

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Coen, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 7:54 AM
To: Bonenfant, Janice
Subject: Fwd: Main Street Project

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From: Deborah Libby <sgiglass@comcast.net>
Date: June 15, 2015 at 4:54:52 PM EDT
To: <mcoen@concordnh.gov>
Subject: Main Street Project

Hello Mark:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the issue of an interactive water feature (fountains) in front of the State House, as part of the Main Street Project. This has been brought up previously and now I understand it is being brought up again at an upcoming public hearing for the City Council. I will not be able to attend the public hearing but do want to express my concerns and state that I would like it to NOT be accepted.

During my stays in two other cities, I have seen these "flush style" fountains and have seen children, as well as adults, slip and fall where the concrete was slippery. At another location, where a textured surface was used, slipping wasn't an issue but I watched as two maintenance men were scrubbing vigorously, both with long-handled brushes and by hand, to remove a gross/dirty buildup of something, probably mold or something similar. The liability of both slipping and falling, as well as any potential health issues, isn't something that the City should be open to.

I should also point out that both of the fountains I've observed were in a park type area ... certainly not on a main street or in front of a State House plaza. I can't imagine the City wanting a lot of children, and even adults and/or our mentally disabled, running around through the fountains in the downtown area. Even if I were in favor of a fountain of this type, it makes no sense to have it in this main street area where business people are going to be going by. Assuming that there is going to be some run off that isn't recaptured, I don't believe people are going to appreciate having to walk through the moisture caused by blowing spray (during wind/breezes) or the moisture/run off.

My other concern is the water conservation issue. With parts of our country experiencing severe drought conditions, should we be wasting this precious commodity? I realize there are recirculating motors that help keep most (but not all) of the water; however, I wouldn't want that water on my skin just for health issues.

So, please consider my strong dissent regarding this issue. I do not wish to have my tax money used towards maintenance of something so frivolous and would, therefore, ask that you vote against the fountains.

Thank you,

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May 2, 2015

Dear Mayor & City
Council Members:

I am writing concerning a fountain at State House Plaza. Although I think fountains are lovely (when kept clean), I am against it.

We don't need another attraction there. The State House draws people from all over the state, country, and world. Well-kept lawns, trees, flower beds, statuary, and benches to sit on (or other areas) are enough.

A fountain would limit space for gathering - celebrating police, firemen, vets and others, ethnic diversity events, other groups celebrating or even protesting. Maybe someday we'll have ice sculptures again.

In a time of drought in so many areas, do we need a wasteful water display. I might be nice for local dogs to drink from, I know. Perhaps a fountain with recycled water somewhere

else as on the Heights if the Community Center ever gets built/redone there.

Who pays for its upkeep. The city, a dirty, slumy fountain area is very unattractive.

I'd much rather have adequate, non-kick parking, smooth streets around town, especially London Rd., housing for the homeless, adequate care for the mentally ill, adequate paying jobs. An enlightened city that cares for all of its people, to me, would be a much greater attraction than a fountain.

While I'm writing, I'd like to see a reinvigoration of the Steeplegate Mall. Something to attract people to spend time there without spending a lot of money would be nice. A sports arcade - wall climbing, bowling, jumping gym for kids. Things for teens + adults. A gathering place.

Thanks.

Sincerely,
Nancy Wright

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Linda Kenison <l.kenison@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 4:23 PM
To: Bonenfant, Janice
Subject: Water Fountain

Janice,
Please share the following with the Mayor and members of the City Council.

I am writing to request the Council NOT locate the proposed water fountain on the State House grounds. Please do not degrade our historic State House with this kind of fountain. There are several historic buildings, which we have rightly preserved, in Concord. We have placed necessary restrictions on changes to these properties to maintain their historic character. I believe our State House deserves no less. Please vote no on the placement of the fountain at the State House.

Thank you for consideration.

Linda Kenison
Representative
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Concord



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