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October 27, 2009

Dorothy Nordness

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated October 18, 2009
09-239 Nordness

Dear Ms. Nordness:

I am responding to your request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, dated October 18, 2009, received October 20, 2009, and extended to October 27, 2009. Your request for "all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the council meeting which began on August 21, 2006" is granted in part and denied in part. Your request is denied to the extent that the following redactions have occurred:

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

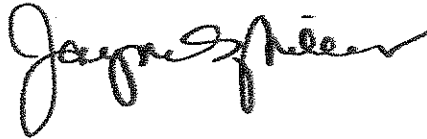
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If you receive written notice that your request has been denied, in whole or in part, under Section 10 of the Act, you may, at your option either: (1) submit to the City Administrator a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and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

The Michigan Freedom of Information Act specifically provides that a public body may charge a fee for searching for and copying a public record. The cost for copying the records is \$1.10 payable to the City of Ann Arbor. Upon receipt of this amount, the documents will be released to you. Your documents may be picked up in the Community Services Office (Sixth Floor, City Hall), Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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

Sincerely,

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

Jayne S. Miller
Community Services Administrator

04-257
Nordness

King, Carol

From: Dorothy Nordness [DorothyK@isr.umich.edu]
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2009 11:51 PM
To: King, Carol
Subject: FOIA request

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

Dear Ms. King:

I am requesting all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the Council meeting which began on August 21, 2006, but may have continued past midnight into the next calendar day.

Please exclude from this request any electronic communication initiated by a staff member of the City Attorney's Office and any documents attached to the electronic communication.

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Dorothy Nordness
114 8th Street, Ann Arbor, MI
734-668-6306

read in 2009

King, Carol

From: David Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:58 PM
To: Konkle, David; Bill Verge; Charles Hookham; Jason Bing; Kurt Brandle; Paul Ganz; Robert Black; Steve Miller; Tim Athan; Wayne Appleyard; Woods, Wendy A; Yoshiko Hill
Cc: Kapner, Mark; Hieftje, John
Subject: Discussion with Mark Kapner of Austin Energy re: financial position of Green Choice Program

Fellow Energy Commissioners and Mayor Hieftje,

I decided to contact Austin Energy to see what I could learn about the financial standing of their Green Choice Wind Energy Program as the word the commission was hearing was that it was "losing money." I spoke with Mark Kapner by phone today and asked him about the financial standing of the program. It was quite informative and I hope to accurately convey what I heard from Mark, but, if I slip up and misquote what I heard, he can correct me as he is cc'd.

What I learned is that the green choice wind energy program is not losing money, it sounds like they are actually making and saving more money by having entered into long term purchase agreements for wind energy.

Here's what I learned --

Austin Energy is a muni which is managed by the Austin City Council. When the wind energy program was launched in 2000 Austin city council directed Austin Energy to subsidize the program to "get it off the ground." Council authorized an annual subsidization for the first batch of long term wind power purchases of \$1,000,000 per year. The utility had leeway on how to spend those funds so they used these funds to buy-down the cost of the wind power and set the fuel price for the wind energy customers at 1.7 cents per kW-hr. When this price was set in 2000 the fuel price was at 1.3 cents per kW-hr.

Austin Energy's customers are billed for fuel costs separate from capital (capacity and T&D) costs. The utility updates the fuel costs as they fluctuate which can be on a monthly basis. All customers (including the wind energy customers) pay for all of the capital fixed costs for all of Austin's fossil fuel capacity. The utility utilizes the wind energy purchases not to avoid capacity, but to avoid fuel (energy) purchases, wind offsets fuel purchases by offsetting the need to run the next scheduled plant. The Green Choice customers pay the same capital (capacity and T&D) costs as all of the other utility customers, but, instead of paying for fuel, they pay the contract price for the wind.

Wind turbines are primarily a capital expense and with the long-term purchase contracts, the green choice customers are guaranteed their rate for 10 years (the length of the wind power purchase contract).

After launching the program with the planned subsidy in place fuel costs in August 2000 increased for Austin's customers to 1.6 cents per kW-hr. At this point sign-ons to the first come first served green choice program accelerated and the first batch of the program sold out.

In November 2000, fuel prices increased to 2.2 cents per kW-hr and Austin Energy exercised an option on additional wind capacity, batch two. The wind price at this point without any subsidy was 2.85 cents per kW-hr and this is what the utility decided to charge for the remainder of this capacity. At the end of 2000 fuel prices had reached 2.69 cents per kW-hr. The batch two wind was sold out by the end of 2002.

In 2003 Austin elected to extend the program and enter into another long term contract with an additional wind farm. At this time the utility decided that the price being charged to customers needed to increase. The cost of the wind contract from the additional farm was the same as the previous batch, 2.85 cents per kW-hr. What changed was that the utility was being charged for congestion costs on the transmission system. The financial types thought that these costs should be recovered from the wind energy customers and so they added these costs into the wind energy "fuel cost base". With these costs in the program the price charged to the green energy customers for batch 3 is 3.3 cents per kW-hr. Batch 3 sold out.

Austin is now in the process of starting Batch 4. The costs for batch 4 are the same as batch 3, 2.85 cents/kW-hr for the wind purchase, and an additional 0.45 cents/kW-hr for congestion charges. The financial types also decided that the green choice price could go higher, even though it is not necessary for covering any program costs, so the price for batch 4 will increase from 3.3 to 3.5 cents per kW-hr. Fuel costs are now 3.6 cents per kW-hr and Batch 4 would sell out in a heartbeat today, so to address this issue, Austin city council decided to create a lottery to allocate the batch 4 purchase.

So, the initial program was subsidized, as planned, and the three following programs were not. The three following programs have all covered the costs for the wind and are now also addressing other transmission capacity "congestion" costs along with a small premium. The utility is not losing money, and Mr. Kapner claimed at the start of our conversation that this is "wrong information."

So, unless I have missed something, which we will be informed about if I have -- Austin Energy is fully covering the costs of their wind energy program and the program benefits all of their customers as the wind energy offsets the need to purchase other more expensive fuels. It makes sense to enter into a long term purchase agreement and to offer that to your customers, as the majority of the expenses for the wind farm are known and spent when it is built.

Ann Arbor needs to continue pursuing just such a model for bringing wind energy to our city. And, there is no valid reason to dismiss the Austin program because they do cover their costs with some room to spare.

We need to find a way to make this happen here.

Regards,

David

King, Carol

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:56 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: FW: the teal/greff emails (fwd)

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

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:52 PM
To: 'WiederT [REDACTED]'
Subject: RE: the teal/greff emails (fwd)

Tom:

Thanks for the clarification. While I understand you took a position with regard to the state rep seat, I do understand how others concluded that all those involved with the pow articles endorsed everything contained in that document. Sonia isn't and has never been a progressive. As an example, she vigorously opposed the homeless shelter. I can share with you the ZBA minutes which show she fought against a variance for it. Her claims that it was for the safety of the proposed residents was a damn lie. Many of the people involved with pow were motivated by their anger with me over the fact that Tim Colenback wasn't appointed to council, not that Sonia was truly a better progressive. The fact that a group that holds itself out as the progressive voice of the community endorsed a candidate with values that are contrary to their own was an eye-opener for me. In the end, I have always known that politics is a contact sport and I try to remember that and not take it personal, but this election tested that resolve. Thanks for taking the time to explain your position to me, I do appreciate it.

Regards,

Chris

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

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 4:07 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher
Subject: Fwd: the teal/greff emails (fwd)

Chris-

You were wondering what the source was of the suggestion that I was opposing you. It was in the email below from Margie Teall to Rene Gref.

Tom Wieder

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:46 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: Email from Ron Lev

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

From: Ron Lev [mailto:rlev@workforcesoftware.com]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:03 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Update

Awsome,

Thanks for all your help. I'll definitely be letting the residents know you fought for this.

I think it's worth bringing up the 1 side (even if later) delayed and subsidized or even paid for in full.... but that's your call you know the system.

From: Greden, Leigh [mailto:LGreden@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:01 PM
To: 'Ron Lev'
Subject: Update

Are you online?

9 Members are present tonight. We need 8 votes to pass this. I have at least two no votes, which means only 7 yes votes... at most. That would mean it fails.... keep watching!

King, Carol

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:36 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Legal Services

please never mention them and sex in the same sentence

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:33 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher
Subject: RE: Legal Services

Thank you buddy. Not sure why, but it's getting tough again b/c the loss keeps sinking in.

I keep picturing [REDACTED] door sign [REDACTED]...

I picture her and [REDACTED] having inagural sex on her taxpayer-funded desk, and the security guards not being able to stop them...

I picture Tom Wieder and Cahill plotting against my re-election...

but it helps a LOT to have my friends and family.

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

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:13 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Legal Services

wrong my friend..the days of pandering are over..over I tell you!

for what its worth, I think there are many of us who feel bad for you because of the loss but at the same time have a sense of relief that you will still be there. You are the most valuable council member and you carry a huge load for all of us. Your day will come again. You ran for state rep at a younger age then when I first ran for council...so learn what you can learn from it and move on...there will be lots of opportunities in the future..just continue to make yourself invaluable to the city and it will all work out.

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:03 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher
Subject: RE: Legal Services

Oh you just wait....

Hieftje has whimped out. He voted no on the Metro 202.

Next time OWS wants something, you will too. They'll send someone you like to do their bidding.... and you'll bend over faster than the new guy in the prison showers.....

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

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:01 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Legal Services

i am a nimby for a HUGE neighborhood.....I should say I was....

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 9:59 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher
Subject: RE: Legal Services

Perhaps I'm the kettle... but you're the pot, and you just called me black!

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

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 9:53 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Legal Services

Leigh is a NIMBY..Leigh is a NIMBY....

WUSS....

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 9:49 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher
Subject: RE: Legal Services

YOU of all people should appreciate what I'm trying to do!!! All you do is cater to your NIMBYs!

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

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 9:48 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Legal Services

fucker...little NIMBY bastard..never mention the old west side again ...

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 9:47 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher
Subject: RE: Legal Services

With Easy Street?

It's a little side street. It's not the end of the world not to have sidewalks. Bob J is voting with me. So is Margie. That means you only have 6 votes. You need 8. You lose.

Ha ha ha!

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

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 9:44 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Legal Services

you are setting a terrible precedent with this...

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

From: Greden, Leigh

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 8:32 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher
Subject: Legal Services

As a compromise are you willing to tell Bob G you will support funding him, and you expect the Council to as well, but he needs to work thru Amy Klinke? He's been avoiding her and going to you b/c he likes to abuse his "power."

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:44 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: Easy Street update

Dear Easy Street resident:

You have written me in the past regarding the proposal to construct sidewalks on Easy Street. I write to update you about this proposal.

At tonight's City Council meeting, I spoke against and voted against the proposal to construct sidewalks on both sides of the street. The Council joined me and rejected the proposal to build sidewalks. (8 votes were required, but the proposal received only 6 votes).

Although the sidewalk proposal was defeated, I voted for, and the Council approved, the re-construction of the road and water main. That project will begin this construction season, and you will soon receive information (probably via U.S. mail) from the City.

I decided to vote against constructing sidewalks after weighing several factors:

- On the one hand, I believe that sidewalks would be beneficial to the neighborhood and the community-at-large. Sidewalks are consistent with the City's non-motorized transportation plan, which seeks to make it easier to navigate the City on foot or bike. Sidewalks would also increase safety.
- These potential benefits must, however, be weighed against the desire of the residents. It was clear that a large majority of residents opposed the proposal to construct sidewalks on both sides of the street. Resident input is particularly important when -- as in this case -- residents would be forced to pay a large portion of the cost. Residents will already incur a significant personal expense for new pipes; the added cost of the sidewalk construction would be too much. In the end, I decided that the residents' concerns outweighed the potential benefits of constructing sidewalks, and thus I voted no. I am hopeful that the new street and its traffic calming measures will allow for safe pedestrian traffic along Easy Street, despite the lack of sidewalks.

Moving forward, the City will continue to investigate sources of funding to reduce or eliminate the cost of constructing sidewalks in the future. The City will also explore the procedural and legal feasibility of constructing sidewalks on just one side of the street, in case residents wish to pursue that option in the future. In the meantime, the City will soon begin re-building the road and water main, but sidewalks will not be constructed.

Thank you for writing about this issue. Please feel free to write me again about this or any other issue.

- Leigh Greden, City Council

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:02 PM
To: 'Ron Lev'; "Ron Lev"@mail.workforcesoftware.com; Hieftje, John; Johnson, Robert; Roberts, John; Rapundalo, Stephen; Lowenstein, Joan; Carlberg, Jean; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Woods, Wendy A; Hieftje, John; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen; Carlberg, Jean; Higgins, Marcia; Woods, Wendy A; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Johnson, Robert; Roberts, John
Cc: tgantert@aa-news.com
Subject: RE: Easy Street Sidewalk Survey

Ron-

Unfortunately, if we delay construction, we lose significant "economies of scale," which drives up the total cost of sidewalks. That increase in cost would eat up most of the savings offered by the City subsidy. Accordingly, delay is probably not a good option.

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

From: Ron Lev [mailto:rlev@workforcesoftware.com]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:00 PM
To: "Ron Lev"@mail.workforcesoftware.com; Hieftje, John; Johnson, Robert; Roberts, John; Rapundalo, Stephen; Lowenstein, Joan; Carlberg, Jean; Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Woods, Wendy A; Hieftje, John; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen; Greden, Leigh; Carlberg, Jean; Higgins, Marcia; Woods, Wendy A; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Johnson, Robert; Roberts, John
Cc: tgantert@aa-news.com
Subject: RE: Easy Street Sidewalk Survey

One side (even if delayed) is the ultimate "win win"

Consider delaying a vote due to the new information (which was not available for residents input even as of yesterday's caucus meeting despite our asking for it.

It's not just "I don't like sidewalks". It's an intrusion into the yards that is greater than normal due to existing plantings.

Consider 1 side next year (after process...) with city subsidy. Still cheaper for residents than splitting the subsidy and building both sides.

Why build more than is needed? Why make people pay for it?

Also, consider sidewalk in the park.

If sidewalks are passed, please put in a provision to give residents greater than average leeway re: routing, including right up against the curb.

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 9:44 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Assessment

If you, me, and Bob J vote no, the special assessment fails b/c it requires 6 votes.

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 8:05 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: Audit Subcommittee

Sister Teall & Brother Rapundalo-

Our auditors have recommended that the City establish an Audit Committee of Councilmembers to handle audit-related tasks, which are described in the attached sheet. Tonight, the Budget & Labor Committee voted to establish an Audit Subcommittee of the Budget & Labor Committee. We'd like you two sit on the subcommittee. You would be joined by me, the Mayor, and one other Member. I would serve as Chair. It would meet only periodically as needed, but at least twice per year.

In addition to these tasks, you might be asked to meet with the Auditors privately for a short meeting as part of the audit process.

Are you interested?



audit.pdf

Audit Committee Responsibilities

The Audit Committee's responsibilities will include four elements:

1. Review and approve the procurement process for engagement of the auditors, including the request for proposals prepared by management, the terms of any engagement, and any recommendations to be submitted to the full Board for approval of the audit engagement and appointment of the Auditors.
2. Approve the audit plan for the year, directing and describing to the auditors any specific areas for review, if need is seen, and meeting with the auditors at the beginning of field work.
3. Review with management and the auditors any significant accounting or reporting issues and mediate any significant differences which are brought up between management and the auditors on specific issues.
4. Review the audit results with the auditors and management at the conclusion of the audit and report on the audit results to the Board.

It is anticipated that the Audit Committee will meet twice a year and more often, if necessary, in years the auditors are being selected.

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 7:54 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Easthope, Christopher; Teall, Margie; Roberts, John
Subject: FW: Extended hours

Admin Committee:

Our Committee assumed the duties of the Liquor Committee. The State recently approved legislation allowing business to stay open to 4am.

The attached resolution should be reviewed by our Committee before going to Council. It (1) establishes a \$500 application fee, (2) provides for a public hearing prior to issuance of any 4am licenses; and (3) provides for notice to any property owner within 100 feet.

Pls review and approve so this can go on the 9/5 Agenda.

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

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:29 AM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Extended hours

This is the updated resolution I had sent to you for your review. I included a requirement for a public hearing and 100 feet notification for neighbors for any extended hours applications. If this proposed resolution is acceptable to the Admin Committee, let me know and I'll submit for the September 5 agenda. The setting of the \$500 fee on September 5 will also include a public hearing as is always required for fees.

Jackie



Extended Hours
Fee liquor Revi...

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

DATE: September 5, 2006

SUBJECT: Resolution to Establish City Application Fee for Extended Hours – Entertainment Permit in Conjunction with a Class C Liquor License

The City Clerk's Office received notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of a request from Necto, LLC for an official permit to extend their Dance-Entertainment Permit for the hours between 2:30 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. in conjunction with their 2006 Class C Licensed Business at 516 E. Liberty. This is the first request for an "Extended Hours" permit in the City and an application fee for the City's inspection and review of the application is necessary.

Extended Hours permits were approved by the State of Michigan late last year. The permit would allow a Class C licensed business to operate extended hours for entertainment such as dancing, TV, live performances, contests, etc. It does not allow extended hours for topless activity, Club Keno, or the sale of alcohol past 2:00 a.m. Establishments can continue to sell food and non-alcoholic drinks after-hours with the permit. Issuance of any Extended Hours Permits in the City of Ann Arbor would require City Council approval, as well as approval by the Ann Arbor Police Department.

The City currently charges applicants a one-time filing fee of \$500.00 for new and transferring liquor licenses, as well as any changes to an existing license, to cover the cost of inspections and investigations. To be consistent with current City practice, a \$500.00 application fee for an Extended Hours – Entertainment permit is recommended. In addition, it is recommended that a public hearing be held for any Extended Hours application to allow the public an opportunity to provide comments.

Prepared by: Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk
Reviewed by: Sgt. Jeff Connelly, Ann Arbor Police Department
Council Administrative Committee
Approved by: Roger Fraser, City Administrator

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH CITY APPLICATION FEE
FOR EXTENDED HOURS – ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT IN CONJUNCTION
WITH A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE

Whereas, The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has established a new permit to allow for the extension of hours for entertainment for Class C Licensed Businesses;

Whereas, The City has received its first request for approval of an Extended Hours permit to allow for Dance Entertainment between 2:30 and 4:00 a.m.;

Whereas, There is currently no application fee established by City Council for these permits; and

Whereas, A public hearing on establishing the application fee for an Extended Hours – Entertainment permit was held on September 5, 2006;

RESOLVED, That the City application fee for an Extended Hours – Entertainment permit, in conjunction with a Class C licensed business be set at \$500.00 to be consistent with current City practice; and

RESOLVED, That a public hearing be held for each application to allow for public comments and input and that notification of the application and hearing be sent to all property owners within 100 feet of the applicant's Class C business.

Submitted by: City Clerk

Reviewed by: City Attorney

Reviewed by: Council Administrative Committee

Date: September 5, 2006

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 7:49 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Lowenstein, Joan; Easthope, Christopher
Subject: RE: Vacation?

You go on vacation, on the other side of the State, and run into Edie & Tom. That blows.

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

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 7:32 PM
To: Lowenstein, Joan; Easthope, Christopher; Greden, Leigh
Subject: Vacation?

Leigh is aware, but I thought Joan and Chris might be interested to know that in my short time (3 days) up north, I had the opportunity to twice, TWICE run into Tom Bletcher, who is now familiar to my mother who says he is just a negative bag of wind... apparently he is also familiar with other members of my family... well, Edie was with him, so that wasn't so bad... Tom informed me that there is a "movement afoot" to not vote for me, to send a message. I told him that I didn't expect that he would vote for me. I love my time away.

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 7:08 PM
To: Carlberg, Jean
Subject: Stop sign on Canterbury

The guy called me today about the stop sign. He said he represents a neighborhood group that wants the sign.

Can you give me a brief summary of talks you've had with him so I know what he's been told?

King, Carol

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:51 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Subject: RE: Lunch with DTE

Yes, home after labor day.

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

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:50 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Lunch with DTE

During the first week of September a lunch is being planned to talk with John Erb and Paul Ganz about DTE's facilities along the Huron River. It would be helpful if you could join us. The precise date will be set early that week. Will you be around?

Roger

King, Carol

From: Roberts, John
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 7:28 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher

Ok, so the new guy is the one that is not transparent? Whacko

King, Carol

From: Ron Lev [rlev@workforcesoftware.com]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:09 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Easy Street Sidewalk Survey

Thanks, Leigh.

So it sounds like it will probably come up again at the next meeting.... do you think?

The remaining questions might be:

- 1) Will the delay be more expensive than cutting the cost in 1/2 by doing half the project....?
- 2) Will the reduced "negative impact of unwanted sidewalks" to residents on the E side be worth it?

From: Greden, Leigh [mailto:LGreden@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:05 PM
To: 'rlev@workforcesoftware.com'
Subject: FW: Easy Street Sidewalk Survey

Not sure if this went thru to you...

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

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Subject: RE: Easy Street Sidewalk Survey

Ron-

Unfortunately, if we delay construction, we lose significant "economies of scale," which drives up the total cost of sidewalks. That increase in cost would eat up most of the savings offered by the City subsidy. Accordingly, delay is probably not a good option.

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From: Ron Lev [mailto:rlev@workforcesoftware.com]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:00 PM
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Cc: tgantert@aa-news.com
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One side (even if delayed) is the ultimate "win win"

Consider delaying a vote due to the new information (which was not available for residents input even as of yesterday's caucus meeting despite our asking for it.

It's not just "I don't like sidewalks". It's an intrusion into the yards that is greater than normal due to existing plantings.

Consider 1 side next year (after process...) with city subsidy. Still cheaper for residents than splitting the subsidy and building both sides.

Why build more than is needed? Why make people pay for it?

Also, consider sidewalk in the park.

If sidewalks are passed, please put in a provision to give residents greater than average leeway re: routing, including right up against the curb.

King, Carol

From: Ron Lev [rlev@workforcesoftware.com]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:03 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Update

Awsome,

Thanks for all your help. I'll definitely be letting the residents know you fought for this.

I think it's worth bringing up the 1 side (even if later) delayed and subsidized or even paid for in full.... but that's your call you know the system.

From: Greden, Leigh [mailto:LGreden@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:01 PM
To: 'Ron Lev'
Subject: Update

Are you online?

9 Members are present tonight. We need 8 votes to pass this. I have at least two no votes, which means only 7 yes votes... at most. That would mean it fails.... keep watching!