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dear members of the commission,
comments I made in public regarding your agenda and last's night's meeting that I thought you should hear. see you in October's Meeting (hopefully with better Agenda planning, or a new commission)

I feel we made progress at last night's meeting. However I wonder how two known impassioned topics (Medical Marijuana and the Fuller Road Parking Garage) made it on the same agenda? Did no one see that putting the two subjects on the same agenda would result in an all night meeting? Or is it that the commission did see, and knew exactly what they were doing when they made this agenda, putting Medical Marijuana at the end of it, forcing the sick and injured population of Ann Arbor sit on Hardwood benches for 5 hours if they wanted their voices heard. About 3/4 of the Medical Marijuana supporters that showed up to the meeting at 7pm were too debilitated to sit on those benches until midnight, and so had left by the time the Commission got to the topic, their voices going silent, and their needs falling on the deaf ears of the Commission. I even noticed 2 commissioners looking around the room and laughing at the beginning of the Medical Marijuana proceedings. PLEASE, IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE SICK AND INJURED, OR THEIR CAREGIVERS LIVING IN ANN ARBOR, DO NOT FORGET THIS WHEN IT IS ELECTION TIME!!!! The planning commission ought to hang it's collective head in SHAME for the lack of respect they showed to the sick and injured of this city. These people are appointed by the Mayor, and we must let the Mayor know that we will not tolerate such a clear abuse of power as this commission showed when knowingly making out last night's agenda in a fashion that prevented much of the sick and injured from being heard. Call the Mayor today and let them know they do have your vote in the future, unless they address this unscrupulous Planning Commission. We must see this commission dissolved immediately, and replaced with one that has the needs of all the city's people in mind. The sick and injured should not be made to suffer for wanting their government to hear their voices. We live in modern day America, not Cold War era Russia, and the Ann Arbor Planning Commission needs to wake up to this fact....S.Mendez