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STOP THE LAZY 8

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2006

TAKE THAT MR. WHITTEMORE

The hit's just keep comin' for the developers of the Lazy 8. All along they've claimed they can move the casino anywhere in sparks they want based on an "agreement" way, way back in 1994. Well, in today's Reno Gazette Journal two Sparks City Council members from way back then wrote an article setting the record straight.

Oh, you can move it but it has to be somewhere else in Wingfield, not the City of Sparks. Another must read and you can find it here:

<http://news.rgj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060822/OPED04/608220386/1098/OPED>

One last thing for today. The developers of the Lazy 8 have accused Citizen's for a Better Sparks of not having a Political Action Committee. Ummm, someone should tell them that it goes both ways. At least the Citizen's for a Better Sparks follow the law and tell you who pays for the ads and stuff. No such disclaimer from the folks in support. The big ad you saw from them today and the propoganda that fell in your mail box from the the other day...all illegal. But I guess if you accustomed to not following the rules, why start now!

Don't forget, the "special" Sparks City Council meeting is tomorrow night. Keep up the momentum, keep up the fight!

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A MUST READ

You just can't believe what the developer says in the ads in support of the Lazy 8 and how they insist on dragging the Nugget's good name through the mud.

In yesterday's newspaper, Michonne Ascuaga sets the record

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straight on the Nugget's position on the Lazy 8.

Read it here:

<http://news.rgj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060821/OPED04/608210318/1102/OPED>

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2006

VALLINE FILES ETHICS COMPLAINT

Candidate James Valline has filed an ethics complaint against Mike Carrigan because of his relationship with Carlos Vasquez, Harvey Whittemore's spokesperson/lobbyist as reported in the Reno Gazette Journal today. Mr. Carrigan wishes this story would go away but it definitly "has legs." Oh, and he may be right that it's not unethical to vote because he doesn't get financial benefit but a closer look at Nevada's ethics law says that people that you have a business relationship with can't either. Carlso is sure to be rewarded if the Sparks Council votes his way if not with a bonus, a long term contract to see the project through.

Here's the story:

Sparks council candidate files ethics complaint
STAFF REPORT (online@rgj.com) August 12, 2006

Sparks resident James Valline, a candidate for the Sparks City Council fourth ward seat, said he mailed a complaint Friday to the State of Nevada Commission on Ethics against incumbent councilman Mike Carrigan.

Valline claims the councilman has a conflict of interest voting on the Lazy 8 Ranch, a proposed a 315,000-square-foot resort-entertainment facility with a gaming component near the Lazy 5 Regional Park, because his campaign manager, Carlos Vasquez of Art Associates, also represents the development's partner, Wingfield Nevada Group.

"If Carrigan was paying someone there would be no conflict, but when someone does something for free, consciously or unconsciously, then you owe them a favor," Valline said. Carrigan said Vasquez is a longtime family friend and that he paid Vasquez for printing his campaign signs and material.

But he said Vasquez has volunteered his consultation services.

"I am not doing anything unethical or illegal" Carrigan said. "Just because this guy is a friend of mine, does not recuse me from a vote."

Sparks Mayor Geno Martini said legal opinions and state laws found that unless a councilman benefits financially from a matter before the council, there is no conflict of interest.

"We got an opinion from our attorney," Martini said. "We have an NRS law that said there isn't a conflict of interest."

During a KRNV News 4 interview on Wednesday, Vasquez said the allegations were sparked by John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel-Casino, which fears the competition of the proposed casino.

Beth Cooney, a spokeswoman for the Nugget, denied Vasquez's assertions.

"We have a concern about Mike's impartiality on the issue given his relationship with Mr. Vasquez, but we have not initiated any complaints or influenced any of the citizens," Cooney said. "These are bright people that can make their own decision."

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 09, 2006

DON'T NEED ETHICS EITHER

In a late breaking story last night it was discovered by crack reporters at KRNV (they were tipped) that a conflict exists at the Sparks City Council. Turns out Sparks City Councilman Mike Carrigan and Harvey Whittemore's spokesperson/lobbyist on the Lazy 8 project, Carlos Vasquez, are more than just friends. Carlos has been a paid/work for favors campaign consultant on Carrigans City Council Campaigns since 1999. They claim no conflict, they're just friends but come on. If Carlos was willing to be my campaign manager for free, I'd be his best friend too.

See the coverage at: <http://www.krnv.com>

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MONDAY, AUGUST 07, 2006

[Harvey gets a special meeting for the Sparks City Council to decide](#)

on the Lazy 8!

Special Sparks City Council meeting to vote on Lazy 8 casino
Wednesday, August 23 at 6 p.m.
Sparks City Hall Council Chambers
431 Prater Way

WHAT CAN YOU DO? GET INVOLVED!

1. Contact your local officials. Find a list of Sparks City councilpeople and their contact information here:

http://www.ci.sparks.nv.us/governing/mayor_council_manager/

2. Attend public meetings and voice your opinion. We are assured that there will be a series of public meetings to review the proposed Tierra Del Sol handbook amendment.

Download this flier that has information on FAQs about gaming in Spanish Springs. Share this with your neighbors and friends.

THIS IS NOT A DONE DEAL !

POSTED BY STOP THE LAZY 8 AT 11:39 AM 1 COMMENTS

Roy Adams, leader of the citizen group that's opposing the Lazy 8 casino in Sparks, has filed a request with the state ACLU asking them to intervene at the Sparks City Council meeting on August 23rd. See the actual complaint here:
<http://www.abettersparks.com>.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 04, 2006

This Blog is dedicated to Harvey Whittemore. A super powerful Nevada lobbyist trying to shove a casino down the throats of the people of Sparks, NV. More to come for sure. To visit the website of the folks that are fighting this man, this project, please visit:
www.abettersparks.com

Thanks for coming by.

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