
Fwd: RECORDS REQUEST - VISITORS BUREAU MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2019

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Lobbyists for Citizens <lobbyistsforcitizensrr@gmail.com>
To: brian@lobbyistsforcitizens.com

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The Commissioners responded to our request.

EXHIBIT A

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From: DeLeone, Michael L. <Michael.DeLeone@lakecountyohio.gov>

Date: Wed, Mar 13, 2019 at 10:32 AM

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Cc: Hackman, Jr., David J. <David.HackmanJr@lakecountyohio.gov>

Dear Lobbyist for Citizens:

I am in receipt of your public records request dated March 6, 2019, and will respond to each of the seven requests in order. First, I want to address your assertions regarding the informational, non-public meeting that took place on February 19, 2019, with a private not for profit corporation being the Lake County Visitors Bureau.

Ohio's public meeting law is not intended to prevent a majority of a board from being in the same room and asking questions, answering questions, or making statements even if said questions or statements relate to public business. Rather, public meeting law is intended to prohibit the majority of a board from meeting and discussing and deliberating public business with one another. *Carver v. Deerfield Township et al.*, 11th Dist. App. No. 99-P-0015, 742 N.E.2d 1182, 1186 (2000). Thus, a majority of the Board of Lake County Commissioners may meet with members of the Lake County Visitors Bureau to gather information, investigate, or conduct fact finding, ask questions, answer questions, and make statements. *Id.*, see also *The Cincinnati Enquirer v. The Cincinnati Board of Education et al.*, 1st Dist. App. Nos. C-100404 and C-100409, 942 N.E.2d 1032, 1035 (2011). Therefore, the Commissioners did not violate Ohio's Open Meetings Act at the February 19, 2019 informational meeting with the Visitors Bureau and Commissioner Cirino was correct when he stated it was not a public meeting and asked you to leave.

The responses to your public records request are below and are numbered in accordance with your request:

1. There are no public records responsive to your request.
2. Please see the Power Point presentation of the Visitors Bureau attached. There are no other public records responsive to your request.
3. Please see the emails and the Draft Agreement drafted by Jason Boyd and Scott Dockus days after the informational meeting attached. There are no other public records responsive to your request.
4. There are no public records responsive to your request.
5. Please see the attached Draft Agreement drafted by Jason Boyd and Scott Dockus days after the informational meeting. Note there has been no action taken regarding this draft. There are no other public records responsive to your request.
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I believe this satisfies all of your outstanding requests.

Michael L. DeLeone
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