

Bobbie Walthall

From: Nicholas Ward <talentfalcon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 9:35 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: 11/25/14 consent agenda removal request

I am requesting removal of consent agenda item #5 for this evenings City Commission meeting. A number of people who will be present at tonight's meeting would like to discuss this item further prior to any action.

The agenda item reads as follows:

Approve proceeding with request from Lawrence Arts Center to partner with the City of Lawrence for NEA OurTown Grant by authorizing the first step in submittal of the general grant description in December with the understanding that the full grant will be reviewed by the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission and approved by the City Commission prior to final submittal in January 2015. [Staff Memo](#)

Please let me know via email when this message has been received,

Best,

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Bobbie Walthall

From: csuen3@sunflower.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 10:08 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Christina McClelland; Diane Stoddard; NEA OurTown; ArtPlace
Subject: consent agenda 5

Hi Bobbi,

Please include the following in the packets for tonight's City Commission meeting.

Nov. 25, 2015

Mayor and Commissioners,

We respectfully request that you remove consent agenda #5 from tonight's agenda. Some of the reasons we make this request are: there are still many questions unanswered regarding the ArtPlace grant; the process of the ArtPlace grant has been so skewed and many (most) parts being predetermined without public input; and, the NEA OurTown grant should not be piggy-backed to the ArtPlace grant.

From paragraph 2 of the 'background' section of the Nov. 20th Staff Memo: "The Lawrence Arts Center proposes to partner with the City of Lawrence to apply for a \$200,000 grant to support the next phase of the Free State Festival, the project for which the Lawrence Arts Center and the City of Lawrence successfully received "Our Town" funding in 2013. In 2016 and 2017, the Lawrence Arts Center will transition the Free State Festival from a largely regional festival to a national one that will make full use of the new infrastructure built along the 9th Street Corridor as a result of the ArtPlace-funded 9th Street Corridor Project. By enhancing the Festival's integration into the cultural district's streetscape, the Lawrence Arts Center will ensure that the Free State Festival highlights the people and places, history and culture, that make Lawrence attractive to businesses, tourists, and potential residents." What about the current residents??

With regards,
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Bobbie Walthall

To: Diane Stoddard
Subject: RE: November 25th Consent Agenda

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gascon,John A" <John.Gascon@edwardjones.com>
Date: November 25, 2014 at 11:41:07 AM CST
To: Diane Stoddard <dstoddard@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: **November 25th Consent Agenda**

Diane,

Please include the following in the packets for tonight's City Commission meeting.

Nov. 25, 2015

Mayor and Commissioners,

We respectfully request that you approve consent agenda item #5 at this evenings City Commission Meeting. We have been very impressed with the work of Susan Tate and the Lawrence Arts Center in securing the Art Place Grant for the 9th Street Corridor as well as establishing the Free State Festival.

We desperately seek improvement of our East Lawrence neighborhood and projects like these add vibrancy, and enhance our neighborhood which will lead to future positive development and the attraction of active residents that seek to improve our community. We do not want the Lawrence Arts Center or their staff to be discouraged from applying for future grants that help our neighborhood thrive.

We have positive momentum, built largely from the efforts of the Lawrence Arts Center and we ask that you unanimously approve consent agenda item #5 at the November 25th City Commission Meeting.

Thank You,

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