

Bobbie Walthall

To: David L. Corliss
Subject: RE: B&G club land donation comment

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Subject: B&G club land donation comment

Date: Mon, 22 Sep 2014 22:27:20 +0000

Commissioners,

I am writing to express my opposition to the City donating land to the Boys and Girl's Club as part of the City's police facility deliberations.

While I have no problem with the good works of the Boys and Girls Club, it is, in my opinion, simply terrible public policy for the City to proceed with the donation as proposed, for the following reasons:

The proposed donation of land badly muddies the waters of the police facility vote. It makes the overarching issues surrounding the police facility seem like part of a sweetheart real estate deal. It just looks bad. The police facility should be allowed to rise or fall on its merits, at the polls. You do the Chief no favors with the baggage of this proposal.

This donation sets a very bad precedent by circumventing the City's long-established budgetary request process and cycle.

It's not fair to the many, many other community organizations who HAVE followed the process, yet did not receive funding.

Finally, this proposal begs the question whether our tax dollars are being wisely spent. The land price established seems to many, myself included, to be inflated. Our taxes went up, but suddenly the City can afford to give away \$500,000? Really?

I appreciate the impulse to help out a worthy cause. I do.

But now is not the time. Please stick to the matters at hand, and leave this one for another day.

I respectfully that this letter be included in the minutes for the City Commission Meeting of September 23, 2014.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

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To: csuen3@sunflower.com
Subject: RE: Reg. Agenda #4

From: csuen3@sunflower.com [<mailto:csuen3@sunflower.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 22, 2014 12:17 PM

To: Bobbie Walthall

Subject: Reg. Agenda #4

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

We agree that the Boys and Girls Club is an excellent program in town. We disagree with the Regular Agenda Item #4 of the nearly \$500,000, 10 acre donation that would be contingent upon the police facility tax increase passing. One of the reasons being there are still empty buildings and empty lands owned by both the city and the school district (being an on-going partner with the Boys & Girls Club).

We believe this would set a terrible precedent and urge you to vote no.

With regards,
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