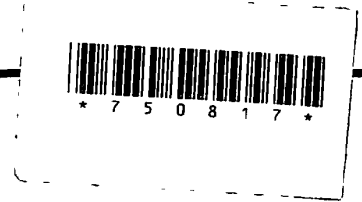


Schroader, Kathy



From: Wiser, Sonja
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 11:29 AM.
To: Tilton, Rebecca
Cc: Schroader, Kathy
Subject: FW Thank you for the record

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Fyi - correspondence that has come in after the PC record is closed

From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 9:51 AM
To: Euler, Gordon; Anderson, Colete; Alvarez, Jose; Albrecht, Gary; Hermen, Matt; Kamp, Jacqueline; Lebowsky, Laurie; Lumbantobing, Sharon; Wiser, Sonja
Cc: Schroader, Kathy
Subject: FW: Thank you...for the record

FYI and for the record Thanks

From: Heather Tischbein [<mailto:htischbein@wa-net.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 9:42 AM
To: Orjiako, Oliver; Euler, Gordon; Alvarez, Jose; Chris Cooke
Cc: McCauley, Mark
Subject: Thank you...for the record

Thanks to each of you for your perseverance and professionalism as We The (Diverse and Fractious) People attempt to navigate the territory of updating the Comprehensive Plan. We need your steady hand and calm demeanor behind the scenes of public meetings and at the staff table during public meetings as We toss and turn in the storms we create for ourselves as citizens.

I think you all have been doing a remarkable job in your role as "public servants". You have served the Planning Commission very well in a short amount of time, and thus served The Public very well, too. The best evidence of this from my point of view was in the room last night where the closing remarks by a few planning commissioners reminded Us that We are not in an Us vs Them circumstance, that We are in a Balancing Act within a diverse constituency of citizens.

It is hard for all of us Human Beings not to fall into the default of win-lose/power over and polarizing politics, as We have become so accustomed, especially when one feels one's values and "rights" are being violated. It helps to have you all with your hands on the rudder as "crew" when strong winds blow.

Lately, I find myself reading and re-reading the letter of transmittal the George Washington sent to the states with the draft Constitution, seeking their approval. I especially appreciate this third paragraph.

"It is obviously impractical in the federal government of these states, to secure all rights of independent sovereignty to each, and yet provide for the interest and safety of all: Individuals entering into society, must give up a share of liberty to preserve the rest. The magnitude of the sacrifice must depend as well on situation and circumstances, as on the object to be obtained. It is at all times difficult to draw with precision the line between those rights which must be surrendered, and those which may be reserved, and on the present occasion this difficulty was increased by a difference among the several states as to their situation, extent, habits, and particular interests."

<http://patriotpost.us/documents/38>

Seems to me this caveat holds true still today and at our county level of representative democracy as well as the federal level

Governance is a balancing act and our planning commission (with your support) is doing an amazing job of modeling that

I hope we can, as a community, and with your continuing assistance, move forward in this process with great respect for the diversity of interests and beliefs that is We The People, and with our attention clearly focused on "the object to be obtained", with compassion (as best we're able) for those with whom we disagree, and with a willingness to make sacrifices for the greater good

Please keep up your good work on our behalf

With much gratitude for your public service,

Heather Tischbein