

April 24, 2012

Open Letter to City Council and Cedar Hills Community,

Today we stand in a new building built with approximately \$2.5 million of impact fees collected specifically for a pool and recreation center in behalf of Cedar Hills families. The pool & real recreation did not happen. Instead the City has chosen to build a golf clubhouse, pro shop and wedding reception center that is mislabeled the Cedar Hills Recreation Center because of Lego tournaments and whiffle-ball games that are planned. This building will be remembered as a monument erected to the misuse, mismanagement and misleading of the citizens and City Council by at least two key Cedar Hills officials City Manager Konrad Hildebrandt and Mayor Eric Richardson.

On January 23, 2012, Cedar Hills residents Paul Sorenson and Ken Severn filed accusations against Mr. Hildebrandt and Mr. Richardson in the Fourth District Court, which if found guilty could have them removed from office and never allowed to hold public office again. As per Utah State Code the Judge James R. Taylor provided a Court Order to, "...forward a complete copy of the accusation...to the Utah County Attorney for investigation or further action as may be deemed appropriate."

For reasons that were never clear under the law, the County Attorney chose not to even investigate as required by the Judge. Since then we, Paul Sorensen, Ken Severn, Jerry Dearing and I, have met twice with the County Attorney Office in hopes of understanding this rationale and to provide the results of additional investigation, research and resulting new accusations. Additionally, since the January 23, 2012 filing a number of city "insiders" have approached us, me in particular, and confidentially provided various leads into various examples of malfeasance and unlawful activity by these two officials. Thank you to those brave individuals for their respect of Cedar Hills citizens and desire for open and honest government. Some of their leads have lead to the following new accusations of Mr. Hildebrandt and/or Mr. Richardson:

- 1.) All of the documents were not provided as required by law for a GRAMA request of all documents discussed and addressed during a November 22, 2012 Special City Council meeting. This meeting was called to explain the City finances to the then sitting Council and three new Council members. All the Appeals for the complete set of documents were ignored. The issue has now been taken to the newly created State Records Ombudsman's Office, which will seek resolution. If the records are not provided, this may result these City official being required to explain themselves before the State Records Committee to address this issue.

- 2.) The minutes and audio records from this November 22, 2012 Special City Council meeting show all three out-going City Council members expressed

dismay, and repeatedly asked why they were never informed during their entire City Council term of the \$1.7 million the city loaned itself over the years to cover the annual golf course losses. The City Manager nor Mayor provided adequate explanation. How this understanding of \$1.7 million in city loans to itself would have affected other financial decisions may never be known.

3.) False claims of upholding State nepotism law, while maintaining no records of relations, and having no required written declarations of family relation on file.

4.) We have secured a copy of a contract signed by the City Manager with his alleged son-in-law Nathan Houle, again, with no written declaration of relationship or any other on file with the city as required by law. Additional examples are being investigated.

5.) The City keeps no records of free golf play, and allegedly, city employees have been allowed to play free, and some have played during work hours while being paid to work. Additional GRAMA requests response information regarding this is pending. This is the city's most expensive liability, expends hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars every year, has never made a profit, and certainly cannot justify personal recreation at expense of residents, with no record.

6.) The city has yet to provide a front page correction of the September 2011 City Newsletter, which admittedly misled citizens to believe the golf course has been profitable has been made. Paul Sorensen has already provided his professional recommendation of what we believe should be published on the front page of the May city newsletter to correct the on-going mis-impression.

7.) Another GRAMA requested ALL emails from whatever email address between the City Manager and/or Mayor with any Councilmember since January 2011. The request and Appeal for ALL emails was denied and has resulted in yet another appeal to the State's new Records , which will seek resolution. Again, if the records are not provided, this may result these City official being required to explain themselves before the State Records Committee to address this issue.

In light of these and a growing list of documented accusations, there appears to be a clear pattern of intent to hide, obfuscate, withhold, manage, and otherwise control the city's public information and finances, and that this pattern appears likely to continue, and therefor require remedy via higher authorities.

We believe that an investigation will be reconsidered at the County level, or certainly at the District Court and State level as review and analysis is performed. We also believe that this will result in prosecution, and the removal from office of Mr. Konrad Hildebrandt / City Manager, and Mayor Eric Richardson.

This storm of public disgrace and embarrassment can and should be avoided for the sake of these individuals and all the good families of Cedar Hills. It is for the reasons explained above, and those documented in the January 23, 2012 Fourth District Court filing, and others soon to come forward, that we publicly and respectfully DEMAND the resignations of Mr. Konrad Hildebrandt / City Manager, and Mayor Eric Richardson.

For additional information and ongoing information, please see www.CedarHillsCitizens.org. Special thanks to our “inside” sources, and a continued invitation to provide information necessary to restore financial and ethical foundations to Cedar Hills local government. Thank you and the honorable parts of your service.

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