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To: Panel on Development

Re: Submission of The Lion Rock Institute for public facilities in private developments

Date: 9 February 2009

Purpose

The Lion Rock Institute fully supports measures to further define the scope of public accessibility to public facilities in private developments.

For the future

The transparency and public accessibility to public facilities in private developments must be enhanced. Confusion and troubles have resulted because of a lack of initial definition between the developers and the contractors within the Administration. While the Administration has taken measures to enhance transparency and accessibility, more must be done.

The “private development of public space,” such as leisure space (open space), has too broad a definition. The management and usage of the existing public facilities must be defined. Therefore, it may be in the best interest to designate usage to the property owner and the right of management as it has not yet been defined.

It is also important that the Administration not command the usage of more resources, more than the 20% the self-imposed limit of government spending as % of GDP, in pursuing the more exact definition for usage and management rights of public facilities in private developments.

It is our hope that the current dispute will sought to be solved in a fair manner for all involved.

It is essential for the future of public and private developments that property rights, usage, and management information be further defined.