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Subject: FW: No integrity to the process in rejection of OALC cemetery request
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Hi Sonja:

For the record. Thanks.

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FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD
10, 2024

January

Re: No integrity to the process in rejection of OALC cemetery request on November 28, 2023

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. is looking at how the county and staff conducted themselves, and the county's business here, the process, not the content and issues. The citizens need assurance that there is integrity to the process. Without standards, the process can easily be corrupted and become a lobbying campaign strategized to arrive at a certain outcome.

Process Issues coming out of that Board Time

- The issue, a religious request for a cemetery, was limited and framed as a land use zoning issue.
- In fact, the scope should have been broadened to include Federal civil rights protections and laws designed to protect religious organizations from discriminatory and burdensome land use zoning regulations.
- Why did the staff view this within the confines of a land use issue vs. casting a wider scope to include Civil Rights Laws?
- Why didn't staff offer any practical solutions that are less burdensome on the religious organization?

- Did staff intentionally conceal RLUIPA from the Board Time discussion, to torpedo the project?
- Why didn't staff come prepared to offer less burdensome options to the church?

Staff are professionals and should have been aware of options and Civil Rights protections. None were offered. Are they ignorant here, or intentionally withholding critical information to insure the project would be torpedoed???

Doesn't staff have a professional, ethical obligation to offer citizens actions that are less burdensome? Don't they have minimum professional standards requiring them to know all applicable laws and regulations, especially those regarding protected Civil Rights?

Bottom line, it appears there was little respect or integrity to the process at this meeting. The citizens should demand better.

Sincerely,

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