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Subject: The Lyndon House Garden & Art

Dear Amy, Ron, Roger, Barbara and Mike,

Good Morning. My email pertains to the Lyndon House Garden-SPLOST project.

A few months ago the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission was asked to make a recommendation concerning the installation of public art in the garden. We looked at your budget and knew that taking money from that slim budget would make it difficult for you to complete the garden as designed. Consequently, we recommended that we **not** take a portion of your budget for art.

Since that time, the ACAC has started making contact with businesses in the area asking that they consider the possibility of their investing in public art for the community. A few have shown interest, one *might* consider the Lyndon House garden as a possibility.

To continue the conversation it's necessary to take a first step and learn if you'd be willing to show your support, as the User Group, for working with a business. We are suggesting that if you were to support the amount of \$1,000 from your garden budget toward art, we would be able to meet again with this business and show that you're willing to work together.

Knowns:

- The art must reflect the garden's period/history
- It will take a decent amount of money to complete an installation
- The ACAC would assist by guiding the donor, the user group, and the selected artist through the processes required.

I'd like to hear from each of you in order to do 2 things; write a letter of recommendation to the Mayor and Commission for budgeting \$1,000 for public art from your budget, and contact the business, share your support, and to address the possibility more fully. If we are unable to earn the commitment of this business, we will return the \$1,000 to your budget.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Wolf-Ragatz, Chair
Athens Cultural Affairs Commission