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From: "Steve Duchane" <sduchane@citylp.com>
To: "Robert Torck" <RTorck@citylp.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2004 12:13 PM
Subject: FW: Tree Planting

Just received this and it is in relation to my early calls today. Make sure our best people take care of the stones and have them see Bill to make sure we take care of what ever else they need.

From: Bill Hatley
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2004 9:22 AM
To: Steve Duchane
Subject: Tree Planting

Steve,

Our tree planting on Saturday didn't go as well as planned and three of the City Council members are mad, as am I. The holes the DPS dug for these trees were huge, many were 4 or 5 feet long and one was at least 4 1/2 feet deep. We could have lived with that except for the fact that they only left a small amount of top soil at each hole to back fill with. Consequently we couldn't really properly secure the trees in their holes and completely cover them as we should have. We also could not place the memorial stones at each tree because the holes were so big. We had to take the stones back home and they will have to be placed by the DPS during the week now.

This would have been one thing if it were just an internal squabble between the Mayor and City Council and some City employees. What made this so bad was that we had several grieving people who were expecting to see the tree they purchased and the stone they had engraved placed in the ground in a respectful manner. As you would expect, they were already upset and this didn't help much.

Councilman Vaslo just called and asked that I let you know what happened and asked that you have the DPS go out today with sufficient top soil to properly cover the trees and landscape around them. They will also have to place the memorial marker stones next to each tree sometime this week. One of our volunteers, Mr. Patrick Roberts, was good enough to pick all the stones back up and took them home with him for safe keeping. If we let him know when the DPS is going out to do this, he can meet the DPS employees and give them the stones. They should have my hand drawn map to show them where each one goes.

I've never had this kind of trouble planting trees for the City before! I don't know if this was deliberate or just younger employees who didn't know what they were doing. The three Councilmen I had with me on Saturday all seemed to be of the opinion that it was deliberate. Either way, I would just like to make this right for these poor residents. Let me know what we should do.

Thanks,

Bill....

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ECORSE CREEK

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Dig Hole
PUSHMAN

SKATE
ARENA

Dig Hole
ARMORY

Dig Hole
SKINIER
REMOVE TREE

Little
LEAF
REMOVE
TREE

Dig Hole
STAIRS
REMOVED

Dig Hole
FOR
BUSSES

Remove
Tree
(TEAM)

DIAMONDS

BASEBALL

PICNIC
FACILITY

RIVER DRIVE



LAST TREE IS IN

FORD PARK AT

GOAL NEAR LIBERTY.

YOU'LL SEE THE ORANGE

PAINT ON GROUND.

(Ignore the one by Wilson)

LOCATIONS MARKED
WITH ORANGE PAINT

PARKING
LOT