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From: csuen3@sunflower.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 2:50 PM
To: Aron Cromwell; Bob Schumm; Bobbie Walthall; David L. Corliss; Hugh Carter; Mike Amyx; Mike Dever
Subject: Res 7002 also

Dear Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager,

We also request a denial of any tax abatement for any newly formed corporations, currently RCP, LLC and Bliss Sports, LC, without the financial statements being brought forth.

Please include in packet.

Thank You,

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Cindy Suenram
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To: David L. Corliss
Subject: RE: Resolution 7002

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

Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 2:42 PM

To: Aron Cromwell; Bob Schumm; Bobbie Walthall; David L. Corliss; Hugh Carter; Mike Amyx; Mike Dever

Subject: Resolution 7002

Dear Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager,

The Administration Policy Requirements of Resolution 5239 state a requirement of a supporting financial statement from the applicant of an Industrial Revenue Bond. Ordinance 8523, May 2010, repealed Resolution 5239, but still includes the showing of "...the financial capacity to complete the proposed project and successfully market the bonds." (Section Two, #3). Where are the financial statements of the applicants?

The Preliminary IRB Application submitted by Bliss Sports, LC, contains questionable answers.

- 1) Why is RCP, LLC not the applicant? Resolution 7002, paragraph 3, states RCP, LLC "...a Kansas limited liability company, and its successors or assigns (the "Company")"
- 2) Please refer to #20 c) offering the *lowest hourly wage* as \$45,000.
- 3) Please also refer to #25 "...any environmental impacts, positive or negative..." where the answer was N/A.

We ask that you deny approval of Resolution 7002.

We ask that this is included in the packet for tonight's meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

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January 18, 2013

Lawrence City Commission
P.O. Box 708
Lawrence, KS 66044

Subject: Statement of Support for the Rock Chalk Sports Park

Dear Mayor Schumm and Members of the City Commission,

On behalf of the Lawrence Board of REALTORS®, thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments in strong support of the Rock Chalk Sports Park development. After fully reviewing the public comments and supporting documentation on this project, we believe that this proposal is a unique opportunity to create a public/private partnership that will support economic development in our community.

As real estate professionals who are involved on a daily basis in community development discussions, we believe that the first priority of the City of Lawrence should always be to exhibit strong leadership in promoting economic development in this community. Unless our community is willing to take concrete and substantial steps to promote economic development and create new jobs, then there will be many other communities who will benefit from new economic development opportunities at our expense.

Through this project, we believe that the City of Lawrence has a unique opportunity to build a cost-effective partnership with the University of Kansas in building significant new community amenities that will both improve the quality of life for the citizens of Lawrence and lead to economic development in our community. Over the last few months, there have been numerous public forums and hearings on the proposal and we believe that this proposal has been thoroughly studied and vetted.

In comparison to other communities of similar characteristics and population, Lawrence lacks the necessary resources to provide an adequate amount of recreational facilities for adult and youth sports and to increase sales tax revenue through the tourism opportunities generated by a world-class sports facility. If the City Commission agrees to move forward on this project, we believe that the Rock Chalk Sports Park will help enhance the economic development potential and quality of life of our community.

Unfortunately, any decision by the City Commission to reject this proposal would further reinforce the misguided perception that Lawrence is an anti-business community that is not willing to invest public resources in job creation and economic development activities. This could further erode the city's efforts to attract additional jobs to the community through our existing economic development programs.

In conclusion, the proposal on the table presents several tangible and intangible benefits to the community. As such, the Lawrence Board of REALTORS® strongly urges the City Commission to take all necessary action to facilitate the timely approval of the Rock Chalk Sports Park proposal.

Sincerely,

John Esau
President
Lawrence Board of REALTORS®