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From: Melissa Kirk
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 11:24 AM
To: PublicComments
Subject: 05/27/25 Redevelopment Vote

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my heartfelt disappointment with your vote for the Redevelopment of Park West Plaza, located at 3003-3025 183rd Street, and your decision to award it. I realize now that you were not genuinely looking for community when you awarded this bid, despite what you said; you were concerned about the least amount of money you had to spend. While I am writing specifically for Rabid Brewing, you had two community-based proposals: Rabid Brewing and VMB Ventures. You were not looking to support small businesses, as you stated, but rather the big box businesses. You opted for the cheapest option for your community rather than actual community and stability, and I guarantee you that in a few years, you will be putting this space up for bid again because Canton was not the right choice.

I was unable to attend the meeting in person due to health reasons. Still, the number of community members who showed up for Rabid Brewing—both in person and in the written word—should have demonstrated the impact that Rabid has had and will continue to have on the community. Additionally, you mentioned the strengths of Rabid's current space yet failed to consider the growth potential that Rabid could provide in a larger location. This oversight speaks volumes about the decision-making process and the priorities at play. However, you chose numbers over community, and it's disheartening that you did.

Warm regards,
Melissa Kirk

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"Never be afraid to try something new. Remember: amateurs built the Ark; professionals built the Titanic." - Unknown

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From: Bob Robertson
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 7:50 PM
To:
Subject: Cars Kill People

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To All:

It has become increasingly apparent that much of the local press is serving more as a mouthpiece for the Greater Homewood Party than as a source of balanced journalism. Coverage is consistently glowing, as if the party can do no wrong. Unfortunately, that's far from the truth. The press's role is to question power, not cozy up to it. We need real journalism—critical, fair, and informed—not flattery disguised as reporting.

President Hofeld and his administration are making decisions behind closed doors with little regard for public input. Residents of this town deserve transparency and real opportunities to shape the policies that affect our daily lives—not just press releases, staged photo-ops, and ribbon-cuttings.

One of the most glaring failures is the administration's refusal to address our town's out-of-control traffic problem. Pedestrians and cyclists are put at risk every day while leadership continues to prioritize car-centric policies. It's as if the Greater Homewood Party values speeding cars over the safety and well-being of actual people. Cyclists and pedestrians are left to fend for themselves while the administration continues to worship at the altar of car culture. It's as if they'd rather see people killed in crosswalks than rethink their policies. And the silence from the press on all of this makes them complicit.

It's laughably obvious that much of the media has become a propaganda arm for the Greater Homewood Party. Many articles read like they were drafted by President Hofeld's PR team. If some of these so-called reporters didn't have their noses so far up Hofeld's , maybe they'd notice what's actually happening in this town.

The Village government, which the press relentlessly praises, is shutting residents out of the democratic process. Even the League of Women Voters called them out in a letter that was recently published, stating clearly that public input is being ignored. That should've sparked outrage. Instead, it was buried under another puff piece praising the administration. Does Rich Hofeld profit from deaths in this village?

This town deserves better leadership and press that acts like it gives a .

Yours Truly,
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