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Good Morning Jim!

Following our recent conversation, I've been asked by both the City Manager and the Common Council President to request that you reconsider your decision to resign from the Landmarks Commission. Please let me know your decision by the end of the week. Thank you!

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To the staff of the City of Whitewater,

I hereby resign from my position as member of the Landmark Commission for the following reasons:

1. Landmark Commission members NEVER had any meetings outside of the designated monthly sanctioned meetings. Period.
2. To have been accused of this suggests a lack of listening skills on the city's part, as well as a major

problematic issue of communication.

3. To have never been consulted in a congenial way to verify or clear up any questions on this matter reflects a sledgehammer approach on the city's part. I do not wish to be a part of such strong-armed tactics.

4. President Ben Adamitus and Vice President Jaime Weigel are as honest, caring, and hardworking as one could ever ask for in a commission. To have attacked their integrity, as well as mine, without even talking with them first is unconscionable, as well as a terrible way to treat volunteers who are donating their time for something they believe in.

I hope that through this resignation, the city will begin to reevaluate and change how to treat, communicate, and respect members of these city-run volunteer-member commissions.

James Olm

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