogspot.com/>

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Elias, Abigail

From: Snyder Bob [chazsnyd@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 1:01 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: Re: 601 Forest-Wind Studies & Development Agreement

Importance: High

Sabra--

Thanks for the email and welcome back from Calgary!
Thanks for honoring the "blind copy" vow of silence--you were among 4-5 others on Council on this email. My fellow NBPA and SUNA folk don't know that any of you are bcc: but they do know that I am doing this! I think soon it will be time to "unblind" everyone and talk about the elephant in the city neighborhoods! I trust I have your permission to share openly when that time comes, perhaps soon?

While I appreciate the fact that Calgary is a "tall city" in comparison to "short" Ann Arbor, it is also a much BIGGER city, as the following extract from one of their websites shows:

from the web:
Calgary's footprint has recently been compared to that of New York City's, yet there are eight times more people living in New York. This comparison is meant to illustrate that Calgary is growing uncontrollably; however, the simple equation of dividing population by land area is simply incorrect when you consider Calgary's varied land use. For instance:

* New York City: 8.2 million people / 830 sq. kms = 9,879 ppl per sq. km
* Calgary: 1 million people / 745 sq. kms = 1,342 ppl per sq. km

By this logic, New York City is 7.4 times denser than Calgary.

One must be careful making direct comparisons between Calgary, a city of some 1 million people, and Ann Arbor, a city of some 115,000 (according to the 2000 US Census--see below).

from the web:
Ann Arbor, MI

<u>Total population</u>	<u>114,024</u>
Square miles (land)	27.01
Population per square mile	4,221.08

One could come to the absurd conclusion that, given that A2's slightly more than 10% the size of Calgary, the buildings should be in roughly the same proportion, i.e. 3 stories in A2 compared to 23 stories in Calgary! Or even perhaps as many as 5-10 stories in TreeTown!

With all due respects to Calgary, it will be a long time before A2, if ever, reaches that population or those heights. It's the same reaction the community (NBPA and SUNA at least) had at an earlier Developer/Community meeting when the architects and Ronald Hughes extolled the virtues of Chicago as something for A2 to aspire to and emulate!

You note, after citing buildings as high as 30, 45, and 50 stories, and then say that "Context is everything." That's exactly what the neighborhoods are saying: "Context is indeed everything!" and 601 Forest is completely out of context with its surrounding environment!

I fully understand why 42 North was approved. Besides, if I recall, the issue was not one of height or mass, but one of too much parking lot, too much surface run-off, too many cars.

If 601 Forest was proposing one parking place for each resident (rather than the minimum they can get away with, by code--since "students won't need, hence won't have cars"), it might cause some heads to turn--a bit! It's still, taken "in context" too tall, too massive, and should be built in the "true downtown" with other buildings of its size,

esp. so since it has become increasingly obvious that in order to fill the 1800-2000 resident slots (more than the 1142 "students" the developer touts), at \$1000/head/bed, the residents will have to become increasingly non-students and have no real need to live "on campus."

I don't know who Roger Hewitt is, but I know Maggie Ladd, and only wish I could have been there with you all in Calgary to debate the issues! But I'm afraid that the travel budget for neighborhood associations is a bit lean in this economy!

I would like to tell Maggie that 601 Forest will not save those two or so blocks of businesses on South U. University Towers couldn't and didn't.

Having

- 1) a full spectrum of "decent" shops selling merchandise the customers want,
 - 2) someplace to park while shopping those shops (rather than taking away some curbside 12-15 or more parking places in order for the DDA to install large circular concrete planters, which haven't been planted, let alone cared for, in years
 - 3) either a street that is driveable and parkable (as the present one isn't), or probably best yet, a pedestrian mall the entire length of South U, from Washtenaw to East U—with Forest and Church open as cross-streets
- these are some of the innovations which the City, DDA, business owners, and residents should be discussing and acting upon!

Sorry for the harangue, but I'm afraid the comparisons height-wise to Calgary, or Chicago, or New York, rather than "mid-sized" college/research cities somehow doesn't ring true. At the risk of earning the wrath of Sarah Palin, "It's like putting lipstick on a pig!"

Yes, Sabra, I (and others) would like to meet, sit down, and discuss these matters with my/our elected officials! As I have written John Hieftje, Public Commentary which then cuts out the citizenry from subsequent debate and rebuttal, allowing that to occur only between Petitioners and City Council (or Planning Commission, etc.) is a process that stacks the cards against the residents at the most critical time, namely right before the Yeas/Nays!

I'd like your thoughts, and appreciate your openness and willingness to think and listen. I know Sandi and expect the same of her.

I'd like your honest opinion about lifting the veil of "blind copies" and opening this email and others for all to read and know who else is listening in!

Thanks!

Bob

On Sep 15, 2008, at 11:39 AM, Briere, Sabra wrote:

C. Robert Snyder, Ph.D.
President, South University Neighborhood Association

(734) 665-5524
chazsnyd@gmail.com

Dear Bob,

As I seem to be blind copied on this message, I'm not copying all on my reply. You may, of course, feel very comfortable sharing with others as you wish.

I've just returned from Calgary, Alberta. This is a very tall city, and growing taller. The hotel in which I stayed -- along with several other members of Council -- was 22 stories. Sandy Smith's hotel was 23 stories. Other buildings nearby dwarfed these hotels, as they were 30, 45, and 50 stories. Context is everything.

You and others need to understand why 42 North was approved, and what the issues may be that would cause approval of 601 Forest. I'd be happy to speak with any of you to give you what insight I have.

We have a working session tonight on area, height and placement -- the rezoning of the rest of the city. I was lobbied rather heavily by Roger Hewitt and Maggie Land (also in Calgary) about the rezoning of South U. with the A2D2 process. The potential for continued, rapid change is very high.

You can reach me best by email.

Sabra Briere
First Ward Councilmember
(734)995-3518
(734)484-3600 x 237 (work)

From: Snyder Bob [<mailto:chazsnyd@gmail.com>]

Sent: Mon 9/15/2008 11:14 AM

To: Postema, Stephen

Cc: Peter Nagourney; Ellen Ramsburgh; Betsy Price; Nystuen, Gwen (PAC); John Nystuen; Ann Larimore; Barb Copi; Rusty Restuccia; Andrea Van Houweling; Gary Supanich; Christopher TAYLORC

Subject: Fwd: 601 Forest-Wind Studies & Development Agreement

Dear Stephen,

It's been several days since we connected briefly on the phone and I sent you the memo and attachment below concerning the proposed language in the 601 Forest Development Agreement. At that time you said someone from your office would be calling me to set up a time to answer my questions, although you also said, I believe, that the Development Agreement is (for some reason I don't understand) is generally something solely between the City and the Petitioner and not for public viewing, discussion, and input. Am I phrasing that correctly? If so, I would like to know why.

That aside, I still am asking to be contacted and to have at the very least a phone conversation, but preferably a meeting at City Hall, sometime this week.

I look forward to hearing from you or a member of your staff.

Thanks!
Bob Snyder

C. Robert Snyder, Ph.D.
President, South University Neighborhood Association

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Snyder Bob <chazsnyd@gmail.com>

Date: September 11, 2008 12:31:15 PM GMT-04:00

To: Stephen Postema <SPostema@a2gov.org>

Cc: Mayor John Hieftje <jhieftje@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>, "Leigh R. Greden" <greden@MillerCanfield.com>, Ronald Suarez <RSuarez@a2gov.org>, Sabra Briere <SBriere@a2gov.org>, Stephen Rapundalo <SRapundalo@a2gov.org>, Christopher Easthope <CEasthope@a2gov.org>, Marcia Higgins

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Subject: 601 Forest-Wind Studies & Development Agreement

Dear Stephen,

Following up on my brief phone conversation with you yesterday, I am attaching a 3-page Word document which summarizes key points in the chronology of 601 Forest, Wind Studies, and the draft Development Agreement between the City of Ann Arbor and the developers.

As you are aware, there has been concern expressed by neighborhood residents, both members of North Burns Park Association (NBPA) and South University Neighborhood Association (SUNA) and other citizens, about the potential, some would say inevitability, that the proposed structure will add significantly to the wind turbulence already swirling around University Towers, just across the street. NBPA and SUNA members view this as a real and present danger to the health, safety, and general welfare of people, particularly pedestrians, who will be using both South University and South Forest. The developer has submitted their own study, a summary copy of which we have reviewed and whose assumptions and reported findings we dispute. At the August 18, 2008 City Council meeting, we again raised our concerns and I believe I am correct in understanding that, at the behest of City Council, both the Wind Study and the Traffic Impact Study were to be "re-visited" ("re-done" by outside independent consultants) and results available sufficiently in advance (e.g. no later than 9/29/08) of the October 6 Council meeting to be scrutinized by all concerned and discussed at the October 6 meeting. We trust that both of these studies are now in the process of review and being re-done.

In the meantime, we have concern regarding the nature of some of the provisions contained within the draft Development Agreement, copies of which were obtained several weeks ago. The major concern is regarding the "language compromise" worked out between the developer and the City, as contained in item P-17. The 3-page attachment documents the inconsistencies between what the developer said at the June 3, 2008 City Planning Commission meeting and the language modification, referred to as "a slight departure from the standard language", in P-17 in regard to building elevation provisions.

I request a meeting with you and/or a member of the City Attorney Office staff to discuss this "inconsistency" and the compromise language agreed upon, and how this explicit release from any obligation to build the exterior facade as previously presented may, or may not, affect Wind Currents.

I am available to meet most anytime during the week, and may be reached via email and/or the phone number below.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to discussing this matter in the very near future.

Regards,
Bob Snyder

C. Robert Snyder, Ph.D.
President, South University Neighborhood Association

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chazsnyd@gmail.com

Elias, Abigail

From: Snyder Bob [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 1:14 PM
To: Ann Larimore
Cc: Peter Nagourney; Ellen Ramsburgh; Betsy Price; Nystuen, Gwen (PAC); John Nystuen; Rusty Restuccia; Andrea Van Houweling; Gary Supanich; Christopher TAYLORC; Kowalski, Matthew
Subject: Your last Public Hearing "script"

Dear Ann,

I am "in pursuit" of information to challenge statements made by the attorney for 601 Forest in his 5-page letter of demands to City Council. Do you happen to have saved your notes or "script" concerning Wind Studies which you presented during the Public Commentary period of the August 18th meeting of City Council? If so, would you please be able to send me a copy?

I have just re-read Dr. Dahm's 2-page "Initial Analysis of IES Wind Study for 601 Forest", as well as his earlier 5-page "Comments Regarding Wind Studies". I am concerned that both of these submittals, which point out inadequacies of the IES study, have been ignored or brushed aside as "irrelevant" by the Developer and, perhaps, even by the some parties in the City. In light of Dr. Dahm's recent appointment as Chief Scientist to the US Air Force at the Pentagon (not exactly a "schlock" position!), I feel his comments and analysis should be taken more seriously! It appears to me that it hasn't been, and that the issue of Wind Studies, their findings, and the impact of wind turbulence on the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens is being side-stepped.

I am challenging that, and would appreciate anything you might be able to provide concerning your Public Commentary on 8/18. I especially wish to rebut specific derogatory footnote statements made by Mr. Robert Carson, the developer's attorney, in his August 29th letter to the City Attorney.

I also am asking Matt Kowalski of the Planning Department: what is the status of a "re-visit" to the earlier IES Wind Study submitted by the developer?

Thanks!

Bob Snyder

C. Robert Snyder, Ph.D.
President, South University Neighborhood Association

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Elias, Abigail

Subject:

Start: Mon 9/15/2008 3:00 PM
End: Mon 9/15/2008 4:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Hieftje, John

Elias, Abigail

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 1:40 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Dempkowski, Angela A; Miller, Jayne
Subject: FW: Adams Outdoor Presentation - Sept 15
Attachments: AnnArbor-Presentation.pdf

Council, attached is a PDF file containing the presentation you will see this evening.

Roger

From: Shannon Bellers [mailto:sbellers@adamsoutdoor.com]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 5:06 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; beaudryj@a2gov.org
Subject: Adams Outdoor Presentation - Sept 15

Happy Friday Roger,

I apologize for getting this to you so late in the day but wanted to forward the presentation I will make to City Council on Monday. I have this in a PowerPoint file for Monday but the attached is in pdf. Please feel free to share this information with City Council.

Thank you and I will see you Monday. Enjoy the weekend!

Respectfully,
Shannon Bellers
Real Estate Manager

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Digital and the Community

Presented By: Shannon Bellers



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What Do We Want to Do?

- Relocate Existing Displays (from Residential to Commercial areas)
- Create a Network for Communicating to the Public
 - Utilize LED Digital Technology
 - Partner with the City



What is LED Digital Technology?

- Electronic Changeable Message Panels
- Remotely Controlled & Monitored 24/7
 - Static Display
 - Streamlined and Attractive

How does Adams Outdoor Propose to use it?

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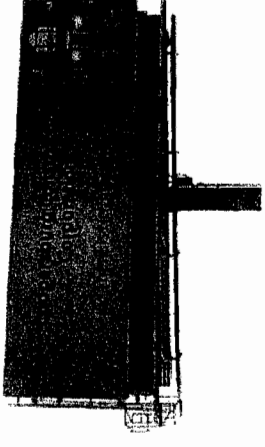
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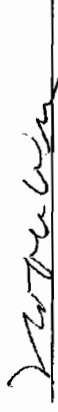
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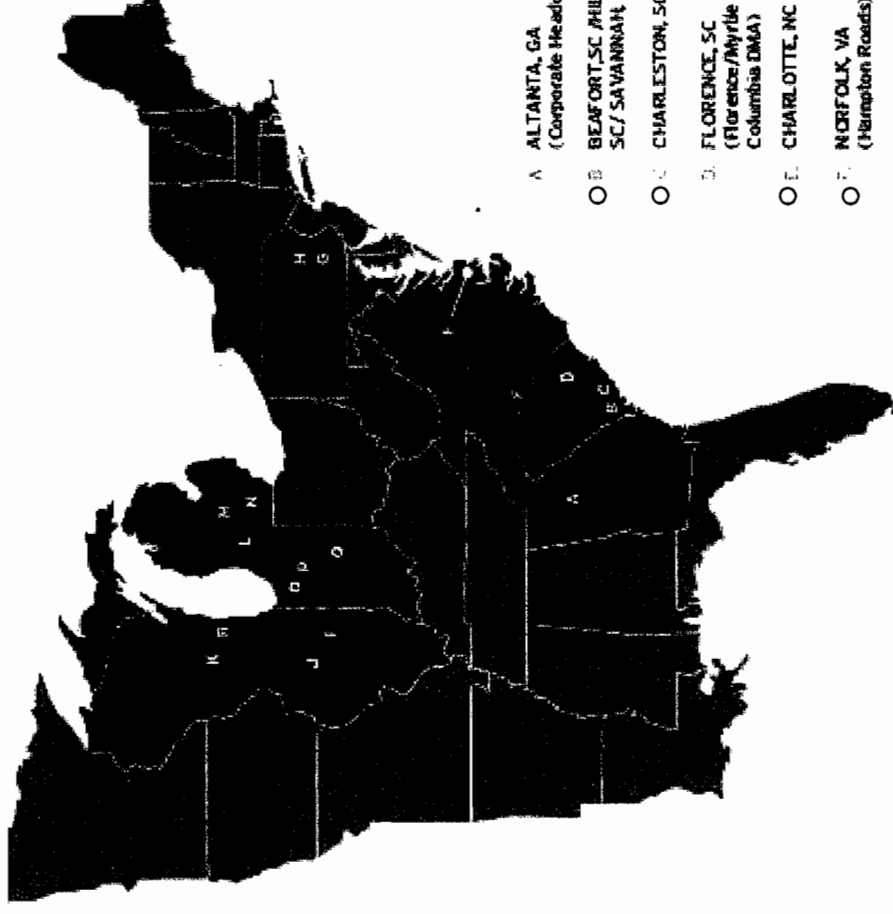
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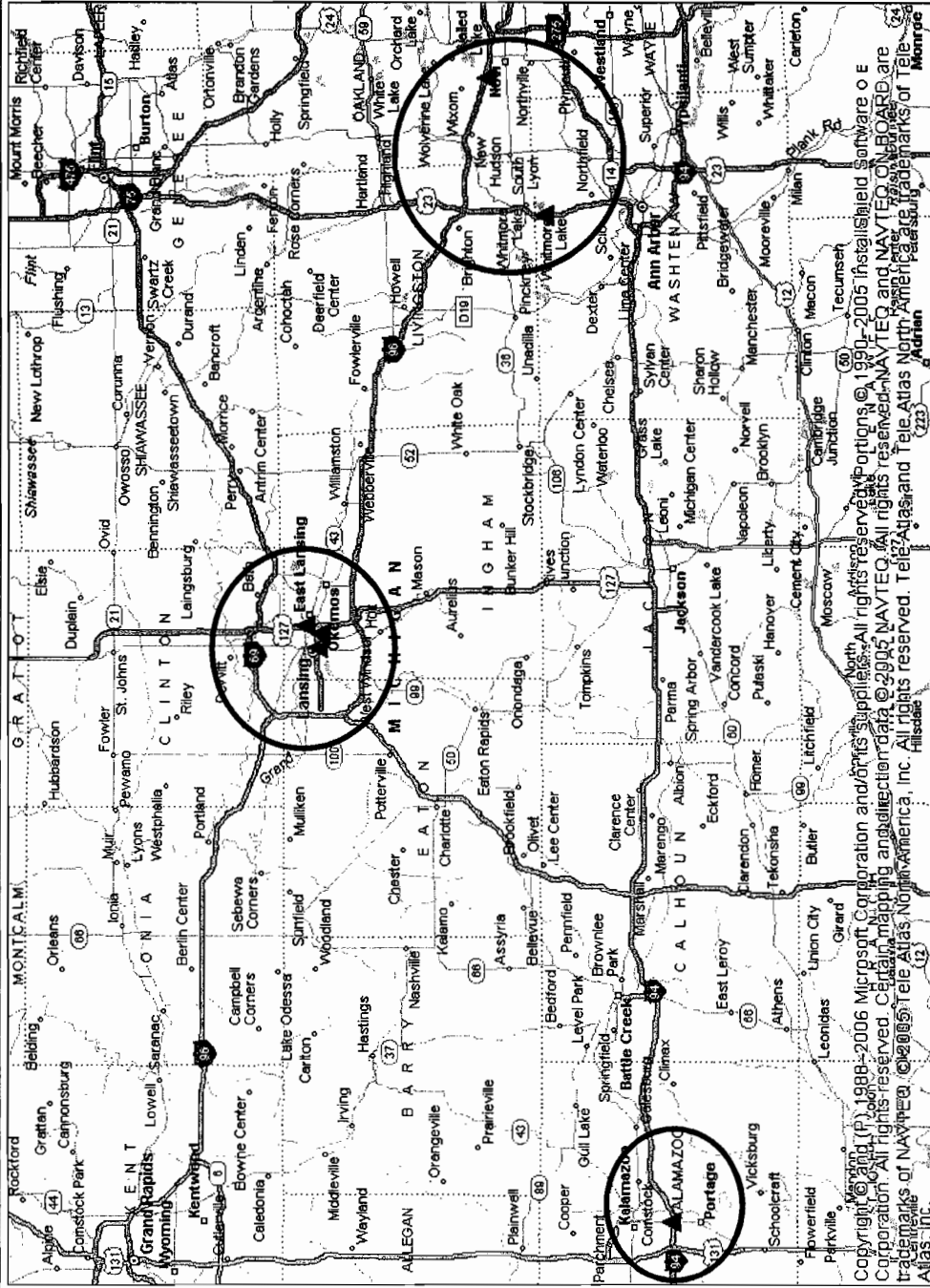


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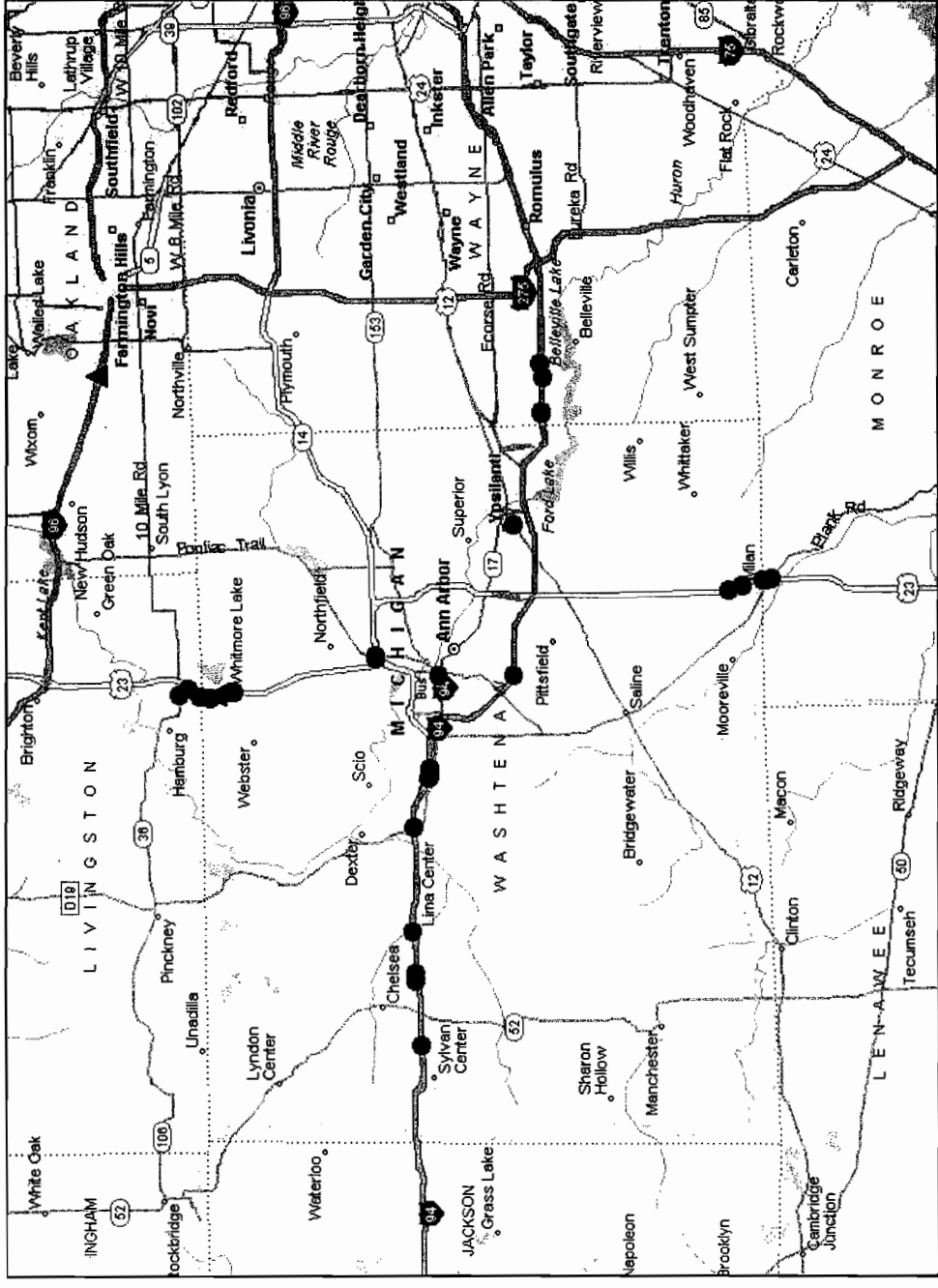
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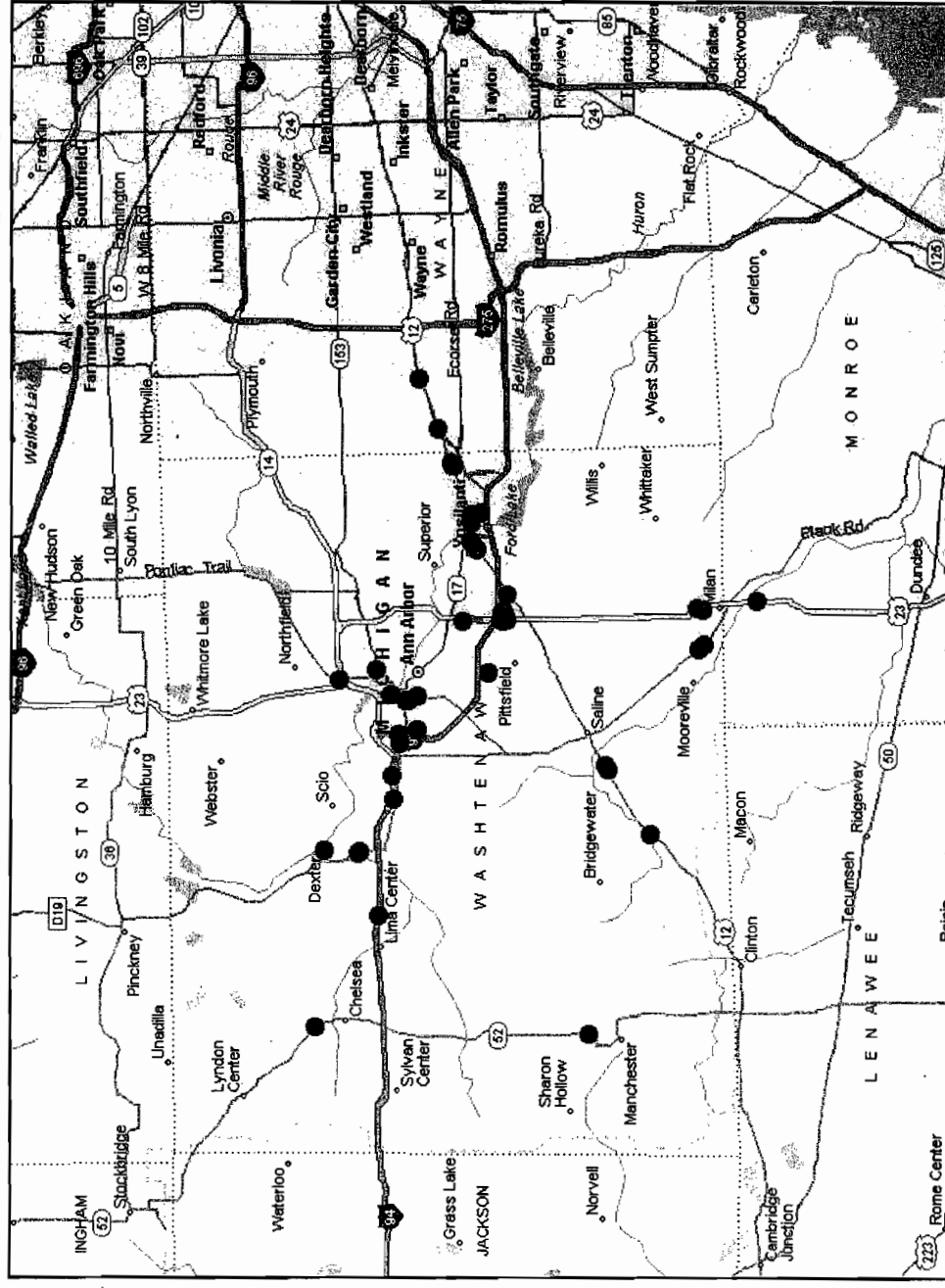


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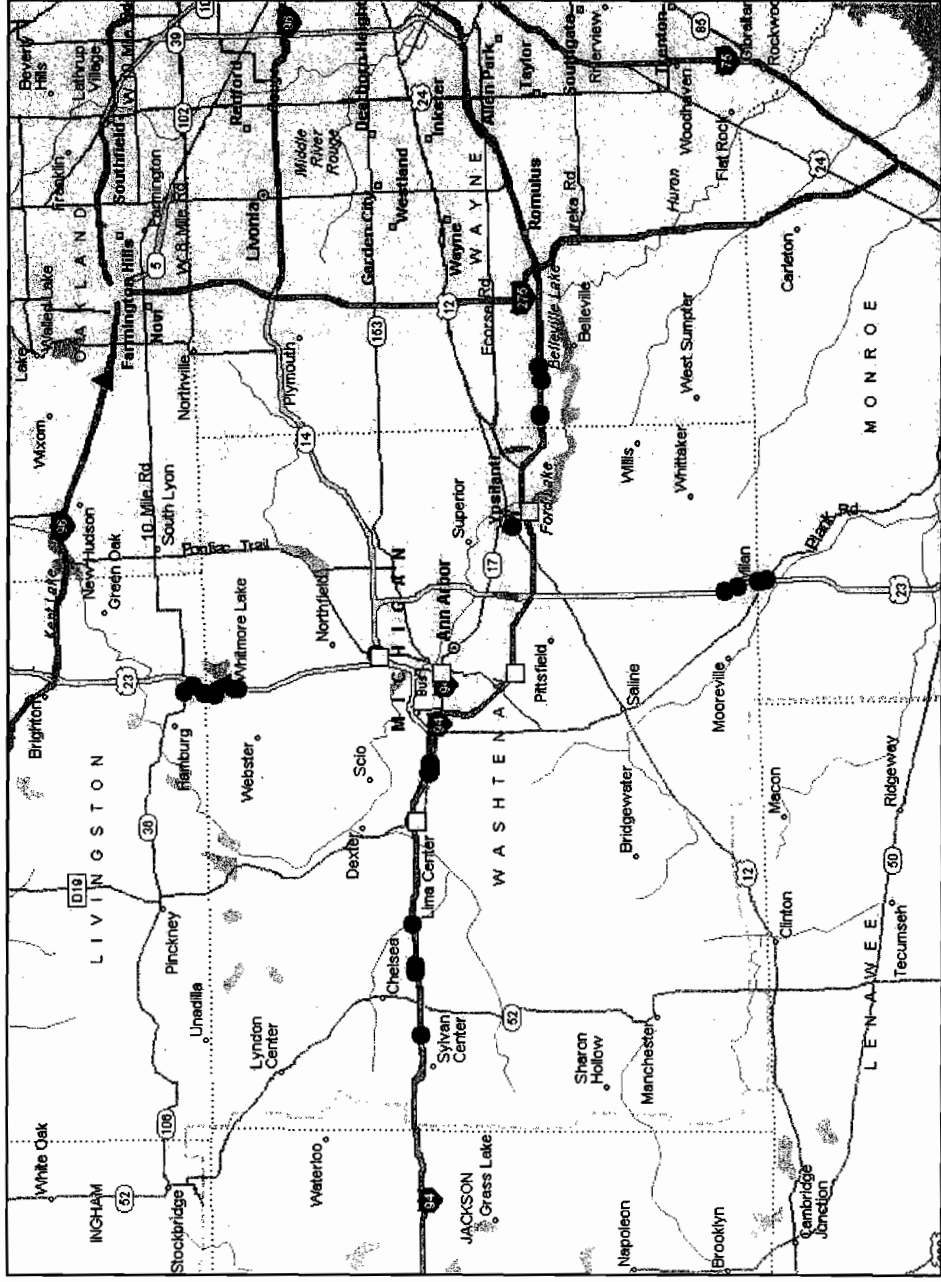
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What can you do to help locally?

- Engage in discussion with City Administrator / Planning Staff
 - a) No Net Increase In Display Faces
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- Request ordinance amendment(s) to implement program



Elias, Abigail

From: Hupy, Craig
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 1:41 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher
Cc: Fraser, Roger; McCormick, Sue
Subject: RE: 1725 Franklin St. the Enclave on Maple Road

This issue has been handled by the Community Services Area as a land development issue. The history and memos will be shared By CS with you.

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 12:15 PM
To: David Reilly; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Higgins, Marcia
Cc: Fraser, Roger; McCormick, Sue; Hupy, Craig
Subject: RE: 1725 Franklin St. the Enclave on Maple Road
Importance: High

Roger, Sue and Craig,
Could you schedule someone to go out and see what is going on here and follow-up back up with Margie and I?
Thanks,
Marcia

From: David Reilly [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Sun 9/14/2008 8:38 PM
To: RolJHieftje@a2gov.org; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen; Greden, Leigh; Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Anglin, Mike; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Briere, Sabra; Suarez, Ron
Subject: 1725 Franklin St. the Enclave on Maple Road

I have been having drainage problems from the Enclave on Maple Road. Mr. Easthope has email me twice that the City Adminisator would contact me. He has not. My 40 foot Colorado Spruce is turning brown because of too much water. Mr. Neynaber has seen the water fun off and took pics last year. I am in a electric wheelchair. This started Dec, 2006.

On Sunday,9/14 I have the mighty Mississippi River coming out my backyard. I took pictures. I have 3 sections of cracked sidewalk caused by the water. It is really bad in the winter when the snow starts to melts. The tree was planted 20 years ago by the Dean Tree Fund. The crack is about 6 inches high. I emailed the mayor twice no reply from him or anyone. My cell number is 945-0023. The person that is building raised the land by 9 feet. There is no drainage on his asphalt road and no storm water retention area. Being that he is building one house at a time(2 homes in 2 years). Is that a loophole in zoning? In Dec.2006 the crack was 1 1/2 inches high.

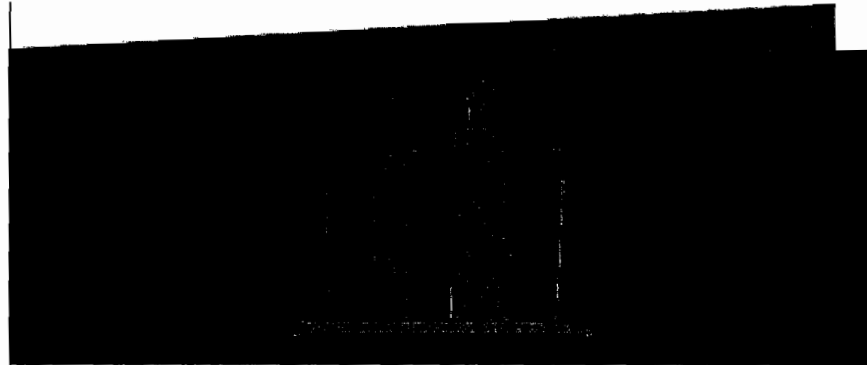
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Elias, Abigail

From: Main Street Area Association [info@mail.evite.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 2:07 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Main Street Area Association has sent you an Evite Invitation



You are invited to **ELLIE SERRAS IS STEPPIN' OUT!!!** by Main Street Area Association.



ELLIE SERRAS IS STEPPIN' OUT!!!

Please view this invitation to Ellie's celebration. I hope you can make it.

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Elias, Abigail

From: Jordan Komoto [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 2:16 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: New Resident to Ann Arbor

Hello Mayor Hieftje,

My name is Jordan Komoto and I just moved to Ann Arbor about a month ago. My wife started a Ph.D. program in History at University of Michigan. For the past three years, we lived in Las Vegas, Nevada, but are both originally from small towns in Oregon and Idaho. I have a degree in business administration and a master's in higher education administration, and am in the process of interviewing for a position in the fundraising office at University of Michigan.

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Jordan Komoto

Jordan Komoto
830 S. 1st St. #6
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
[REDACTED]

Elias, Abigail

From: Foondle, Laurie
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To: Fraser, Roger; Anglin, Mike; Briere, Sabra; Easthope, Christopher; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Kunselman, Stephen; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen; Suarez, Ron; Teall, Margie
Cc: Miller, Jayne; Lloyd, Mark; Pulcipher, Connie; Kahan, Jeffrey; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Bowden (King), Anissa; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: Letters Supporting AHP Amendments
Attachments: Ltr of Support from HRWC re AHP Standards.pdf; Ltr of Support from WC re AHP Standards.pdf

Attached are two letters received supporting the proposed ordinance amendments regarding area, height and placement standards, a topic of discussion at this evening's working session.

Laurie Foondle
Management Assistant
City FOIA Coordinator
Community Services Area
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734-994-8312 -- fax
lfoondle@a2gov.org



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Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Dear Jeff:

I am writing to express the Huron River Watershed Council's support for the City of Ann Arbor's Proposed Revisions to Chapters 55 and 59 (Area Height and Placement). These changes are good because they will encourage density in a well planned way that is also protective of the important natural features in the City. By encouraging pedestrian-friendly, attractive, safe mixed use neighborhoods in areas already served by sewers, schools, and roads, the City is providing an alternative to the conventional sprawling development pattern that is eating away at our natural areas and polluting our rivers, lakes and streams. The changes, which boost walkable urban centers with density options and create mixed use opportunities, complement the City's Greenbelt program that protects important natural areas and farmland in surrounding rural areas.

The Huron River is the major source of drinking water in the area. The City of Ann Arbor gets 80% of its drinking water from the Huron, and the river offers beautiful scenery, unique wildlife, and great fishing, all of which draw visitors from near and far. The Huron is vital to our health and economy. The biggest threat it faces is sprawl.

Studies—nationwide and on the Huron—consistently show an alarming fact. Sprawl directly harms water quality. Volunteers with the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) have studied, for many years, 73 sites on the river and its streams. The worst conditions are invariably found in the locations with the greatest development.

What's the connection? Development creates impervious surfaces, such as roads, rooftops, and parking lots. When rain falls on these surfaces, it has no chance to seep into the soil or be absorbed into plants. Instead, it rushes quickly and directly into the nearest waterway, washing pollution and sediment in with it, and flowing so fast that it tears away the riverbanks and causes flooding.

Dozens of studies, including those done on the Huron, show with remarkable consistency when imperviousness in a watershed exceeds about 8-10% of the total area, water quality begins to suffer. A traditional residential development with one house per 2.5 acres already exceeds 10% imperviousness.

Building traditional cookie-cutter developments—where single homes sit on big lots along long streets—is one of the worst things you can do for water quality. In these low-density, auto-dependent subdivisions, imperviousness runs amok. It landscapes rural areas with tons of pavement: longer and wider roads, driveways, parking lots, plus new commercial and big-box retail centers with their own new roads and lots.

The best way to keep impervious surfaces below the crucial 10% threshold is to group development into higher densities on smaller areas—preferably areas that already have infrastructure in place and don't require, for instance, fresh roads.

Denser developments proposed in already urbanized areas (also known as “infill”) can help reduce imperviousness watershed-wide. These developments provide housing, employment, recreation, and/or shopping for larger numbers of people on much smaller amounts of land than almost any automobile dependent suburban development could in the countryside. In addition, people traveling to and from these developments will either be able to walk, use public transportation, or will not have to drive as far, thus reducing the need for much new pavement to provide transportation or parking. Infill development often occurs on land that is already impervious, so the development will not add imperviousness to the watershed; it will instead reuse existing imperviousness.

Denser developments have typically raised eyebrows (and hackles) among neighborhoods and environmentalists. However, as illustrated above, the only way to preserve open space and water quality watershed-wide will be to plan carefully to locate the majority of development in compact areas where infrastructure exists (or is planned for) to provide water, sewer, public transportation, and other services. Building up also helps reduce imperviousness. A four story residence or parking structure takes up only a quarter the impervious surface as a one-floor residence or surface parking lot built to accommodate the same number of people or cars.

Encouraging compact development particularly reduces area dedicated to transportation, which comprises about 75% of imperviousness associated with new development. Research shows that each doubling of average neighborhood density is associated with a decrease in per-household vehicle use of 20-40 percent, with a corresponding decline in emissions. This is one of the reasons that European cities, where development is much denser than in most American cities, typically exhibit only one-fourth the per-person emissions of carbon dioxide and other pollutants from transportation than are typical of American cities. (Also, residents in the U.S. spend about 20% of their annual income on transportation (and going up), whereas Europeans only spend 7%.)

Providing a mix of attractive housing, shopping, workplace, and transportation options, as the proposed amendments to Chapter 55 and 59 aim to do, is a necessary step in curbing the continued spread of low density suburban development that is consuming our remaining natural areas and beginning to poison our streams and lakes.

If we deal intelligently with the current onslaught of development, we have an opportunity to save vast amounts of money, beautiful riverscapes, a wonderful way of life—and our own drinking water.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Rubin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura Rubin
Executive Director



Washtenaw County
Department of Planning & Environment

May 30, 2008

Ann Arbor City Council
100 N 5th Ave
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 994-3313

RE: Proposed Amendments to Area, Height and Placement Standards

Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment finds the proposed changes to the City of Ann Arbor's Area, Height & Placement standards as well as corresponding text amendments to Chapter 55 (Zoning) and Chapter 59 (Off-Street Parking) to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan for Washtenaw County Landscapes Goal to "Promote an efficient pattern of development that maintains our sense of place, preserves our natural resources and reduces the effects of sprawl."

Ann Arbor is unique in its access to world-class university and cultural resources, health care and recreational opportunities. However current zoning standards requiring large setbacks, strict height regulations and small floor area ratios encourage segregation of land uses and continued auto-dependency for movement throughout the area. These factors discourage sustainable and vibrant land use patterns in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County's largest city. Suburban development patterns consume a significant amount of land while doing little to reduce congestion, create a sense of place, connect to surrounding communities or improve tax base.

By encouraging mixed use development with sustainable densities in urban areas while setting parameters for ensuring new developments are sensitive to surrounding land uses, the City of Ann Arbor can use existing infrastructure more efficiently, provide greater choice of transportation modes, attract high quality urban redevelopment, and better protect regional open spaces. Adopting such standards would also encourage the redevelopment of auto-dependent uses into mixed-use, pedestrian friendly projects at densities that support transit, and contribute to a more vibrant community.

Sincerely,

Patricia Denig, Director of Planning Services
Washtenaw County

Cc: Jeff Kahan, AICP, City Planner

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Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 2:37 PM
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Cc: McCormick, Sue; Greden, Leigh; Kunselman, Stephen; Miller, Jayne
Subject: RE: Storm Water Issue on Packard

Staff is looking into the issues involved on Rosedale which appear to be related to current development construction. Community Services will be reporting back what was determined.

The area around 2111 Packard will be inspected. Up to now nothing out of the ordinary has been reported. It is likely a situation of more rain than the down stream storm system was designed to pass. The work that was done added pipe capacity which in this case means storage, the outlet capacity for the area remained the same. To move the water faster away from the place at which it falls is counter to the concept of cleaning up storm water. In a heavier event like last Friday night and Saturday, the storm water system should be holding water in the street. This slows runoff down and protects the downstream properties from flash flooding.

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2008 7:37 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Cc: McCormick, Sue; Hupy, Craig; Greden, Leigh
Subject: Storm Water Issue on Packard

Roger,
This morning at 10:30 am water was rising up the driveway of the center (Hollywood Video, Marco's Pizza) and backing up west on Packard. I was very surprised to see this because of all the stormwater work we did in on the stretch of Packard this past year. The stormwater drain is just east of the driveway and it was clear. Could we have this checked out?
Thanks,
Marcia

From: Kunselman, Stephen
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2008 4:14 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Cc: *City Council Members (All); Hupy, Craig; Lloyd, Mark; Postema, Stephen; Miller, Jayne; McCormick, Sue
Subject: Failed storm water management at Rosedale development

Mr. Fraser,
Attached are some photos of Rosedale Rd flooded from today's rain (disregard the photo date stamp). Even though the adjacent development (next to Rite Aid on Platt) is still under construction, it is fairly obvious the storm water management system approved by the city is going to have difficulties correcting the flooding that is now occurring in the city street where it did not occur before.

One way to ensure that the storm water doesn't dump into the city street is to require the removal of the Rosedale Rd drive access and install a curb in the parking lot to direct the storm water to the storm water curb cut that drains to the storm pond. Otherwise, I would like to see how they will mound the driveway with asphalt between the public sidewalk now under construction and the storm water curb cut on the south side of the drive as it is fairly narrow and will undoubtedly make for a very "tall" speed bump.

Also, will this contractor be issued a citation for failing to properly manage the storm water per city ordinance and state law? I hardly think that today's rain was anything extraordinary and as such this contractor should be held accountable. I was unable to find the building permit posted so I can't identify the contractor.

Thanks,

Steve Kunselman

P.S. The storm water discharge outlet in the Rite Aid storm water pond next door is also washed out already. Is the city's storm water and sedimentation control program able to inspect and respond to these failures?

Elias, Abigail

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Cc: Schopieray, Christine
Subject: RE: New Resident to Ann Arbor

Dear Mr. Komoto:

Thank you very much for your interest in volunteering with the city.

My assistant, cc'd above, will be happy to find a time for us to talk at one of my "open office hours" sessions.

John Hieftje

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From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:12 PM
To: Kahan, Jeffrey
Cc: Lloyd, Mark; Fraser, Roger
Subject: Information

Jeff:

As I recall the city cannot as a matter of course change the zoning on a particular parcel except as part of the revision of a larger plan unless the land owner of the parcel in question requests a change.

Is this correct?

Thanks,

John

Elias, Abigail

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:20 PM
To: Jones, Barnett
Cc: Fraser, Roger
Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Meeting

Chief:

Last week I had a discussion with leaders of the Michigan Student Assembly. Would it be possible to have someone from the AAPD (a female officer might be best) go to an MSA meeting (there is one tomorrow evening) and talk about the relationship between alcohol and CSC?

Let me know,

John

Elias, Abigail

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:42 PM
To: 'jmcgovern@annarbornews.com'
Subject: Recent article on campaign finance

Hi Judy:

Hope you are well. I read a recent post and had to respond. I am unwilling to give up the "Progressive" label to anyone on council or running for council. In fact I would challenge them to show why they are "progressive" and the majority of council is not.

I know it is hard to define the differences between council factions but being more or less progressive is not one of them unless you want to say it cuts the other way. For example, Vivienne Armentrout's platform sounded just like John Floyd's. It was Steve Kunselman who drove the crack down on street vendors while I drove the budget change to fund supportive services and the ballot initiative to protect parks. The council majority is for affordable housing, green energy, public input, open government, civil rights, public transit, etc. and everything other progressive democrats are for.

Thanks,

John Hieftje

Elias, Abigail

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From: Lise Anderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:47 PM
To: Miles Peterle; Tory McCagg; Anne Robinson; Teall, Margie; Elisa Whitman; Liz Robinson
Cc: Amy Harms; teacuplist@umich.edu
Subject: Fwd: please share

Thanks for the help with this up and coming local Michigan movie producer... and friend. She is going for an award for a 1 minute spot on global warming. You just go to the link and click on the movie. You don't vote or have to log on.

Lise

>>> "Barbara B. Lucas" <lucasb@ewashtenaw.org> 9/13/2008 8:23 PM >>>

Hi Lise,

I need your help. To be considered for the Climate Matters video contest my submission has to be one of the top 10 in terms of number of views. If it makes it to that level, then it gets judged. Can you please forward the link below to your friends, coworkers, and relatives, and ask them to share it as well? That way I might have a chance.

Here is the URL:

<http://www.vimeo.com/1726422>

THANKS!!!!
Barbara

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Elias, Abigail

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:50 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: FW: update 9/15/08

From: Schopieray, Christine
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 12:11 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: update 9/15/08

Hi John-

Alison Busch from the State News in Lansing would like to speak to you. She's doing an article on the Lowertown Development. Her number is: 248-895-2210.

Steve Gulick called regarding a DDA appointment. His number is 734-355-7443.

Could you look at a calendar sometime this week and select which day you would like to have the City/U-M dinner on in January? They are eager to get this on their (U-M) calendars.

I have called Tony Ramirez and asked him to submit an application to the Cable Communications Board. Lisa Wondrash said that there are actually two openings on it. They would greatly appreciate having somebody with Cable experience appointed as most members are lacking in this area.

Guy @ Farmers Insulation returned your call. His estimate is \$3,400.00 for the walls that does not include the attic. This estimate was made after talking to Tim Goth @ Meyers regarding the siding and the window that they have. Guy's number is: 846-7707.

I spoke with Lyn Bowen in Parks. Tim Berla's appointment expired as of August 31st. It looks as though he has served for 6 continuous years so he is not eligible for re-appointment. I'm double checking with Anissa and her records.

Christine Schopieray
Assistant to the Mayor
City of Ann Arbor
734-994-2766

Elias, Abigail

Subject: Present to Liz Gerber and Bob Guenzel's class
Start: Mon 10/6/2008 8:30 AM
End: Mon 10/6/2008 10:00 AM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: Hieftje, John

Hi John: thanks very much for agreeing to talk with our class. The students and I are very much looking forward to your visit. The class meets from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in room 1210 Weill Hall. There are about 30 students in the class – I think you will find them to be an energetic and engaged group (even at 8:30 in the morning!) In the prior class session, the topic will be "What makes cities unique?" Then, the topic for your session is "What do cities do and why?" The syllabus is attached. We are hoping you can talk for 20-30 minutes about some of the city's current policy priorities and challenges, give some examples of interesting issues you are now dealing with, and then open it up for discussion/ Q&A. If you want to bring any presentation materials, that would be just fine but certainly not necessary.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Otherwise, we'll see you on October 6. –Liz Gerber.

From: Bob Guenzel [<mailto:guenzelb@ewashtenaw.org>]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 5:24 PM
To: John Hieftje Forward
Cc: Elisabeth Gerber
Subject: RE: State and Local Policy Course

Great. Liz will send you the details. Thanks, Bob

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Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 4:06 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: 601 Forest-Wind Studies & Development Agreement

Dear Sabra,

Calgary may be impressively full of tall buildings. It has a population of around 900,000, probably over 1 million with suburbs. Ann Arbor has a non-student population of about 80,000, less than 10% of Calgary proper's population. Where is the Ann Arbor population base to sustain the current proposed developments?

Is speculative building of commercial/residential high-rise buildings any financially healthier than speculative building of single-home developments? Where did that bubble get us?

What was Robert Hewitt and Maggie Land's reasoned argument for unrestrained high-rise building as allowed by D1 on South U.?

Thank you, Ann

Quoting "Briere, Sabra" <SBriere@a2gov.org>:

> Dear Bob,
>
> As I seem to be blind copied on this message, I'm not copying all on
> my reply. You may, of course, feel very comfortable sharing with
> others as you wish.
>
> I've just returned from Calgary, Alberta. This is a very tall city,
> and growing taller. The hotel in which I stayed -- along with several
> other members of Council -- was 22 stories. Sandy Smith's hotel was
> 23 stories. Other buildings nearby dwarfed these hotels, as they were
> 30, 45, and 50 stories. Context is everything.
>
> You and others need to understand why 42 North was approved, and what
> the issues may be that would cause approval of 601 Forest. I'd be
> happy to speak with any of you to give you what insight I have.
>
> We have a working session tonight on area, height and placement -- the
> rezoning of the rest of the city. I was lobbied rather heavily by
> Roger Hewitt and Maggie Land (also in Calgary) about the rezoning of
> South U. with the A2D2 process. The potential for continued, rapid
> change is very high.
>
> You can reach me best by email.
>
> Sabra Briere
> First Ward Councilmember
> (734)995-3518
> (734)484-3600 x 237 (work)
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> From: Snyder Bob [mailto: [REDACTED]]
> Sent: Mon 9/15/2008 11:14 AM
> To: Postema, Stephen
> Cc: Peter Nagourney; Ellen Ramsburgh; Betsy Price; Nystuen, Gwen
> (PAC); John Nystuen; Ann Larimore; Barb Copi; Rusty Restuccia; Andrea
> Van Houweling; Gary Supanich; Christopher TAYLORC
> Subject: Fwd: 601 Forest-Wind Studies & Development Agreement
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> Dear Stephen,
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> It's been several days since we connected briefly on the phone and I
> sent you the memo and attachment below concerning the proposed
> language in the 601 Forest Development Agreement. At that time you
> said someone from your office would be calling me to set up a time
> to answer my questions, although you also said, I believe, that the
> Development Agreement is (for some reason I don't understand) is
> generally something solely between the City and the Petitioner and
> not for public viewing, discussion, and input. Am I phrasing that
> correctly? If so, I would like to know why.
>

> That aside, I still am asking to be contacted and to have at the
> very least a phone conversation, but preferably a meeting at City
> Hall, sometime this week.
> I look forward to hearing from you or a member of your staff.
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> Thanks!
> Bob Snyder
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> C. Robert Snyder, Ph.D.
> President, South University Neighborhood Association
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> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED]
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> From: Snyder Bob <chazsnyd@gmail.com>
> Date: September 11, 2008 12:31:15 PM GMT-04:00
> To: Stephen Postema <SPostema@a2gov.org>
> Cc: Mayor John Hieftje <jhieftje@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>, "Leigh R.
> Greden" <greden@MillerCanfield.com>, Ronald Suarez
> <RSuarez@a2gov.org>, Sabra Briere <SBriere@a2gov.org>, Stephen
> Rapundalo <SRapundalo@a2gov.org>, Christopher Easthope
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> <JLowenstein@a2gov.org>, Peter Nagourney [REDACTED]
> Betsy Price [REDACTED], Andrea Van Houweling
> [REDACTED] Gwen Nystuen [REDACTED], John Nystuen
> [REDACTED] Ellen Ramsburgh [REDACTED] Ann
> Larimore < [REDACTED] Matthew Kowalski

> <mkowalski@a2gov.org>, Rusty
> Restuccia
> Subject: 601 Forest-Wind Studies & Development Agreement

> Dear Stephen,

> Following up on my brief phone conversation with you yesterday, I
> am attaching a 3-page Word document which summarizes key points in
> the chronology of 601 Forest, Wind Studies, and the draft
> Development Agreement between the City of Ann Arbor and the
> developers.

> As you are aware, there has been concern expressed by neighborhood
> residents, both members of North Burns Park Association (NBPA) and
> South University Neighborhood Association (SUNA) and other citizens,
> about the potential, some would say inevitability, that the proposed
> structure will add significantly to the wind turbulence already
> swirling around University Towers, just across the street. NBPA and
> SUNA members view this as a real and present danger to the health,
> safety, and general welfare of people, particularly pedestrians, who
> will be using both South University and South Forest. The developer
> has submitted their own study, a summary copy of which we have
> reviewed and whose assumptions and reported findings we dispute. At
> the August 18, 2008 City Council meeting, we again raised our
> concerns and I believe I am correct in understanding that, at the
> behest of City Council, both the Wind Study and the Traffic Impact
> Study were to be "re-visited" ("re-done" by outside independent
> consultants) and results available sufficiently in advance (e.g. no
> later than 9/29/08) of the October 6 Council meeting to be
> scrutinized by all concerned and discussed at the October 6 meeting.
> We trust that both of these studies are now in the process of
> review and being re-done.

> In the meantime, we have concern regarding the nature of some of
> the provisions contained within the draft Development Agreement,
> copies of which were obtained several weeks ago. The major concern
> is regarding the "language compromise" worked out between the
> developer and the City, as contained in item P-17. The 3-page
> attachment documents the inconsistencies between what the developer
> said at the June 3, 2008 City Planning Commission meeting and the
> language modification, referred to as "a slight departure from the
> standard language", in P-17 in regard to building elevation
> provisions.

> I request a meeting with you and/or a member of the City Attorney
> Office staff to discuss this "inconsistency" and the compromise
> language agreed upon, and how this explicit release from any
> obligation to build the exterior facade as previously presented may,
> or may not, affect Wind Currents.

> I am available to meet most anytime during the week, and may be
> reached via email and/or the phone number below.

> Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to discussing
> this matter in the very near future.

> Regards,

> Bob Snyder
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> C. Robert Snyder, Ph.D.
> President, South University Neighborhood Association
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Elias, Abigail

From: Kahan, Jeffrey
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 4:12 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Cc: Lloyd, Mark; Fraser, Roger; McDonald, Kevin; Miller, Jayne; Pulcifer, Connie; Kahan, Jeffrey
Subject: RE: Information

Hi John.

I'd like to respond to your question but I'm also forwarding this to Kevin McDonald who may have some additional thoughts.

Council has the ability to change the zoning on a parcel per the language below in Chapter 55 (Zoning) regarding amendments.

5:107. Amendment Proceedure.

- (1) **Statement of Intent:** For the purpose of establishing and maintaining sound, stable and desirable development within (Ann Arbor), this chapter shall not be amended except to correct an error in the chapter, because of a change in municipal policy, or because of changed or changing conditions in a particular area or in a municipality generally, to rezone an area, extend the boundary of an existing zoning district or to change the regulations and restrictions thereof.
- (2) **Amendment Initiation:** Subject to the limitations of the foregoing statement of intent, an amendment to this chapter may be initiated by:
 - a) Council on it's own;
 - b) The planning commission; or
 - c) Petition.

Thanks,

Jeff

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:12 PM
To: Kahan, Jeffrey
Cc: Lloyd, Mark; Fraser, Roger
Subject: Information

Jeff:

As I recall the city cannot as a matter of course change the zoning on a particular parcel except as part of the revision of a larger plan unless the land owner of the parcel in question requests a change.

Is this correct?

Thanks,

John

Elias, Abigail

From: Susan Nenadic [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 4:14 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: downtown living

I am what the city claims it really wants: a downtown homeowner. I have lived at 113 S. Fourth Avenue for five years. During that time I have experienced continual construction. Right now I have discovered that my alley which is my only way into my residence and parking spot, will be under construction by DTE for a week. This is all part of Jon Carlson's remodeling which involves other problems for neighbors.

Could we meet sometime to discuss our situation. I could get a few neighbors together. I think it would help you represent us and we could use some help.

Susan Nenadic
[REDACTED]

Elias, Abigail

Subject: Transportation Discussion w/ Wa. County Admin.
Location: 4th fl. sm. conf. rm.
Start: Fri 9/19/2008 2:00 PM
End: Fri 9/19/2008 3:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: Hieftje, John

Jeff Irwin, Terry Blackmore, Eli Cooper and yourself. Stephanie Jensen is your contact 222-6850.

Elias, Abigail

From: Schopieray, Christine
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 4:29 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: update 9/15/08

Hi John-

Alison Bush from the State News called back re: discussing Lowertown with you. Her number is 517-432-3070 or 248-895-2210. Please call her.

Sue Jenkins at Jim Bradley would really like to hear from you to see if there are any options you want on your new car before it is delivered. Her number is: 769-1200. Please call her.

That's all for now. -C

Christine Schopieray
Assistant to the Mayor
City of Ann Arbor
734-994-2766

Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh R. [greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 5:12 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: To do emails

1. Find HUD ltr or em Andy LeBarre
2. Email staff re specific bldg hts for 101 N. Main, 601 Forest

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Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh R. [greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 5:12 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: FW: More Parks

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

From: Kalousek, Kenneth [mailto:Kenneth.Kalousek@T-Mobile.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:23 PM
To: Greden, Leigh R.
Subject: More Parks

Leigh,

I hope your day is going well.

We are also interested in the Esch Park in Ann Arbor for a cell site location.

Thanks,

Ken Kalousek
T-Mobile U.S.A. | Development Manager - Michigan | M (734) 709-6717 | O (734) 367-7204

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Elias, Abigail

From: Judy McGovern [jmcgovern@annarbornews.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 5:19 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Re: Recent article on campaign finance

Hi John

Fair enough in this context.

Dahlman contributed to Hieftje and to three choices favored by the party's liberal or "progressive" wing - Kunselman and defeated 2nd and 5th Ward candidates Stewart Nelson and Vivienne Armentrout.

But pretty tricky when there's a group of people identifying themselves as Progressives of Washtenaw.

Coincidentally, I did want to try and catch up on the ballot initiative to protect parks. Give a shout when you can spare a little time.

Thanks.

Judy

734.994.6863

On Sep 15, 2008, at 3:42 PM, Hieftje, John wrote:

Hi Judy:

Hope you are well. I read a recent post and had to respond. I am unwilling to give up the "Progressive" label to anyone on council or running for council. In fact I would challenge them to show why they are "progressive" and the majority of council is not.

I know it is hard to define the differences between council factions but being more or less progressive is not one of them unless you want to say it cuts the other way. For example, Vivienne Armentrout's platform sounded just like John Floyd's. It was Steve Kunselman who drove the crack down on street vendors while I drove the budget change to fund supportive services and the ballot initiative to protect parks. The council majority is for affordable housing, green energy, public input, open government, civil rights, public transit, etc. and everything other progressive democrats are for.

Thanks,

John Hieftje

Elias, Abigail

From: Bob Guenzel [guenzelb@ewashtenaw.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 5:20 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Cc: Elisabeth Gerber
Subject: RE: State and Local Policy Course

John, I know what you mean, especially Monday morning. Thanks for doing this. Liz will contact you with details. Bob

From: Hieftje, John [mailto:JHieftje@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:53 PM
To: Bob Guenzel
Subject: RE: State and Local Policy Course

Hi Bob:

As much as I am not a morning person... I am happy to do it. Let me know the room number.

John

From: Bob Guenzel [mailto:guenzelb@ewashtenaw.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:46 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: State and Local Policy Course

AM it is. I hope you can do it. Bob

From: Hieftje, John [mailto:JHieftje@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:00 PM
To: Bob Guenzel
Subject: RE: State and Local Policy Course

Hi Bob:

I could probably do this is we are talking about AM Vs PM. I have council that night. Let me know.

Hope you are well.

John

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Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:26 AM
To: Hieftje, John
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have tentatively scheduled this for Monday October 6th form 8:30 until 10. Let me know whether you are interested and if the date works for you. Thanks, Bob

Elias, Abigail

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 5:21 PM
To: 'Alex Gopp'
Cc: 'margie teall'; LaBarre, Andy; 'gteall@hotmail.com'; Higgins, Marcia; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: Election Vandalism

Mr. Gopp:

I am shocked by this e-mail you received. Shocked in part, because my husband is the immediate past-chair of the Washtenaw County Democratic Party and would never have, in a million years, written such an e-mail to a concerned citizen. I am going to let the Washtenaw County Dem's know that they must do better. I just can't believe that anyone would write such a callous response to you. I am so sorry. (and so embarrassed)

-Margie Teall, 4th Ward Councilmember

From: Alex Gopp [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2008 11:13 AM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Election Vandalism

Thank you very much for your immediate response, actions, and encouragement. This morning, Police Officer called me, and we have a very good discussion. He would contact Neighborhood Watch and other community organizations to provide information and increase awareness. I absolutely believe that only community actions will return civility to politics, politicians, and elections.

Your actions stand in the striking contrast with the response from Jeffrey Souza, Chairman of the Washtenaw County Democratic Party, to a similar e-mail I sent him. I am extremely disappointed and disturbed by his attitude, and I paste his e-mail for your information. I am especially disappointed by his notion of "*women who have endured serious health issues such as blindness, kidney failure or death due to lack of reproductive health care*" roaming the streets of Ann Arbor in a search of the hateful yard signs. It clearly looks like he condones, if not supports, similar actions.

Once more, thank you very much,
Alexander Gopp

Dear Mr. Gopp,

I'm sure you are aware that people of all political persuasions fall victim to the acts you described. Supporters of Democratic Party candidates are well acquainted with election year vandalism and theft. You are incorrect in assuming that the perpetrators are members of the Democratic Party. There are many people who are completely unaffiliated with the Democratic Party who have much reason to be disgusted with the policies of the Republican Party and may be inclined to commit the irresponsible and indefensible acts you described. Some of those people may be

- people without health care due to decades of Republican Party obstructionism
- people with *children* without health care due to decades of Republican Party obstructionism
- people without jobs due to Republican Party trade policies

- people who cannot afford to drive to work due to decades of Republican Party cronyism with the oil & gas industry
- people who have lost loved ones due to lies told by the Republican Party to justify the war in Iraq
- people who are denied the right to marry because they are gay or lesbian due to corporatist Republican pandering to the religious right
- women who have endured serious health issues such as blindness, kidney failure or death due to lack of reproductive health care choice caused by Republican Party policies

Given the broad, deep and systemic damage done to the people of my nation at the hands of the Republican Party I find it difficult to have a great deal of sympathy for your situation. Frankly, there are much larger issues and much larger injustices about which to worry.

On a side note, a vise is a device used to hold a piece of work firmly. Mr. Kelley, Mr. Hartman and Mr. Pontoni are Vice Chairs of the Washtenaw County Democratic Party.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Souza
Chair - Washtenaw County Democratic Party

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

From: Teall, Margie [mailto:MTeall@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 3:49 PM
To: Alex Gopp; Higgins, Marcia
Cc: Jones, Barnett; Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: Election Vandalism

Mr. Gopp:

I am sorry to hear about the vandalism that has taken place on your property. I do know that yard sign theft is a common occurrence throughout the county, but I know that it's absolutely no excuse. (Ask the mayor how many signs he has to replace throughout the city every election year!) But the damage to your car, even taking off stickers, really worries me. I will go ahead and forward your message to our police chief, and perhaps he could give us some advice or let us know how the city can help. I really do hate to know that this is happening to any of our neighbors, and I'm sorry.

Thanks for writing, and feel free to attend a council meeting. Sign up with the clerk on the morning before a meeting if you wish to speak during the "public comment" period. You can also attend a caucus meeting on the Sunday evening before a Council meeting to talk with council members on a more informal basis, but these meetings are not televised. These meetings are at 7:00 in Council Chambers.

-Margie Teall, 4th Ward Council Member

From: Alex Gopp [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 3:30 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Subject: Election Vandalism

Councilwoman Marcia Higgins:
Councilwoman Margie Teall:

I live in Ann Arbor for over 25 years, all time in your Ward 4. When I moved here, it was a nice liberal town. It was a town where people could feel and be free to express and

exchange ideas in sometimes heated, contentious, or even overheated debates. Much has changed lately.

Let me highlight some changes. I am a staunch Republican, and am not very much afraid to display it. Last Presidential election campaign, my yard signs for Bush/Cheney were vandalized and/or destroyed 5 times in about 1 month. My cars stickers were ripped off, and one car was scratched.

This year started even worse. My first yard sign was stolen in 4 days, and the second one was stolen after only 2 days. Yesterday I installed the third sign and wonder how long it would survive. I placed these signs well inside my front yard, so it is now not only a matter of free expression but also of trespassing and stealing. My wife begged me not to use car stickers, and not to display any Republican insignia. My neighbors consider me almost a hero.

I am asking you to help me survive in this hostile environment, to protect mine and yours civil rights, liberties, and property. I don't know what City can do, and certainly I don't expect police on every corner. But we have to start to do something to reclaim our freedoms, and you were elected to lead us and fight for it. It does not matter that you are both Democrats because this is a just cause for all decent and honorable citizens of either party.

I am also asking you to advise me what I can do myself. I am buying a security video camera, motion detector alarm, installing a permanent heavy duty yard stand. What else?

I am planning to present my case at the next city council meeting, if this vandalism continues. Would you please stand up and support me.

Respectfully,

Alexander Y Gopp
3315 Tacoma Circle, Ann Arbor MI 48108
Cell phone [REDACTED]
Sep. 8, 2008

Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh R. [greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 5:22 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: Email committee spreadsheet to Higgins

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Elias, Abigail

From: Bob Guenzel [guenzelb@ewashtenaw.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 5:24 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Cc: Elisabeth Gerber
Subject: RE: State and Local Policy Course

Great. Liz will send you the details. Thanks, Bob

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Elias, Abigail

From: Kyle V. Mazurek [Kyle@annarborchamber.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 5:38 PM
To: Jesse Bernstein; 'Andrew O'Neal'; Bob Dascola; Caroline Kaganov; Carsten Hohnke; Deanna Relyea; Deanna Relyea (kch@kerrytown.org); Doug Allen; ed@edshaffran.com; Ellie Serras; Ingrid Ault (ingrid@thinklocalfirst.net); Jason Boggs; Sartori, Jennifer; Jessica Reinelt; Hieftje, John; jkosteva@umich.edu; joneal@onealconstruction.com; Josie Parker; Karen Farmer; Kirk Westphal; Leigh Greden; Living Economy Network; Maggie Ladd; Mary Kerr; maurathomson@ameritech.net; Megan Turnbow; mstasiak@theride.org; Teall, Margie; Nancy Shore; Newcombe Clark (nclark@blueadvisors.com); ptallen@umich.edu; rdetter@umich.edu; rene@arborbrewing.com; Fraser, Roger; Roger Hewitt; State Street Association (statestr@a2state.com); Pollay, Susan; Tamara Real
Subject: MDMTF Reminder & Agenda

Just a reminder that the MDMTF will meet on Tuesday, September 23rd from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the DDA.

September's agenda is as follows:

- Ann Arbor Pure Michigan Campaign statistics
- Art Fair Intercept Project report
- A2D2 update (1 hour)
- Graffiti Ordinance

Thanks,
Kyle

From: Jesse Bernstein
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 11:58 AM
To: 'Andrew O'Neal'; Bob Dascola; Caroline Kaganov; Carsten Hohnke; Deanna Relyea; Deanna Relyea (kch@kerrytown.org); Doug Allen; ed@edshaffran.com; Ellie Serras; Ingrid Ault (ingrid@thinklocalfirst.net); Jason Boggs; Jennifer Sartori; Jesse Bernstein; Jessica Reinelt; jHieftje@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us; jkosteva@umich.edu; joneal@onealconstruction.com; Josie Parker; Karen Farmer; Kirk Westphal; Kyle V. Mazurek; Leigh Greden; Living Economy Network; Maggie Ladd; Mary Kerr; maurathomson@ameritech.net; Megan Turnbow; mstasiak@theride.org; mteall@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us; Nancy Shore; Newcombe Clark (nclark@blueadvisors.com); ptallen@umich.edu; rdetter@umich.edu; rene@arborbrewing.com; Roger Fraser ; Roger Hewitt; State Street Association (statestr@a2state.com); Susan Pollay (spollay@a2dda.org); Tamara Real
Subject: New Meeting Time

All the votes are in and the Fourth Tuesday at 10AM wins!!! Susan has graciously agreed to have us meet at the DDA office.

Our meeting dates for the rest of the year are:

September	23
October	28
November	25
December	No meeting

Please let anyone who you feel should join us know about the new date and time. Thanks. JAB

Jesse Bernstein, President and CEO
Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce
115 West Huron, 3rd Floor

Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104
direct 734 214-0102
cell 734 355-6310



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Elias, Abigail

From: Kyle V. Mazurek [Kyle@annarborchamber.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 5:55 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Upcoming MDMTF - Report?

Hi Margie,

Jesse wanted me to check in with you regarding the upcoming MDMTF meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the DDA.

Are you able to give a report on the Graffiti Ordinance? Please let me know.

Thanks,
Kyle

Kyle V. Mazurek
Vice President of Government Affairs
Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce
115 West Huron Street, 3rd Floor
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Office: (734) 665-4433
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Email: kyle@annarborchamber.org

Elias, Abigail

From: Snyder Bob [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 6:17 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Cc: Hieftje, John; Greden, Leigh; Easthope, Christopher; Suarez, Ron; Rapundalo, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Lowenstein, Joan; Kunselman, Stephen; Anglin, Mike; Nystuen, Gwen (PAC); John Nystuen; Ellen Ramsburgh; Peter Nagourney; Andrea Van Houweling; Betsy Price
Subject: Fwd: interesting, but helpful? Hometown Expertise

Sabra--

The info below is an excellent "just found out today" example of what I was alluding to in my just sent email to you! There ARE resources right here in our own hometown who can do what we have been talking about, even better than, and cheaper than, the big guns from big cities!

Here is a hometown resource capable of literally "walking" us through multiple versions and visions of what the various districts of the city might actually LOOK like--3-D, at street and sidewalk level!

The same goes for U of M Prof. Werner Dahm re: Wind Turbulence. Never mind that he's off now on leave as Chief Scientist to the Air Force and Pentagon! He has left us, free of charge, an unbiased critique of the IES "Wind Study" which remains unused, unread, un-understood (just like the IES study!).

We have resources right here who know more than the outsiders we fly in from the Big Cities!

Best,
Bob

I agree that this is the type of material that Planning staff should be using to confirm whether the results of the zoning changes are what we expect. Why on earth don't we pay attention to local expertise like Sandy and Werner Dahm and our own John Nystuen.

It's too bad that we don't have something ready to take to the work session tonight at City Council - but maybe we can hit a work session later.

Ellen

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gwen Nystuen [REDACTED]
Date: September 15, 2008 5:38:05 PM GMT-04:00
To: Ellen Ramsburgh <[REDACTED]>, Betsy Price <[REDACTED]>, John Nystuen <[REDACTED]>, Bob Snyder <[REDACTED]>, Peter Nagourney <[REDACTED]>, Anthony Pinnell <[REDACTED]>, Kate West <[REDACTED]>, Louise Stein <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: interesting, but helpful?

Hi--(I just wrote this big long answer, and before I finished John came in and I showed him the article, and he says he already answered Ellen--so now have to revise this. I never saw this before, but that is my fault as it was a Solstice article back in 2003 according to John!!!) Sandy is "mathematical" geographer -- she got her Ph.D.

here and John was her chair. She is a very talented and tremendously energetic person. Several times it has been suggested that we get examples of the extent of development the current and proposed zoning could produce. She can do it. She has done modelling of many of the larger buildings in the city and on campus and can run a program down the streets showing the various aspects. She did a model of the sun/shading for the first University Village proposal at John's request that we didn't use when there wasn't time to get it ready for that hearing way back in February or March. I had thought of trying to use it now--it is someplace on my computer. Google has incorporated her work for our area. Really need to set up a computer show her work.

In other words, right here is the person who could produce the information that PC and CC should have before voting on changes. In fact she did all the early modeling helping Sch. of Architect Dean Kelbaugh. Then the DDA hired Calthrope for big money, and they did some similar, but not as detailed modeling, and ran the workshops. They often used canned examples to show different types of buildings, etc. while Sandy had already done many of the existing buildings so that, in my opinion, her models were more appropriate. Sandy has also done a lot of work on the storm water and modeling potential floods, etc. I think I should make copies for Planing Commission and use it to show the type of projections we should make to be studied before voting in changes.

She is a close friend, lives in Huron Chase condos. We ordinarily see her and her husband fairly frequently. However, we have only seen them a couple of times in the last several months mostly because of big projects they were involved in and her mother moving from Chicago and Sandy spending lots of time with her (she lives in Nature Cove.) And we have had many other things going too.

I can make copies of this for PC tomorrow. I could read the comments she makes on the shortcomings of using FAR to control what happens on a lot.

Not sure what everyone is doing. Haven't read all this yet.
Gwen

From Bob Snyder to an A2 Decision-Maker:

Hi !

I couldn't agree with you more---South U needs development, no, make that "improvement" through responsible development!

What that development might look like, where it would start (east end, west end, middle), and how many floors--who knows!

I am assuming the D2 designation is a little bit "softer" and more restricted than D1--yes?

I don't think it has to be limited to 5-6 floors, but I'm willing to bet, at least in my lifetime and even yours, that's the majority of what will be built.

Nothing against 10-12, or perhaps even 12-15 floors, but here again I think reality (economics) will intervene and scale back the height and number of new buildings.

That's especially likely given the fact that South U, as an orphan sub-downtown, will be competing with plans for bigger development in the "real downtown"--i.e Fifth (maybe even Division) to the east, Huron (maybe a little bit of Ann to the north, First St/Ashley to the west, and William (maybe to Madison) to the south. I know that sounds like the obvious, but right now, in the "real downtown", there's a helluva lot of empty space covered with surface parking lots, just waiting for a developer to build. And there are a number of empty fenced in pieces of land where buildings have been torn down and then re-building doesn't get off the ground for whatever

reason, usually financing falling through---corner of Glen and Catherine, the large and empty Lowertown, 400-500 blocks of North Main, for example.

But I'm re-stating the obvious. What would be useful to see -- I emphasize "see" -- is some innovative and competent urban planning/architecture firm taking on the task of doing a real 3-D computer modeling of South U which allows the planners, Council, and citizens to "walk through" a "live" interactive computer simulation down South U from Washtenaw to East U, and allow for several different building-scapes--tall, medium, wide, narrow--to demonstrate what options might look like walking the sidewalk, or driving the street.

But up to now, all we get from the 601 Forest folks is a static aerial architectural rendering of a monolith without any other structures to relate to. This, despite the fact that we have repeatedly requested "contextual ground-level sky-scapes from 4-5 different locations surrounding their building.

Best,
Bob

At 11:51 PM 9/14/2008, Ellen Ramsburgh wrote:

This is so interesting. John, didn't you and Sandy work together? From her acknowledgements at the bottom, this was done years ago since a number of those people have been gone from City staff for years. I wonder if anyone in the present group working on amendments etc. has paid attention to this or used any of this software to sort out whether "unintended consequences" will continue to happen with the zoning changes?

I'd like to ask Wendy whether staff is using any of this material. Maybe others have thoughts also. As for cluttering mailboxes, it is a lost cause. So do not worry. What would we have to do if not check them too many times a day?

Ellen

Date: Sun, 14 Sep 2008 22:06:26 -0400

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: interesting, but helpful?

I'm sorry to clutter your mailboxes, but if anyone thinks this has importance to the cause, go for it. No need to respond.

Betsy

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~copyright/image/solstice/sum03/sandy/downtown.html>

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Elias, Abigail

From: Jones, Barnett
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 6:21 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Cc: Sartori, Jennifer
Subject: Re: Michigan Student Assembly Meeting

Yes Sir:
Officer Sartori will take care of it....

Barnett. Jones
Using the advanced technology of the iPhone.

On Sep 15, 2008, at 3:19 PM, "Hieftje, John" <JHieftje@a2gov.org> wrote:

Chief:

Last week I had a discussion with leaders of the Michigan Student Assembly. Would it be possible to have someone from the AAPD (a female officer might be best) go to an MSA meeting (there is one tomorrow evening) and talk about the relationship between alcohol and CSC?

Let me know,

John

Elias, Abigail

From: Julie Steiner [JSteiner@alphahouse-ihn.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 6:19 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2
Attachments: image001.jpg

hope your trip was good...if you would like to talk before the meeting, give me a call.

With Peace and Justice,

Julie Steiner
Executive Director
Interfaith Hospitality Network of Washtenaw County
734/822-0220
734/822-0226 (fax)

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

From: Briere, Sabra [<mailto:SBriere@a2gov.org>]
Sent: Mon 9/15/2008 11:15 AM
To: Mary Jo Callan; Callan, Mary Jo; aliceandhugh@yahoo.com; Jeff Irwin; Frank Cambria; Norman Herbert; dlutton@reinhartrealtors.com; Dick Soble; gellisey@trinity-health.org; harmoncini@msn.com; Lindsley, Elizabeth; Julie Steiner; Chuck Kieffer
Subject: RE: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2

I will be there next Monday morning. And stay until the end!

Sabra Briere
First Ward Councilmember
(734)995-3518
(734)484-3600 x 237 (work)

From: Mary Jo Callan [<mailto:callanm@ewashtenaw.org>]
Sent: Mon 9/15/2008 9:11 AM
To: Callan, Mary Jo; aliceandhugh@yahoo.com; Briere, Sabra; Jeff Irwin; Frank Cambria; Norman Herbert; dlutton@reinhartrealtors.com; Dick Soble; gellisey@trinity-health.org; harmoncini@msn.com; Lindsley, Elizabeth; Julie Steiner; Chuck Kieffer
Subject: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2

Good Morning,

Since most of you replied indicating that you can attend a second meeting of the JIF Funders' Committee on September 22nd at 8:00am, let's plan on it. We'll meet again here at the Annex Building (110 North Fourth Ave.), in the 1st floor conference room.

Looking forward to seeing you then,

Mary Jo & Chuck

Mary Jo Callan

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From: Mary Jo Callan

Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 1:25 PM

To: Mary Jo Callan; 'aliceandhugh@yahoo.com'; 'Briere, Sabra'; Jeff Irwin; 'Frank Cambria'; 'Norman Herbert'; 'Dave Lutton (dlutton@reinhardtrealtors.com)'; 'Dick Soble'; 'gellisey@trinity-health.org'; 'harmongini@msn.com'; Elizabeth Lindsley Forward; 'Julie Steiner'; Chuck Kieffer

Subject: RE: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2

Hi again,

So far Monday the 22nd is our leading candidate for a time to get together next. If you haven't already replied, can you please let me know if there is any way you can make that date and time?

Thanks a lot,

Mary Jo

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From: Mary Jo Callan

Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 12:39 PM

To: 'aliceandhugh@yahoo.com'; 'Briere, Sabra'; Jeff Irwin; 'Frank Cambria'; 'Norman Herbert'; Dave Lutton

(dlutton@reinhardtrealtors.com); 'Dick Soble'; 'gellisey@trinity-health.org'; 'harmongini@msn.com'; Elizabeth Lindsley Forward; 'Julie Steiner'; Mary Jo Callan; Chuck Kieffer
Subject: Joint Integrated Funding Meeting - Part 2

Hello,

We had a robust discussion at our inaugural JIF Funders' Committee meeting this past Wednesday. However, due to scheduling conflicts and email glitches, we did not have enough voting members for quorum. Thus, we did not vote on the housing first supportive housing pilot funding recommendations sent to us by the WHA Operations Committee. To remind you, in order for the agency sponsors to start or continue these innovative services, the project will need to be approved at four different bodies. They are: the WHA Operations Committee (already approved); our JIF Funders' Committee (not yet approved); the WHA Board (not yet considered or approved); and City Council (not yet considered or approved).

We would like to convene another meeting of our Funders' Committee, so that we can continue our exploration and discussion of the proposed projects, and vote to approve or reject them. To that end, we would like to try to schedule something for the week of September 22nd. Please take a look at the proposed times below, and let us know if you can attend.

Monday, September 22nd at 8am;

Wednesday, September 24th at 8am;

Thursday, September 25th at 3pm

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon,

Mary Jo

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Elias, Abigail

From: Cao, Wei [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 6:37 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: 3rd power outage of 2008

Dear Mayor Hieftje,

I am sending you this email to express my concerns of the city power supply grid in my neighborhood. We have experienced three power outages since January 2008. One was in winter (3 days) and twice in the summer (2+ days in June, plus we are currently out of power again for two days and counting). We talked to a gentleman from DTE this morning who came to inspect the outage condition. He told us there was a blown fuse in the transformer. This transformer was also the cause of the two previous power outages. We are unfortunately in a small pocket of the old west side that the majority of the families are not affected by this damage. Thus, we are on the bottom of the priority list to resume the power, since only a few homes are affected. We have an infant at home and she has to deal with the darkness, lack of heat/cooling, and not to mention no refrigeration/hot water for sanitary needs. We are pleading for your help. Hopefully we will have this repetitive power outage solved, once and for all. Thank you very much.

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Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Elias, Abigail

From:
Sent:
To:

Heidi Herrell [REDACTED]
Monday, September 15, 2008 6:41 PM
Greden, Leigh;

[REDACTED]; lbrater@lizbrater.com; [REDACTED];
[REDACTED]; senlbrater@senate.mi.gov;

[REDACTED]

Leigh; [REDACTED];
[REDACTED]; Carlberg, Jean (Comcast);
[REDACTED]; Nystuen, Gwen (PAC);

Subject: Update on voter registration on Packard and Platt.

Hi Third Ward Democrats,
Jean Carlberg has volunteered to lead voter registration at the strip mall on the corner of Packard and Platt on Monday 9/15 from 6 pm.

Jeanine Palms will lead on Wed. 9/17 and Fri. 9/19. Same time, same place.

I will be there Tues. 9/16 and Thurs. 9/18. Same time and place.

So if you were shy about going there alone, you are sure to have company! We will have clip boards and voter registration forms. You might want to bring a bottle of water.
Hope to see you this week!

-- Heidi Herrell

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Elias, Abigail

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:00 PM
To: 'Cao, Wei'
Subject: RE: 3rd power outage of 2008

Hello:

I am very sorry to hear you are having this problem. Unfortunately there is little I can offer to do to help other than to advocate for your cause with DTE Energy. I have heard this type of concern before and the answer from DTE has for the most part been the same. They don't seem willing to make the corrections to take care of the root cause be it an aging generator or poorly positioned power lines.


I will send your message along to DTE management with a request that they fix the problem once and for all.

As you may know, Michigan's legislature has given DTE a virtual monopoly over our part of the state.

Thank you for alerting me to this problem.

John Hieftje

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Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 6:37 PM
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Elias, Abigail

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:02 PM
To: ganzp@dteenergy.com
Subject: FW: 3rd power outage of 2008

Hi Paul:

Can action be taken to prevent this from happening again? Please let me know what can be done to correct this problem.

Thanks,

John

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

From: Cao, Wei [mailto:weicao@umflint.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 6:37 PM
To: Hieftje, John
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Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:09 PM
To: Hall, Jennifer
Subject: RE: PUD's targeting 100% and 120% AMI

I would look to the planners under Mark Lloyd. I suspect it's coming from them. And perhaps from Jean C on CPC.

From: Jennifer Hall [mailto:hallj@ewashtenaw.org]
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2008 3:08 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: PUD's targeting 100% and 120% AMI

I could not agree with you more. That is exactly what I have been telling the developers. They keep responding that staff and planning commission and council keeps telling them it needs to be enforced. I asked them who?? I want to talk to them about this. I get a general everyone. So, that's when I thought I had better get something fleshed out. Please advise. Are they bullshitting me and just trying to add to the appeal of their project so it will get approved?? I have been talking to City Place – I would guess true for them. And, Madison Place, which I think is also true – but I am willing to give them the benefit of the doubt.

Jennifer Hall

From: Greden, Leigh [mailto:LGreden@a2gov.org]
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2008 2:35 PM
To: Jennifer Hall
Subject: RE: PUD's targeting 100% and 120% AMI

If they're committing to affordable housing goals that are NOT required under Code, then I do not think it needs to be codified in a development agreement. Only the code-required rents need to be codified in the Agreement. That's my two cents.

From: Jennifer Hall [mailto:hallj@ewashtenaw.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 4:31 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh; Rapundalo, Stephen; Callan, Mary Jo; Ned Staebler
Subject: PUD's targeting 100% and 120% AMI

Hello all,

I have recently had conversations with two developers (Madison Place and City Place) who both wish to target households at 100% and 120% AMI on top of the required 15% units at 80% AMI in their PUD's.

Both feel like they are getting pressure from planning staff, planning commission and council to commit to rents and income targets in a developer agreement. It is a laudable goal, but there are many and multiple challenges to accomplishing this that I don't think has been thought through and there is nothing in the ordinance addressing it.

I would like to take this issue to the HHSAB to craft a recommendation for council. The PUD was in our work plan anyway and it seems like a timely issue. Can you talk to your colleagues about this and direct us to do that before any agreements are made with these developers?

Thanks for your consideration.

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Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:10 PM
To: Wondrash, Lisa; Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: RE: Cable Commission vacancy?

Thank you. How do we define client representative? Is it just someone who watches CTN, or something more specific?

From: Wondrash, Lisa
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:25 AM
To: Greden, Leigh; Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: RE: Cable Commission vacancy?

Hi Leigh:

Yes, Tom Bray just resigned. The August meeting was his last and he noted this fact in a letter to the Mayor. As an FYI, CTN staff are actively searching among our nonprofit clients to encourage one of them to apply to serve on the Cable Commission. At this time, the Commission as a whole only has one member who is a client and is familiar with CTN's services, equipment and productions. We feel we could greatly benefit from having another client representative. Our goal would be to draw on this person's outreach and volunteer program experience.

Thanks,
Lisa

Lisa Wondrash

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From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2008 2:38 PM
To: Wondrash, Lisa; Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: Cable Commission vacancy?

Is there a vacancy on the Cable Commission?

Elias, Abigail

Subject: ELLIE SERRAS - STEPPIN OUT
Location: Palio - rooftop
Start: Thu 10/2/2008 5:00 PM
End: Thu 10/2/2008 8:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: Higgins, Marcia

Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Council Vote on 42North

Ms. Williams-

Thank you for writing. I appreciate your comments and am enormously impressed by the passion you hold for fighting for your community. Normally Councilmembers limit their responses to e-mails sent from their residents, thus my response will be short. I have also cc'd your Councilmembers Marcia Higgins and Margie Teall.

We received and read, in its entirety, every letter and communication from your neighborhood. As an attorney, I personally reviewed the case law cited in your group's 5-page letter. With all due respect to the letter's author and/or advisors, the court cases were legally irrelevant to the situation involving 42 North. They all involved different situations, such as a re-zoning of land, which is not applicable. We cannot, by law, discuss the recommendations we receive from the City Attorney, but I can tell you that the City Attorney reached the same conclusion.

Interestingly, most developers and local realtors believe that the City's laws and regulations are slanted strongly against them and in favor of neighbors. Ann Arbor has a reputation throughout the nation as being one of the most difficult -- and most expensive -- places to develop.

I understand your frustration about the criteria we can and cannot use to consider projects. As you may have heard me say at the Council table, I do not believe 42 North is properly sited to house college students. However, it is not legal under City and State law for us to consider the age, income level, educational status, etc., of any person when determining residency. Frankly, such laws were created to stop exactly that type of discrimination.

Progress is often difficult. But it's also necessary for this City's long-term economic and social survival. I wouldn't build this project if I owned the land, but it's not my role as a Councilmember to make such decisions on behalf of a landowner.

Thank you again for your interest and the time you have spent on this issue.

-Leigh Greden, Member of City Council

From: Wilfact@aol.com [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:59 AM
To: Hieftje, John; Easthope, Christopher; Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen; Teall, Margie
Subject: Council Vote on 42North

Mayor Hieftje and Councilmembers,

Just a note in response to your vote and stand on the 42North housing development at Council's Sept. 8 meeting. Many of us feel that City Government does not serve the interests of its citizens. The Council vote on the 42North project is only the latest example of this. The Mayor stated that it does no one in the City any good, if the courts would overturn Council's decision. He further stated that we owe a duty to the City not to get involved in litigation which may incur penalties. Are there NO circumstances under which the City would be willing to go to court to protect the interests of its citizens?

In spite of comments to the contrary from the Mayor and some Councilmembers, it was not apparent to us that Council and City staff spent sufficient time or effort reviewing the material supplied by neighborhood groups and individuals. The Mayor was even critical of people "reaching for minutia".

The South Maple Group sent a 5-page letter prior to the Sunday caucus, which detailed relevant case law and precedents which would support a vote against the 42North development. Did Council and City staff read this letter? Did the City attorney write a legal opinion refuting each point made in this 5-page letter? If so, why weren't those points made at the Council meeting on Monday evening, so that residents would have a better understanding of WHY those points presented in case law were not acceptable by Council? What are the City attorney's views, and what exactly was his advice to Council about voting in favor of 42North?

Why are City codes and ordinances tilted in favor of the developers? That is all we kept hearing for several months--if the development fits the zoning, it HAS to be approved. So where are you, Councilmembers, to start representing the interests of the citizens, who have to live with YOUR decisions. Why aren't these issues being discussed in detail by Council for improvement for future project considerations, rather than just accepting "old" out-of-date and non-relevant codes that negatively affect those of us who have to live with your judgments? If City codes and ordinances do not provide support to Council in voting in favor of the welfare of its citizens, then they need to be changed. You rebuked us for referring to the 1995 West Area Plan, saying things change; yet you were more than ready to accept the old code in favor of the developer by sticking with it for zoning purposes. Any, why is the burden placed on the citizens to start this process, while we are paying for "experts" in the Planning Dept., who should be evaluating more relevant criteria that encompasses all aspects of a developer's proposal? Shouldn't it be Planning staff's job, as well as yours, to look into details as to what projects really benefit the City or which may cause detriment instead? If the Planning Dept. staff reports are used as the final point during the process for Planning Commission to accept/reject a proposal, then it should be part of their job to check into more details of projects. We learned through these past 10+ months that Planning Dept. staff has not been the "be all" and "end all" in the evaluation process for developments. Very little time was used to actually study or evaluate criteria outside a very fine line of parameters which enabled the approval of this project.

Yes, we know, and I have personally been involved, in some of the citizens input meetings and others of this type recently, that are trying to start addressing these issues; but look what WE have to accept in our neighborhood, because these topics of major concern have not been given more scrutiny by staff, commissioners, and Council for this development.

We previously noticed the apparent bias of the City in favor of developers to the detriment of its residents. One small anecdote is illustrative: It was very disappointing to go to city hall and try to glean information from Planning Dept. staff, while the developers and/or their representatives came in and were given immediate attention by staff in a more cordial and responsive manner, while we were left standing to wait on them. This happened time and again. Some of your "expert" Planning Dept. staff only provided minimal information, and then, at a late point in time just prior to a Plan. Commission meeting or before the final meeting for a public hearing before Council.

The Mayor and most Councilmembers agreed that the 42North project was a BAD idea. They already know we have excess student housing developments throughout the city; new units on line are only partially leased due to the economy and pricing. Why AREN'T these matters relevant when determining what is built on the last remaining parcels of land? We are literally at the end of useful land space within the City. Therefore, we should be very concerned that those projects which are given final approval be appropriate for the entire City and fit the areas in which they are to be located.

There WILL be consequences to having empty projects sitting on destroyed land. In addition, putting students 3 miles from campus was known to be a poor idea, and of course, would create transportation problems, but we were told this could not be considered in deciding Councils' vote. It is ironic to say in the least, as we try to cut down on cars driving into the City, trying to get people to use alternate means of transportation into town, trying to save fuel by reducing idle time at intersections, and on and on, that even the issues raised by Councilmember Kunselman on the number of parking spaces doesn't hit the impact with Mayor and Council as to what will happen when given an excessive parking lot for this 42North project! Evidently your hands are always tied so that the developer does not have to go back and make changes that would be appropriate for our City goals. If Planning Dept. approves it, then so does Council.

If codes and ordinances prohibit thoughtful and reasonable people from reaching rational decisions, and thereby voting in a rational manner, then there is something VERY wrong with the codes and ordinances. To paraphrase Councilman Suarez, the gap between the leadership who makes the ordinances and the interests of the citizens need to be changed and improved.

Do we have leaders who are willing to take on this challenge?

Marian Williams
1836 Saxon

Psssst...Have you heard the news? There's a new fashion blog, plus the latest fall trends and hair styles at StyleList.com.

(<http://www.stylelist.com/trends?ncid=aolsty00050000000014>)

Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:39 PM
To: Chris EasthopeLaw.com
Subject: RE: .

Are you already out drinking?

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

From: Chris Easthope [mailto:chris@easthopelaw.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:39 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: Re: .

If they give me free advertising

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

From: Greden, Leigh
To: Chris Easthope
Sent: Sep 15, 2008 7:35 PM
Subject: .

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Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
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To: 'Chris Easthope'
Subject:

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Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:00 PM
To: 'Chris Easthope'
Subject: Where are you guys going tonight?

Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:39 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Updated spreadsheet



Council
Committee spreadsheet

Sandi Smith
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Building Design Committee
Cable Commission
Housing & Human Services

Tony Derezinski
Brownfield Committee
Planning Commission
Housing Board of Appeals

Christopher Taylor
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Board of Insurance Admin.
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Parks Advisory Commission

Carsten Hohnke
Council Administration
Greenbelt Advisory Comm.
Housing Commission Lias.
Student Relations Comm.

Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:44 PM
To: 'Snyder Bob'
Subject: RE: interesting, but helpful? Hometown Expertise

Hi Bob-

I'm back! Am I understanding this email correctly? Is the concern that we don't model potential heights when zoning? We asked that question when we did South U rezoning, and were told that the only way somebody could build taller than 20 floors was to assemble a huge mass of land. We concluded that couldn't happen. Little did we know that a developer would buy an existing perfectly useable apartment complex, as well as the bike shop, VC, etc. So, at the risk of admitting our own mistakes... we were warned. Nonetheless, that doesn't excuse the developer from building a complex that falls short of our health/safety/welfare standard that's clearly outlined in Code...

-Leigh

From: Snyder Bob [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 6:17 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Cc: Hieftje, John; Greden, Leigh; Easthope, Christopher; Suarez, Ron; Rapundalo, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Lowenstein, Joan; Kunselman, Stephen; Anglin, Mike; Nystuen, Gwen (PAC); John Nystuen; Ellen Ramsburgh; Peter Nagourney; Andrea Van Houweling; Betsy Price
Subject: Fwd: interesting, but helpful? Hometown Expertise

Sabra--

The info below is an excellent "just found out today" example of what I was alluding to in my just sent email to you! There ARE resources right here in our own hometown who can do what we have been talking about, even better than, and cheaper than, the big guns from big cities!

Here is a hometown resource capable of literally "walking" us through multiple versions and visions of what the various districts of the city might actually LOOK like--3-D, at street and sidewalk level!

The same goes for U of M Prof. Werner Dahm re: Wind Turbulence. Never mind that he's off now on leave as Chief Scientist to the Air Force and Pentagon! He has left us, free of charge, an unbiased critique of the IES "Wind Study" which remains unused, unread, un-understood (just like the IES study!).

We have resources right here who know more than the outsiders we fly in from the Big Cities!

Best,
Bob

I agree that this is the type of material that Planning staff should be using to confirm whether the results of the zoning changes are what we expect. Why on earth don't we pay attention to local expertise like Sandy and Werner Dahm and our own John Nystuen.

It's too bad that we don't have something ready to take to the work session tonight at City Council - but maybe we can hit a work session later.

Ellen

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gwen Nystuen <[REDACTED]>
Date: September 15, 2008 5:38:05 PM GMT-04:00
To: Ellen Ramsburgh <[REDACTED]>, Betsy Price <[REDACTED]>, John Nystuen <[REDACTED]>, Bob Snyder <[REDACTED]>, Peter Nagourney <[REDACTED]>, Anthony Pinnell <[REDACTED]>, Kate West <[REDACTED]>, Louise Stein <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: interesting, but helpful?

Hi--(I just wrote this big long answer, and before I finished John came in and I showed him the article, and he says he already answered Ellen--so now have to revise this. I never saw this before, but that is my fault as it was a Solstice article back in 2003 according to John!!!) Sandy is "mathematical" geographer -- she got her Ph.D. here and John was her chair. She is a very talented and tremendously energetic person. Several times it has been suggested that we get examples of the extent of development the current and proposed zoning could produce. She can do it. She has done modelling of many of the larger buildings in the city and on campus and can run a program down the streets showing the various aspects. She did a model of the sun/shading for the first University Village proposal at John's request that we didn't use when there wasn't time to get it ready for that hearing way back in February or March. I had thought of trying to use it now--it is someplace on my computer. Google has incorporated her work for our area. Really need to set up a computer show her work.

In other words, right here is the person who could produce the information that PC and CC should have before voting on changes. In fact she did all the early modeling helping Sch. of Architect Dean Kelbaugh. Then the DDA hired Calthrope for big money, and they did some similar, but not as detailed modeling, and ran the workshops. They often used canned examples to show different types of buildings, etc. while Sandy had already done many of the existing buildings so that, in my opinion, her models were more appropriate. Sandy has also done a lot of work on the storm water and modeling potential floods, etc. I think I should make copies for Planing Commission and use it to show the type of projections we should make to be studied before voting in changes.

She is a close friend, lives in Huron Chase condos. We ordinarily see her and her husband fairly frequently. However, we have only seen them a couple of times in the last several months mostly because of big projects they were involved in and her mother moving from Chicago and Sandy spending lots of time with her (she lives in Nature Cove.) And we have had many other things going too.

I can make copies of this for PC tomorrow. I could read the comments she makes on the shortcomings of using FAR to control what happens on a lot.

Not sure what everyone is doing. Haven't read all this yet.
Gwen

From Bob Snyder to an A2 Decision-Maker:

Hi !

I couldn't agree with you more---South U needs development, no, make that "improvement" through responsible development!

What that development might look like, where it would start (east end, west end, middle), and how many floors--who knows!

I am assuming the D2 designation is a little bit "softer" and more restricted than D1--yes?

I don't think it has to be limited to 5-6 floors, but I'm willing to bet, at least in my lifetime and even yours, that's the majority of what will be built.

Nothing against 10-12, or perhaps even 12-15 floors, but here again I think reality (economics) will intervene and scale back the height and number of new buildings.

That's especially likely given the fact that South U, as an orphan sub-downtown, will be competing with plans for bigger development in the "real downtown"--i.e Fifth (maybe even Division) to the east, Huron (maybe a little bit of Ann to the north, First St/Ashley to the west, and William (maybe to Madison) to the south. I know that sounds like the obvious, but right now, in the "real downtown", there's a helluva lot of empty space covered with surface parking lots, just waiting for a developer to build. And there are a number of empty fenced in pieces of land where buildings have been torn down and then re-building doesn't get off the ground for whatever reason, usually financing falling through--corner of Glen and Catherine, the large and empty Lowertown, 400-500 blocks of North Main, for example.

But I'm re-stating the obvious. What would be useful to see -- I emphasize "see" -- is some innovative and competent urban planning/architecture firm taking on the task of doing a real 3-D computer modeling of South U which allows the planners, Council, and citizens to "walk through" a "live" interactive computer simulation down South U from Washtenaw to East U, and allow for several different building-scapes--tall, medium, wide, narrow--to demonstrate what options might look like walking the sidewalk, or driving the street.

But up to now, all we get from the 601 Forest folks is a static aerial architectural rendering of a monolith without any other structures to relate to. This, despite the fact that we have repeatedly requested "contextual ground-level sky-scapes from 4-5 different locations surrounding their building.

Best,
Bob

At 11:51 PM 9/14/2008, Ellen Ramsburgh wrote:

This is so interesting. John, didn't you and Sandy work together? From her acknowledgements at the bottom, this was done years ago since a number of those people have been gone from City staff for years. I wonder if anyone in the present group working on amendments etc. has paid attention to this or used any of this software to sort out whether "unintended consequences" will continue to happen with the zoning changes?

I'd like to ask Wendy whether staff is using any of this material. Maybe others have thoughts also. As for cluttering mailboxes, it is a lost cause. So do not worry. What would we have to do if not check them too many times a day?

Ellen

Date: Sun, 14 Sep 2008 22:06:26 -0400

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: interesting, but helpful?

I'm sorry to clutter your mailboxes, but if anyone thinks this has importance to the cause, go for it. No need to respond.

Betsy

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~copyright/image/solstice/sum03/sandy/downtown.html>

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Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:50 PM
To: 'Carolyn Melchers'
Subject: RE: Invitation: Thurs., Sept. 18, 7:30pm, Tübingen-AnnArbor meeting at TeaHaus

Carolyn-

Thank you so much for this invitation. I greatly enjoyed this summer's activities. As you can imagine, however, our schedules are tremendously busy, and I cannot make this event. Thanks for thinking of me.

-Leigh Greden

From: Carolyn Melchers [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 12:17 PM
To: Carolyn Melchers
Subject: Invitation: Thurs., Sept. 18, 7:30pm, Tübingen-AnnArbor meeting at TeaHaus

Hello, Friends of the City Partnership Tuebingen - Ann Arbor!

I am Carolyn Melchers, head of the Tuebingen - Ann Arbor group in Tuebingen, Ann Arbor's oldest sister city.

The Tuebingen delegation had such a wonderful visit in A2 in May. Thanks again to all who participated and made our stay so memorable!

To talk about the future of the Tuebingen - Ann Arbor group IN ANN ARBOR and to re-energize the organizational end, you are invited to a

DESSERT POTLUCK GET-TOGETHER
THURSDAY , SEPTEMBER 18, 7:30 PM

at the TEAHAUS of Lisa McDonald in Kerrytown, Ann Arbor.
204 N. 4th Ave., between Catherine and E. Ann St., first street east of N. Main St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
www.teahaus-annarbor.com

Perhaps you have some NEW IDEAS of ways to continue and advertise our exchange efforts - at the school, univerisity, or website level!

Come and JOIN US for a bite of dessert, some TEA, and some earnest discussion about plans for the future, in English and in German!

A little dessert contribution, if you can!

THANKS FOR A SHORT REPLY!

Carolyn

Carolyn Melchers
Freunde der Städtepartnerschaft Tübingen - Ann Arbor e.V.
Friends of the City Partnership Tuebingen - Ann Arbor
www.tuebingen-annarbor.de

[REDACTED]

Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:51 PM
To: 'Andy.LaBarre@mail.house.gov'
Subject: HUD letter

What up? A while back you sent me the letter you got from HUD denying our waiver request on CDBG funds. I can't find it. Can you re-send to me?

Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:52 PM
To: Lloyd, Mark; Miller, Jayne
Subject: Examples of bldg heights

Please tell me how tall the following bldgs are (or proposed to be), in number of feet:

101 N. Main
601 Forest
Tower Plaza

Thanks.

Elias, Abigail

From: Kyle V. Mazurek [Kyle@annarborchamber.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:52 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: Adams Outdoor Advertising

Hi Leigh,

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Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:53 PM
To: Miller, Jayne; Crawford, Tom; Smith, Colin
Cc: Fraser, Roger
Subject: FW: More Parks

Here is another request from my contact at T-Mobile re: leasing land for cell tower. I suggest someone call him if we're interested in hearing what they propose.

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

From: Kalousek, Kenneth [mailto:Kenneth.Kalousek@T-Mobile.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:23 PM
To: Greden, Leigh R.
Subject: More Parks

Leigh,

I hope your day is going well.

We are also interested in the Esch Park in Ann Arbor for a cell site location.

Thanks,

Ken Kalousek
T-Mobile U.S.A. | Development Manager - Michigan | M (734) 709-6717 | O (734) 367-7204

Elias, Abigail

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Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:56 PM
To: Anglin, Mike
Subject: Billboard pilot

Hi Mike-

I like the Adams Outdoor presentation b/c it's limited, won't increase total # of signs, offers a public benefit, and will hopefully eliminate some signs in neighborhoods. Their top priority is to get rid of the ones in the OWS. You interested in supporting a request to staff to develop ordinance language? I believe we just need a short amendment to the sign code.

Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:57 PM
To: Lloyd, Mark; Miller, Jayne
Cc: Lussenden, Keith
Subject: RE: rental signs

I suggest we merely contact THIS particular owner and demand that the sign be removed. Let's treat this as a complaint and address only this house, as we do with Community Standards issues. In theory, Jeff can also look for other violations in the immediate neighborhood (as we do with Community Standards), but I doubt he will find any.

From: Lloyd, Mark
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:42 AM
To: Greden, Leigh; Miller, Jayne
Cc: Lussenden, Keith
Subject: RE: rental signs

Below is an e-mail response I received from Jeff Ellis on this matter. We can send a letter to the address in question only advising them they need to remove the sign, send to multiple addresses in the area or begin a campaign to send a letter to all addresses in the City with this type of signage advising them that the signs need to be removed. Jeff's comment about the benefit of the signs is significant in that this is sometimes the only way safety services can find contact information when they need it, particularly after hours. Please review and advise.

Mark:

I went out and looked at this sign. It's approx. 24" x 18" and has Wilson White Company and their telephone number on the sign. It's clearly visible from the street and colors are white background with Burgundy lettering. The sign ordinance does not recognize this as a business (see definition of a business) so the sign is not permitted by the ordinance. In addition, there is no provision in the code for these types of signs although we have not discouraged them since they provide valuable information to city staff in the event of an emergency (fire, police, building, etc.). We can canvass the city and ask these be removed if this presents a problem.

Jeff

*Mark D. Lloyd
Planning and Development Services Manager
City of Ann Arbor, MI
vox: (734) 994-2799
fax: (734) 994-2798*

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Sunday, September 07, 2008 10:32 AM
To: Lloyd, Mark; Miller, Jayne
Cc: Lussenden, Keith
Subject: FW: rental signs

Please see below and advise if, based on that area's zoning, such signs are allowed. Thanks.

From: Jennifer Manning [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 8:11 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Cc: Evans, Family; Holley, David; Karibian, Kimmy; Manning, Bryan
Subject: rental signs

Dear Leigh,

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Elias, Abigail

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Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:59 PM
To: 'Jennifer Manning'
Cc: Evans, Family; Holley, David; Karibian, Kimmy; Manning, Bryan
Subject: RE: rental signs

Jennifer-

At my request, City inspectors visited your neighborhood. Based on the information in the City's database about the property in question, as well as the applicable Code, the staff determined that the sign does not comply with Code and needs to be removed. Appropriate communication will soon be sent to the property owner.

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Elias, Abigail

From: Kyle V. Mazurek [Kyle@annarborchamber.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:00 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Adams Outdoor Advertising

Great! Let me know if there's anything that Jesse and I can do to help out.

From: Greden, Leigh [mailto:LGreden@a2gov.org]
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Elias, Abigail

From: Kyle V. Mazurek [Kyle@annarborchamber.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:02 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Upcoming MDMTF - Report?

Great – and thank you!

Any thoughts on the LED billboard proposal?

From: Teall, Margie [mailto:MTeall@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 7:59 PM
To: Kyle V. Mazurek
Subject: RE: Upcoming MDMTF - Report?

Yes, I'd be happy to. I will likely be about 10 minutes late. -Margie

From: Kyle V. Mazurek [mailto:Kyle@annarborchamber.org]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 5:55 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Upcoming MDMTF - Report?

Hi Margie,

Jesse wanted me to check in with you regarding the upcoming MDMTF meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the DDA.

Are you able to give a report on the Graffiti Ordinance? Please let me know.

Thanks,
Kyle

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From: Jennifer Manning [mailto: [REDACTED]]
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Subject: RE: rental signs
Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2008 19:59:18 -0400
From: LGreden@a2gov.org
To: [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]

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Elias, Abigail

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:12 PM
To: 'Jennifer Manning'
Subject: RE: rental signs

Yes, please keep me updated. It will likely take a few weeks. Thanks!

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Cc: Evans, Family; Holley, David; Karibian, Kimmy; Manning, Bryan
Subject: rental signs

Dear Leigh,

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the City that can help? Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Manning, 2021 Devolson Ave.

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Margie, Stephen and I discussed the open house issue you and I discussed. They love the idea and think we should do it on 11/17, from 530-645pm, just before the new Members are sworn in. That would likely increase turnout, avoid the Christmas holiday, and avoid the parking problems that might occur if we wait until January when the site is under construction. I'll send more thoughts later.

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Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:35 PM
To: 'Snyder Bob'
Subject: RE: interesting, but helpful? Hometown Expertise

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To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Hat

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Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:40 PM
To: Teall, Margie; 'Ingram, William'
Subject: RE: Cable television

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Comcast doesn't have exclusivity in Ann Arbor, but they own all the hardware. A competitor would need to either lay their own cable or buy bandwidth from Comcast. An alternative is AT&T which is using the telephone lines to provide their Uverse service. Unfortunately, they don't have to provide public access.
Thanks for asking.
Marcia

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 8:09 PM
To: 'Ingram, William'
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
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Hi Bill:

I'm going to copy my co-council member from the 4th Ward, Marcia Higgins, who has been on the Cable Commission. I know there is a good reason, and I'm not sure what it is at this point. ...Marcia, can you help us out here? Thanks!

-Margie

From: Ingram, William [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2008 7:18 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Cable television

Hello Margie,

Is there a reason why Ann Arbor has only one cable television provider? People from elsewhere are always surprised when I tell them how much cable costs here, and in turn I'm irked that theirs costs so much less. I'm curious why competition in this area isn't encouraged by the city council. Dish television isn't really competition, and Comcast knows that.

Bill

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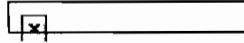
From: Anna Erickson [aerickson@movecommunications.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 9:55 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: city commissions

Hi Leigh,

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Thanks!
Anna

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

From: "Greden, Leigh" <LGreden@a2gov.org>
To: "Anna Erickson" <aerickson@movecommunications.com>
Date: Sat, 13 Sep 2008 14:30:58 -0400
Subject: RE: city commissions

Hi Anna-

Good to hear from you and good to hear you've moved to Ann Arbor! Here is our website application which lists the citizen committees. The list constantly changes as we eliminate and create committees, but it's pretty close. Take a look and let me know what interests you, and I can then determine whether there are any openings.

-Leigh Greden

http://www.a2gov.org/government/city_administration/City_Clerk/Documents/Clerk_BC_Application-Mayor.pdf

From: Anna Erickson [mailto:aerickson@movecommunications.com]
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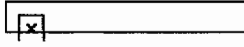
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Cc: Fraser, Roger
Subject: RE: More Parks

I'll have Colin Smith contact him. Thanks.

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Here is another request from my contact at T-Mobile re: leasing land for cell tower. I suggest someone call him if we're interested in hearing what they propose.

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Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:23 PM
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Leigh,

I hope your day is going well.

We are also interested in the Esch Park in Ann Arbor for a cell site location.

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Dear Ann,

Thank you very much for providing me with copies of both your "short 3-minute script" as well as the longer version which you had to distill into the 3-minute time limit version. Attached to this email are copies of both the longer version as well as the three-minute condensation presented verbally. You cited your own personal experience vis a vis "extreme wind" as well as Dr. Werner Dahm's comments (excerpted from his 2-page critical analysis of the developer's IES Wind Study, a copy of which I believe was given to each Council member, either in advance and/or at the August 18, 2008 Council meeting} appears to be well thought out, reasonable and measured. It certainly is not at all as described in highly derogatory terms in footnote 1 on Page 4 of Attorney Robert Carson's 5-page letter to City Attorney Stephen Postema dated August 29, 2008. Quoting from Mr. Carson's footnote, "1. A disorganized presentation of questions by the University of Michigan academic whose apparent concentration of study is other than Wind Studies, should never have been allowed to delay the hearing or the decisions and certainly is not in anyway a reasonable ground for having delayed consideration by the Council for a period of approximately six weeks."

Mr. Carson is, by trying to tear down testimony by people opposing his or his client's viewpoint, attempting to divert attention away from

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Keep up the good work, Ann!

Best,
Bob

C. Robert Snyder, Ph.D.
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Initial Analysis of IES Wind Study for 601 Forest

Professor Werner J.A. Dahm
Head, Laboratory for Turbulence & Combustion (LTC)
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The report provided by IES is extremely limited in substantive content. Only four of the seven pages give any information at all substantively relevant to a wind study of the proposed building. Nevertheless, based on the brief IES report, the following technical observations must be made:

- 1) The extremely limited content of the report suggests this has been a largely perfunctory wind study. As described below, the information given in the IES report is insufficient to determine what was actually done in the study. This undermines the credibility and utility of the report and of the study itself.
- 2) It is well known that the output of CFD simulations reflect the inputs and the geometry used, yet the report does not provide enough real information to determine whether or not the results that it asserts will meaningfully reflect real wind effects produced by the proposed building. Specific shortcomings of the CFD modeling done by IES as described in their report are noted below.
- 3) The report says virtually nothing about the computer model that IES used for this study. To what extent were surrounding buildings included? Which ones? How large an area was simulated? Was it a three-dimensional model? What detail was included in the proposed building and the surrounding buildings?
- 4) The report says absolutely nothing about the numerical parameters used in the CFD simulations. Experts know that virtually any desired result can be produced with a CFD code by adjusting such parameters as the computational grid. How fine was the grid used by IES? How does this the grid scale compare with the scales of features in the urban area model? What turbulence model did IES use in the CFD code? Was the turbulence model varied among standard models to determine the uncertainty it produces in the results? What values did IES use for the constants in the turbulence models?
- 5) All of the factors in #3 and #4 above can have a tremendous effect on the results obtained from any CFD-based wind study. Reporting results from any such study without providing this information renders the results essentially meaningless. This is widely accepted in the technical community dealing with CFD analyses of various aspects of aerodynamics, including wind flows and building wind effects. At a minimum, IES should be asked to provide complete information about the factors noted in #3 and #4 above.

6) The report says absolutely nothing about what combinations of wind speeds and directions were used in the CFD simulations. Two pages are spent on the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport wind data, but then nothing is said about what cases were actually simulated in the IES study. How many different cases were run? What were the bulk wind speed and direction for each of these cases? Do these combinations adequately span the "95th-percentile worst case" conditions?

7) The correct way to conduct a wind study is to first conduct simulation cases for proper combinations of wind speeds and directions with the existing building in the urban area model, and then to repeat the same simulation cases with the existing building replaced by the proposed building. The differences between each pair of cases will then far more accurately reveal the wind effects created if the propose building were erected. Conspicuously, no such comparisons appear to have been done by IES.

8) The brief IES report does not appear to address wind effects created at higher elevations near the top of the proposed building, where as noted in my earlier comments the building-generated vortices can create potentially dangerous buildup of ice and snow above pedestrians. It also does not address effluent dispersal effects noted in my earlier comments.

9) The IES report is narrowly confined to ground-level winds, and in view of the shortcomings of the report provides no meaningful assessment of even these wind effects of the proposed building. The IES report, and presumably the study itself, have relied solely on a CFD-based approach, and provide no validation data for the proposed building site. As noted in my earlier comments, a serious effort to determine real wind effects of a proposed building would combine wind tunnel data with adequately-conducted and adequately-reported CFD results to provide even the most elementary confidence in the reported results. Given the issues noted above, no real confidence in the results in the IES report is justified.

Recommendations:

- It is recommended that IES be required to address at least the issues noted in #3, #4, and #6 above.
- It is furthermore recommended that IES be asked to state if they conducted comparisons of the type noted in #7 above; if they have not then such comparisons should be required by City Council.
- It is also recommended that IES be asked if they conducted any wind tunnel measurements of the proposed 601 Forest development to obtain direct data on the accuracy of their CFD results; if they have not then such data should be requested.

Comments Regarding Wind Studies

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Purpose of These Comments

I am providing the following technical comments to the Ann Arbor City Council and other associated governing bodies on building wind effects in relation to the proposed 601 Forest project. Please note that I take no position either supporting or opposing the proposed 601 Forest project. Instead, my purpose is to provide information on health and safety issues associated with wind effects from buildings in urban spaces, and information on how wind effects can be assessed to determine their ground-level impacts on pedestrian comfort and safety, as well as their mid- to upper-level impacts on such factors as effluent dispersal from building exhausts and re-ingestion of pollutants that affect building indoor air quality.

Issues With Large and Tall Buildings

Buildings can dramatically alter the wind flow patterns around them, far more so than is commonly appreciated. High bulk wind speeds are not needed for buildings to produce very high local wind speeds in their vicinity, as discussed below. The extent of the resulting wind impacts of a building in an urban environment depend greatly on the height and footprint of the subject building, the massing of other structures around the building, and on local wind conditions. In general, wind effects become more significant – and can even rise to the level of significant health and safety concerns – as building height increases, as building frontal area and total blockage area (footprint) increases, and in the presence of increasing density of surrounding buildings.

In high-rise developments, the aerodynamic effects of a building and the resulting wind flow patterns can be very complex and potentially very strong. Their effect is not nearly as simple as the direct “channeling” of the wind that occurs if it blows down an urban street between buildings. While this “wind tunnel effect” can certainly occur under some combinations of wind direction and speed, the far larger and far more important wind effects created by a building instead result from the large and strong vortices that are formed by edges and corners of buildings at essentially all wind directions and speeds. Such strong vortices can form even under otherwise moderate or mild wind conditions.

These vortices are strong localized swirling wind motions that are formed naturally as a result of flow separation from exterior features of a building, including horizontal and vertical corners and edges of the building itself, as well as similar corners and edges of various exterior features such as cornices, awnings, and other embellishments found on buildings. Their scale is typically comparable to the building feature from which they are generated, and thus can range from a few feet in diameter to a hundred feet or more. Larger-scale vortices typically survive the longest, and since they typically have the greatest circulation (i.e., strength) they are of primary concern.

The vortices resulting from wind flow over and around a building can produce highly counter-intuitive and unexpected wind flow patterns, with wind speeds that can easily be a factor of twenty or more higher than the nominal bulk wind speed that generated the vortices. Moreover, these vortices can maintain their form while propagating over distances many times their own scale and much larger than the building's exterior length, due to their interactions with building exterior surfaces and with the ground for great lengths. Building-generated vortices can often become trapped in urban "canyons" formed between buildings on opposing sides of a street, and in such cases their axial extent can be very long.

Concerns About Pedestrian Comfort and Safety

It is these building-generated vortices that are of primary concern for pedestrian comfort and safety. The locally high wind speeds they generate can readily blow dust, sand, dirt, and debris into the eyes of pedestrians. They can make walking in certain areas around a building so uncomfortable, unpleasant, and even dangerous that these areas may be routinely avoided by pedestrians. They can also blow snow into accumulations so deep as to make pedestrian traffic difficult or impossible, especially near corners between sidewalks and building exterior walls. Secondary flow patterns produced by these vortices can trap blown matter such as dirt, debris, snow, and papers along sidewalks, where they are further blown by vortex-generated winds.

Concerns About Structural Damage

Beyond such pedestrian-level wind effects of building-generated vortices, the high wind speeds produced by vortices at mid- and upper-level heights above ground can damage or destroy features of the building itself. Awnings, cornices, and many other features protruding from buildings can be torn, broken off, or bent by the resulting locally high winds. Snow and ice can be forced to accumulate at large heights on building exteriors by secondary winds from these vortices. Accumulations of snow and ice can also be torn loose by these localized vortex-induced winds and fall onto sidewalks. In some cases, exterior building materials such as tiles and structural materials have even been torn off from buildings by these strong local air flow patterns and fallen onto sidewalks.

Concerns About Effluent Dispersion

In addition to building damage and the attendant safety impacts on pedestrians noted above, unanticipated wind flow patterns associated with the locally strong swirling motions produced by vortex-generated winds can also affect effluent dispersion from buildings. Effluents such as warm air and steam from heating and air conditioning systems can be driven to ground level despite being released from roof-top equipment. In some cases, re-ingestion of effluents by air intakes located substantially far from the emission site can prevent satisfactory operation of such systems. Offensive odors from dumpsters, garbage chutes, and other building systems can be carried by vortex-induced winds far from where they are generated and where they might otherwise not be expected to be found.

Currently, there are no widely accepted standards constituting specific thresholds for avoiding detrimental or otherwise dangerous wind effects and for maintaining adequate levels of pedestrian comfort and safety. Due to the close coupling between the building size and shape, the exterior features and embellishments on the building surface, and the proximity and size of surrounding buildings and streets, wind effects of buildings must be determined on a case-by-case basis. A standard sometimes used in the past is that a building produces a significant wind-related impact if it results in the occurrence at least one time per year of winds at ground-level, or at mid- and upper-levels, of greater than 36 miles per hour (mph).

Governing Authorities Require Architectural Wind Studies

In recent years, architectural wind studies are being increasingly demanded by local governing authorities to anticipate and mitigate problems of the sort described above. It has been common for some time now to require developers proposing large and/or tall buildings in urban areas to conduct credible technical assessments of likely wind effects and to present these to the local governing authority. Demands for such assessments are generally regarded as falling well within scope of a typical local governing authority's charter to ensure the health, safety, and well being of the public they serve.

For reasons noted above, simple comparative studies or "back-of-the-envelope" analyses are grossly insufficient to provide realistic estimates of the complex vortex-generated wind flow patterns produced by a building for various bulk wind speeds and directions. Such simplistic assessments are being increasingly rejected as urban areas become increasingly built up, and as the attendant wind effects on public health, safety and well being are consequently increasing. Similarly, claims that various "seat-of-the-pants" modifications have been made to a building exterior to mitigate wind effects are also being increasingly rejected. There are far more accurate and readily accessible methods available today to developers, at reasonable costs, to provide far more realistic assessments of the wind impacts of the projects they propose.

The Need for Wind Tunnel and Computer-Based Simulations

Specifically, modern building wind assessments are based on either or both of two key methods. The first is based on conducting wind tunnel measurements of the building effect in the local urban environment. A small-scale model is constructed of the local urban area including the proposed development and placed in a wind tunnel. The tunnel is operated at various speeds and the model is rotated at various angles relative to the oncoming air stream, and measurements are made of wind speeds at dozens or even hundreds of locations around the area. Standard scaling methods are used to scale up the wind tunnel measurement results to full-scale conditions. The model size must be large enough (typically 3-5 ft.) that the viscous effects of the air flow are representative of the actual full-scale conditions.

Numerous wind tunnels exist for such purposes and are available to the developer or to engineering firms acting on their behalf to conduct such measurements. The University

of Michigan's Department of Aerospace Engineering, for example, has such a wind tunnel with a 5-ft. x 7-ft. test section that has been used for architectural wind studies in the past. The wind impacts produced by the Ford headquarters building, for example, were determined in this manner in the UM 5-ft x 7-ft wind tunnel. Other universities, national laboratories, and commercial entities also have wind tunnels that are typically available on a user-fee basis for such building wind studies.

The second method uses computer-based simulations of the local urban environment to determine the wind effects that a building will produce. A computer model is generated of the urban area, and the fundamental differential equations of physics that govern air flow are simulated on the computer for various bulk wind speeds and directions to determine the resulting wind flow patterns at pedestrian-level as well as at mid- and upper-levels. Numerous consulting firms with access to the required technical expertise and facilities exist to provide such simulation capabilities to developers, and such simulations are being increasingly required for architectural wind studies.

These computer simulations must use various sub-models to account for the physics of key aspects of the wind flow, such as the viscous boundary layers that form on all exterior surfaces and features of the building and the separation of these layers to form into building-generated vortices. Since these models can introduce uncertainties in the accuracy of the computer-generated results, the most reliable method for assessing building wind effects is to use computer simulations for most of the combinations of bulk wind speeds and directions, and then augment these with wind tunnel measurements for a few key cases to provide validation of the computer predictions. This combined approach is generally the most cost-effective and reliable method.

The Value of Unbiased Wind Tunnel and Computer-Based Simulations

Based on the results from such wind tunnel measurements and computer simulations, the local governing authority can objectively understand the wind effects that will be produced by a proposed building. This approach allows otherwise biased claims either for or against a development to be replaced with objective technical information that allows the governing authority, the developer, the citizenry, and surrounding businesses to quantitatively understand the effects that a building will produce. It also allows the governing authority to make judgments based on solid technical information that are far less likely to be subjected to legal challenges by those for or against the development.

Moreover, using the results from such wind tunnel measurements and computer simulations, the developer and the local governing authority can develop mitigation solutions to address objectionable wind effects that are revealed by the wind tunnel measurements and computer simulations. Here too, demands by the governing authority for modifications to the proposed development are far less likely to be subjected to legal challenges by the developer, and are far more likely to alleviate concerns over wind effects by the local citizenry.

This approach allows objectionable and potentially dangerous wind effects from a proposed development to be assessed and addressed in a technically accurate way that is fair to the developer, to the citizenry, and to the local governing authority.

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Work Experience

I am a Professor of Aerospace Engineering in the College of Engineering at The University of Michigan, where I also serve as Head of the Laboratory for Turbulence & Combustion (LTC). My area of technical specialization is fluid dynamics in general and turbulent mixing in particular. I have extensive experience in analyzing the mixing properties of fluid flows in general, and turbulent flows and turbulent reacting flows in particular. In the 23 years that I have served on the faculty at Michigan, I have performed extensive teaching, research, and consulting on these and other matters related to turbulent flows. I have taught various aspects of fluid dynamics to nearly two thousand engineering students, ranging from undergraduates and Master's students to Ph.D. candidates, and I have supervised the doctoral dissertations of numerous Ph.D. students in various aspects of advanced fluid dynamics in general and turbulent mixing in particular.

During this time I have continuously conducted research on various aspects of fluid dynamics and turbulent mixing, and have published widely in the leading national and international archival technical journals on matters of fluid dynamics, turbulent flows, turbulent mixing, and related areas. I have also served as an Associate Editor for one of the leading archival technical journals in this field, and as a Member of both the Publications Committee and the Executive Committee of the Division of Fluid Dynamics (DFD) of the American Physical Society (APS). I have also served extensively as a reviewer of technical papers and books related to fluid dynamics, turbulent mixing and related areas, as an organizer and advisor for national and international conferences in my area of specialization, as an invited and plenary speaker at numerous technical conferences, and as an invited speaker in the area of fluid dynamics at the leading universities and research organizations in my field throughout the world.

I have been made a Fellow of the Division of Fluid Dynamics of the American Physical Society (APS) in recognition of exceptional scientific achievements in the field of fluid

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Publications Within the Last Ten Years

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