

TM SPECIAL LNS COUNCIL INTG: [4th MONDAY 11 JUNE, '07] (COUNCIL CHAIR) (CHA: VIKI O'G) [SOUTH FLORIDA]

AGENDA ITEM 4.1 Tom McGowan; LAS VEGAS RESIDENT - ~

NOTWITHSTANDING OPTIMISTIC CLAIMS AND ASSURANCES TO THE CONTRARY, ~ THE 'VEGAS GRAND PRIX 2007' WAS LESS THAN FULLY SUCCESSFUL, ~ PRIMARILY BECAUSE IT WAS SITED IN THE WRONG LOCATION, AND THE RESULTING COSTS, ~ IN TERMS OF SOCIO ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS AND GROSS INCONVENIENCES IMPACTING THE LIVES OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND THE COMMERCE OF LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS, FAR OUTWEIGHED THE BENEFITS, IF ANY, BEYOND NON-EXCLUSIVE MARKETING AND PROMOTION OF THE DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT BY COMMERCIAL NEWS MEDIA ENTITIES.

I RECOMMEND ALL FUTURE 'VEGAS GRAND PRIX' EVENTS, IF ANY, BE SITED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NEWLY-OPENED 'DESERT SPRINGS PRESERVE', ~ BECAUSE OF ITS EXPANSIVE AREA, CENTRAL LOCATION, OMNI-DIRECTIONAL ACCESSIBILITY, HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE, AND ITS COMMUNITY-BASED, FAMILIES-ORIENTED AND EDUCATIONAL CONTEXT. THE SPRINGS PRESERVE-SITED 'VEGAS GRAND PRIX' WOULD BE THE PREFERRED BEST ALTERNATIVE TO A REPEAT OF THE GRID-LOCKED AND VIRTUALLY INACCESSIBLE DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

THANK YOU.

(SUBMITTED AND REQUESTED INCLUSION IN THE MINUTES)

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