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**From:** LaRocque, Linnea on behalf of Barnes, Ed  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2014 12:21 PM  
**To:** Orjiako, Oliver  
**Cc:** Tilton, Rebecca; O'Donnell, Mary Beth  
**Subject:** Community and the Heritage Farm

please forgive me if this is a duplicate.

**From:** Carol Levanen [<mailto:cnldental@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2014 2:05 AM  
**To:** Madore, David; Mielke, Tom; Barnes, Ed  
**Subject:** Community and the Heritage Farm

Dear Commissioners,

Susan has always shared her time and expertise with the Clark County Fair Princesses, the ice cream booth, helping with the Nutcracker Ballet and many other things. I have tried to help the dental hygiene association on the state level, local level and in volunteer dental clinics. But, now both of us have been given another calling that we feel compelled to do. Some day, we hope all will be well with the rural people and we can go back to our expertise.

I would love to see the heritage farm become a top-notch regional park. It is so ideal for it. The location is perfect, there's history, there's space, there's already a park, there's a purpose and there's access. I think the Farmers Market should be there, and the produce from the farm sold to offset costs. There should be multi-use trails, and rest stops along the way. There should be public presentations about the farming history in the area and a little museum or walking museum to go with it. There should be horse drawn wagon rides. There should be food gardens and playgrounds. There should be educational classes on agriculture for the children and adults. Those on food assistance should be planting, cultivating, harvesting, selling and using their crops. The soil is ideal. Working with your hands in the earth always makes a person feel special. There should be orchards with pruning and compost classes. There should be flower gardens, too. There should be gardening classes on how those living on home lots can be self sufficient. Many of the old buildings with shelter, are perfect to set up a farmers market with all types of vendors. There is space for parking of cars, trucks and horse trailers. I believe it is a jewel just waiting to be carved. If I wasn't so busy with land use, I would be interested with helping with such a project, but the land use work is of utmost importance at this time. Please seriously think about my suggestions., as that land is surely well suited for such a park and I would love to see it happen.

Best regards, Carol