

Vinny Zito responds to post about Mike Kennedy flier:

spokelooneh: I never lobbied the city council "to allow unrestricted heights for his project on "Sherman Avenue"

I don't need them to "lift" the height restrictions, as it is right now there are no height restrictions. However, there is a natural barrier you are restricted to height by the base or footprint i.e. the taller the building the bigger the footprint/base.

Next: DFO... "Mike's criticism of Vinny Zito" DFO someone named Mike said something about me??? I would love to see any disparaging remarks made by "Mike", about me.

TheBrannonBrigade: "We also wonder if Habitat for Humanity is doing an audit in light of this new information. We wouldn't be shocked if funds were being diverted to a certain LLC, owned by a man with a last name that starts with Z."

WOW!! the only comment I can say to this one is; Do you also believe in little green men from another planet.

Well I am here to help. Since you believe in crop circles and conspiracy theories here is a number you may find useful, it is for the Jerry Springer Show, you might want to go on and tell your latest story. Renee at toll-free 1-877-836-3414 or e-mail tvtalkchicago@yahoo.com

Now that I have addressed some of the mistruths that have been circulating within this board, let me tell you what is and has been going on with the 70+ million dollar project. It is on hold possibly indefinitely. I, myself and the powers that be, have not decided if CdA is someplace that we want to invest that type of money into. We reached this decision through a process of events that occurred directly after we approached the city building department, being good neighbors, and spoke to a certain individual that basically dissuaded us from proceeding. Which is, as I see it, unfortunate for the residents of CdA.

This project was going to be a direct economic stimulus package in the sum of 70+million dollars for the residents of the CdA area. We have the engineers, contractors and architects, all local boys, ready to go!! After the building was completed, planned to start summer 09 completion 11/12, we had allocated over 100 positions with an average pay scale of \$25.00 an hour, a real living wage for the residents of CdA. Again whether or not Jim gets in has absolutely no bearing on this project.

You have no idea what it takes to produce a project of this magnitude and the theory, to a layman, makes sense, however the reality is that there are so many people involved at the city level 1 person really isn't going to make a difference checks and balances.

However, again, I and the others involved have no plans to proceed with this project.

Inclosing, maybe before you all bash someone first: that is not in politics and second: has done a lot of good for this community, take some of those efforts and look up Wine stein and dine Gonzaga and NIC and other schools projects we have donated to.

I moved here several years ago with the intentions of settling down going to college and eventually raising a family. I am a young ambitious man that believes in a few things being honest, sometimes brutally, and trying to make a positive difference in people's lives. I also believe if you can help people and have the means you should. And for friends..... I would literally give them the shirt off my back, I have done that!

So please do not read more into something that simply isn't there. Any and all candidates that I support.... there's one reason... they are friends and I would give them the shirt off my back!!
