

Subject: RE: Public Input & Council Behaviour of Mayor and C. Denault

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On Sun, 13 January 2002, "John Hunter" wrote:

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> *I appreciate the excellent letter by Mr. Platts below. He was there and*
> *saw this spectacle too, as did many others.*
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Thanks, Brian, For expressing what a lot of us have great concerns about. Good comments, John.

Another point about Saturday, especially for those not able to attend, is that what was advertised as "public input" starting at 10 a.m. was in fact public input, but first presentations by agencies, committees, etc. Which is fine, but a least put that info out there, so people can plan their life.

I arrived at 9:45, only to find that there was a long sign up of these bodies, all with anticipated speaking times. Of course, that schedule was soon out the door, and many agencies, etc. called were not in attendance, still.

Another concern is the ongoing problem of missing councillors, with no info as to why they are not in attendance. Saturday morning, Mayor BELL stated at the start that he did not know the status of C. Denault and Dunsford, therefore they had not let him know, even whether they would be there, but late for some reason, or why they would not be there.

Seems silly that those who watch council have to so often wonder why there are so many missed meetings, without reason, apparently. Those missing councillors then will vote on an issue, but without the public input, necessarily? Not good. Not good for our community.

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