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**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2013 12:44 PM  
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**Subject:** Town Manager's Weekly report (#23)  
**Attachments:** Duff letter.pdf

Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the Town Manager's Report for the Week-ended Friday, March 22, 2013.

- This week, on behalf of the Dallas Historic Courthouse Foundation, I prepared and submitted Grant applications to: The Lowe's Corporate Foundation, for \$20,020.00; the Duke Energy Foundation, for \$40,000.00; and the David Belk Cannon Foundation, for \$40,000.00. Like the others, we will now wait to see if we have any success. This week, another \$3,175.00 in individual contributions have been received, bringing the to-date total for March to \$6,925.00.
- I was contacted this week by a representative for T-mobile indicating their desire to re-engage in negotiations toward an extension to the cell-tower lease for their facilities on our water tower on Oakland Street. That original 10-year lease is set to expire in November of this year, so they are gaining a greater sense of urgency. The current lease pay's us \$1,800/month and I will be holding out for a significant increase similar to that which we recently approved with AT&T. Once we can agree on acceptable terms, I will bring the final document to the Board for approval.
- As part of our April 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Agenda, we should set the dates for our Budget Work Sessions for the final review of the Draft FY 2013-14 Town Budget prior to its approval at the June 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Since our tradition has been to conduct two such Meetings in later May, might I suggest Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> as possibilities. Please let me know if these would work or if one or both create scheduling conflicts.
- The second and final, of the two meetings set up to allow full-time employees covered by Town Health Insurance to establish their Health Savings Account with the Local Government Federal Credit Union, will be conducted this afternoon (1:00 to 4:00). After that time, the few remaining employees who were unable to attend one of the sessions will set up their accounts at a local branch, prior to the Town's depositing of \$1700.00 in each, effective April 1<sup>st</sup> – when the new BC/BS Plan Coverage year begins.
- The Attached Letter regarding the Town's recent investments and planned commitments to further re-invest in Jagers Park, as addressed to Ms. Stacey Duff in response to her comments at the last Board Meeting, will go out with the Mayor and each Board Member's signature affixed (only awaiting Aldermen Martin); and a copy will also be sent to Mr. George Jagers III.
- The Crew from Clark Ledbetter Grading continues to make steady progress on water-main installations pursuant to their contract for Phase I of our Water-main replacement project. Their restoration efforts have been very thorough so far resulting in no complaints that I am aware of. We also remain on schedule to complete the remainder of design work for Phases II and III by the end of this month.
- The recorded deed was received this week evidencing Town ownership for the property acquired from New South Athletics for the new Electric substation construction. Also, Doug Huffman has again prompted the Duke representatives to try to expedite processing of our attempt to acquire the remaining small parcel needed from Duke so that the project might proceed.

Thank You,

Jim Palenick  
Interim Town Manager



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March 18, 2013

Ms. Stacey Duff  
506 South Willow St.  
Dallas, NC 28034

Re: Investment/Improvement in Jaggers Park

Dear Ms. Duff:

At a recent Board of Aldermen Meeting you questioned the degree to which the Town of Dallas has invested in, or committed to invest in Jaggers Park improvements. In response, we felt that it was important for you to know that over the last two fiscal-years, the Town has been planning for, and actually investing in substantial improvements to Jaggers Park. Specifically, during Fiscal-Year 2012 and Fiscal-Year 2013 (to-date), the Town has expended \$20,869.00 on improvements installed at Jaggers Park; including: light fixtures and bulbs; seal-coating and striping; signs and posts; playground equipment, mulch, and landscaping timbers; a grill; and, benches and concrete pads.

Further, the Town Board has approved and formally submitted a Grant Request to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) for \$63,858.00 to support an equal local match commitment of \$63,858.00 (**Project total: \$127,716.00**) in order to: Add an expansion to the playground; develop a new, multipurpose court; develop a covered picnic shelter; and add a paved walking track.

Given the Town's overall Budget and Financial condition, and given the recent state of the economy, we believe these efforts show a very aggressive and substantial commitment to the reinvestment in Jaggers Park. Hopefully this serves to clear up any misunderstanding you may have had regarding this matter.

Thank you for your gracious understanding and for your interest in Dallas community recreation.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rick Coleman

Board of Aldermen

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