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Barb Bell
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Dear Ms Bell:

Re: Funding Opportunities from LocalMotion, Spirit Squares, and Towns for Tomorrow

Thank you for your letter of January 22nd, 2007 regarding funding opportunities under the Local Motion, Spirit Squares, and Towns for Tomorrow grant programs.

Your request for consideration of staff developing a grant proposal was not approved by the Electoral Area Services Committee for the following reasons.

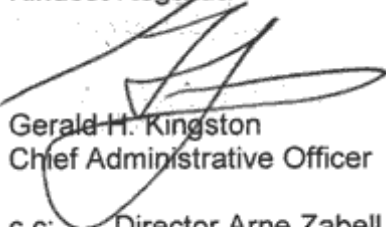
The Towns for Tomorrow program applies only to municipalities with less than 5000 population. Obviously, Sunshine Valley would not qualify accordingly.

The Spirit Squares program limited the Regional District to supporting two projects only. The two projects supported already had progressed to detailed plans and design and had applicant funding in place for the matching 50%. Sunshine Valley, at this point did not have detailed plans or a supporting service area in place.

The Local Motion fund required submissions to be "shelf ready", meaning that the projects would require the design, property acquisition, applicable agreements and permits, and public consultation completed to be considered shelf ready.

In your letter, when you quote the resolution of the Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association, "for the research, planning, and building of the Sunshine Valley Spirit Center and Spirit Trails Network", staff from the Regional District have met with Director Zabell on numerous occasions on the issue of trails. I would urge you to speak to him as to this issue and what may be done to better position the "project" for future grant programs.

Kindest Regards


Gerald H. Kingston
Chief Administrative Officer

c.c: Director Arne Zabell