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Comments: Per our conversation last week.
Please call if you wish to discuss

Thank
Bill Wiet

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Memorandum

To: Richard Martens
From: Bill Wiet, Chief of Staff *B. Wiet*
Date: Monday, September 10, 2007
Subject: Planned Parenthood Discussions

In my former capacity as Community Development Director, I received hundreds of inquiries each year from businesses and organizations interested in possibly moving to Aurora. This is my best recollection of any and all contact I had related to Planned Parenthood in the last few years.

In February, I spoke via telephone with Ms. Becky Novak representing Planned Parenthood. Ms. Novak indicated that Planned Parenthood was considering relocating their Naperville offices to Aurora and might be interested in a site near Eola and New York Street. I surmised (to myself) that they were probably interested in the Gemini property, which was under construction at the time. I recommended she meet with myself, the Mayor and other staff to further explore options.

A few days later, Ms. Novak and I spoke again and she asked if I could coordinate a meeting and I agreed. That same day I also spoke via phone with a gentleman from Planned Parenthood, I do not recall that person's name. He briefly reiterated the same information I had already received from Ms. Novak and thus I did not take notes of the conversation.

I contacted the Mayor's Assistant Kari Ulrich and requested she set up the meeting. I provided her the contact name, number and approximate location via the e-mail attached. She indicated that she would take care of setting up the meeting and would try for a date in early April. Later, I received a tentative meeting date of April 4, 2007 from Kari.

Kari indicated that after several calls to Planned Parenthood, nobody phoned to confirm the April 4th meeting. Kari indicated she would work at scheduling an alternate date. A few weeks later, when I was in the Mayor's Office for an unrelated meeting, Kari indicated that she had tried to call Ms. Novak several times (four or five) to set up a meeting with no response. Kari asked me to check the number and even wondered if the person might no longer work there. I said I would go back and confirm the phone number.

I confirmed the number I provided Kari matched the number I was given, 312-592-6861. I then told Kari that given the number of calls she had made already, Ms. Novak would call back if she was still interested in Aurora or they had found another site. In my experience, many, if not most, businesses and organizations consider multiple sites and it is not unusual for an organization to simply stop responding when they are no longer interested in a location. I do not recall ever discussing the request with Mayor Weisner.

To be thorough, I subsequently contacted the Building and Permits division, as well as the Land Use and Zoning division, to check if there were any changes in the tenant build-out information. No changes were indicated; Gemini was still listed on the permit.

Standard procedures for setting up meetings were followed and the city attempted to make contact with Ms. Novak several times after her inquiry. It is important to note that these conversations occurred after the zoning was already approved and construction was well underway at the site. Gemini was not mentioned in any of these conversations, nor did Planned Parenthood mention that the building was being built specifically for their use – a fact we all learned in the last few weeks.

Finally, following at a Planning and Development Committee meeting in August, it was mentioned that there was a rumor floating around about Planned Parenthood relocating to Aurora. I responded that it was interesting because I had received a call from them in the spring about wanting to meet with the city but they did not follow-up to confirm a meeting date after the initial inquiry.



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To: Bill Wiet, Chief of Staff
From: Kari Ulrich, Executive Secretary *KU*
Date: Monday, September 10, 2007
Subject: Planned Parenthood Discussions

At Bill Wiet's request, I have detailed my involvement with attempting to schedule a meeting with Planned Parenthood.

Our records indicate that Rebecca Novak who represented Planned Parenthood contacted the Mayor's Office on January 3, 2007 to request a meeting to discuss "looking at a possible Aurora site to serve the outreach needs in our community." It is common practice for the Mayor's Office to refer initial outside meeting requests to department directors or other staff members to screen prior to scheduling a meeting with the Mayor.

While I do not specifically recall discussing this meeting request with anyone (I handle dozens of requests daily), Bill Wiet did follow up with me in late February asking me to set a meeting with Ms. Novak, himself, Chuck Nelson, and the Mayor. I tentatively held the date of April 4 for the meeting. Despite numerous calls to Ms. Novak to confirm the date, she never responded. As a result, the meeting was never confirmed with the Mayor and did not take place.

I called Ms. Novak to set another date several more times. When I advised Bill Wiet that Ms. Novak was not returning my calls, he told me that they would call us if they were still considering the site and they may no longer be interested in locating in Aurora.

I have attached my notes for your reference.

Wiet, William

Subject: HOLD - Becky Novak Planned Parenthood & Representatives
Start: Wed 4/4/2007 11:30 AM
End: Wed 4/4/2007 12:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Required Attendees: Weisner, Tom; Wiet, William; Nelson, Chuck

Per Bill Wiet Becky Novak - Planned Parenthood 312-592-6861
Some representatives will be attending from Planned Parenthood. They will be locating in a new building near Eola & New York St. Bill Wiet spoke with them prior to setting up this meeting.
4/2 Awaiting confirmation from Becky left voice-mail ku

April 04, 2007

Wednesday

April 2007

May 2007

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Notes

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~~Wed April 4
11:30 - 12:00~~

Ulrich, Kari

From: Wiet, William
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 7:14 AM
To: Ulrich, Karl
Subject: Mayor meeting with Planned Parenthood

Was originally on scheduling request.

Kari
Some representatives from Planned Parenthood want to meet the mayor - they will be locating in a new building near Eola and New York Street. I talked to them to get some background prior to setting up with the mayor. I can be available as well.

Can you set up some times?

Becky Novak

*Wiet
Chuck
Mayor*

312-592-6861

Thanks

Bill

Numerous attempts no answer left VM

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4/26 Bill Wiet will see if he has another number!

5-14-07 File away per Bill Wiet