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Jackie,

Could you please at your convenience send me a pdf of C-1 and C-2, along with the associated memos.

Thank you very much,

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**Subject:** SPECIAL EVENTS  
**Attachments:** James Kimble.vcf; SPECIAL EVENTS.doc

Councilman Taylor,

I have attached a brief overview of our vision to host a special event from July 9 to October 29. This event would require the closing of a very small section (30 parking spaces) of the side street on Washtenaw Avenue. We welcome any feedback that you're able to provide. Thanks

James E. Kimble  
734 424-3996 Office  
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**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 10:33 PM  
**To:** Gardner, Judy; joan doughty; Marlys Deen; jerene calhoun; Taylor, Christopher (Council)  
**Subject:** Invitation for this Sunday  
**Attachments:** Toyota & WomenBuild & Garcia Family Dedication.pdf

Happy New Year!

Pls find attached an invitation to the dedication of the home of our new neighbors, via Habitat for Humanity. If you've never been to one of these, I think you will find it touching. Pam and Carlos are excited and apprehensive about becoming our new neighbors. Pls find the time to stop in and say, 'welcome'.

Thanks,  
S

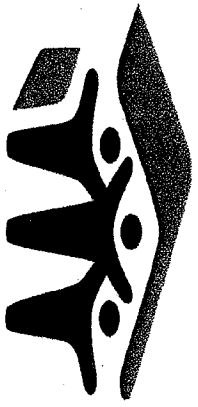
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You are cordially invited to the dedication  
of the

**2009 Toyota/Women Build House**

2128 Champagne, Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Date:** Sunday, January 10, 2010

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Directions:** From I-94 – Take Exit 177 (State Street), at exit turn south and follow to a left on West Ellsworth, then a left at Stone School Rd. followed by a right on Champagne.

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Americans Attacked in Cairo over Gaza March Video Available

January 4, 2010

<http://www.accuracy.org/newsrelease.php?articleId=2149>

A high-stakes standoff continues today in Cairo.

Monday, January 4, 2010

A high-stakes standoff continues today in Cairo, where participants in unprecedented protests are available for interviews.

On New Year's Eve -- shortly after the Egyptian government had prevented buses from taking them to Gaza

-- hundreds of people, including scores from the U.S., who were attempting to march in Cairo were kicked, punched and dragged into a holding area by plainclothes Egyptian government forces.

See video: <http://husseini.posterous.com/9292893>  
(filmed by Sam Hussein).

Beginning Dec. 27, 1,300 activists from over 40 countries had been in Cairo attempting to go to Gaza, which has been under siege. Israel has prevented free movement to or from Gaza on its border crossings and has prevented the Gaza port and airport from functioning.

These 1,300 activists -- roughly equal to the number of Palestinians killed in Gaza during the Israeli bombing "Cast Lead" of this time last year (about 13 Israelis were also killed) -- have been prevented by the Egyptian government from going to Gaza through the Rafah crossing in the south of Gaza.

Protests in Cairo have been ongoing; one took place Monday in front of the Prosecutor's Office, roughly the equivalent of the Justice Department. This protest included about 40 Egyptians and 40 internationals. On New Year's Day, several hundred people protested in front of the Israeli embassy in Cairo; protests there are virtually unheard of -- prohibited by the Egyptian authorities. During protests, people have almost always been penned into areas to prevent their being seen by the general public.

The following individuals still in Cairo can speak to the violence of the Egyptian authorities as well as the Egyptian policy of maintaining the siege of Gaza and the crisis situation in Gaza:

RYAN FAY, in Egypt via U.S. mobile: (412) 418-4444, [Ryanbfay@aol.com](mailto:Ryanbfay@aol.com) Fay, a law student, has done legal work on behalf of Palestinians on the West Bank, attempting to prevent the demolition of their homes by Israel. See a photo of Fay shortly after being hit with a police walkie talkie:  
<http://aliabunimah.posterous.com/?sort=&search=ryan> .

MICK NAPIER, Egyptian mobile: 011-20-192247860, [chair@scottishpsc.org.uk](mailto:chair@scottishpsc.org.uk), <http://scottishpsc.org.uk> Napier is chair of the Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign, one of hundreds of organizations with delegations in Cairo. He said, "It is clearer than ever that the Egyptian dictatorship is fully complicit with Israel's crippling siege of Gaza."

HEDY EPSTEIN, Egyptian mobile: 011-20-196942393, [hedy@hedyepstein.com](mailto:hedy@hedyepstein.com) Epstein is a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust and author of "Remembering Is Not Enough."  
See the AFP piece "Awaiting Gaza March, Holocaust Survivor Stages Hunger Strike."

<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2009/12/28-3>

SAM HUSSEINI, Egyptian mobile: 011-20-161477373, after Jan. 6 in Amman: 011-962-6-5522182, [samhusseini@gmail.com](mailto:samhusseini@gmail.com) Communications director of the Institute for Public Accuracy, Hussein has been blogging and posting videos at: <http://husseini.posterous.com> .

MICHAEL BROWN, Egyptian mobile: 011-20-167459014, [mikefbrown@yahoo.com](mailto:mikefbrown@yahoo.com) Brown is former executive director of Partners for Peace. He is accompanied by his 80-year-old father Edwin L. Brown, professor emeritus at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the classics department. See video of the elder Mr. Brown being thrown to the ground and shoved into a penned-in area. He later reported sustaining a bruise on his hand, which he still has, and being pulled on by a cord around his neck. In the video "Demonstrators being forcibly ejected from the street," Edwin Brown is wearing a blue hat:

<http://husseini.posterous.com/from-earlier-this-morning-demonstrators-fo-rci> (video by Kayvan Farchadi).

Michael Brown was kicked in the ribs by plainclothes Egyptian forces; he and others witnessed Egyptian government forces pulling women by the hair. The Browns were also penned in on Dec. 29 for over four hours while attempting to visit the U.S. embassy.

EMILY RATNER, Egyptian mobile: 011-20-192170891, [emily@nolahumanrights.org](mailto:emily@nolahumanrights.org) Ratner was in Gaza in June, but she was turned away from entering Gaza this weekend by Egyptian officials. She recently wrote the piece "Freedom Marching in Circles While Winding Our Way to Gaza." <http://www.commondreams.org/view/2009/12/28-5>

For more information, contact at the Institute for Public Accuracy: Norman Solomon, (415) 309-4359

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Journey into the Heart of Whiteness

Richard Benjamin on being the lone black guy at a white separatist retreat, and other adventures in America's whitest places.

By Elizabeth Gettelman | Wed Dec. 23, 2009

<http://motherjones.com/media/2009/12/journey-heart-whiteness>

By the middle of this century, white Americans will no longer be in the majority. Yet even as the country grows more diverse, nearly all-white enclaves are on the rise. Richard Benjamin, a senior fellow at Demos, a think tank, spotted this trend several years ago and began venturing into these suburban and rural "Whitopias" to find out what makes them tick. His resulting book, *Searching for Whitopia: An Improbably Journey to the Heart of America* [1], is a lively and perceptive foray into communities that are trying to bail out of the melting pot.

Benjamin, who is African American, profiles several Whitopias--defined as rapidly growing areas at least 90 percent white--from southern Utah to Manhattan's tony Carnegie Hill neighborhood. He embeds in gated communities where garish homes are protected from nonexistent crime by elaborate security systems. He plays a lot of golf and poker and becomes a regular at a Baptist megachurch in Georgia. He also becomes the first black journalist to attend a three-day retreat for white separatists in northern Idaho (where he's welcomed with brisket and strawberry lemonade). "I was surprised by what a pleasant time I had," he says. But he's disturbed by how these bastions of whiteness are often animated by racist attitudes [2], particularly toward Latinos, and a divisive belief that we can't all get along. "America has delightful people who are perfectly comfortable with widening segregation and yawning socioeconomic inequality that often breaks along racial lines," he writes. "Let's call that a problem."

Mother Jones: What inspired you to go live in these white communities?

Richard Benjamin: I had been hearing on-the-ground buzz that white folks were moving to places like Bend, Oregon, and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and St. George, Utah. That led me to discover through census data that these towns were already extremely white and they were becoming, in most cases, even whiter. Statistics could only tell me so much; in order to get to the spirit and essence of it, I had to immerse myself.

MJ: What surprised you the most?

RB: I was surprised by what a pleasant time I had. I was surprised by how forces in the community could mobilize against a community changing. There were many examples of this. In St. George, members of the Latino community proposed having a "Dixie Fiesta." The resistance to that surprised me. One Latina woman described receiving death threats on her voicemail. I was surprised by the hostility to immigration in many of the communities, or the extent of the hostility to immigration in many of the communities.

MJ: At one point a white Idaho grandmother asks you, "Don't you want to stick to your own kind?" What did you say to her?

RB: I said, "Absolutely not." I don't want to live in a monoculture of any kind. I don't want to live in a wealthy monoculture, a black monoculture. I don't want to live in an elitist, progressive monoculture. People would say, "You know, Rich, it's nature. Birds of a feather flock together." I have to point out to them that, no, that's not the case. The reason our country looks the way it does is through social engineering that distinctly benefits suburban communities, exurban communities, and often white residents. And we are socially engineered in such a way as to, often unconsciously and unintentionally, but

sometimes intentionally, perpetuate this divisive inequality.

MJ: How are Whitopias of the Deep South, where there's such a history of racial tension, different from the Whitopias in communities where residents feel like they're starting fresh, racially and culturally?

RB: In the pioneer West Whitopias, immigration tended to be the dominant social and racial issue. In Forsyth County, Georgia, immigration is still an issue, but because you have that complicated history of the Trail of Tears and slavery and Jim Crow, the Whitopia has a different flavor. The interesting thing about Georgia is, Atlanta is teeming with middle-class black people and black people with money--and yet there is still segregation. So you have a type of segregation that has nothing to do with class. And, of course, there isn't really a black population in Idaho or Utah.

MJ: Who's mowing the lawns, working retail, and nannying the kids in these Whitopias where they complain that immigrants take away jobs?

RB: It depends. In St. George or Coeur d'Alene, I would say that the intimate manual labor--i.e. house cleaning, child care, elderly care, and medical care--is done by working-class white folks. The construction and agricultural labor and lawn service labor is done generally by Latino immigrants [3] who do not live in the county. So the county is extremely white, but you will see some Latinos doing the labor I just described.

MJ: So when people tell you, "I want to live among my own kind," they really are talking exclusively about race?

RB: Not always. Sometimes they do mean class. The wealthier whites may not realize that the working-class whites live there. I do believe that "my own kind" really has a strong class dimension and not just a racial dimension in some cases.

MJ: You talk about the transition of acceptable racism from blacks to brown-skinned people. Could you have written this book if you were Latino?

RB: If I were an immigrant Latino not born in the US, I could not have written this book. And that is because many of the Whitopians would not have been comfortable talking about their views on immigration, talking about their views on taxes. And they wouldn't have spilled to me the new script on race and poverty as they did.

MJ: Do you still think people were totally honest with you? Would they talk about immigration but not about black-white relations?

RB: I don't believe so, because there were such shocking things said about black people. It didn't feel like anyone was holding anything back. For example, one person said, "I just don't know what to call you people this year, so when I'm in all-white company I just use the N-word." Another person frankly shared with me his opinions on Jesse Jackson [4] and Al Sharpton [5].

Another person told me how they didn't want public transportation because that just brings in "low-income blacks and crime" to Forsyth County, which is an hour north of Atlanta. So I got some pretty frank discussions of black-white race relations, although my focus and their focus tended to be on immigration and on brown-white.

MJ: Do you think the Whitopians would ask you to play golf and become part of their community if you were really moving there?

RB: There were several things to my hospitable treatment. One thing was genuine--there was a genuine warmth. Another thing was class. In other words, I'm perceived to be a certain class. I would forget that I had my golf cleats on and I would go on a home search or I'd go to a dinner party, and that would be an opening to a conversation. But another thing that really speaks to the spirit of your question is the question of volume. One black man is fine and will be treated very well, but what if I brought 50 of my black friends from New York City? We have the answer to this question: When well-qualified, upper middle-class blacks or Latinos or Asians move to predominantly white neighborhoods, there's what's called the tipping point. That tipping point is generally 15 percent; at 15 percent you begin to see white flight.

MJ: You say the majority of Whitopians are quite nice, but there is still harm in how they choose to live.

RB: Absolutely. There is tremendous long-term harm when Americans accept ethnic and class balkanization as a de facto fixture of American life. I think that impoverishes our understanding of each other. I concede that segregation can allay social tensions immediately, but it further debilitates us in the long run. By 2042, whites will no longer be the American majority.

Therefore, with growing and intermixed minority populations, our democracy can not work optimally unless all people are integrated as full and equal members, and I think our collective freedom requires that.

Another problem with segregation isn't that people can't live in peaceful harmony singing "Kumbaya"--although that wouldn't be bad. The problem is that many of these Whitopian communities are taking state, local, and federal resources with them.

MJ: Are we on our way to seeing more Whitopias?

RB: It remains to be seen what will happen with the economic recovery and the housing market. We'll have to see how this plays out in the next three years. I do see pockets of Whitopia that are not affected by the downturn. For example, Louisville, Colorado, which was just voted by CNN and Money magazine as the best place to live, is a veritable Whitopia that is unaffected by the housing crisis and even the severe recession. You look at the best places to live, according to Money's 2009 list, and 9 of the 10 are Whitopias.

MJ: Is there a future scenario where there will actually be Blacktopias and Browntopias, too?

RB: Oh goodness, I hope not. I hope we have American-topias.

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Serial Catastrophes in Afghanistan Threaten Obama Policy

by Juan Cole

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You probably won't see it in most US news outlets, but on Monday morning in Kabul and Jalalabad, hundreds of university students demonstrated against US strikes this weekend that allegedly killed a number of civilians [1]. I want to underline the irony that the students in Tehran University are protesting Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, while students in these two Afghan cities are calling for Yankees to go home. Nangarhar University in Jalalabad only has a student body of about 3200, so 'hundreds' of students protesting there would be a significant proportion of the student body.

The demonstrations could be a harbinger of things to come, but there was worse news. CIA field officers blown up, four US troops killed Sunday [2], and the rejection of most of the cabinet nominees by parliament, all signal rocky times ahead.

The past two weeks have seen the situation in Afghanistan deteriorate palpably, raising significant questions about the viability of the Obama-McChrystal plan for the country. The chain of catastrophes has been reported in piecemeal fashion, but taken together these events are far more ominous than they might appear on the surface.

First, the US military launched a raid in Kunar Province two days after Christmas on a village a night, in which President Hamid Karzai alleged that 10 civilians, some 8 of them schoolchildren, had been killed [3] (some say dragged out of their beds and executed). The NYT reported the head of a Kabul delegation [4] to the village saying, "They gathered eight school students from two compounds and put them in one room and shot them with small arms." (The spokesman is a former governor of Kunar and now a close adviser to President Hamid Karzai-- i.e. not exactly a pro-Taliban source). The charitable theory is that in a nighttime raid, US troops got disoriented and hit the wrong group of young men.

The outraged Afghan public saw this raid as an atrocity, and on Wednesday December 30, they mounted street protests against the US in Jalalabad, an eastern Pashtun city, and Kabul. In Jalalabad, hundreds of university students blocked the main roads [5], and then marched in the streets, chanting "Death to Obama"

and "Death to America," and burning Obama in effigy. (If they go on like that, the anti-imperialist Pashtun college students of Jalalabad may attract the support of Fox Cable News . . .)

Even while the protests were taking place in Jalalabad and Kabul, a NATO missile strike on the outskirts of Lashkar Gah in Helmand Province [6] was alleged to have killed as many as 7 more civilians, some of them children. Now the Afghan public was really angry.

Then on Thursday, all hell broke loose when a high-level Pashtun asset [7] who had been informing to the CIA on the location of important al-Qaeda and Taliban operatives detonated a vest bomb at FOB Chapman in Khost province, a CIA forward base. The attacker killed 7 field officers and one Jordanian intelligence operative detailed to the base. Those experienced field officers were on the front lines in the fight against al-Qaeda and their loss is a big blow to counter-terrorism. It is true that they had been drawn in to a campaign of assassination [8], but it is the president who gave them that task--unwisely, in my view.

The use of a double agent not only to misinform but actually to kill the most experienced counter-terrorism officers in the region showed the sophistication of tactical thinking in the Afghan insurgency.

The CIA's dependence on a double agent who finally openly betrayed them raises troubling questions about US strategy and tactics in the region. Such informants essentially direct CIA drone missile strikes.

You could imagine Siraj Haqqani, leader of the Haqqani Network in Khost and over the border in Pakistan's North Waziristan, inserting such a double agent into FOB Chapman and then using the CIA. For instance, what if a middling member of the Haqqani network launched a challenge to Siraj's leadership and that of his ailing father, Jalaluddin (an old-time ally of Reagan who was warmly greeted in the White House in the 1980s)? Wouldn't it be easy enough just to have the double agent tell the CIA that the challenger is a really bad guy in cahoots with al-Qaeda? Boom. Drone strike kills Taliban leaders in North Waziristan. In this way, Siraj could have used the US to eliminate rivals and become more and more powerful. And how many double agents have given up a few Arab jihadis who had fallen out with the Haqqanis, but then deliberately followed this up with bad intel on some innocent village, making the name of the US mud among the Pashtuns.

The drone strikes shouldn't be run by the CIA, and probably shouldn't be run at all. It could well be that savvy old-time Mujahidin trained in CIA tradecraft in the 1980s are having our young wet behind the ears field officers for lunch.

In short, is the bombing at FOB Chapman the tip of an iceberg of misinformation, on which the Titanic of Obama's AfPak policy could well founder?

Aljazeera English has video of these dramatic events leading up to the New Year [9], including the anti-US demonstrations, which looked big and significant to me

on satellite television.

A soldier of the Afghan army shot an American soldier [10], further raising suspicions between the two supposed partners. Then a Canadian unit and embedded journalist were blown up.

There were more errant US strikes over the weekend, producing the demonstrations in Kabul and Jalalabad on Monday morning.

Then there were two other pieces of information coming out in the past few days that suggest all is not well.

First, a report on the Afghanistan Army threw cold water all over the idea that it could be enlarged and trained [11] to provide security in the country any time soon. High desertion rates, illiteracy, working half days, refusal to stand and fight against the enemy, and other factors just made that prospect remote. But such training, and the substitution of the Afghan National Army for NATO and US forces is the centerpiece of the Obama-McChrystal plan.

Finally, the Afghan parliament rejected 17 of the 24 nominees to the cabinet offered by President Karzai. [12] The speaker of the House, Yunus Qanuni, supported Karzai's rival, Abdullah Abdullah, in August's presidential elections-- which many Afghans believe Karzai stole. This rejection was the Abdullah faction's chance to humiliate Karzai in revenge.

Aljazeera English has video on the rejection of 70 percent of the cabinet [13], including the old time warlord of Herat, Ismail Khan, and a key women's affairs minister.

But the step means that we go into the winter with 17 ministries headless. Having an increasingly competent Afghan government to partner with was another key element of the Obama plan. There is not one.

So, the US is killing schoolchildren far too often, enraging the Afghan public. It has provoked a student protest movement against it in Jalalabad and Kabul. Its informants are double agents. Its supposed partner, the Afghan army, mostly doesn't actually exist and couldn't be depended on to show up to anything important; and that is when they aren't taking potshots at US troops; and there is no Afghan government as we go into 2010.

President Obama may have a lot on his plate, but Afghanistan could make or break his presidency. If he doesn't view what has happened there while he was in Hawaii with alarm and begin thinking of alternative strategies, he could be in big trouble.

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Juan Cole teaches Middle Eastern and South Asian history at the University of Michigan. His most recent book Napoleon's Egypt: Invading the Middle East [14] (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007) has just been published. He has appeared widely on television, radio and on op-ed pages as a commentator on Middle East affairs, and has a regular column at Salon.com. He has written, edited, or translated 14 books and has



authored 60 journal articles. His weblog on the contemporary Middle East is Informed Comment [15].

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Tidbits for January 4, 2010

1. Re: 'Precious': Joy Amid the Pain
2. Re: Friday Nite Videos -- January 1, 2010
3. Fighting For Justice: New York Voices of the Civil Rights Movement, January 14, 2010, NYC
4. Radical Women January 2010 Activities, LA & SF
5. Obituary: Vicky Starr, A fighting "union maid"

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1.  
Date: Sun, 3 Jan 2010  
From: Solomonm  
Re: 'Precious': Joy Amid the Pain

It was on the basis of Wesley Morris' review of Precious that we attended a screening shortly after the film opened. We felt pretty sure that Morris, the Globe's fine African American film critic, would warn us about racial stereotypes and overdrawn pathologies that would undermine enjoyment of the film. While the film cast an uncompromising lens upon the brutalities inflicted upon a victimized African American teen, the portrait of that teen and of the others in her life, was devoid of stereotype and reached into a core vision, without banality and sentimentality, of survival and hope. Morris is right about both the aesthetic and life affirming qualities of the film.

However, we think that Precious was flawed in a fundamental way. Nowhere in the film, latently or manifestly, is there a hint of the institutional racism that has smothered the economic and social prospects of mother and daughter, consigning them to vicious mutual recrimination as well as to physical and spiritual stress. Further, the film shows the mother zealously gaming the New York welfare system of the 1980s, unconvincingly portrayed as uniformly supportive and sympathetic. Aside from a moment when the mother (brilliantly played by Mo'Nique) is granted a sliver of sympathy, she is pretty much a relentless monster, guilty of unspeakable behavior and the essential cause of her daughter's miseries. Admittedly, it would have been an aesthetic challenge to provide a sense of social context for a film so deeply focused on personal struggles and oppressions. But the absence of that social context ironically understates the magnitude of Precious' growth -- which after all was not only in defiance of a monstrous mother but also in defiance of brutal institutional racism.

Mark Solomon

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2.  
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 2010  
From: Scruggs, T M  
Re: Friday Nite Videos -- January 1, 2010

Hi moderator,

The last posting was the good idea to move our money from large banks to community ones. Don't forget that as good or even better is to move to a credit union.

Thanks,

in solidarity,

T.M. Scruggs

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3.

The NYC Commission on Human Rights and NYC Media, in collaboration with the Apollo Theater Education Program, will present Fighting For Justice: New York Voices of the Civil Rights Movement,

Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

The free screening and panel discussion - open to the public - will be held at The Apollo Theater, located at 253 West 125th Street in Harlem. The event celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and includes a special performance by the C3 Youth Choir from the Christian Cultural Center (Rev. A. R. Bernard, Pastor).

RSVP is required by Tuesday, January 12th to [events@tv.nyc.gov](mailto:events@tv.nyc.gov) or 212.531.5363.

For additional information - please visit our website at: [www.nyc.gov/cchr](http://www.nyc.gov/cchr) <<http://www.nyc.gov/cchr>.  
Thanks

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4.

Radical Women January 2010 Activities

Thursday, January 14, 7:00 pm Why is Obama's Health Care Bill a Failure for Women?

President Obama and Congress are almost ready to dispense the so-called "Affordable Health Care for America Act" on working people and is being marketed as the medical plan that will provide the relief that is needed. The bottom line - the bill will further limit women's right and access to abortion, deny undocumented immigrants any form of insurance coverage or medical service, forestall cancer preventative diagnostics and cut benefits for the elderly. Bring your ideas and strategies to this roundtable discussion on building a grassroots movement to guarantee universal coverage for everyone.

A special tribute to the 36th anniversary of Roe v. Wade will also be included.

An hearty winter supper will be served at 6:30pm for an \$8.00 donation. The meeting will be held at Solidarity Hall, 2170 W. Washington Blvd. in Los Angeles (off the 10 Freeway at Western Ave., on bus lines 35, 207 & 550). Childcare available, please call three days in advance.

Saturday, January 23, 10:00 am Defend Reproductive Justice and Healthcare for All!

In San Francisco, for the sixth straight year, Radical Women members and others in Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (BACORR) will protest the misnamed "Walk for Life" on January 23. The right wing "Walk for Life" will march against abortion on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, busing thousands of anti-abortion, anti-queer bigots into the gayest city in all the land!

Join this counter protest for full reproductive rights: abortion, no forced sterilization, sex education, free contraceptives, queer rights and immigrant rights.

For more information, call 323-732-6416 or email [radicalwomenla@earthlink.net](mailto:radicalwomenla@earthlink.net) or visit [www.radicalwomen.org](http://www.radicalwomen.org).

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5.

Obituary: Vicky Starr, A fighting "union maid"

Bill Roberts looks back at the life of a pioneering woman socialist who was on the forefront of labor organizing in the 1930s and 1940s.

December 9, 2009

<http://socialistworker.org/2009/12/09/a-fighting-union-maid>

VICKY STARR, a union organizer, socialist and mother of four, died on Thanksgiving Day at the age of 93, at Evanston Hospital north of Chicago.

Vicky gained a measure of fame as one of the three "stars" in the 1977 documentary film Union Maids, which was nominated for an academy award in 1978.

In the film, Vicky used the alias Stella Nowicki, a name picked for a 1969 interview with Alice and Staughton Lynd in their book Rank and File, which inspired the filmmakers. Vicky's association with the Communist Party in the 1930s still weighed heavy on many of the activists of that period long after McCarthyism was laid to rest. Her story, told in the book and the film, remains an inspiration to anyone interested in labor's cause.

The daughter of a coal miner, Vicky had union in her blood. At age 17, she became a "colonizer"--an underground union organizer--in a meatpacking plant in Chicago. One of her toughest jobs was in the glue-rendering department of a large plant. She recalled being so sore from a day's work of handling large bones that she would often fall into bed without supper.

The meatpacking industry had defeated unionizing efforts twice before, and had a reputation for being a tough place to organize, let alone stand up to the work. Hours were long and wages meager in 1933.

After many jobs in several plants over seven years, Vicky finally joined her union brothers and sisters in achieving bargaining rights at two key plants in Chicago's Back of the Yards. As a leading activist in the United Packinghouse Workers of America, Vicky helped negotiate contracts for thousands of workers.

Vicky left meatpacking in 1945. She returned to salaried work as a secretary in 1963 and helped organize Teamsters Local 743 to represent administrative staff at the University of Chicago. She was the first shop steward for the local.

Retirement didn't slow Vicky down. She was an ardent bridge player and also an inspirational speaker for a new generation of activists. She was often featured at May Day events in the 1980s and '90s, and spoke several times at events organized by the International Socialist Organization.

In her speeches to a new generation of socialists, Vicky brought to life the struggles that younger militants had only read about in history books. She spoke about the special challenges faced by women workers in the plant enduring sexism from supervisors. She also described how union organizers took on racism--and recalled with delight how Polish immigrant workers were amazed to find that an African American union militant could speak to them in their own language.

Vicky also explained why she continued to go by the name "Stella Nowicki" from the film Union Maids: At the time the film was made in the mid-1970s, she was once again an "underground" organizer--this time at the University of Chicago.

To those of us who met her in her later years, she was able to provide a living and inspiring link to the past. Vicky once told an interviewer how important it was for her, as a young woman, to meet the elderly Lucy Parsons, widow of Haymarket martyr Albert Parsons, because Lucy represented labor's best fighting traditions.

Those of us lucky enough to have met Vicky feel the same way. Vicky's story--recorded in the Lynds' book and dramatized in the film--should not be missed.

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What you can do

A celebration of Vicky's life will be held January 23 at the North Shore Retirement Hotel, 1611 Chicago Ave., in Evanston, Ill., beginning at 3 p.m. with a showing of Union Maids.

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Lozano battling Burke in state race

Son of union organizer slain in 1983 up against longtime representative

By Oscar Avila

Tribune reporter

January 3, 2010 Quantcast

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Every time a voter opens the door, Rudy Lozano Jr. knows he might have to relive his darkest memory.

The first-time candidate encounters tears of recognition from people who never laid eyes on him before, or, in the case of Electra De Alba, an enveloping hug. "Ay, my son," De Alba said as she embraced Lozano recently in the Archer Heights neighborhood. "I still have your dad's buttons, you know?"

In his first campaign for public office, Lozano is tilting against a political dynasty by taking on state Rep. Daniel Burke, who has served in Springfield for 19 years and is the younger brother of Ald. Edward Burke.

But Lozano's own family legacy brings him both a sentimental boost and a wistful burden in the race: His father, a dynamic Mexican-American union organizer and icon, was murdered in 1983 in the midst of working with Mayor Harold Washington.

Lozano was 7, and politics meant that dad was at a union hall instead of the dinner table. Though authorities did not assign a political motive to the murder, he wonders if his father's activism is the reason he is gone.

These are complicated emotions trailing Lozano as he canvasses the Southwest Side, usually alone.

"It's like therapy," he said. "It's the closest true way for me to understand what my father was doing 26 years ago. I missed most of that. This experience has given me the opportunity to walk in those footsteps."

With two notable lineages on the ballot, the 23rd District race already has drawn statewide attention, especially because it is yet another uphill fight by a Hispanic politician trying to operate independently of Mayor Richard Daley and House Speaker Michael Madigan.

But Burke is taking Lozano's challenge seriously and is -- for the first time -- personally knocking on doors in his bid for re-election, he said. Madigan has even gotten involved, enlisting his own team to run the campaign, Burke said.

While Burke has upped funding for charter schools and Lozano wants to emphasize public schools, both candidates would likely be reliable Democratic votes. So the campaign is less about issues and more about whether a changing district will best thrive with an experienced, old-school lawmaker or a newcomer.

The district, centered east of Midway Airport, is a Democratic stronghold that used to be heavily Irish-American but now is at least 80 percent Latino.

The fellowship halls are now taquerias, the Catholic masses are in Spanish. But as Murphy

gave way to Martinez, an electoral changing of the guard hasn't followed. In this race, several Latino politicians and leaders back Burke over Lozano, underscoring how pragmatism can trump ethnicity and sentiment.

Hundreds of Mexican parents and students recently streamed into the United Neighborhood Organization charter school on West 47th Street to await a ruddy man bearing gifts. Not St. Nick.

They were told that Burke helped supply the candy canes but that his greatest contribution was securing nearly \$100 million in state money for eight additional UNO-run charter schools.

Said Burke: "Santa has been very, very good to UNO this year."

In 1983, Harold Washington wanted to take on entrenched political networks when he became the city's first African-American mayor. In the 22nd Ward, then split among blacks, Hispanics and ethnic whites, Washington enlisted the elder Rudy Lozano, an organizer with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union who had nearly unseated a City Council incumbent months earlier.

On June 8, 1983, Lozano's family and Chicago's Mexican-American community were jolted when the elder Lozano was slain in his Little Village home.

Authorities convicted an 18-year-old gang member, but the family pressed for a wider investigation. Some relatives feared it was retaliation for Lozano's union organizing.

The younger Lozano, now 33, said his teenage years were filled with bitterness and the thought: "If my dad had never been an activist, if he'd had a regular job, at least I'd have a father."

Lozano's mother, Lupe, said she is surprised that her son entered politics, and recalls nearly breaking down in tears as her son gave one of his first campaign speeches. "All of a sudden," she recalled, "I was looking at his father."

The younger Lozano is still trying to find the right balance between honoring this history and falling back on it.

At a recent fundraiser at a Little Village banquet hall, an introductory video closed not with the candidate but with his father speaking at a downtown rally.

The similarity, from the name to the mustache, was striking. But the younger Lozano's speech was stilted by comparison, with few specifics.

Burke certainly isn't running from his family's influence on this part of the city. His father, Joseph, and older brother, Edward, have represented the same Southwest Side ward on the City Council for 55 years.

Asked about Lozano's criticism of "the machine," Burke said: "Yeah, there is a machine. A machine is created to do a job more efficiently."

But Burke says a veteran lawmaker like him can provide Hispanic constituents with greater access to state resources. He spoke tenderly of steering a scholarship to a Mexican-American student now attending medical school.

"I think it's appalling that they should have the audacity to suggest that I am not engaged with the Latino community," Burke said. "I have no issue with Rudy Lozano. He's a personable kid. I just don't think he has my background."

The Burkes' organization headquarters on West 51st Street now welcomes Latino allies such as state Sen.

Martin Sandoval and Cook County Commissioner Joseph Mario Moreno.

Lozano's campaign said it already has raised more than \$100,000 while landing endorsements from progressive groups, such as Citizen Action/Illinois.

On the other side, Burke said he is considering cable-television spots, almost unheard of for a primary in a state legislative race.

Lozano said he does not believe only a Latino can represent Latinos. "It cannot be based on racial politics alone and it shouldn't be," he said.

But Burke said he thinks a Latino eventually will take over his seat. In fact, he said he is already grooming a possible successor, though he wouldn't identify that person.

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**From:** Taylor, Christopher (Council)  
**To:** Beaudry, Jacqueline  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 10:14 PM  
**Subject:** Read: DC-3 friendly amendment

Your message

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**Subject:** DC-3 friendly amendment  
**Sent:** 1/4/2010 10:05 PM

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Christopher:  
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**From:** Fraser, Roger  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 9:57 PM  
**To:** Higgins, Marcia  
**Subject:** FW: Pipe problem

fyi

Roger  


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

**From:** McCormick, Sue  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 9:56 PM  
**To:** Fraser, Roger  
**Subject:** Pipe problem

After speaking with Lynn, it's clear that we cannot repair the problem timely this evening, so we will make it a first in the AM priority.

I tried the simple plunge approach. Lynn humored my attempt and then told me that they have to take the piping apart under the sink and go about 12 feet into the old iron pipe to open it up.

I'll be checking on our plan for 1st and 2nd floor piping upgrades in our facility project.

**Greenshields, Rachel**

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**From:** Jim Cogswell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 9:53 PM  
**To:** Teall, Margie  
**Cc:** Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; allmendingerwomen [REDACTED] Charlie C  
**Subject:** Re: Football Parking at Allmendinger Park

Dear Margie,

I appreciate your response to the letter and am heartened to hear you clarify your position. Rumor had it otherwise, so we are relieved. I hope you are comfortable with my copying your message to our neighborhood email group, which has become quite focused on this issue.

I would add one thought to your observations. Yes, we cherish our park and the time we spend there, but Allmendinger also serves a unique function on football Saturdays, as a welcoming space for many, many visitors who come to the games from out of town and take pleasure in spending their entire day, hours before the game begins, being part of the impromptu community that springs up in the park. Tents and shelters, blankets, grills, picnic blankets, lounge chairs, flags, frisbees, bocci, cornhole, and, of course, everyone throws a football.

I might have seen this as an invasion for the first year or two after moving here, but soon began to take civic pride in the fact that we could effortlessly host so many contented people and then have them all vanish by nightfall. Having the park as a place for the visitors to congregate keeps the traffic congestion from feeling overwhelming to those of us who live here, and provides a relaxed interim destination for those who don't.

Frankly, I think of it as brilliant urban planning and believe we as a community should be proud of how it has come together.

Best,  
Jim

On Jan 4, 2010, at 1:56 PM, Teall, Margie wrote:

Hi Jim;

I want to thank you for writing such a passionate and detailed account of activity at Allmendinger Park on football Saturdays. I also want to let you know that I will be fighting this proposal for both Allmendinger and Frisinger Park. I have always maintained that the idea of taking away our neighbors' use of their local parks for up to 8 or 9 Saturdays of the fall is both unfair to those residents (who have to put up with the added traffic and student activity anyhow) and a poor use of these parks. I hope your neighborhood has many more years of the enjoyment you so aptly describe!

Thanks again for writing and for making sure that all of Council hears your voice!

-Margie Teall, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Council member

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**From:** Jim Cogswell [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 02, 2010 9:04 PM  
**To:** Briere, Sabra; Smith, Sandi; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Anglin, Mike; Hohnke, Carsten  
**Subject:** Football Parking at Allmendinger Park

Dear Mayor Hieftje and Members of the City Council,

I am writing in regard to the proposal being considered by City Council to park cars in Allmendinger Park during U-M home football games. The following letter outlines my very strong objections to this proposal. When something like this was being considered several years ago, I expressed much the same thoughts in a message to Ms. Higgins, but feel obliged to raise my voice once again on this occasion.

We live along the south edge of Allmendinger Park, at the corner of Prescott and Potter, facing the park. The life of the park is very much part of our daily landscape. We value the park enormously, and the diverse activities that go on there mean a lot to us as a family, and to the community of folks living in this area.

On football Saturdays Allmendinger is a hive of activity. Beginning at 7:00 AM, no matter what time the game, picnickers begin arriving, setting up flags and chairs and barbeque pits and tents. There are impromptu football games all over the broad lawn. Children are running, and families are strolling, chasing footballs, ambling across the park to the restrooms. Regularly there are catered lunches for one group or another, sometimes as many as several hundred, under large tents set up somewhere between the softball diamonds. There is a general carnival atmosphere in the entire neighborhood, as you have no doubt experienced, but Allmendinger Park is the de facto hub. It is a prime example of municipal public parks at their best moment, full of people enjoying the open space in all combinations of ages and groupings, large and small, in spontaneous celebration of the temporary community that grows up around these athletic events.

Now there is a proposal to take the location of that idyllic event, and fill it with rows of automobiles. To transform a public park at the moment of its most ideal usage and turn it into a parking lot. Why? To fund public parks. Excuse me. Is anyone thinking?

I also wonder if those who are making this proposal have ever spent any time at Allmendinger Park, on game days or otherwise. Would you please find out for us? Would anyone who has been there on game day think that adding traffic to the public lawn would add anything but confusion, pollution, and liability to the mix?

I wonder if members of the council voting on this proposal have spent anytime walking around on the areas where the parking would take place? Have they thought carefully about which part of the park they will convert into a parking lot?

On the softball diamonds? Surely not, too expensive to keep up and too easily damaged. On the lawn areas beyond the softball diamonds? If on the west side of the park, then that puts the cars right next to the playground, and right in the heart of the tents, and picnickers, most of whom come from out of town to enjoy the hospitality of this welcoming open space.

Why are most of the picnickers on the west side? And all around the edges of the park between the green areas and the street. Because the rest of the park is filled with people playing football, or frisby, and walking through the park on the way to the game. And,

your casual strolling council member will soon discover why picnickers congregate where they do around the park, in the shade, on the higher ground in the open spots, everywhere except where the ground is low and swampy after rain, where even when the weather is relatively dry, the ground is very soft. Nice if you are being tackled by your teenager, but not a great place to park a car.

In 1997, an enterprising pirate charged cars to park on the lawn for the famous Ohio State matchup. This entrepreneur managed to slip away before the park rangers arrived to begin giving out parking tickets, but not until half the park was filled with cars. After the game, the lawn was a disaster. There were deep ruts all over the place. Cars were driving in and out through landscaping, around people trying to walk through the park. Afterwards, the entire field was a disaster. In addition to the mudpits created by spinning tires, there was a mess of debris, beer cans, paper trash. It was heartbreaking. The public does not treat a parking lot with the respect that they treat a public park. I don't know how much the city invested in cleanup after that day, but the damage to the lawn remained for months.

When the occasional renegade dirtbiker gets up onto the park, the tire tracks are imbedded in the soil. It is even worse when late night joy riders manage to find their way in late at night with their pickup truck or four wheel drive. The tracks are indelible. And the fact that the ruts remain for months and months, one assumes is because the park can't afford regular maintenance. I see. So now we will deal with that problem by destroying the lawn regularly, on seven fall afternoons when the park might otherwise be filled with citizens enjoying the community pleasures of the open spaces.

Every fall afternoon and on weekends, into late October, the softball diamonds draw organized and informal softball games. I wonder how the city plans to deal with the fact that the outfields will be regularly destroyed, right at the height of the season?

Has anyone considered how this might alter the behavior of people in the park, or attitudes of care toward the park on the days when cars are not being "officially" parked? What keeps people off the park for joyrides at night? Certainly not the park service. There is no fencing, so any vehicle can pull up into the park from virtually any direction at any time. It is a sense of respect for the park and what it means for the community which keeps people from driving into the park on a regular basis. The city proposal to periodically turn the lawn into a parking lot will effectively restructure public attitudes to that open space and change how people behave there. I cannot imagine that this would be a desirable outcome in return for the amount of cash raised by this process.

I recommend that anyone who plans to vote for this proposal be required to set up a lawn chair at the edge of the park on a beautiful summer day. Then I would require them to take that lawn chair back to the same spot, and be required to stay in that lawn chair while the park fills up with cars around them and the lawn becomes a rutted trash heap. I cannot imagine a regular user of the park finding this proposal to be anything but ludicrous.

The park belongs to the citizens of the city, is valued and looked after by the surrounding community. It is a gift to neighbors and strangers alike who come here to enjoy it. I am so dismayed by the thought that it might be periodically converted into a parking lot, that I am ready to consider ways in which like minded citizens might gather together to obstruct the execution of such a plan were it to be implemented. Over 90 neighbors surrounding the park have signed a petition opposing the parking proposal, and I assure you that they share

the intensity of my feelings in this regard.

Jim Cogswell

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**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 9:32 PM  
**To:** Anglin, Mike  
**Cc:** Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A; Barber, Janet (Barth)  
**Subject:** FW: 601 Forest status update

Mike, below is an update on this project.

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**From:** Kowalski, Matthew  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 12:08 PM  
**To:** Pulcipher, Connie; Rampson, Wendy  
**Subject:** 601 Forest status update

I just talked to a representative of the developers before the holiday break. He said they are committed to the project and still seeking additional financing, but 'it looks promising'. I also met with them and their architect in late summer about what changes could be done to the plan under an Administrative Amendment. Heard nothing further from them regarding that.

In addition, the neighborhood scoop is that one of the owners of the property involved absolutely will NOT extend the purchase option when it expires early this year. That particular owner met with me in the Fall and asked numerous questions regarding his property, including "if he doesn't renew his option with Hughes, can the developer proceed with that plan?"

That's all I know right now.....

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**From:** Pulcipher, Connie  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 8:48 AM  
**To:** Rampson, Wendy; Kowalski, Matthew  
**Subject:** RE: Brownfields awards to 601 Forrest?

I've not heard anything.

Connie Pulcipher, Senior City Planner  
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**From:** Rampson, Wendy  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 03, 2010 10:22 PM  
**To:** Kowalski, Matthew; Pulcipher, Connie  
**Subject:** FW: Brownfields awards to 601 Forrest?

Have you heard anything recently?

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**From:** Miller, Jayne  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2009 11:44 AM  
**To:** Rampson, Wendy  
**Subject:** FW: Brownfields awards to 701 Forrest?

Wendy, do you have any knowledge of the status of the development of this project?

Jayne Miller  
Community Services Area Administrator  
City of Ann Arbor  
[jmiller@a2gov.org](mailto:jmiller@a2gov.org)

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**From:** Naud, Matthew  
**Sent:** Fri 12/11/2009 11:34 AM  
**To:** Anglin, Mike  
**Cc:** Fraser, Roger; Miller, Jayne; Dempkowski, Angela A; [mikeanglin07@...](mailto:mikeanglin07@...)  
**Subject:** Re: Brownfields awards to 701 Forrest?

Mike

There is an approved brownfield plan for 601 forest. If or when the project begins to pay taxes, those monies are captured on the new taxes by the county brownfield authority and reimbursed back to the project for approved eligible expenses. No money changes hands until the project begins to pay taxes. I am not sure of the status of the developers plans.

Matthew Naud  
City of Ann Arbor  
From my iPhone

On Dec 11, 2009, at 11:14 AM, "Anglin, Mike" <[MAnglin@a2gov.org](mailto:MAnglin@a2gov.org)> wrote:

>  
> Hello Matt and Jayne,  
>  
> I wanted to know if the brownfields awards were made for 701 Forrest?  
> In addition, the status of the project based upon this finding?  
>  
> Thanks Mike  
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>  
> Thank you  
> Mike Anglin  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
> e-mail:  
> mikeanglin07 [REDACTED]  
>

**Greenshields, Rachel**

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**From:** Miller, Jayne  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 9:29 PM  
**To:** Teall, Margie; Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A; Derezinski, Tony  
**Cc:** Rampson, Wendy  
**Subject:** RE: Moravian: Another violation of the ordinance on public notice

I'm checking into this and will let you know if there is a problem.

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*Please note my new phone number.*

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**From:** Teall, Margie  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 2:12 PM  
**To:** Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A; Miller, Jayne; Derezinski, Tony  
**Subject:** FW: Moravian: Another violation of the ordinance on public notice

Not knowing much about Planning Commission process I'm wondering if what she is asserting is true. Should we be concerned about this?

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**From:** Beverly I Strassmann [mailto:bistrassmann@  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 10:42 AM  
**To:** Hohnke, Carsten (Westpole); Anglin, Mike; Briere, Sabra; Hieftje, John; Teall, Margie; Chris Taylor; Higgins, Marcia; Planning; Smith, Sandi; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Kunselman, Stephen  
**Subject:** Moravian: Another violation of the ordinance on public notice

Dear Mr. Mayor, Planning Commissioners, and Members of Council,

I wish that all I had to say in this email is Happy New Year and best of luck to all of you! However, 2010 begins with several controversies that directly affect the Germantown neighborhood. This email focuses on just one of them: the Planning Commission's hearing on the Moravian tomorrow which has been scheduled without regard to the requirements for public notice. Regrettably, the same was true at their last discussion of the Moravian as the plans at that time were not made available to the public in City Hall in advance of the meeting (the requirement is 7 days). In this go-around, they did not do any public notification (or at least not to me or to many other interested parties). This is being sprung on the

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neighborhood at the last minute immediately after the holidays-- consistent with prior meetings by the developer during the Christmas and Spring Break holidays. We only learned of tomorrow's meeting yesterday because a citizen attended Caucus and saw an agenda. I would have thought that as I am a resident who lives within 100 feet of the Moravian site that I would have received notice in U.S. mail (or email). The signage rules have also not been followed--nor did the developer hold a meeting with the neighborhood.

On behalf of Germantown, I ask that the Planning Commission postpone their discussion of the Moravian until the staff have given the public proper notice as required by the City ordinance. These repeated violations of the public notification requirement are unacceptable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Beverly Strassmann  
President  
Germantown Neighborhood Association

**Greenshields, Rachel**

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**From:** Rosencrans, Scott (PAC) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 9:27 PM  
**To:** PAC\_Distribution  
**Subject:** Another reminder

Just cause the holidays have a way of messing with schedules. LAC is at Cobblestone tomorrow.  
See you there :-)  
Scott

*The only architecturally and environmentally viable approach is to build for permanence - Scott Rosencrans Fine Carpentry*

**Greenshields, Rachel**

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**From:** Rosencrans, Scott (PAC) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 9:13 PM  
**To:** Taylor, Christopher (Council)  
**Cc:** Smith, Colin  
**Subject:** Recommendations

Hello Christopher,

I believe that the Senior Center Task Force will be submitting recommendations for approval by PAC this month. Will these be recommendations that have been voted on by the Task Force members? Are they in the form of consensus or was there a divided vote? Can you forward any information on the state of your work?

As our meeting is coming up soon it would help to know where things are. Grateful for any help.

Scott

*The only architecturally and environmentally viable approach is to build for permanence - Scott Rosencrans Fine Carpentry*

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**Greenshields, Rachel**

**From:** tombzi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 8:48 PM  
**To:** lcooke74 [REDACTED] jedimole@ [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Rcmarsh [REDACTED] afortino@ [REDACTED] house [REDACTED]  
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 lrwhitfield@ [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: The Venue

Not sure if any of you knew Chad Stoner, from PDM Ann Arbor, he moved out to La Jolla site when AA closed...I just learned that he passed away in a kayak accident in Equador. He is at Rupp funeral home in Monroe, 2345 S. Custer road...visitation tomorrow, and I believe funeral is Wed. You can get more info from the Rupp funeral home website. I just learned today, Chad was a great guy, very energetic, and only 36. I went to the funeral home this evening.

Tom Burzynski  
 Ann Arbor

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

**From:** Len Cooke < [REDACTED] >  
**To:** Mike < [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** Rcmarsh [REDACTED] <Rcmarsh [REDACTED] afortino@ [REDACTED] afortino@ [REDACTED] >  
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**Sent:** Mon, Jan 4, 2010 1:40 pm  
**Subject:** Re: The Venue

NOOOOOOOOO splash!  
 On Mon, Jan 4, 2010 at 11:56 AM, Mike <jedimole [REDACTED] > wrote:  
 | Im dreaming of number 16 already...  
 |  
 | Maybe not

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2010, at 11:16 AM, Rcmarsha [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks, Len. And HAPPY NEW YEAR to all the Eagle Fairway Seekers!!

Bob

In a message dated 1/4/2010 10:59:48 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, [REDACTED] writes:

Good morning and happy new year. Hope all of you enjoyed at least a bit of the holidays. Thought I would pass along the information from our voting in December. We will be returning to Eagle Crest for next season. Most people sited the dinner situation for their decision and also pay as you play. I believe if Leslie had a full menu we may have been returning to that course. I'll let everyone know more details as we start getting closer to the season. I do know we will be playing on Wed. night, and will try to negotiate a later tee time than 4:15. Meanwhile, stay warm and dream of lush green fairways, warm sunshine and low scores.  
TFT



**Greenshields, Rachel**

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**From:** Miller, Jayne  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 8:34 PM  
**To:** Rapundalo, Stephen  
**Subject:** RE: The Venue

thanks - we'll see what we can do to get them to come to Leslie

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**From:** Rapundalo, Stephen  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 10:01 AM  
**To:** Miller, Jayne  
**Subject:** FW: The Venue

fyi – lost a league to Eagle Crest (I voted for Leslie but was in the minority) - forward as you see fit.

*Stephen*

Stephen Rapundalo  
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**From:** Len Cooke [mailto:lcooke74@██████████]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 9:54 AM  
**To:** afortino@██████████ house@██████████ Bill Grove; Bill Newcomb; Bob Johnson; Bockbrader, Howard; brucki4██████████; Charlie Ashbrook; Chris Whitehead; Clayton Lawler; Cooke, Leonard; David Canter; Emerson, Steven (Don); Ewy, Wayne; Gerald Schielke; Howard, Curtis T; Jerry Paulisson; John Clark; Martin Sulkanen; Mott, Michael; Nassen, Kent; Paul Bancel; Paul Lewis; Pete Mooney; Powers, Joe; Rcmarsa██████████; Ricardo; Richard Dyer; Roland, Gregory; Ronald Shaw; Roy Schwarz; Ryan Noel; Rapundalo, Stephen; Stuart Dombey; Tom Burzynski; Whitfield, Lloyd  
**Subject:** The Venue

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**From:** Charles Lewis, Surovell Realtor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 8:32 PM  
**To:** Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike  
**Cc:** Charles Lewis  
**Subject:** Library Lot Proposals  
**Attachments:** PLPP\_final.pdf

Greetings,

I hope you will give careful consideration to the attached letter, which expresses my views and those of a great many other Ann Arborites. Please restore the two open-space proposals to the library-lot review process.

Best regards,

Charles Lewis  
[REDACTED]

January 3, 2010

John Hieftje, Mayor  
Sabra Briere, Ward 1  
Sandi Smith, Ward 1  
Stephen Rapundalo, Ward 2  
Tony Derezinski, Ward 2  
Stephen Kunselman, Ward 3  
Christopher Taylor, Ward 3  
Marcia Higgins, Ward 4  
Margie Teall, Ward 4  
Mike Anglin, Ward 5  
Carsten Hohnke, Ward 5  
100 N. Fifth Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Re: Position Statement Requesting Appropriate Public Process for RFP #743 and Consideration of Open Space Proposals for Public Land

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

We are a group of Ann Arbor residents who have organized to petition the Ann Arbor City Council to ensure that there is a public process to determine the fate of the public land above the planned underground parking structure next to the downtown library (319 S. Fifth), commonly called the "Library Lot". We are also requesting that Council provide for an equitable discussion of the two "open space" proposals that were eliminated from consideration by the council-appointed advisory committee. **Public land demands a public process.**

Discussion:

In reviewing the proposals for the use of the surface and air rights portions of the "Library Lot" (319 S. Fifth), the advisory committee eliminated both "open-space" proposals. The committee's action, taken on December 18, 2009 was as follows:

"Advisory Committee eliminated two proposals for further consideration because they did not meet the Financial Return Site Development Objective as spelled out in the RFP. The eliminated proposals are Ann Arbor Community Commons and Ann Arbor Town Square." (Extract of published meeting notes)

We believe that this decision violated several established procedures and directives (listed below), including those established by City Council, and also the spirit of open governance. It appears to be designed for a particular outcome without a full public discussion of what is the best use of this public land which is a vital area for the good of the City and its residents and businesses. We have listed them below in some detail.

- **No public input was sought on the desired use of the site per resolution.**

The authorizing resolution (R-09-268, passed July 6, 2009) contains the following Resolved phrase (emphasis added):

RESOLVED, That the Mayor, prior to the deadline for submission of RFP's for this project, will appoint an RFP Review Committee consisting of two members of City Council, one member of the Planning Commission, one member of the Downtown Development Authority, and **one resident** to review all properly submitted proposals. This committee will **conduct a public meeting to solicit public input on the desired use of the site**, as is consistent with current City practice.

There has been no public meeting to solicit public input on the desired use of the site. While the tentative design for interviews of some proposers is to invite the public, that is very much after the fact and no opportunity to discuss use of the site is evident.

- **No citizen or resident at large was appointed to the committee.**

All members of the committee are appointed commission members or council members. Further, four staff have been added to the committee.

- **The weighting and evaluation criteria of the RFP itself have been bypassed.**

The authorizing resolution contained this Resolved clause:

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator shall incorporate appropriate elements of the Downtown Plan for identifying **desired community objectives for the site, including open space, active uses at street level, and clear public benefits**, which should be addressed in site proposals. (Emphasis added.)

Note that all three of these objectives could presumably be satisfied by one of the open space proposals. Objectives stated in the RFP itself are

Beneficial use of the site. Any proposal for this site must demonstrate a clear benefit to the community and be consistent with the recommendations of the Downtown Plan, and A2D2 initiative. Preference will be given to proposals that incorporate a use (or uses) that provides a publicly available service to the community, for instance, building or open space that may be used for public meetings, recreation, or civic/ cultural events.

Environmental benefits. The development proposal should incorporate to the greatest extent possible environmentally sensitive design and energy efficiency features that follow Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. In addition, the project should propose innovative and environmentally friendly runoff water management and seek to improve water quality.

Financial return. The proposal must provide a positive financial return to the City. In the absence of other considerations, the City has a fiduciary responsibility to obtain fair market value upon the sale of City assets. Long-term lease or other property arrangements will be considered, but must meet this financial return criterion.

Again, all three objectives could be fulfilled by the open space concept (the Financial Return objective is defined as market value only if the property is sold or leased but does not address other forms of financial return to the City).

In the Selection Criteria, only a 10% weight is given to the “Cost proposal”. (The phrase, “lease return” seems to presuppose a result.)

Past Involvement with Similar Project(s) – Demonstrated experience in design and completion of projects with the following qualities: 1.) downtown infill development 2.) on-going public-private partnerships; 3.) community input for design, and 4.) demonstrated significant impact on the community verified by references.	25% weighting
Proposed Work Plan – alignment of proposal with site development objectives outlined in the RFP. Proposals must include information on the schedule anticipated by the proposer, including timing for site plan development and arranging construction financing.	40% weighting
Financial Capacity – ability to finance proposal, including demonstrated ability to procure financing and complete the work within the proposed timeline.	25% weighting
Cost Proposal – lease return	10% weighting

But as quoted in the meeting notes, the committee eliminated two proposals because of the perceived lack of a financial return. **This is not consistent with the selection criteria nor with the overall objectives for the site.**

Beyond the procedural errors in the committee’s decision to eliminate the open space proposals, there are other omissions and flaws in the process.

- **No definition of what constitutes a financial return for the City was provided.**

The committee has not allowed a discussion of the financial benefits (or even the financial consequences) to the City of choosing an open space option. One of the proposals actually offered \$2.5 million “or more” to the City as a free gift and off-hand statements were made that it “wasn’t enough”. There was no analysis made to support that statement. There are studies and documentation available showing that open space in a downtown area does have concrete financial benefits, but there was no opportunity to make this case or to defend the financial benefit offered.

Further, though the committee has authorized the hiring of a consultant to review finances for the other four proposals, there is no evidence that any one of them actually yields a true financial benefit for the City. Thus, the off-hand analysis that was applied to the open space proposals was not evenly applied.

Finally, a clear definition of what would constitute a financial return has not been given. Is it a hypothetical benefit to business and commerce (as has been claimed by some for a conference center)? A cash payment? A return on investment over many years of a complex relationship in which the city must first issue debt? What are the risks to citizens of a public-private partnership if the enterprise is not profitable? This clarification is needed to estimate the financial impact of choosing an open space option but was not made available or discussed.

- **Best use of the site within a master planning context has not been defined.**

This site is in the midst of an area undergoing transformation. The best ultimate use for the site should be chosen with consideration given to the other (mostly public) uses in the area and should be a result of an area planning process. We have an opportunity to bring vitality and increased public accessibility and usage to this gateway to downtown and should not merely create another project in a “bubble”.

**In summary:** We respectfully ask the City Council to reinstate the two open space proposals for further review and to ensure that an adequate public discussion of the future use of the 319 S. Fifth site occurs, one that takes into account a diversity of opinions and outcomes. Public land demands a public process.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns. The use of the “Library Lot” is a matter of great importance to every resident, taxpayer, and business operator in Ann Arbor. We hope that you agree that such an important decision requires public participation.

Sincerely,

Nancy Kaplan

Leslie Morris

Karen Sidney

Eric Lipson

Kathy Boris

Ethel Potts

Jack Eaton

Vivienne Armentrout

Rita Mitchell

Lou Glorie

Gwen Nystuen

Barbara Kritt

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**From:** Andrea David [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 8:27 PM  
**To:** Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike  
**Subject:** library lot ideas

At election time I for one I voted for a person who I thought would vote their level best to represent the quality of life and interest expressed by the people of Ann Arbor rather than buy special interest groups who have no ties to Ann Arbor save the opportunity for personal profit. It appears to me that in the minds of the DDA and the Council what is to go on top of the 4 level underground parking garage, was a done deal before it came to a vote. When it came to a vote at the DDA and Council the two "public option" choices that were rejected are the two most popular proposals (46% of AA.Com readers who responded). They were eliminated out of hand in favor of developing hotels or a convention center. The reasons offered are "where will the money come from" (even though there is a possible offer on the table of 2.5 million dollars for pursuing the park and town square idea), also saying that "the online polling was not scientific". Now there is a proposal to hire a real estate advisor for some \$50,000. That decision is questionable. Perhaps they don't have a plan or idea where to go from here..and it's time to do their homework before going on. The questions the council needs to answer for the troubled citizens of Ann Arbor are FIRST why doesn't the Council/DDA SCHEDULE A FORUM to ASSESS WHAT THE PEOPLE OF ANN ARBOR REALLY WANT (in a "scientific" way), SECOND why doesn't the Council/DDA HIRE A CONSULTANT WHO CAN ASSESS THE FINANCIAL AND CULTURAL VALUE OF AN DOWNTOWN GREENSPACE PLAYGROUND, a year-round outdoor public art, and sculpture park for people of all ages, to relax, skate(ice skate, dry land skate, or skateboard) with an art and culture center where artists and musicians can rehearse, work, show, or perform and sell their creations. Such a place I believe will bring people of all ages downtown to play a while, help us retain our creative people, attract and inspire people to come to the downtown area where they can easily go on a shopping spree. I bet that a place where people are having fun and a cultural experience to boot is more likely to put a feather in our cap as well as money in our pocket than a hotel, convention center or apartment complex that we don't need and nobody wants anyway except developers. There are several good hotels in downtown already, and they are rarely filled to capacity as it is. There is also plenty of office and apartments available. What we don't have is a cultural center, and more healthy urban green space to stretch out in. Herb David ..... [REDACTED]



## Greenshields, Rachel

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**From:** Miller, Jayne  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 8:24 PM  
**To:** Rapundalo, Stephen  
**Subject:** Library Lot RFP Interview Schedule

**Attachments:** 1-20-10 Interviews-Open House Schedule.doc

Stephen, attached is the schedule we set up for the interviews (4) and open house. The interviews and open house are scheduled to be held at the AADL.



1-20-10  
Interviews-Open House

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**From:** Miller, Jayne  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 8:18 PM  
**To:** McDonald, Kevin; DiLeo, Alexis  
**Cc:** Derezinski, Tony  
**Subject:** ZORO Project

Tony Derezinski will represent Council on the Zoro Project. Please send him materials and meeting information to bring him up to speed. Thanks.

*Jayne Miller*  
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**From:** Miller, Jayne  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 8:12 PM  
**To:** Kunselman, Stephen  
**Subject:** RE: Confidential - Job Opportunity

thanks

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**From:** Kunselman, Stephen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 30, 2009 8:44 PM  
**To:** Miller, Jayne  
**Subject:** RE: Confidential - Job Opportunity

Congratulations Jayne! I can only imagine the sigh of relief to be rid of the political drama. Steve

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**From:** Fraser, Roger  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2009 12:06 PM  
**To:** \*City Council Members (All)  
**Cc:** Miller, Jayne  
**Subject:** FW: Confidential - Job Opportunity

Council, please see Jayne's note, below. We are presuming the Authority board will vote to offer Jayne this position and that she will accept.

As you can imagine, this is not the holiday gift I would wish for. There are many unanswered questions that we will be working on in the weeks to come.

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**From:** Miller, Jayne  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2009 10:59 AM  
**To:** Fraser, Roger  
**Subject:** Confidential - Job Opportunity

Roger, as you know, I am being recommended as the Director of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Authority. The Metropark Board is holding a special meeting on Monday, January 4th to vote on my appointment as Director of the Authority. While I am very excited about this opportunity, it is very difficult for me to contemplate leaving the City of Ann Arbor, as I am very committed to the City and the services we provide to Ann Arbor residents.

Please share this information with the Mayor and Council.

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**From:** Rosencrans, Scott (PAC) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 8:05 PM  
**To:** Smith, Colin  
**Cc:** Hohnke, Carsten  
**Subject:** Re: Recommendations

Thanks, Colin.

As I said in our last meeting, I am happy to pitch-in on developing Resolution Language for PAC for the recommendations approved by the Task Force. I would say that it would be difficult for the Task Force to approve the staff recommendations without those numbers. The PAC Resolution can't move forward without either of those.

Putting together a Resolution for PAC will be the easy part and I will be ready on the 15th with my contributions for the resolution language should a set of recommendations be approved by the Task Force and passed on to PAC.

These are great recommendations and, with the numbers, I am very confident that they would be approved by both bodies; but we have to do one before the other.

Task Forces aren't that new. We can learn from at least four years of precedence going back to the Greenway Task Force. Perhaps more.

And, sincerely, I wish the happiest of New Years to you both.

Scott

On Jan 4, 2010, at 8:22 AM, Smith, Colin wrote:

Scott and Carsten -

Just let me know what you need from staff regarding the consensus meeting and I'll make sure it happens.

January 19 is indeed the date of the PAC meeting - 4 to 6pm. My hope would be to have the memorandum included in the packet for PAC and that is distributed the Friday before the meeting (15th).

Regarding the memo - it is a draft, the dollar amounts in it are not finished so please do not pay attention to them at this time.

And yes, the attached resolution is not on topic - I just included it as an example of a PAC written resolution versus a staff written resolution for Scott.

Happy New Year -  
Colin

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

From: Hohnke, Carsten  
Sent: Sunday, January 03, 2010 8:50 PM  
To: Rosencrans, Scott (PAC); Smith, Colin  
Subject: RE: Recommendations

Scott,

You two are probably aware, but the resolution following Colin's memo isn't on topic. Memo looks good, though.

I don't think anyone would disagree with your previous email, Scott (I certainly don't). We just have to work out what the process needs to be and should be--the task forces are a new approach.

I'm getting clarification from the City Attorney's office so that all Ts are crossed and Is dotted, and will then cycle back with you and Colin re: PAC. I'll then send out an email to the Task Force members explaining the process per your helpful suggestion.

My current recollection is that we are shooting for a memo and proposed resolution to the PAC meeting on 1/19. Let me know if that date is incorrect.

Hoping your New Year is off to a great start.

-- Carsten

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

From: Scott Rosencrans [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sun 1/3/2010 5:01 PM  
To: Smith, Colin; Hohnke, Carsten  
Subject: Re: Recommendations

Great Memo, Colin. That'll work just fine. I'll find some time this week to refine a Resolution. Naturally, to list them as consensus recommendations, as you do in the memo, we get back to the fact that we need a vote from the Task Force. Unfortunately, we are in a climate, not to put too fine a point on it, where even unanimous recommendations are being questioned as consensual and we need as open, as well informed, and as clean a process as possible.

I hope that my last note didn't rub you guys the wrong way. I just think a note of where we are and what we need to do next to the members would help. Having been in their shoes (new members) I can see where the process can be confusing; and this is important stuff.

All The Best,  
Scott

1/5/2010

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**Greenshields, Rachel**

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**From:** Euro Million [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 7:22 PM  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients  
**Subject:** You have won the sum of 470,000 Euros.

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BATCH: EURO/1007/444/606/09

You should include Your Name, Address, Sex, Age, Occupation, Nationality, Phone numbers and Fax number.

Mr. Francisco Casada (Claim Officer)  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Tel: [REDACTED]

Best regards,  
Dr. Maria Jose Muyor.  
Euro Millions Lottery

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**Greenshields, Rachel**

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**From:** Wright, Susan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 7:17 PM  
**To:** Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Derezinski, Tony; Rapundalo, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia; Anglin, Mike; Hohnke, Carsten  
**Cc:** ericlipson [REDACTED]; Mitchell, Rita; Julgee [REDACTED]; ernotts [REDACTED]; karensidney [REDACTED]; khori [REDACTED]; leslie1023 [REDACTED]; Nystuen, Gwen (PAC); Kritt, Barbara; vnarmentrouf [REDACTED]; iackeaton [REDACTED]; eformal [REDACTED]; byers.sarah [REDACTED]; amoscorey [REDACTED]; parisreporter [REDACTED]; bethankirschner [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Request for a public process for public land

Dear Mayor Hieftje and Members of the City Council:

I have read the thoughtful letter sent to you by Nancy Kaplan, Leslie Morris, Karen Sidney et al., calling for full public discussion of the future development of the "Library Lot" at 319 S. Fifth Avenue. From the evidence they provide, it's clear that the authorizing resolution R-09-268 (July 6, 2009), which requires a public process, has been ignored and violated. Ann Arbor citizens expect full public participation in all decisions on the disposition of public property--and the benefits of such participation should be obvious. The Broadway Bridges are an excellent example of how public participation generated major improvements of the original plan.

We expect you to ensure that the public process required by R-09-268 is observed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Wright  
[REDACTED]

**Greenshields, Rachel**

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**From:** Lois Crawford [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 7:14 PM  
**To:** Lois Crawford  
**Subject:** AATA Press Release: Subscription E-mail Alerts

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January 4, 2010

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*"Great works are performed, not by strength, but by perseverance."*

**Greenshields, Rachel**

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**From:** David Day [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 7:12 PM  
**To:** DDA  
**Cc:** Hieftje, John  
**Subject:** Parking Issue(s)

I would like to provide some critical feedback on parking in downtown Ann Arbor. First of all parking is too expensive and discourages people, such as myself from going downtown on evenings & weekends for dining and entertainment purposes. Secondly, my husband and I did venture to downtown this past weekend to go to the Ann Arbor Comedy Club. The process of paying for parking was absurd. It was 5 degrees out and I was forced to stand in a line (outside) to pay to get out of a parking lot.

Who's idea was this? Why would you expect anyone to stand outside in the elements to pay to park? There were two machines that could be used but only one took cash. Both machines were extremely slow. Myself and several others were standing there for approximately 10 minutes just to pay to park. Even if they were faster, it is ridiculous to have such a set-up.

Joanna Day

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