



**Modified Ward System**  
**Robert Fazzini** to: 'Tari Renner'  
Cc: "Scott Black"

10/24/2013 02:07 PM

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**I will start contacting these people to find out if they would be willing to serve as the team to lead the effort. Any other names for this team would be welcome. I anticipate having an initial meeting of the team at our home mid to late next week.**

- 2. The focus should be to place the decision as to the best form of government for the City of Bloomington with the citizens rather than pushing for people to agree in advance that the best system is the Modified Ward System.**
- 3. Explore whether or not a coordinated effort with the State Independent Map group would be possible (I will follow up on this).**
- 4. Perhaps our IWU Interns could work on the language for the petitions and coordinate getting copies for collecting 1,200 signatures.**
- 5. The primary method of gathering signatures will likely be door to door, but getting signatures at events might be a good way to augment this effort. I will also email the 800 people who receive my monthly Ward 8 report to see if any of them would be willing to either sign a petition or perhaps take petitions around their neighborhoods to get signatures. I wonder if the local unions would be interested in helping on this effort?**

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## Transparency in Government

**Robert Fazzini** to: Carlo Robustelli, Glen Ludwig, Jim Fruin, Lyn Johnson, Phyllis Versteegh, Rich and Judy Buchanan, Robert Fazzini, Ron Schultz,

10/27/2013 03:48 PM

**Oops! The meeting at our home is on WEDNESDAY the 30<sup>th</sup> ! Please let me know if you are able to attend.**

***Robert B. Fazzini***

**From:** Robert Fazzini [mailto:robert.fazzini@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 27, 2013 10:35 AM  
**To:** 'phylvs49'; Carlo Robustelli; Jim Fruin; Scott Black; Glen Ludwig; Steven Purcell; richblm1@gmail.com; 'Tricia Fazzini'; 'Ron Schultz'; extexinc@aol.com  
**Cc:** 'Tari Renner'  
**Subject:** Transparency in Government

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10/27/2013 10:34 AM

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**RE: Transparency in Government**

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10/28/2013 09:19 AM

For those interested , the attached information is being used locally as support for the Independent Map petition signature initiative .

**Glen Ludwig**

***Supporting Putting Illinois Voters Back in Charge via Independent Maps***

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E-mail [glen@creativeagsolutions.com](mailto:glen@creativeagsolutions.com)

**From:** Tricia Fazzini [<mailto:tricia.fazzini.lyjb@statefarm.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2013 9:05 AM

**To:** Robert Fazzini; 'phylvs49'; Carlo Robustelli; Jim Fruin; Scott Black; Glen Ludwig; Steven Purcell; richblm1@gmail.com; 'Ron Schultz'; extexinc@aol.com

**Cc:** 'Tari Renner'

**Subject:** RE: Transparency in Government

More info on the State Independent Map effort: <http://independentmaps.org/>

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10/28/2013 07:37 AM

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Phyllis Versteegh, Rich and Judy

10/29/2013 11:13 PM

**From past Normal Mayor, Carol Reitan.**

***Robert B. Fazzini***

**From:** Carol Reitan [mailto:car@reitan.info]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2013 10:11 PM  
**To:** 'Robert Fazzini'  
**Subject:** RE: Stearns and Reitan

Rob—I believe in what you are doing. Unfortunately I am now working on a signature campaign for the League of Women Voters and a Mental Health study so I do not think I can take on another project. If using my name as person supporting your project would be helpful you may use it. I have only recently heard about the modified ward system in other Illinois cities and it is a good idea. Having a referendum to let the public decide is also a great move. Carol

Carol A. Reitan



**From:** Robert Fazzini [mailto:robert.fazzini@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2013 8:06 PM  
**To:** Judy Markowitz; Carol Reitan  
**Subject:** Stearns and Reitan

**Is this initiative one that you would be willing to support?**

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**From:** Robert Fazzini [mailto:robert.fazzini@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2013 7:51 PM  
**To:** [citycouncil@cityblm.org](mailto:citycouncil@cityblm.org)  
**Cc:** Carlo Robustelli; Darlene Watson; Dave and Diana Hauman; Glen Ludwig; Jim Fruin; Lyn Johnson; Phyllis Versteegh; Rich and Judy Buchannan; Robert Fazzini; Ron Schultz; Scott Black; Steven Purcell; Tricia Fazzini  
**Subject:** Chamber and City Council

**Just an FYI on the initiative Jim Fruin, Scott Black and I are pursuing as private citizens. We believe doing this directly with the public is better than the easy way by having city council initiate the Transparency in Government. Back in 1979 the city council was actually opposed to the initiative and the public proved that the direct approach was the more accurate view of its desire. At that time there was not a Modified Ward option, but since it was nearly a**

**50/50 split in 1979 it makes sense that a Modified Ward option would have been favorably received back then.**

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From: Charlie Moore [<mailto:Charlie@mcleancochamber.org>]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 6:34 PM  
To: Robert Fazzini  
Subject: Transparency in Government

Rob,

I appreciate the follow-up from our conversation this morning. I have shared the information with Todd Lowery on our team who will add the discussion topic to our next Government Affairs Committee meeting. Additionally, we'll share the idea with our PAC board. I am happy to share the results of those discussions with you when I have them.

Personally, I believe in this initiative and believe the Government Affairs Committee will too. More to follow...

Thanks,  
Charlie

On Oct 29, 2013, at 9:27 AM, "Robert Fazzini" <[robert.fazzini@gmail.com](mailto:robert.fazzini@gmail.com)> wrote:

**Good talking with you after the OSF breakfast this morning about our Transparency in Government initiative to place the Modified Ward System on the ballot in March, 2014 for voters to decide what form of government best serves the community. Below is some information I shared with our team undertaking the project of gathering 972 petition signatures. This is a really diverse group from every political persuasion. I will keep you in the loop as we progress, and I look forward to how you think the Chamber or some of its members might help in our efforts.**

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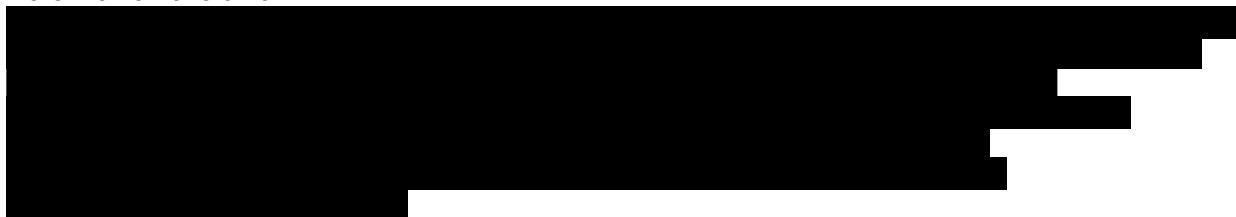
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10/29/2013 07:51 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 8:18 PM

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**Robert Fazzini** to: Carlo Robustelli, Darlene Watson, Dave and Diana Hauman, Glen Ludwig, Jim Fruin, Phyllis Versteegh, Rich and Judy 10/30/2013 08:31 AM

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Darlene Watson, Diana & 10/30/2013 06:48 AM  
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Sent via the HTC Vivid™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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## Minutes of 10-30-13 Meeting

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10/31/2013 03:09 PM

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1. A history of the governance system in Bloomington since 1979 was covered by past Mayor Rich Buchannan, who was the Mayor at that time. The city council at that time had voted not to change from the At Large system to the Ward system, but a past Mayor Robert McGraw believed the voters should decide this issue rather than the city council. Based on this belief, he organized a petition campaign to get the issue as a referendum on the ballot, and the voters did decide to change to a Ward system contrary to the vote of that city council.
2. Rob reviewed the two ways that the governance system in the City of Bloomington could be changed. First, the city council could vote to place a referendum on the ballot for a YES or NO vote by citizens. No city council since 1979 has chosen to allow citizens to consider changing governance systems. Second, petitions could be circulated to obtain 972 signatures (10% of those voting in the previous Mayoral election) to place a referendum on the ballot for a YES or NO vote by citizens.
3. The question raised in Rob's WGLT interview in the morning prior to our meeting was: Why the urgency to do this now when the deadline for signatures on petitions is December 16, 2013? The answer is basically a management philosophy. If there is no urgency, then the chance of successfully achieving a goal is reduced. Put another way, deadlines lead to urgency which leads to organizing action which then leads to results. For the past 30 years there has been talk of changing the governance system, but the urgency has never been there so the voters were never given the opportunity to vote on the issue.
4. Prior to reviewing the advantages of the Modified Ward system, there was considerable discussion regarding the primary purpose of our effort. We want the voters to have the decision making power regarding what is the best system of governance for the City of Bloomington. There was certainly some sentiment that the Modified Ward system might be the best system, but this was definitely not a



unanimous sentiment among members of the team. What was a unanimous sentiment was that the voters should have the final say in what form of governance was best for the City of Bloomington.

5. Discussion led to the following primary reasons for considering a change to a Modified Ward system with three At Large councilmen and six Ward councilmen?
  - a. It will reduce the workload on the part time Mayor position currently paid \$12,000 annually because citizens would have their own Ward councilman plus three At Large Councilmen to go to with concerns and views on issues. This was especially important in the eyes of past Mayor Rich Buchannan.
  - b. It would allow two people in one ward to run for office thereby increasing the pool of qualified candidates running for council positions.
  - c. It would allow anyone contemplating a run for a council position to decide whether he/she was more qualified and more interested in serving At Large looking at major issues such as our long term water supply, the East Side Highway issue, the tone of our Downtown, etc., or in serving a Ward where regular interaction with citizens and neighborhood issues would be concentrated upon. This is certainly one of the primary advantages of the Modified Ward system.
  - d. The question of whether the At Large councilmen would be in conflict with the Ward councilmen was posed to the city managers in Peoria and Champaign with a surprising answer. The two groups of councilmen tend to listen more carefully to each other because of a respect for the roles each play by concentrating both effort and talent in At Large and Ward issues.
  - e. Two disadvantages were discussed: First, there would be larger wards because the City of Bloomington would be divided into six wards rather than nine wards. This is true, but Ward 8 with about 4,500 voters would increase to about 6,700 voters, which is manageable. Second, it will cost more to run for council positions. That may or may not be accurate because the amount of money spent on a city council campaign is more dependent upon whether you are a native of Bloomington with many friends, an incumbent with name recognition or a frequent volunteer over many years with a variety of organizations. In the last election one candidate spent no money, one spent under the \$3,000 threshold for reporting and one spent over \$25,000. All three won.
6. The petition drafting is in the hands of an attorney with a goal of being ready by this week end. Lynne suggested that along with each petition we attach information on why the Modified Ward system is being pursued and the Dos and Don'ts of properly completing a petition.
7. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion of the various efforts needed to be coordinated to obtain the necessary signatures on our petitions
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  - b. Media relations with on air and print will be coordinated by Rob. First radio interview has been done, and the first interview for a Pantagraph article has been done. An article in the monthly News & Views will be written in the next few days to go in the November issue.

- c. Endorsements or alternatively some help from members will be sought from the Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, the Independent Maps group and several past Mayors. Phyllis Versteegh will help with the League of Women Voters, Glen Ludwig will help with the Independent Maps group and Rob will work with the Chamber of Commerce and the past Mayors.
- d. Students at IWU will be engaged in our petition gathering effort, and this effort will be coordinated by Carlo.

Our next meeting will be to review the distribution of petitions. In the meantime, each member was asked to report to the Secretary how many petition signatures he/she would anticipate getting and who else he/she would be able to convince to take petitions to gather signatures. This will give us an idea of how close we are to being able to obtain the 972 (actually our goal will be 1,100 signatures) needed signatures. Rob and Lynne committed to getting 100 signatures and engaging at convincing at least three other people to take petitions around for signatures.

**EVERYONE PLEASE SEND BY RETURN EMAIL TO THE SECRETARY HOW MANY SIGNATURES YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN AND HOW MANY OTHER PEOPLE YOU INTEND TO ENGAGE IN GATHERING SIGNATURES ON PETITIONS BY SUNDAY (11-3-13).**

*Robert B. Fazzini*  
*Secretary*