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Subject: RE: DRAFT RFP for Economic Development Partnership

Hi Bryant,

I just read the summary/minutes of our recent meeting but believe it does not address the need for accurate information of exactly what happened, when it happened-all details written and in a meeting format, nor does it address all corrective steps to date and into the future. My concern is two-fold, first fiduciary responsibility and then transparency for both purposes of perception and potential press. If Maine Biz were to call tomorrow I have very little info to provide and many unanswered questions.

From an Executive Committee standpoint, I would like to understand how something of this importance was kept from the full Board for 3 months. The explanation that the Executive Committee found out about this the day after our last meeting is not convincing. There is e-mail, a letter, phone or a special meeting. None of these options were taken.

I do not think this issue can be put to bed until there is this a thorough understanding by all Board members. I for one am not thrilled at the idea of waiting for another quarter to go by before we address these issues. I do not want to refer press inquiries, if they ever come, to another person. It is my job, as a Board member to be able to answer these questions myself. Nobody is looking for heads to roll, just transparency.

Thanks,
Linda

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Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 12:37 PM

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Thanks Linda and Stacey for your reflections and recommendations. Yesterday I sent out an LWIB Quarterly Meeting Summary which I think begins to address your concerns. I have "re-attached" it above-see Fiscal Report Section. I think this item needs to be on our June Agenda, if not the Agenda of an earlier LWIB meeting in April. I may be calling on a few LWIB members to frame that Agenda item.

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Linda,

I agree completely. The Executive Committee should have made us aware of this much earlier. I agree that we should have further details and a correction plan. I would also

like to reiterate that financials need to be a regular agenda item! In regards to the media, I think that they should be directed to one spokesperson for the organization, preferably the Cair or someone else on Executive Committee.

Thank you for speaking up.

Best regards,
Stacey

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Walbridge [mailto:LWalbridge@Community-Concepts.org]

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Dear LWIB Members,

I have had time to process the information we received at our latest meeting about the serious Fiscal Agent issue that evidently came to light in December. I knew nothing about this until latest, March, quarterly meeting. I have the upmost faith in Bryant that there was no intentional misdirection of funds. Nevertheless, I was stunned.

My concern is that the LWIB Board Members, myself included, each have a fiduciary responsibility for this organization. If this ever hits the press and any of us are called, we have precious little information to provide. Such items as the timeline of events, was a note signed and many other questions are still unanswered. What are the ramifications for future funding? Further, LWIB Board members need to know what safeguards have been put in place so this can never happen again. I personally would also like to understand how something that the Executive Committee knew about in December was not communicated to the full Board until March.

Many of us who sit on this Board take our responsibilities seriously. My suggestion is that we need a mandatory meeting sometime very soon to answer many, if not all, of the unanswered questions. It is also important to have a written accounting of all that happened so we can refer to a written document as well, if approached by the media. I don't think we can assume that this will not come to light and we need to be prepared. Please let me know your thoughts as Board Members. Maybe there is another way to approach this but this is the best I can come up with.

Thanks,
Linda Walbridge

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I attached a wrong DRAFT RFP when I sent additional materials for the LWIB meeting scheduled for this Friday. Please note the changes in Section III of the corrected RFP attached. My apologies.