

ATTACHMENT B



November 18, 2009

Mr. Ron Evans

Lyndon House Arts Center, House Committee

Dear Mr. Evans:

Re: Cost for annual maintenance for a historic garden in front of the Lyndon House.

After reviewing a concept plan and budget estimate for construction and annual maintenance of an approximate 10,000 sq. ft. historic garden, I offer the following as an list of cost items plus a description of an approach to annual maintenance:

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| • Contract labor (6 hrs./wk. x 32 wks./yr.) | \$2,000/yr. |
| • Plantings (annual and perennial flowers, replacement shrubbery) | \$1,000/yr. |
| • Supplies (fertilizer, weed control, mulch, gravel, etc.) | \$1,000/yr. |
| • Repairs (human and natural damages) | <u>\$1,000/yr.</u> |
| • Total | \$5,000/yr. |

ACC Landscape Management presently provides routine mowing of the project area at an approximate cost of \$1,000/yr. on a weekly basis. Under a conversion of the mowed area to a garden area, ACC Landscape Management could continue providing service of equivalent value, but converted to leaf blowing, raking of gravel and minor debris removal on a weekly basis.

The additional labor and material costs are for a part time gardener (supervised by existing ACC staff) to provide 2 hours of duty, three times per week during peak season (a period of 8 months/yr.) to provide the more intensive and frequent, higher level of care required for a historic garden, in effect, a piece of living art requiring more tending than a modern landscape.

This is a conservative estimate, taking advantage of existing service and supervisory staff presently assigned to management of the Lyndon House Arts Center facility.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Roger W. Cauthen in black ink.

Roger W. Cauthen, ACC Landscape Division Administrator

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