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Mr. Langley and Mr. Hileman,

It was a pleasure to meeting with you both over the last few months in regards to rebuilding . Personally, I am very much looking forward to outlining a formal agreement with the City of Denton to embolden the great works we as a foundation have completed over the last 31 years for this city as well as solidify the ability to continue that same work in the future.

Since our meeting, we have restarted our fundraising activities as well as our financial operations for the many civic organizations who use us as a pass-through. While we are not looking to begin the level of exchange of resources that existed between our two entities prior to this review until an official agreement is in place, we do plan to continue to solicit and accept gifts as they come and support programs that use city facilities.

I would like to thank you for lifting the moratorium on our Executive Director, Molly Tampke, to begin working with the Parks and Recreation Department again. We are very excited to meet Mr. Packan and introduce him to our wonderful volunteer board as well as show him the great work we have accomplished in the past. Going forward, we see that open lines of communication between the Parks and Recreation Department and Mrs. Tampke is vital to our collective success.

It is also not lost on us that a formal agreement will take time. In the interim, we as an organization have a couple of housekeeping items to attend to that were mentioned in the final auditor report. Firstly, by the end of March, we will have a finished and board-approved Conflict of Interest Policy. By the end of April, we will also have an approved Donor Policy to outline how we accept, credit, and inventory both monetary and non-monetary donations to the foundation. These two new procedural documents will cover all of the internal questions that the review raised.

In regards to an official agreement, there are a number of specific details that we would like to see in regards to a long-term partnership, but let me briefly touch on the major components we would hope to see from an agreement:

- Re-establishing administrative support to both our Executive Director as well as to the Foundation as a whole.
- Specific Guidelines and Procedural standards to gifting money for specific parks improvement or development projects
- Establishing a defined system for measuring Parks Foundation impact to the city and benchmarks for those.
- Defining the lines of communication and boundaries between our two entities

In the interim, we specifically are requesting that the City and ourselves can come to an agreement in the following ways until the aforementioned long-term agreement is worked out and reviewed by the City Council when their schedule allows:

- Permission to continue acting as the pass-through organization for the Youth Sports Enhancement Fees.
- To accept and allow us to allocate our donated funds for Youth Summer Scholarships.
- To allow us to continue acting as the pass-through and financial oversight organization for civic organizations that utilize city facilities for their seasonal events (i.e. Cinco de Mayo, Juneteenth).
- To allow us to facilitate a 3-way Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for any donations that are made to us for specific improvements to city parks and recreation department facilities or property that shall be approved and/or

reviewed by City Council. These MOU should be between ourselves, the donor, and the City of Denton Parks and Recreation Department.

Lastly, I would like to address one of the focal points of the review: the Eureka 2 build and some of the equipment that was purchased to complete said project. Page 12 of the BKD report makes it clear that while there were council approved ordinances that were used to approve the city to purchase this equipment, there was no explicit direction in said ordinances for repayment by the foundation. As our treasurer's report showed us last month, we do have funds in the "Eureka 2" line item from continued fundraising that came in after the project. Our only freedom that we currently have as a board when it comes to expensing this money is on new equipment or expansion at the park itself. These funds are currently not designated to be used as a "repayment". We as a foundation plan to discuss what we would like to do with this money going forward and are willing to discuss this further with city staff in the future, but until there is a clear directive that we as a foundation were supposed to reimburse those funds, we, as representatives of our donors, have no right to use that money in this way.

Thank you again for your continued support and optimistic candor. We look forward to working with you in the years to come.

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