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To Whom It May Concern, and the Public Works Committee

---The following written statement is not intended to hurt anyone, though it does focus on specific people, but it is made in search of the truth.---

Because my name was mentioned at the last meeting of this committee (concerning the City Sidewalk program, and for other reasons) I am compelled to offer the following information.

In the proximate week to 10 days preceeding the Sidewalk meeting, I was telephoned one morning at my home by Eric Woodruff about the sidewalk in the 500 block of W. Oak St. He wanted to meet me there and examine/discuss the repair/replacement of this sidewalk. I told him that I would be there waiting for him when he got there since my home is just two blocks away.

We looked at the project (stayed there approx. one half hour) and Eric said that the new sidewalk for this location was immediately “in the works” i.e. to be done in the next week.

When I attended the Sidewalk Engineering meeting, I observed that Craig Light, who was leading the meeting was completely unaware of the sidewalk commitment Eric Woodruff had made on Oak St., but Eric Woodruff told me immediately after the meeting that this was not important since was the Supervisor, and that he would get the sidewalk done. I thought that this was strange, but I did not otherwise object.

At the time of the on-sight sidewalk inspection with Eric Woodruff on Oak St. I had commented to him that he was driving a very nice big black truck – he said that it was the City’s truck, so I said that it should then have the City insignia on it, and that it would show up well even on the black truck. He said that it was really nice as an unmarked truck because it allowed him to “sneak” up on City work projects in order to make sure that they were working. I thought that this was odd – and evading the matter of marking – but did not say anything else except that it should be marked. He laughed me off.

Later I learned that this truck is actually the one that Mayor Formon had bought for himself with City funds.

Then, last Thursday, while listening at the meeting of the Personnel Committee where Bob Andrews testified, and which was essentially a case of his word against Rebecca Roddy’s, I picked up on Rebecca Roddy’s use of the word “sneaky”. Since she was there at the behest of either Eric Woodruff or Doug Formon, it began to dawn on me that this similarity of language was indicative of collusion and therefore, I feel that Bob Andrews was telling the truth and that “sneaky” seems to be a main MO of City Hall. This is my opinion and it is given because of observations that I have made.

Jim Hargis, City Council