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TOMORROWS CITY MEETING

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Leana,

Please accept the below as public comment for tomorrows meeting. I originally intended on only asking the questions(as to not "burden" you with a records request). Then I realized that even asking questions these days, seem to be a burden. Below are my thoughts. Please do not feel obligated in answering, as I dont want to be used as an excuse in taking away from your daily duties.

Staci

c) ***Park Plan Review - Community Development Director Ben Shumaker presents the initial draft of the Stevenson Parks Plan for council discussion. This is being paid for through a 100% grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). There is a request in to RCO to extend the March 1st deadline for adoption to allow for adequate review time.**"

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" **The impetus for creating this plan** was the recognition by the City of Stevenson **that many lucrative grant funding opportunities require the adoption of a PROS Plan.** Further, the adopted plan would require documentation that would **demonstrate needs**, community outreach, and consensus on priorities and recommendations. The city prioritized the formation of an Advisory Committee to collaborate on this plan to build relationships and define shared values between the entities that provide recreational opportunities to the public. In sharing an understanding of **public needs** and a vision for the future, the hope is that each entity can also share in working toward the solution"

Leana,

Good afternoon. In looking at the meeting packet, I recognized the above info, and saw it associated with requirements for the grant funding requirements related to the Park Plaza Project. I will not make this into a public records request, as I dont want it to be used as an excuse for the claims by you or your staff of the burdens of records requests. My recollection of the grant requirements, was that you guys had to have a parks and rec plan in place to be eligible for this grant. Why should a funder have to extend their deadline, because the City wasnt prepared in having the information needed or plan adopted, by the requirement deadline within the grant? I also would like to know what City staff prepared the 2 documents that were included in tomorrows meeting packet? Did you track staff time related to working on these 2 documents and the work it took to get the information provided in each? I get that the City may be reimbursed for this work, but it takes away from day to day job responsibilities that staff "could" be spending their time on, instead of endlessly searching for "lucrative grant funding opportunities" . I also think that both the City and the County need to take a close look at "needs" versus "wants".

Thanks,

Staci