

## **Dear Board:**

As always I hope this agenda finds you and your family in good health and spirits. The agenda for this meeting is a long one, unfortunately. Our long anticipated public informational meeting is scheduled for the Board's consideration on Tuesday. I have made arrangements for us to recess to Woodfin Elementary Gymnasium in order to accommodate crowds –if necessary. On the plus side we have had almost no calls from people asking about the meeting –which is generally a sign of sparse turnout- however, the people in Woodland Hills, Leisure Mountain and Kirk Glenn (the people who seem the most upset by the proposed annexation) have a fairly extensive internal communication network (e.g. e-mail, and printed handouts) so it just may be that they don't need to call and confirm time, date, and location. I don't suppose that anyone will know for sure until Tuesday night.

In this same vein- as I am sure you are aware – the people in attendance on Tuesday will (almost without exception) be the angriest of the angry. Many of them will seek to dissuade the Board from the action it contemplates on the virtue of how vitriolic they can be. Expect them to come "loaded for bear" –although the Board need not listen to personal attacks – it is important that individuals be given a chance to vent and to have their questions answered about services, process, etc. This is very important and while it will be lengthy there should be no move to silence reasonable discussion. I will use a sign up sheet in order to make the process as orderly and fair as possible. You should also be aware that some citizens in the Kirk Glenn community have created a petition that purports to demonstrate that our proposed annexation is not compliant with state law. In order to increase the "legitimacy" of this petition they have attached a recent case that came before the state Supreme Court. This petition states false things and misinterprets both the case it cites and state law. I will be prepared to refute this petition if it is presented Tuesday evening. Copycat versions of the petition are being circulated in Woodland Hills and Leisure Mountain as well. It may be that some people who sign these unfounded petitions will elect not to come to the meeting Tuesday night because they will have "recorded their opposition" or naively believe that the annexation is null and void.

You also have two zoning hearings scheduled for "heights of Woodfin" and "northwoods golf course". Both have been reported positively from the Planning and Zoning Board and I would strongly encourage the Board to re-zone these properties to the new MV zoning district.

The Board will need to set a special meeting to hold a public hearing on the budget for Tuesday June 26 at 6:30 PM. This meeting is necessary unless you wish to adopt an interim budget for part of July. It may also be possible that the Board will be asked to consider other matters at this meeting.

Finally, the Board will consider a proposed resolution calling for applicants to replace members of the Board of Aldermen, Planning and Zoning Board, and Parks and Recreation Commission. It may also be possible that we will have a proposed resolution of support for Helpmate –an area domestic violence agency- to support their efforts in the community. If this is something that is added to the agenda this matter will be heard first.

Have a great weekend and please call me if you have any questions or concerns about the agenda or any other matter before the Town.

Yours truly,

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