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Subject: FW: ATTN: Council Member Athas

There have been discussions about the operating loss at Firewheel Golf Park and the drain it presents to our tax dollars. There have been only minor suggestions to sell the golf course.

The current plan before the Council is to have golf course management and the responsible staff person come back to Council to make quarterly presentations on the situation.

I'm not opposed to this review and discussions because we should be doing all we can to encourage effective business practices. Maybe a bit more than most on the Council, I have opinions about how we got here and it's not the fault of golf course management and personnel. However, this is an excellent opportunity to focus on the challenges and to address them in a manner that makes the golf course an even greater asset to the city.

To get citizen help for the course, I proposed at Monday's work session the creation of an assistance group of north Garland business professionals. They would be primarily from the Firewheel area. I have posted more information at my Blog:
http://douglasathas.net/blogs/index.php/2006/09/18/firewheel_friends.

Thank you for your concern. I have the same concerns and I'm encouraged that we can use this attention and time to enhance Firewheel by strengthening its bottom line and competitiveness.

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Subject: ATTN: Council Member Athas

Doug:

My name is Chris Anthaume and I am President of the Fairways at Firewheel HOA. I have heard that there is some danger that the City Council is considering actions which might close or reduce the size of the Firewheel Golf Complex. Obviously, all of us in this area, probably over 1000 homeowners in the total Firewheel Area and the fastest growing area in Garland would be very much opposed to any action which would greatly affect the value of our real estate. Could you let me know if we need to be concerned and when the Council is going to act on this matter and what action you contemplate they will take?

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