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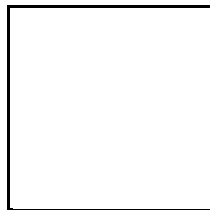
Subject: Today's planning commission item#1 (Darbo-Worthington plan)

Dear Planning Commission,

I've been actively involved in many of the planning meetings and stakeholder activities re Darbo-Worthington the past two years...
dancing with many opportunities disguised as problems...
and observing/experiencing major magic and miracles emerging out of pain and conflict:

- [This PLAYSTOMP!](#) emerging out of a cancelled [CLAYstomp](#) (due to lack of Worthington Park water, restrooms and other)
- A [Mentoring Positives Peace Walk and Block Party](#) that drew diverse stakeholders together in heartwarming ways
- A series of inspiring and uplifting [Carts and Arts for Community Unity](#) collaborations of several champions co-creating chills and tears of joy (e.g. [here](#))
- A soon-to-be-born flea and farmers market ([championed by powerhouse Jenny Green](#))
- A fun, healing and hope-giving series of paddling adventures on Starkweather past Darbo-Worthington (with many Darbo youth): [here](#)

More coming... some that I will speak to today



While challenging...
the co-creative collaborations I've seen and felt from **VERY** diverse stakeholders (including your city planners) gives me hope for this hood...
for our city...
and humanity.

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