

October 28, 2009

Springdale Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 166
Springdale, AR 72764

Re: *Chamber Financials*

Dear Mr. Hanby:

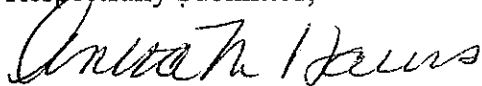
I am in receipt of your letter dated October 26, 2009, written in response to my investigation of the Springdale Chamber of Commerce's accounting, transparency, and financial practices. I do appreciate your review of the organization's procedures, however, I am writing to clear up a few misunderstandings.

I would like to inform you that the entire financial record of the Chamber, as provided pursuant to my Freedom of Information Act requests, was provided to the accounting firm of Erwin and Company and to the "selected member of the media" for their inspection. This financial record specifically included all revenue statements of the Chamber. Both the accounting firm and the media had all of the necessary information from which to base their own reasoned opinions. These revenue statements were simply omitted from the copies received by you and Mayor Sprouse due to the volume of such. Your implication that I would omit any relevant information offends me. Accordingly, each and every statement received is available for each resident to view at FOISpringdale.com. If there is any information that the Chamber failed to provide pursuant to my request that it would like to now make available to the public, please feel free to provide it at any time.

I did not intend for anything that has happened to be an attack on the integrity of any of the Chamber's Board of Directors. However, there has to be some accountability for the Chamber's actions. While I do believe that Perry Webb should shoulder most, if not all, of the responsibility, the Board members are the only ones who have any control over his actions. I am saddened that the Board's investigation into the accounting and financial practices of the Chamber has revealed no misconduct or wrongdoing. It is not that I wish any harm to the Chamber; it just seems obvious to me and many other citizens that something is wrong. Regardless of the income sources, it is apparent that the Chamber is hemorrhaging money on travel, dining, entertainment, etc. How is that helping the City of Springdale?

My goal is not just to get rid of Perry Webb but also to create a Chamber of Commerce where all revenues and expenses are accounted for to the general public. This is especially of great concern when the City of Springdale and its citizen provide such large amounts of funding to the Chamber for a specific purpose: economic development. The Chamber has time and time again resisted any effort requiring an itemized accounting showing exactly what efforts it has expended in furtherance of this purpose. Frankly, I believe it is because the Chamber is totally ineffective. Where were Perry and the Board when Sam's Club was leaving town? We can tell you where...either on a vacation or approving one. That ineffective leadership cost this City in excess of \$870,000 a year in revenue. Atta boy, Perry! How do you spell economic development?

Respectfully Submitted,



Anita M. Davis

Cc: Mayor Doug Sprouse
Selected Member of the Media
Concerned Citizens