

From: arthurdick <arthurdick@netscape.net>
To: cdrumm <cdrumm@ameritech.net>
Subject: Re: An idea
Date: Mon, Apr 2, 2012 11:13 am

Hello Chuck,

Thanks for giving the idea your consideration. I can understand your position, although I believe that obtaining such an opinion could have done much to move parties towards resolution.

For a legal view to be seen as objective, it would need to have taken into account all of the issues, and spring from a source with no connection with either side. There was unfortunately no sign of that last week.

Sincerely,

Arthur Dueck

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

From: Charles Drumm <cdrumm@ameritech.net>
To: arthurdick <arthurdick@netscape.net>
Sent: Mon, Apr 2, 2012 10:24 am
Subject: Re: An idea

Dear Arthur,

Thank you for your thoughtful idea and email. I too value our neighborhood and certainly strive as a Clifton Park Trustee to do what I believe is needed and proper. However I'm not in a place to take you up on your idea.

I will tell you that when we hired U&B to advise the Trust, we did not coach them with any preconceived notions or desired results. We looked at a number of Law Firms and we chose to hire U&B because they have Real Estate and Trust specialties and Litigation experience in these areas. We asked them to review the pertinent documents and provide their unvarnished judgement. I understand that the U&B findings presented last week may not fit the outcome some folks are looking for, but they do fit the 100 year history of the Trust. As Trustee's we have a duty to all beneficiaries of the Trust and I believe we are living up to that obligation.

Regards,

Chuck Drumm, President
Clifton Park Trust

--- On **Sat, 3/31/12**, arthurdick@netscape.net <arthurdick@netscape.net> wrote:

From: arthurdick@netscape.net <arthurdick@netscape.net>
Subject: An idea
To: cdrumm@ameritech.net
Date: Saturday, March 31, 2012, 8:27 PM

Hello Chuck,

I believe we both highly value the Park's special qualities and appreciate the difficulty of repairing the relationship damage that will occur from legal action of any type, regardless of how carefully focused it might be. However, the need for clarification of beneficiaries cannot be ignored.

On that basis, I have a proposition for you, as a resident and beneficiary to a resident and Trustee. The missing piece is an independent review of the Trust and related documents from a distinguished and recognized expert that both sides respect. I would be willing to share one half the cost of obtaining such an opinion with you. We would need to obtain this from a source with adequate credentials and no vested interest. This would work best if it were just two credible people on opposite sides but with an interest in a detailed review to be shared with all parties. Both initial views could be prepared in writing with supporting documents. We could allow the chosen lawyer(s) to determine how to proceed with data gathering to insure a neutral and complete review and analysis. We would need to consider how to allow the Club a voice as well.

The expense is not unrealistic in view of what might be accomplished. I do not believe it represents a conflict of interest for you as a Trustee. No party need consider such an opinion binding although it might help move the issue towards resolution if done well. In fact, it would only have value if done well. Please let me know if you would like to meet to discuss this possibility.

Sincerely,

Arthur