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Subject: RE: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

Bruce and Marc,
Are we still thinking about a media session in conjunction with the city-led public meeting?

From: Bruce Merchant [mailto:bemerchant@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 10:41 AM
To: Hatton, Marc; Berkoff, Michael; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Michael Berkoff
Subject: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

Paul, Marc and Michael -

Thanks for the phone call last week Thursday. A good discussion (again) and, as always, the input and discussion are much appreciated.

Good article in the Kalamazoo Gazette on Sunday, January 11, 2015. Glad that Michael was able to provide comments as well. Here's a link (if needed):

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2015/01/allied_redevelopment.html

As is fairly normal, some of the quotes (from me, anyway) weren't exactly correct but that's to be expected.

As promised, I have prepared a couple of things plus have some dates for our next meeting.

First, the dates. I looked at the calendar and I have open the following dates: February 4 & 5 (Wednesday and Thursday) and February 10, 11, & 12 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). I'm actually open all that week but thought we'd want to keep the meeting in toward the middle of the week. Of course, the meeting would be weather-dependent. Let me know what works for everybody.

Second, I've attached two documents. The first is a proposed Timeline from the City's perspective. Marc and I are meeting this afternoon to discuss some of the public input process at the the public meeting with the Kalamazoo City Planner. Right now, some dates for the public meeting are: February 17, 18, 19. 24, 25, or 26. The date should be nailed down fairly soon as well as a location. We have about 5 potential locations where we could meet. The second document is a list of outstanding issues that we may want to discuss at our early February meeting. Some of the issues aren't all the critical but we may want to flesh out the list and make sure we're tracking the issues appropriately so we don't miss anything.

Third, as Marc is aware, I'm beginning to phase out my formal involvement with the City and the Allied Superfund Site. My contract with the City ends in mid-May 2015. I will begin to transfer my responsibilities to others at the City (namely Marc) as I begin this transition over the next couple of months. I'm not disappearing from Kalamazoo or from informal involvement in the future. I'm still discussing how I can be available for any ongoing needs and will be available after May, on an as-needed basis. This is not meant as any type of negative reaction to the process either, believe me. I've been very fortunate to be involved in this great effort with some great people. It's just time for me to move on to other things.

I will be checking my emails once a day over the next couple of weeks. I may not respond immediately, but I'll try to do so within a couple of days.

Take care and stay warm!

Bruce