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Ripkin Foundation

5 messages

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Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 9:10 AM

To: Byron Brooks <Byron.Brooks@cityoforlando.net>

Cc: Jessica Stead <jessica.stead@cityoforlando.net>, Allen Johnson <allen.johnson@cityoforlando.net>

Byron, with the upcoming proposed changes to Tinker Field, there has been an increased discussion on social media of the city's refusal to work with the Ripkin Foundation on it's restoration. I believe that our discussions do not reflect this action.

Please ask your staff to provide a summary of our discussions with the Ripkin Foundation so that we can be prepared to provide a qualified response to this part of the general discussion.

As a matter of convenience, I have also copied Allen Johnson on this email, so that we can expedite any response in preparation for the March 9 City Council agenda item.

Thank you,

Robert

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Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 10:32 AM

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Commissioner Stuart,

you're correct, those assertions on social media are inaccurate. Allen and Craig can indeed provide the facts on interest and discussions with the Ripkin Foundation. Thanks.

Byron

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Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 1:34 PM

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Byron, can we get something in writing...somewhat formal...that we can provide to the community, if needed. Of course, we need to confirm our assumptions with Ripkin Fdn to make sure that are accurate.

Thanks,
Robert

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Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 6:37 PM

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Allen and Craig,

do you have contact info for whomever you communicated with at the Ripkin Foundation? If so, need you to contact them to request a statement re their decision.

My early conversations were with Davey Johnson and his group and I have no idea if related to the Ripkin Foundation (I was never part of any conversations with the Ripkin Foundation). But, I know Davey Johnson's group was interested in a complex, not just one field, and we connected them with Jones High School/OCPS once they (OCPS) assumed responsibility for the sportsplex at Jones HS. We were told, verbally, that both parties concluded an arrangement between them was not feasible at the time, timing may have been a challenge, but I don't recall if either gave a specific reason.

Thanks.

Byron

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Thu, Mar 5, 2015 at 12:15 PM

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Byron,

Our only involvement was a meeting with the Mayor and others with Davey Johnson. I'm not sure who ran point but I believe it was a call to the Mayors office to set up the meeting..

I've searched my files for more info but it looks like the MLB Urban league and Ripkin Foundation were connected. I've also had a recent meeting with Ted Haddock (Haddock Foundation) and Rob Spitz (Florida Baseball) who mentioned the Urban League and the past relationship with Ripkin. I've placed a call to the Ripkin foundation but so far have not received any information.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Allen



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