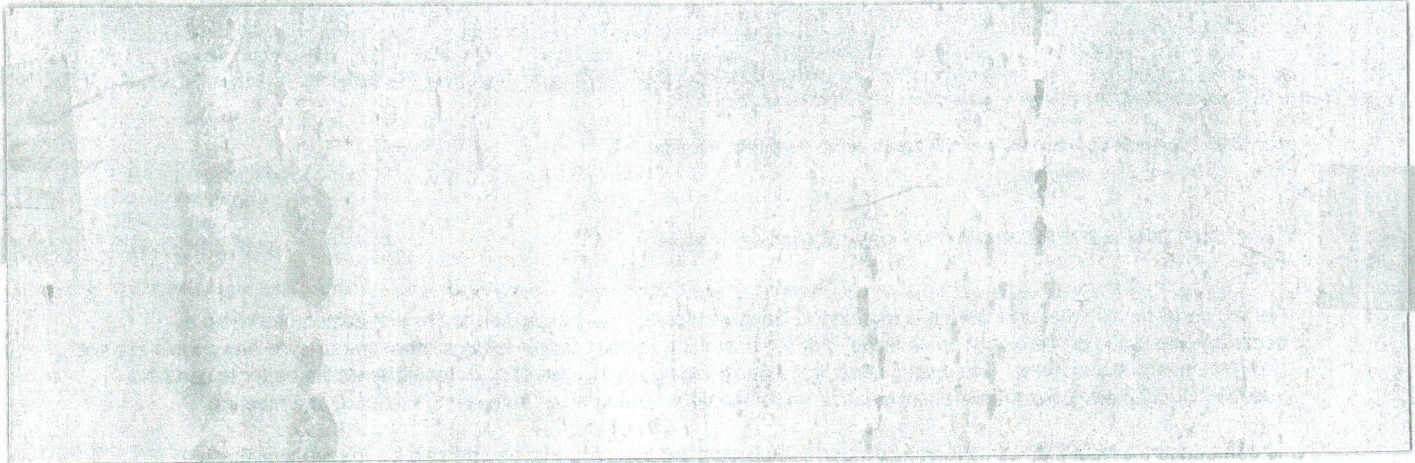


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To: William Vajda
Date: Wed Oct 08 2014 23:52:53 GMT+0530 (IST)
Subject: Meeting with Sara Cambensy

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Oct 3 (5 days ago)

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Let me know what works good for you.

Bob

Sara Cambensy

Oct 6 (2 days ago)

to me

Sure, we can have coffee. Tomorrow or Wednesday work for me. We can form up the exact time tonight after the meeting.

Sara

Sent from my iPhone

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From: William Vajda
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Date: Thu Oct 09 2014 00:55:44 GMT+0530 (IST)
Subject: Re: Meeting with Sara Cambensy

Thank you Sir. Mike Angeli stopped by this morning as well, and shared his views of Bob Cambensy from the Planning Commission last night. Very similar to your views, and those of Sara. I note - as you have - that the sub-Committee role terminated with the successful MOU endorsement, and it's now time for staff and the MBRA to get the job done. As I shared with Bob, we understand there are alot of questions - but equally, we need to make sure we have good answers before starting public communication. All successful projects begin with organizing for the job ahead, and at least a modicum of planning!

I appreciate the heads up -- and we'll do our best to keep the public informed.

B

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Regarding the replacement of the service center I again noted that is a staff function and that the commission would get involved as agreements need to be approved etc. I pointed out and she agreed that this is a prime opportunity to perhaps develop some joint ventures with other governmental partners. Further that it is up to staff to assure that the city receives the same services, during the transition, that the citizens have always received.

I don't know if I accomplished anything, but the meeting was cordial, although Sara seemed slightly "guarded" at times. I made the observation that at one time I thought that once we reached agreement with DLP, got the SmartZone and NMDZ going that things might let up, but I've come to realize that the city's "plate" will be as full, if not fuller, in the future. She noted that sometimes juggling work and city obligations can be a challenge.

Wanted to keep you in the loop. Let me know if you have any questions.

Bob

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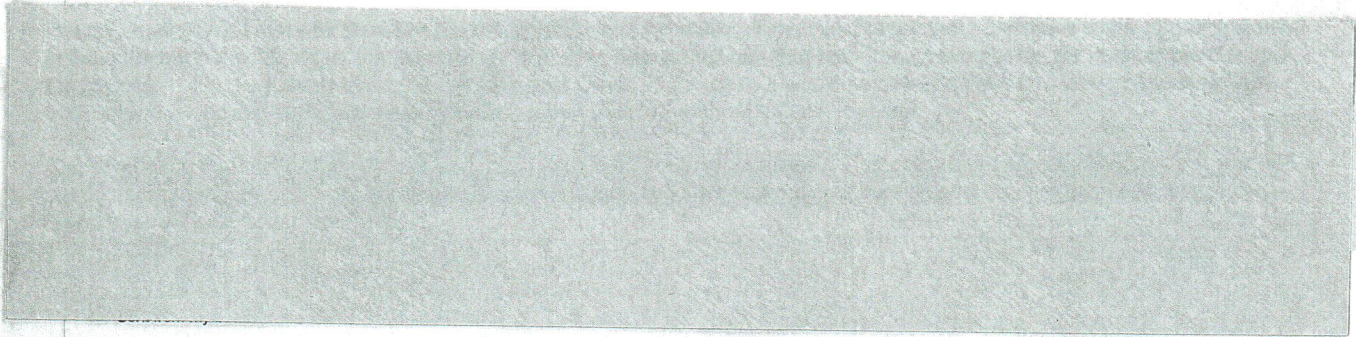
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