



September 5, 2007

Mr. Jonathan Anderson
Mr. Dustin Spicuzza



Dear Mr. Anderson and Mr. Spicuzza:

Your request for documentation regarding the repurposing of parking lot #49 is granted in part, and copies of all documentation in our possession are enclosed. This will also certify that I further confirm, per your request that the portions of your request for documentation regarding "Justification Form for Expenditure Pre-Approval" forms, committee notes and/or minutes, and/or related internal memos and for reports describing why the work is being done, or studies detailing the expected benefit of this work to the student body are denied because no public records exist to meet this request, and this letter certifies this. By way of further explanation, WMU has not received final invoices.

You may submit to the president of the university a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason or reasons for reversal of the disclosure denial as noted above. A copy of Section 10 of the Michigan FOIA is enclosed which further explains your appeal rights.

As the cost incurred in obtaining the information and records was minimal, you will not be charged for costs.

To give you some additional background regarding this matter, Lowell Rinker, Vice President for Business and Finance, has provided the following information. When the Chemistry building was erected, some open space area had to be displaced from of the center of campus, and the Sangren Hall parking lot was also needed to be used for construction traffic and other purposes, resulting in a major portion of the spaces being displaced for those purposes. The administration routinely engages the Faculty Senate Campus Planning & Finance Council on campus architecture and land use. Over the course of time, in those meetings, agreement was reached that the Sangren lot would replace the lost open space with a plaza in the area that was no longer being used for parking.

If WMU at some point obtains approval for a Sangren Hall capital outlay project, a construction "lay down" area (for the construction trailers and building materials) will be necessary again, which area would have to be the area in front of Sangren Hall. The issue of what to do with the space until then was discussed, and former Vice President Beam made the determination to keep the former parking area "off-line."

Regarding turning that area into a green space now, the University felt that it could not afford to pay for all the storm sewer, irrigation, new concrete, plantings, grass, etc., only to have to rip it up again when construction starts. A full green space project properly done would probably cost in the range of \$800,000.

Consequently, former Vice President Beam and Interim President Haenicke asked then Campus Planning Director Evie Asken to put together a lower cost transition plan. As you can see, this plan involves information kiosks at either end of the plaza, along with picnic tables with umbrellas, planters, bicycle racks, and other items that will hopefully turn it into a place that students and staff will use until the time that a construction project begins.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carol L.J. Hustoles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Carol L.J. Hustoles
Freedom of Information Act Officer