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CC: Jim Barry; Nicole Ewing-Gavin
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Subject: Re: City-County Study Input

Hi, Carol -

Thank you for your e-mail below - yours is the first such comment note I received relating to the operation the new City / County committee.

Last week, Jim Barry asked me to add you to the distribution list for all of the Committee's meetings. You will be getting a package in a few minutes with the agenda for Friday's meeting as well as the draft minutes from their first meeting.

I am copying your note to Jim and also to Nicole Ewing-Gavin (who is lead for the Committee from the Manager's Office) so they can add more explanation. The meeting notices are posted on the City Clerk's B/B/C site, and a new web site will also be developed for the new committee.

Respectfully, John Thomas

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I am amused at the idea of "input to make the study process open, inclusive, and transparent." Thus far it has been anything but!

I wonder how the members of this citizens group were selected? Was there an open process where people applied, or were they selected based on any specific criteria? What is their role? Will they be objective? How will you safeguard against the subjective input from the interests groups each represents and the City and County administrators?

The public should be aware of every meeting. And these must be posted. And the public should be welcome to attend any and all meetings of this group. A call to the audience should be a part of every session.

Will there be minutes of meetings? How would the public access those? Will they be reviewed by anyone in administration or will they be allowed to stand as presented? Every meeting should be tape recorded or videoed as the true record of the meetings.

Trust, accountability, and accuracy will be important components of this study. Focus should begin on how this will be achieved. It should be reviewed again and again by the citizens group to ensure that all findings are accounted for and accurately presented.

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