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From: Public Council Inbox
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 6:09 PM
To: 'John Nelson'
Subject: RE: Award and Discover Burien

Thank you for your message to the Burien City Council. It will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

Lisa Clausen
City Manager's Office

From: John Nelson [mailto:jonelson@adobe.com]
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 11:15 AM
To: Public Council Inbox
Subject: Award and Discover Burien

Dear Mayor McGilton and Councilmembers,

Thanks for the Community Leader award, I'm truly honored.

As I was leaving the stage after receiving my award, Mayor McGilton mentioned that Discover Burien has been very supportive of the Brat Trot and the Cove to Clover. I'm afraid that some of you may have been grossly misinformed.

Nothing could be further from the truth. These events exist without any support of Discover Burien and, in a few instances, despite their efforts to obstruct our efforts to succeed.

Decorum demanded that I not make the point on the occasion of the awards dinner but understand that under no circumstance has Discover Burien assisted in any way with my efforts to do something new in Burien solely for the good of the community. I'm all about working together with Discover Burien. However, at the outset of my efforts I think they saw me as an annoyance and recently perhaps as a threat.

I believe it's very important for Discover Burien to reexamine its mission and begin to craft a way forward that involves supporting events that were not spawned within the organization.

If anyone on the council would like to meet with me to discuss this in further detail, I'll have plenty of time in another week.

I realize this will touch a nerve internally but I cannot remain quietly by as credit is distributed in the absolute wrong direction.

Thanks,
John Nelson

CFTR: 03/22/10

