

VIA EMAIL or HAND DELIVERY

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RE: Toilet Trailer Extension

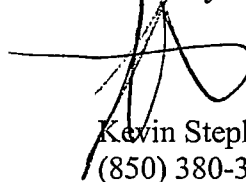
Dear Council President Hill,

I read with interest the unsigned "Sequence of Events" that has been presented to the city council in support of the request to extend the toilet trailer for another year. The argument seems to be that because I, as a veteran, expressed enthusiasm about construction of a permanent bathroom, I should have seen to its construction *within the last year*. No one expected, especially in our current economic environment, that a bathroom would or could be properly constructed within the last year. I also note that although I have been (wrongly) accused of not keeping my word, nothing is said in the *one-sided* "Sequence of Events" about the Foundation's disregard of the City's *explicit* instructions to leave the toilet trailer open for use by the public. I have visited the Park on numerous occasions in the past year, but, unless it was a special occasion (e.g. Veteran's Day) the trailer has never been open for use.

I was and still am enthusiastic about raising the funds for the construction – nothing has changed in that regard. I welcome good faith dialogue with the Foundation about accomplishing that goal, but I have heard nothing from them since our meeting last July when I asked the Foundation to participate with me in a fundraising committee. There are many retired members of the Foundation who could devote time to the fundraising effort, if it is truly important to them. In other words, I say to the Foundation "help me, help you." In the meantime, the need for a temporary restroom facility can easily (and legally) be met by renting port-o-lets for functions at the Veterans Memorial Park.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Stephens", with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

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