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Subject:	Re: We'd prefer to continue to support local businesses but for some, soon we may not have that option
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Brad,
thank you for your feedback and your concerns.

Based on other feedback we've received, the LVPOA board, our General Manager, and LVPOA staff plan to have discussions on how we best address the issue of community type events in the future.

I see the major problem with the LVPOA holding community events of this type is due to the City of Lago Vista not having any public park, lake access, or community
type facilities where any type of public event can be held. This has led to the current situation where the LVPOA is carrying the "community burden" of holding
any type of public event on private parks owned by our membership. Unless the COLV does something in the near future to resolve of not having any type of public facilities (other than golf courses), the issue of holding "Public Events" on LVPOA properties is only going to increase as the overall population of the COLV grows with the ever enlarging city boundaries.

Regarding the specific AquaPalooza (LagoPalooza) event and how it effects Lago Vista, LVPOA members only will have access on July 8th. along with vendor set up.

On July 9th & 10th. LVPOA members have priority access to the park from 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon. Due to the limited amount of a parking at Cody Park I would encourage all LVPOA members to get their early. **The park will be closed when full**.
Please spread the word.

Shown below are details which have been published in the local media.

Thanks

Dave Freeman

CODY PARK

July 8th - July 10th

This 3 day event will feature food, drink, kid's activities, open mic stage and more. Below are times for each day

Thursday, July 8th

Vendor set up for sale of food and beverages will begin at 12 noon

Friday, July 9th

10am - "Early Bird" gate opens for LVPOA members only
12 noon - 8pm - Gate opens to public

Saturday, July 10th

10am - "Early Bird" gate opens for LVPOA members only
12 noon - 8pm - Gate opens to public

----- Original Message -----
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Sent: Sunday, July 04, 2010 6:43 AM
Subject: We'd prefer to continue to support local businesses but for some, soon we may not have that option

Hello,

We'd prefer to continue to support local businesses but for some, soon we may not have that option. We are willing to spread our message widely, including letting surrounding communities and visitors know if we need their help. We've been told another group called some local businesses. We found out when someone asked about our plans because they saw similarities. We did not call any business yet.

We love local businesses. We are being wronged. The parks belong to the homeowners. We pay the LVPOA for privacy. We believe the LVPOA board acted in a way not intended with the by-laws when giving permission. We are NOT accusing the LVPOA board of anything bad at the time they made the original decision. Although we do understand there was a contemporaneous complaint which should have been a red-flag to all involved, if we understood correctly. Also, all independently - there has been a petition - complete with many signatures and comments, there have been letters to the editor, people have sent emails, somebody made calls, etc, but the request has not been withdrawn, nor the event canceled. Homeowners didn't choose this fight or choose to continue it. You did.

We are being harmed. You may disagree. You may elect to have this event anyway. We're going to get our messages out regardless; long term - not simply for this one event.

One message is simple and it will outlast any entity – "one can vote with their feet". That message is as old as business itself. We believe that once people realize their urge to be supportive neighbors has been abused, they'll begin making informed decisions to do more business with good neighbors, opposite with bad neighbors. We're just reminding folks that being good neighbors is not a suicide pact.

Also, we'll be trying to get a mandatory <60% majority homeowner vote for general public events added to the by-laws. This is a low cost item that could have prevented all this. Even though it is not in the current by-laws, the board could have realized the request was likely contentious. Failing outright rejection they could have sent out an informal vote to test the water then made a decision accordingly. Regardless, going forward we elect board members, so at election time general public events could go on the same paper ballot alongside board candidates, sent at the same time, in the

same postage, tabulated in the same manner, likely on the same machines. Low additional cost. Easy. Good for everyone, including the LVPOA board who could simply ask us all to vote should the by-laws be amended.

We hope you will support this change to the by-laws because had it been present all this could have been avoided. We believe current community events like the July 4 events would pass by a wide margin at each election. If you're wondering why, we believe the majority will see a difference between a traditional community event for our nation's birthday and a purely commercial invasion into homeowner owned parks, but that is an opinion, it would be up to the LVPOA homeowners/voters to decide.

We ask you to forward this entire email with the mailer to any organizations, businesses, or participants that you represent simply because you represent them and we're giving you the chance to pass it on before the meeting if you choose. Should you elect to not inform any one you're representing, that's on your conscience. We're primarily focused on homeowners for now and may not have time to approach participating businesses before the meeting.

We hope that as good neighbors you will choose to cancel this event and stop harming us.

Sincerely,

Brad Waite, Terri Hunt, and Tracy Alexander
Lago Vista, TX

---------- Mailer follows ----------

Subject: Keep LVPOA Private - Does anyone want to organize?

Hi Everyone,

We believe there are significant LVPOA issues beyond Lagopallooza. We want to thank Joe for his fantastic petition, and because we believe there is additional work to be done, we'd like to explore extending his work into an organized group.

Are you aware NEXT Thursday July 8, 2010, the LVPOA Board will be looking into COMMERCIAL use of the facilities, 2011 events, and short term renters? LOCATION: Bluebonnet Rm. @ POA Activity Center , 2601 American Dr TIME: 7:00 p.m.

See for yourself in the North Lake Travis Log 7/1/2010, page 4A, or click http://www.lvpoa.org/Newsletters/Newsletter.html

We were happy with the LVPOA until they decided to take our private money to fund commercial public interests. We believe the parks should remain as they were intended, as private parks for the homeowners.

We believe LVPOA issues are a problem that will keep occurring. Does anyone want to get organized beyond this petition?

We would like to amend the by-laws to require 60% majority or more for any general public or commercial event. We vote for board members why not general public events? The idea would take some work. The idea is to cause general public events to require a vote, while currently allowed member items remain unaffected.

We believe the vendors and commercial interest are a magnet, that the POA is an enabler, and that similar problems will persist as long as it is comfortable for them.

Are ANY of the commercial interests unaware they are using private parks already paid for by private homeowner money expressly to provide privacy? How could any local business, the City, or the Chamber of Commerce NOT already be aware it was infringing on all our rights to privacy in parks and facilities that we already paid for?

Is anyone willing to come to Lagopalooza and/or the LVPOA board meetings to inform them, and protest? (Laid back/Polite Lago style) We could use their force against them simply by showing up in a polite mass to protest and inform. This would only work as a mass, is anyone willing show up, inform, and complain?

We hope people will inform those interfering with our parks of the facts first, then give them a chance to change quickly, but if needed, widely communicate who they are, such that those so inclined can boycott any organizers and vendors who, after being informed they are infringing on our preexisting rights to privacy persist in taking our parks public regardless. We'd hope to make that a long term cost the organizers and vendors have to consider. And we'd like a respect for homeowner rights to become a true benefit to those businesses who support the homeowners, we believe those should be widely communicated as well so that those homeowners so inclined can support those businesses who support them. A business wanting support should be willing to provide support to homeowners and vice versa.

Like you, we're tempted to give local businesses a break because the LVPOA, City, and Chamber of Commerce are representatives and frankly because they're local businesses and we love many of them. On the other hand, this is a thin excuse since we find it inconceivable that any local businesses are already unaware of our homeowners pre-existing claim, and of all the controversy being caused.

Whoever knows about the issues and the harm it causes homeowners, but plays along anyway does not care about our rights as homeowners. The POA exists to provide those rights to us, and we already paid for those rights.

We ask ourselves, why should we fund anyone who willfully acts against our interests in the POA, including the POA? They brought this fight to us, we didn't bring it to them.

Are we wasting our time or is anyone willing to move forward on anything? Does anyone else have other ideas?

We're just citizens, just like you. We're simply trying to start a conversation and to give us a way to communicate to see if we can get a group going. If a group is established the group can elect a leader, establish a strategy, and establish long term communications but it has to start somewhere with starter ideas and a simple starter inbox. We created a group yahoo id we can hand out publicly, for the group use to begin to organize should that prove worthy.

Please add keeplvpoaprivate@yahoo.com to your contacts list and send a message to us, so we can contact you and so your spam filter won't trap our messages. We've spoken our piece. We do not have all the answers, just ideas. We're open to your ideas. Please send us any of your ideas and please pass this message on to any LVPOA members who have not seen it. We're ok with wide distribution, feel free to email, link to, or hand this out to whoever you think will be interested on either side of the issue, but the group we'd be most interested in reaching out to would be LVPOA homeowners.

Thanks in advance,

Brad Waite, Tracy Alexander, Terri Hunt

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