

To: Nancy Weiss
City Clerk
City of Birmingham
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Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Subject: Barnum Park Vote at City Commission Meeting, Monday, June 11, 2007.

Please add to the City Commission Meeting on Monday, June 11, 2007 the request that the City Commission vote to notify Beaumont Hospital to leave Barnum on or before June 30, 2008. The Barnum Ad Hoc Park Committee recommends that it be early in the meeting to facilitate interested members of the public being able to attend and listen to the discussion and vote.

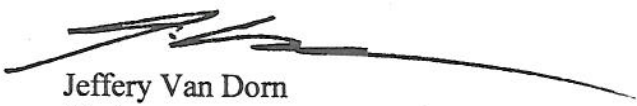
The Barnum Ad Hoc Committee believes that a plan acceptable to the City Commission and residents of the city can and will be developed to do necessary demolition and to implement a basic park with infrastructure for future park features for the \$1.5 million set aside by the City Commission. Such a plan will be developed no later than spring 2008. The optimal time to do demolition and began park construction under any plan is in the summer 2008. This allows new park infrastructure and planting of greenery to be done before the winter of 2008. This timing allows use of the park the following spring 2009.

In addition, members of the community have strongly indicated that they are willing to begin fund raising for the park as soon as notice has been given to Beaumont to leave Barnum. Until such notice is given, they believe that promise of a park at Barnum will not be kept and fund raising is moot. Initial estimates of private fund raising are in the range of up to \$250,000 over a period of 2 years.

Thus, the optimal time to give notice to Beaumont to vacate Barnum is now. This will focus and facilitate the park design and implementation process. This will give members of the community the clear signal they want to begin raising money for park construction and features.

Any delay on notice to Barnum will delay construction for at least one year, increase uncertainty by member of the public, and make the implementation process more difficult.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Jeffery Van Dorn
Chairperson
Barnum Ad Hoc Park Committee

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