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LIAISON: N/A

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**RE: New Boundaries for Rosa Parks Circles Plaza for Construction of a Year Round
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Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager & Staff,

It is ridiculous for anyone think that the city of Grand Rapids can not build an information center/kiosk at the city owned property of Rosa Parks Circles Plaza along Monroe Center and Monroe Ave. in downtown Grand Rapids, MI. It is property that is owned by the city of Grand Rapids and maintained by the Parks Department. Pearl and Monroe aka Monroe Center is the main downtown intersection.

More that ridiculous, it is idiotic for elected or appointed city officials to have this mindset. Any agreement between the city of Grand Rapids and other entities should be immediately rescinded.

After rescinding any agreement for what can be done on city owned property, a new agreement should be established stating that the most NW part of Rosa Parks Circles will be used for a state of the art information center/kiosk. The small hill behind the statue of Rosa Parks should be leveled and a foundation poured for a new information center/kiosk. See page 2 of this communication for more details. (map on page 2)

The DDA should fund the construction of the facility and the DGRI staff (of at least 21 employees) should be collecting the daily information for all businesses in downtown for a "daily database" that will be accessible by scanning a QR code. A system for a more real time daily information system for downtown is needed. Information should be updated daily. New responsibilities for the DGRI staff of 21 employees.

One of the strangest things I have ever heard from elected and appointed officials from the city of Grand Rapids is that they are not able to construct an information center/kiosk at the main downtown intersection due to some agreement with some entity or artist. Very strange!

Where else would you put an information center/kiosk in downtown Grand Rapids other than at the main intersection by the main plaza?

Why would one want to hide and information center/kiosk in a building? No new taxes or assessment should be needed.



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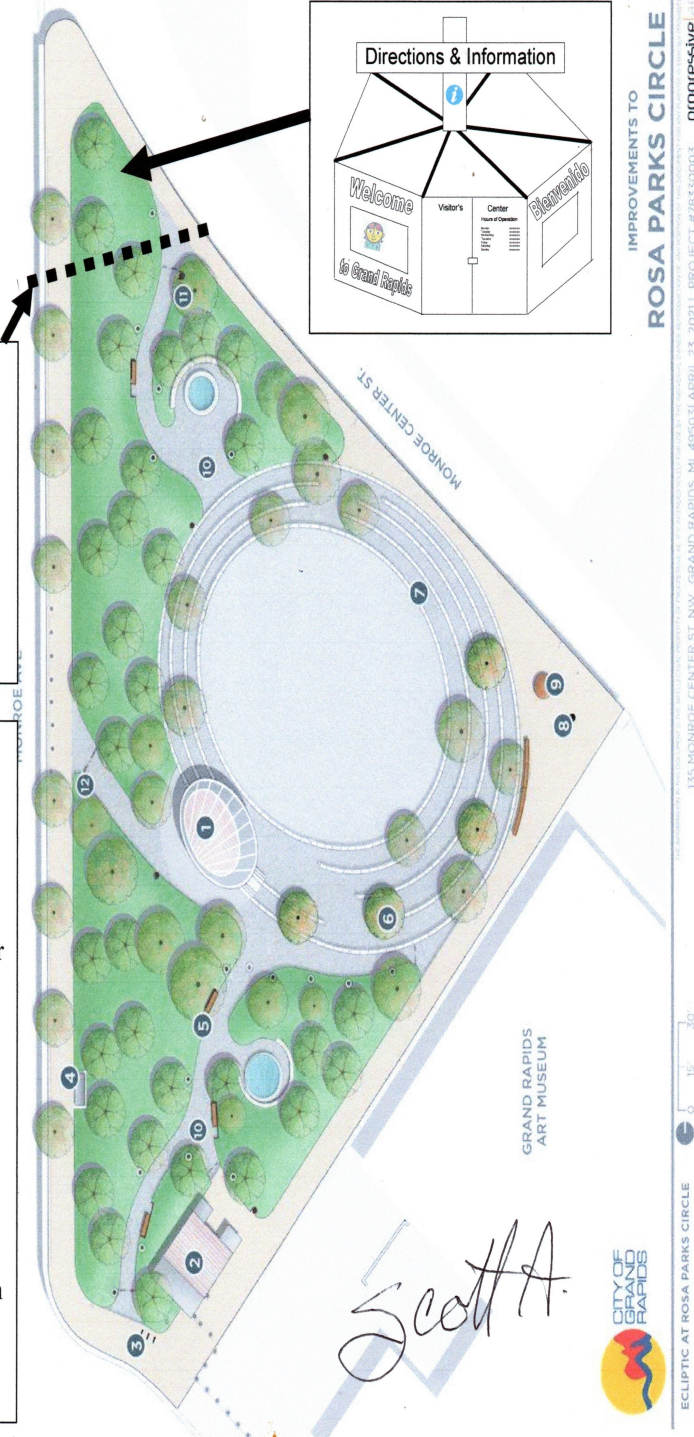
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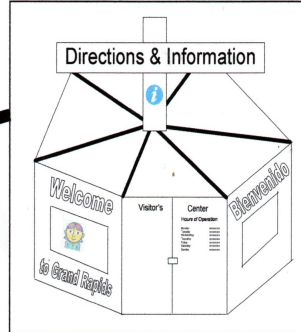


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