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**From:** Janet Distelzweig [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 7:01 PM  
**To:** Ramlawi, Ali  
**Subject:** A sad day for the Ann Arbor political scene

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Thank you for serving us.

God bless,

Jan Distelzweig

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**From:** Thom Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 7:08 PM  
**To:** Briggs, Erica  
**Subject:** Fwd: Burned out house

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Hello my remaining council person,

Have you had a chance to read your email? Just in case I've included my original below email. If you don't know just tell me you don't know.

Thanks,  
TJ

**From:** Thom Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Sat, Jul 23, 2022 at 9:01 PM  
**Subject:** Burned out house  
**To:** Ramlawi, Ali <[ARamlawi@a2gov.org](mailto:ARamlawi@a2gov.org)>, <[EBriggs@a2gov.org](mailto:EBriggs@a2gov.org)>

Hello my councilpersons.

I'm wondering what the progress is on the burned out house in the 1000 block of South Main. Besides being an eyesore it is becoming a haven for animals.

If you have any word on what is happening please let me know.

Thom Johnson  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Chief Tomby [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 7:03 PM  
**To:** Delacourt, Derek;Fournier, John;Juana;Taylor, Christopher (Mayor);Dohoney Jr., Milton  
**Subject:** Re: Property for development

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Derek

I could have the 472 wrong this comes from our lobbyists Kelley/ Cawthorne. I must tell you that most companies such as the big 3 or Amazon always come in with wanting certain economic benefits, so we decided to set an unprecedented example and reverse the trend and offer " a revenue sharing package " from our Amphitheater.

I have worked with some of the biggest names in the world, including but limited to Steve Wynn, Trump, EDS, National Conference of Mayors, Big Three, Billy Sims, Jimmy Ellis and the one who I most pride myself on is Muhammad Ali for 3 1/2 years.

I am well educated and realize that revenue sharing is a great PR promotion, that makes all the residents of Washtenaw County our partners. We are seeking a 3 way public/ private partnership.

Normally, small companies are questioned rather than they can raise the financing, I never imagined we would be questioned for offering a " revenue sharing package "

Please just give us the same respect that you would give Dan Gilbert, meet and discuss and if you don't want the revenue sharing package or development we will just move on.

We have all the ingredients to develop the Xanadu Renaissance and Entertainment Center/ Paradise in the Woods development and we are damn proud to say that this will be the largest development project done by a development company owned by people of color in the history of the State Of Michigan.

My late father was Chickasaw. Please call me " Chief "

Chief

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 4, 2022, at 6:39 PM, Delacourt, Derek <DDelacourt@a2gov.org> wrote:

Mr. Tomby,

I have spoken with the County regarding your interest already and will allow them to take the lead. I am setting up a meeting if they decide to pursue. The only 472 I'm aware of in the State of MI is PA 472 requiring lobbyist to register with the State, if you are referencing something else I'm not aware of what it

is. I'm not sure why we would be involved in sharing the revenue from a site not within the City or owned by the City however, if you identify a site and that becomes part of the approval negotiation I'm sure we would be glad to discuss.

Best regards,  
Derek Delacourt  
CSAA, Ann Arbor

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From: Chief Tomby [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 6:19:25 PM  
To: Delacourt, Derek <DDelacourt@a2gov.org>; Juana [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Property for development

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Hello Derek

First of all, thank you very much for your email. I certainly realize that our land requirements are a challenge, and that's why we have reached out to County for assistance.

We have requested the site as close to Ann Arbor as possible, because if we are going to divide the revenue sharing with Ann Arbor, the State of Michigan says that we should be close as possible, to negotiate a 472 between the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County.

We are offering 2.00 dollars per ticket and 2.00 per parking space. This could amount to approximately one half million dollars per week to divide.

I would like to suggest a meeting with Greg Dill, You and Members of our team, ASAP. This is an election year and there are those that want us to get a shovel in the ground. The time is both ripe and right.

Confidential

Once we considered Washtenaw County/ Ann Arbor we have drawn the attention of huge shopping Mall developer and luxury home builder.

✘ . I would ask that you touch base with Greg Dill to help expedite the meeting.

Warner Bros

We are retaining one of the most powerful Entertainment Lawyers in the USA, and he will negotiate our management contract with Live Nation and persuading Warner Bros to broadcast Live from time to time both the TNT sports show and a National Talk Show broadcasting Live from the Amphitheater.

This will produce astronomical world exposure. Let's work together, " Money goes where money is wanted " we are investing approximately two hundred and fifty million dollars, and this is with no traditional bank financing. I am anxiously but enthusiastically waiting for your reply.

Chief

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 4, 2022, at 5:46 PM, Delacourt, Derek <DDelacourt@a2gov.org> wrote:

Mr. Tomby,

Your voice and emails were forwarded to me for response. The potential development certainly sounds exciting and well positioned for success. If I understand the request correctly, you are looking for potential backup sites, the City of Ann Arbor does not currently have anything of the scale necessary to support the type of development you are envisioning. It sounds like you've already reached out to the appropriate folks at the County who may be aware of a site or assembly that could accommodate something of this scale. If there is anyway the City of Ann Arbor can assist with the development, if you are able to find a site near the city, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Best regards,

Derek

**Derek L. Delacourt,**  
**Community Services Administrator**

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