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Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 9:57 PM

Dear BOS,

The minutes and audio were not posted from the August 20 Parks meeting so it is hard to comment on agenda item 29. It feels rushed to me, which is partly why this email may seem scattered.

I really wish HLP would get expanded or at least built out properly. The HLP master plan is pretty clear and so is the county parks master plan on needs and priorities.

Active sports amenities are needed. Not everyone can afford In Shape to play tennis or basketball, etc. with friends or family.

Almost 400k of general fund money was spent on the Old Depot Property so why can't some general fund money be spent in district 4 on HLP or Cronan Ranch for well thought out park needs - not just trail heads or feasibility studies (yes a feasibility study was already done for chili bar but that did not include public scoping input).

Please ask staff to question State Parks on why Grant's cannot be applied for HLP and for Chili Bar and report back to the Parks Commission on this.

Perhaps the Shinn property could be sold to fund the build out and expansion of HLP?

A visitor satisfaction or parks survey may help your decision making as well in the future? Is that possible?

The staff report miss states some facts but that doesn't really matter except misinforms some people.

Thank you for your efforts in these challenging times and budget shortfalls. Funding parks is an ongoing challenge but worth the investment I believe.

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## 9/1/20 BOS Agenda Item #29 Public Comments - Parks and Rec projects update

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Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 12:50 PM

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Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence is entered into the public record under the 9/1/20 BOS agenda Item #29 – Parks & Rec Projects Update:

It was Abraham Lincoln who said, *"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."* With that being said, I'd like to address the EDC Core Value of **Integrity** as it pertains to this agenda item: *"Doing what is right legally and morally at all times regardless of whether or not someone is watching."*

Be assured, we are watching. Despite the correspondence you all received from me notifying you of the lack of 72-hour notice required by the Brown Act, the August 20<sup>th</sup> PRC meeting proceeded **outside of the law anyway**. There were only two items on the agenda: Approval of the minutes, and the P&R projects update by Vickie Sanders, but as you learned last week, the meeting became a chaotic 4-ring circus that ran nearly an hour overtime under the direction of Chairman Kris Payne.

The First Amendment guarantees the Right of free speech and the Right to petition government for **redress of grievances**, which the oath taker, pursuant to his oath, is mandated to uphold. If he fails this requirement, then he has violated two provisions of the First Amendment, the Public Trust and perjured his oath. Vickie refused to respond to my specific questions which serve as **petitions for redress of grievances**, and Kris supported her silence by echoing an often repeated government LIE that they aren't supposed to respond to public inquiries. As you heard before in *U.S. v. Tweel*, *"Silence can only be equated with fraud where there is a legal or moral duty to speak or where an inquiry left unanswered would be intentionally misleading."*

Trish Sweeney from Assemblyman Frank Bigelow's office was apparently moonlighting by facilitating the illegitimate meeting. Wayne Lowery claimed he didn't know that Trish was related to Jack Sweeney, which is another LIE because each of the Commissioners received a copy of the Bigelow affidavit containing the facts surrounding Jack and Trish's involvement in the **Chili Bar lawsuit and other land acquisitions by the American River Conservancy and State Parks** using tax payer funded resources. You should also be aware by now that **Mr. Lowery and Julia McIver have a conflict of interest due their ARC membership which strategically positions them to influence the BOS on behalf of the ultra-liberal American River Conservancy.**

During Public Comments Kris once again showed his disrespect when he got up and walked out of the room while I was speaking, and in so doing he demonstrated that the Brown Act Rights of the Public are irrelevant. **(At this point Brian Veerkamp interrupted and falsely claimed my remarks were not relevant to the agenda item. Since they were indeed relevant, I continued...)** Brian Veerkamp was required by law to remove Kris from the Commission months ago for intentional fraud and violation of his Principal Agent Oaths of Office, but Brian LIED in order to keep his puppet in place.

Let's be frank here. Awareness of Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development is racing across the nation as people are learning what their local officials are actually up to. The expansion of the Parks & Trails Master Plan along the American River corridor is a conversation we've had many times before with State Parks, county staff, and state legislators since it affects safety and private property rights of residents. As awareness grows, people complain that elected officials just won't listen, read detailed reports, or watch long videos, and they certainly aren't doing the ***right thing***. Of course you aren't going to watch the 3-hour long August 20<sup>th</sup> PRC video and Vickie Sanders' project update, ***because they still haven't been publicly posted to the calendar as required by law!***

It is evident that the PRC recommendations to the BOS were predetermined & honed by none other than Vickie Sanders with the blessing of **Don Ashton and County Counsel**. Where is integrity, the transparency, accountability and Good Governance that the BOS hypocritically touts? Should you ignore my warning and move forward with either of Vickie's recommendations, it just proves that you can't be trusted to act pursuant to your Constitutional oaths of office and with ***integrity***.

I have one question for Lori Parlin: Did you receive my correspondence in regard to this agenda item? In light of your response this morning during Open Forum it appears you aren't receiving emails from me. (It was unclear whether Lori affirmed receipt of relevant correspondence for this Parks and Rec agenda item when Brian Veerkamp cut me off, but she did vote NO while the other supervisors voted to approve the Parks & Trails project recommendations made by Vickie Sanders.)

**For the record, Brian Veerkamp discriminately permitted Commissioners Kris Payne, Wayne Lowery and Julia McIver to speak as long as they wanted without interruption.**

*Melody Lane*

*Founder – Compass2Truth*

***“If the freedom of speech be taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.”***  
***~ George Washington ~***