

April 1, 2014

City Council
City of Cheviot
3814 Harrison Avenue
Cheviot, Ohio 45211

RE: Internal Affairs Committee Meeting

All Members of Council,

The Internal Affairs Committee met on March 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers of the Cheviot Municipal building. In attendance were committee members Dennis Dinkelacker, William Clark, Amy Richter and Chairperson Jim Martin. Also in attendance were President of Council Debbie Slaughter, Councilmember Jeff Baker, Councilmember Kathleen Zech, Councilmember Jim Sunderhaus, Police Chief Joe Lally and several members of the Cheviot Westwood Civic Association.

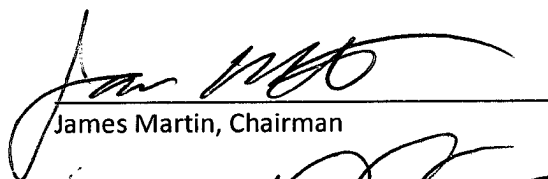
The focus of this meeting was to discuss with CWCA the issues raised by Cheviot Business owners regarding West Fest and to work so that there was cooperation between the business owners of Cheviot and the CWCA. Chairperson Martin related the purpose of the meeting and read into the minutes the report compiled by Councilmen Baker regarding the Economic impact on Cheviot Business of West Fest. It was stressed that this was not a meeting to air grievances but to come to an understanding of cooperation between the businesses and CWCA.

Mike Sexton from Rebold Funeral Homes addressed the committee with concerns of moving the booths and the immense cost of re-doing electric to facilitate this move. He also stated that his business was not effected in any manner by this, even though the streets were closed. It was expressed to him that the committee was well aware of the electric issue and has placed that to the side. It would be an undue burden to reconfigure the electric and to have it moved. Bonnie Perrino, Angel's Touch Nursing Home addressed the committee. Chairperson Martin interrupted her statement, she desired to show the detail in locating the booths and even the hardship in moving a booth just a few feet, a misunderstanding between the chair and this presenter did not allow her to complete her statement. Sam Keller, Keller's Bar then addressed the committee. Mr. Keller stated that West Fest was contemplating the possibility of moving next year and that not all businesses were behind the actions of this committee. In fact it was stated "that most were happy with West Fest and proud of the work CWCA does for the city and community. Mr. Keller also addressed the origin of the report and stated that if booths are moved that businesses who voiced objection should have to pay "relocation fees" to undertake the movement of the booth.

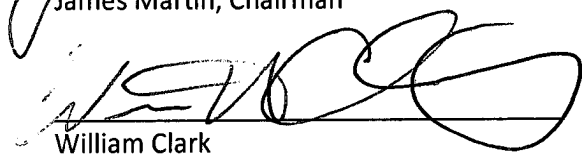
Councilman Baker responded to Mr. Keller stating it was he who presented the report after several business owners approached him with their concerns. Mr. Baker also stated that it was 5 businesses that would not like to have a booth in front of their business on this weekend. Mr. Baker then read into the minutes the questions he asked businesses. Mr. Keller again stressed that there were many businesses who did an outstanding amount of business this weekend and fully support West Fest.

Mindy Sweeney of the Cone Zone asked if she could get a copy of the report and was directed to ask the Clerk of Council for a copy as it was placed into public record. Lynn Melzer then asked if there was any way in which the businesses could be ascertained and if CWCA could work directly with them on the issues that they may have. The list of businesses was given to a CWCA representative and read into the meeting. After more discussion CWCA agreed to address the business owners with the issues and see if there was anything that could be done to ease their worries. This being the intention of the committee the Chairman asked for adjournment at 7:55 PM.

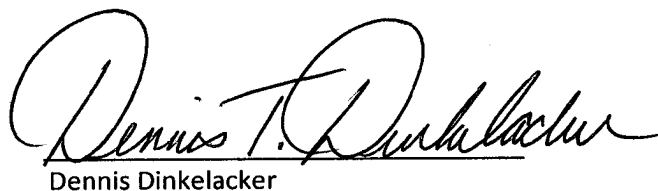
Respectfully Submitted,

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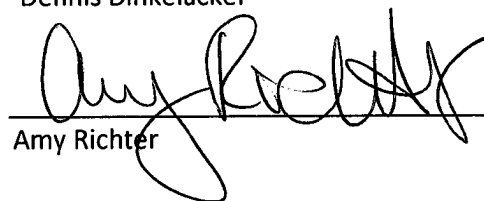
James Martin, Chairman

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