

September 2, 2008

Mr. Clark E. Ray
Director
Department of Parks and Recreation
3149 16th Street, Northwest
Washington, District of Columbia 20010

Dear Mr. Ray:

This is in response to your correspondence announcing your *“new and exciting partnership with Positive Nature, Inc., that will enhance the therapeutic reaction programs and services offered by DPR.”*

There are most certainly challenges brought to mind in this new initiative and therefore, in support thereof, I am requesting the following information:

1. Was this a solicited invitation or an opportunity solely available to this vendor? If there were other vendors, who were they and what did they offer for service provision?
2. If the vendor will be the sole provider of services at the Therapeutic Recreation Center, 3030 G Street, SE, will they be assuming the utility cost, or a portion thereof, at the site with a gas bill which has exceeded \$53,000 per year?
3. Who will assume the liability for the building, grounds and programs?
4. Will they have priority for utilization of the outside amenities, or exclusive use thereof?
5. Has this vendor moved, in its entirety, from its former home adjacent to the Nationalø Stadium, due to soaring property taxes?
6. Your program at the TR Center was designed to meet the needs of both the physically and emotional challenged. Is your emphasis now shifting to solely the emotionally challenged?
7. What will become of your physically challenged clients, who had been utilizing this facility?
8. Will Positive Nature receive government funding for the provision of these services?

9. Will there be access to the site for clients other than their enrolled participants?
10. Will this agreement displace recreation employees, having heretofore provided services to these clients, and if so has a cost analysis been realized?

Additionally, could you also forward the Memorandum of Agreement, and all other correspondence, agreements and interactions with this vendor and any others who articulated an interest in this facility?

As always, your assistance in this request is appreciated. Further it would be helpful to receive this requested information by Friday, September 5, 2008

Sincerely,

Harry ðTommyö Thomas, Jr.
Chairman ó Committee of Libraries, Parks
and Recreation
Councilmember Ward - V