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Good morning:

I wanted to follow up on our conversation yesterday from the meeting. Since operations is a very key element in understanding the needs of our entities, I felt I should be more definitive on some points from the study. As I said yesterday, members from my staff were interviewed and feel that they were misrepresented on a large portion of the information. I wanted to give you the correct information from our department so that you can make an informed conclusion. This information can be substantiated if you want to visit our facilities and interview any of our staff, after reviewing the subject. In Section 3.3.3 Maintenance Assessment, the information says for County and City. These items do not represent the City. Below are some points that will clarify the Cities Maintenance involving recreation:

- We do have a maintenance plan. I and my Horticulturist Technician and Recreation Technician do have a schedule that we use to direct operations.
- We have had master plans for the Sports Complex and Franklin Park that are completed. They may want to create new ones.
- My staff members do not want to join work forces with the County. Staff believes that their work output is of the highest standard. Collectively we feel that the Cities needs may not be a priority if they were joined, and that the employees and the citizens of Brevard would not be served as well as they are currently.
- Our mowing standards during ball season are: the fields are mowed 2 to 3 times per week depending on vegetative growth.
- It's true we could use more people. The six people we have maintain: facilities, grounds, recreation, custodial and special events that are listed on the report you received yesterday. We have been able to meet the demands from each area of maintenance with the staff that we have currently.
- The City Finance Department maintains our asset replacement schedule. A portion of replacement is budget driven.
- Most of our signage is fairly current and in place. The bike path may be lacking some signage, but that now comes under our Public Works Department.

- Our trail maintenance is something that is always a priority. The bike path was resealed last summer and I have a contracted Forrester and part-time staff from the Fire Department that keep the Bracken Trail in good order.
- We all probably need restrooms, but they would have to be winterized and maintained. Hap Simpson is flooded and totally under water at least 7-8 times per year and won't support restrooms.
- The City Sports Complex fields do support major tournaments. We serve not only Transylvania Little League, but the Brevard Middle School, and several Travel ball teams, and they all sponsor regional tournaments and sometimes state if they advance that far. You can contact Cody Owen, Little league President 551-6375 or Mark Bumgarner, Brevard Middle School Coach 507-6443, for more detailed information on tournaments at our fields.
- Our buildings have signage and address numbers for 911 requirements.
- We do have some in-house cost data on our maintenance of the Sports Complex and pool from several years past that we use.
- Wi-Fi is available at Franklin Pool.
- We do have some specialized equipment for snow removal and we do plow the parking lots and the trails. We have a tractor with a scrape blade and front end loader. We also have a backhoe with a front end loader.

This information accurately describes the items discussed in section 3.3.3 for the City. I hope this helps in your understanding of City operations. As I said, you all are welcome to contact me (553-9396 cell) and my staff, if you need more information or would like to see our facilities. You also can use the sheet I had yesterday for a reference if you have time to visit the sites on your own. Thanks.

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