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To: Jacqueline Guzman <JacquelineG@cupertino.org>
Subject: Meeting Thoughts - commissions

Ms. Guzman,

I had to leave the Parks and Rec meeting early to get to another meeting on time.
As I was walking to my car, I considered a couple of things.

I realized during the Library Commission meeting last night, the Commissioners didn't have a chance to discuss pros and cons of this idea. I don't think a slide was presented for that. That made it difficult for you to answer when one of the PR commissioners asked what LC and PSC had listed as pros and cons.

There was so much discussion tonight about the possibility of creating committees I felt that the real question was not being addressed.... got sidetracked with one of a handful of questions from your slide.. as if it were the main topic.

I drove away thinking that PR Commissioners should be asked this question another way. That being.. if it was being considered that PRC be 'absorbed' into any one of several current commissions, what would their thoughts be ?

I suppose another thing that could be asked of LC and PRC is what the pros and cons would be if they were to 'absorb' PRC and another commission.

I did not get a sense that anyone thought Library or Public Safety Commissions are insignificant or should be 'gone'. The focus was on changing the 'name' and therefore the 'operation of' these groups of resident volunteers. As you know, there is no definition of how that would be done. No plan.
What Cupertino needs is more transparency, not less. If Brown Act avoidance is the 'reason' to consider committees over commissions, then it is a seriously flawed reason to support the

idea.

In addition, if one of the 'good' things about PRC meetings is that they are televised/recorded, why would this entire discussion take place unrecorded? I am really disappointed that none of the council members who called for a special meeting on the 'concept', and create the frenzy of special meetings, was not present at any of the three commission meetings.

Until very recently, all discussion I had been aware of that explained the reason for this proposed 'consolidation' (which is actually undefined by details) as a way to 'save money'.
Now it is hard to find anyone willing to explain how this idea came up months (or more) ago.
Commissioner Wilson reported that she tried to find an answer to 'why' this has been suggested. She mentioned asking Rod (Sinks) the question, yet repeated more than once that there still was no answer.
Yet suddenly it becomes necessary for special meetings ?

This message should be included in any written communication packets for July 31, 2018 special City Council meeting.

Thank you.
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