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From: Hanink, Dennis <dhanink@hudson.oh.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 5:01 PM
To: Kelemen, Alex
Subject: Re: Parks Survey

Alex,

I sent my email with Trent and Frank's precisely because it was written proof of the dynamic about which you have raised questions in the past. Interesting quiet from council members involved.

From the Green Mountains of Vt,

Dennis

From: Kelemen, Alex
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 12:32 PM
To: Hanink, Dennis
Subject: Re: Parks Survey

Dennis,

The answer to the "who said it" is there is the memo sent by Trent on a Friday morning which says "her meeting with some Council members this morning." It was the cabal setting the direction as you probably surmised. Only difference between this decision and others (moving the City manager vote, etc.) is here we have it in writing.

I hope a new Council puts an end to this cabal.

--Alex

From: Hanink, Dennis
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 12:14 PM
To: Howington, Jane
Cc: City Council and Mayor
Subject: Parks Survey

Jane

Good morning. I was far behind in dealing with my emails and council business after the Labor Day weekend as well as with other responsibilities.

The park survey was one email topic that I had put aside. I did not realize that the blizzard of email exchanges among board members was about whether or not the board should conduct its planned survey at all. Shame on me.

You had spoken with me prior to our 9/10 workshop about the survey questions having to do with programming and we agreed that was not appropriate. Then in a meeting with Trent and Frank last Friday prior to the Monday park board meeting, I was informed that the issue was whether the survey should be conducted at all. My position with Trent and Frank was that the board should proceed with the survey without programming or rec center questions. I stated my opinion to you afterward, as I assume Frank did also.

I gave my opinion to the park board Monday. Namely, that they should proceed with a survey that addresses the park system as it is currently constituted, but without any questions related to programming and a potential recreation center. I had advised them in the Spring that the survey should not include rec center related questions as council had been reluctant to initiate such a project again. And Tuesday, I reported on the park board meeting during the council comment section.

I have been curious what caused the turmoil among the park board members. I am finally digging out of the email pile and I think I understand what it was. It was the email below that Trent Wash sent to the park board, and me. It is self-explanatory, but it also shines a light a dynamic that has been alluded to on a number of occasions.

Note the comments that I have highlighted in red. Somehow a meeting of you and "some council members" became a full council directive to stop the survey. Further, perhaps as stated in the email, the council wishes to consider the rec center question, but I have not been a party to any meeting to discuss an approach in any detail.

There simply has not been any council mandate or direction on this survey, other than authorizing the survey expenditure. To make a statement to any board or citizen group on any subject as a council directive or decision when nothing of the sort has been made is destructive of council, the city and orderly proceedings.

Dennis Hanink

From: Wash, Trent
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:11 AM
To: Brett Shriver; Keith Smith; [REDACTED]; Linda O'Neil; Colafella, Douglas G; Frank Griffiths; Seam McGurr
Cc: Hanink, Dennis
Subject: Parks Survey information

Good morning- below is an email from Assistant City Manager, Frank Comeriato regarding the park survey we are currently working on. Frank and I have red lined what we believe is the direction of City Council. I will forward to you later today. We will then need to structure other questions that we feel pertain to our parks and the community in replacement of the deleted subjects that will best fit our vision of the final survey/Master Plan. Let me know if you have any questions.

Trent: Following a meeting with the City Manager and her meeting with Council Members this morning we have been asked to do the following regarding the Parks Community Survey portion of the master plan development:

1. Continue to develop the Parks Survey as you are.

2. Complete the refining of the questions as not to include any questions or references to parks programming or those items related to a potential indoor Community Recreation Center 3. Upon the Park Board's final draft of the document send it to me and you and I will discuss with the City Manager.

4. Upon agreement on the draft and the development of the final document we are to hold and table the document. City Council as you know wishes to address the idea of a potential Community Recreation Center utilizing some type of community survey. There will also be discussions moving into the fall of the year to perhaps develop and distribute a new Community and City Services Survey. Whichever is ultimately decided upon, the Parks Survey questions can be incorporated into a final survey document. I would envision that a comprehensive City Survey would be an RFP project within the Community Development Department. That said, it is feasible that the consultant that you and the Board have been working with could submit a proposal and continue its work with the City.

Please share this information with the Park Board Chair and the Park Board Members so they are fully informed of this change in plans.

Let me know if you have any questions and keep the group working towards a completed Parks Survey that is ready to add to a comprehensive document whatever that may look like.

Thanks, Trent. And nice work reviewing the document.

Regards,

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