## ARE YOU AWARE??? WHERE'S TRANSPARENCY?

A PATTERN OF DECEPTION

IS ROSELLE PARK ABOUT TO BECOME THE CANNABIS CAPITAL OF UNION COUNTY??

WE ALREADY HAVE ONE ON WESTFIELD AVE FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA, WHICH FACILITY IS ALREADY BEING ENLARGED (5/6) TIMES THE ORIGINAL BUILDING, WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SLID IN INITIALLY.

WHERE ARE ALL THE EMPLOYEES GOING TO PARK (25+) AND IS THERE ANY SLOTS FOR CUSTOMERS? IT DOESN'T SEEM SO. THERE IS ALREADY TRAFFIC PROBLEMS @ THAT AREA ON WESTFIELD AVE.

NOW BORO & COUNCIL ARE PLANNING SEVERAL MORE-FOR RECREATIONAL USE. PRESENTLY, @ THE TOP OF BENDER AVE & COLONIAL RD IN THE MEDICAL (DR'S) BUILDING-NOTE WHICH IS ALREADY BEEN UNDER RENOVATION.

COUNCIL IS CLAIMING THAT PROPER & ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE WAS GIVEN--TO WHOM, HOW, WHEN ?? AT ELECTION TIME THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH NOTICES!!

THEY ALSO SEEM TO BE RELYING ON A STATE REFERENDUM OVER 5 YEARS AGO, WHICH APPROVED MARIJUANA SALES IN NJ..

THAT IS WONDERFUL-BUT WE ARE A SMALL RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN COMMUNITY @ THE CROSSROADS OF ELIZABETH, ROSELLE & THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY.

WHY WERE THE TOWNS PEOPLE NOT BETTER INFORMED & ESPECIALLY THAT IN THE FIRST WARD. IT'S AMAZING HOW ALL SORTS OF TRIVIAL EVENTS ARE WELL ADVERTISED, BUT A RECREATIONAL CANNABIS SITE IN A DECIDED RESIDENTIAL LOCALE GETS NO/LITTLE NOTICE.

THE PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED LAST YEAR & COUNCIL WAS ASKED FOR A LICENSE TO BE GRANTED. THE REVIEW BOARD PROMPTLY APPROVED IT-DESPITE THERE BEING A QUESTION AS TO SOME MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE RECUSED THEMSELVES DUE TO A DEFINITE CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THIS ALSO RESULTED IN SPEEDY TOWN APPROVAL. NOTE IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS INADEQUATE PARKING. 7 SPOTS ??? WHERE WOULD THE EMPLOYEE PARK (6/&7) & NO SIDEWALKS.

SECURITY WOULD ALSO BE AN ISSUE, & WHAT ABOUT THE TRAFFIC PATTERN?? WILL THAT BE CHANGED. ALL OF THIS WITHOUT LOCAL RESIDENTS FEEDBACK OR INPUT. FURTHER IT WOULD BE CLOSE TO 2 YOUTH PLAY AREAS & VERY NEAR SHERMAN SCHOOL. NOW WITHIN THE REDUCED FEDERAL GUIDELINES BY THE TOWN.

AT THE RECENT TOWN MEETING THE REVIEW BOARD WAS INCREASE TO 7, ALL OF WHOM ARE CRONYS, WITH NO PUBLIC OR OUTSIDE OVER SITE.

ANOTHER INTERESTING FACT THERE ARE NUMEROUS OPEN RETAIL SITES @520&540 W.WESTFIELD AVE. WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY ARE THOSE TO BE UTILIZED?? WE PREVIOUSLY HAD A TOWN PLANNER BUT THAT PERSON WAS FIRED. DEVELOPMENTAL DIFFERENCES (CANNABIS)? WE TRULY NEED TO INVEST IN DEVELOPMENT & NOT RELY ON COUNCIL ONLY.

THEIR CASUAL COMPARISON TO A BAR-SIMPLY IGNORES **FACTS**\* THAT MARIJUANA IS GENERALLY GATEWAY DRUG & INVITES UNSTABLE ELEMENTS INTO OUR AREA. THE HARMFUL EFFECTS ON A PERSON ACTS MUCH QUICKER THAN ALCOHOL; STAYING IN THE SYSTEM LONGER. CANNABIS HAS A HIGH DEGREE OG PSYCHIATRIC IMPACT & MUCH FASTER. IT ALSO INVITES USERS TO TRY/USE MORE DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES. WHERE ARE THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS??? TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS, THE AROMA, THE INCOME GENERATED WOULD SEEM TO BE QUICKLY SPENT ON POLICE, SECURITY & THE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE TOWN REPUTATION & OUR PROPERTY VALUES BY THIS DRUG ON OUR COMMUNITY.

AS A LONG TERMS RESIDENT, & HAVING RAISED 3 SONS (COLLEGE GRADS) & ENJOYED OUR GR. CHILDREN BEING COMFORTABLE HERE, I/WE DO NOT ENVISION THESE CHANGES THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED. SURELY OUR COMMUNITY & LEADERSHIP CAN CERTAINLY DO BETTER. YES OUR TOWN & MAKE UP ARE CHANGING, BUT TRULY THE CORE & FOLKS ARE ENTITLED TO MUCH BETTER THAN THIS.

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