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Hi Don,

I am sorry I can not be there for that meeting. My daughter's honors knight at the High School is the evening and she comes first!

However, all that was said yesterday about the project made sense to me. I especially liked what Laura was saying about control of the water quality and Western Ave Flooding issues. I don't want to raise the bar to the other players too high, but it does seem that these issues have been on the table for a long time. The one demand I'd make on Sty. Plaza is that of how they store their salt pile. The way it is done how may be illegal even if it was not next to the water.

The only thing that I would change in the approach to the design of the said plaza (having not actually seen the plans) is this: In your description you mentioned two gazebos. My preference would be just some benches on the side closest to the entrance to Sty. and on the end where they propose the playground they put in a bandstand (in other words a larger gazebo). It is my understanding that at one time, before Sty. Plaza went in that this area was routinely was for McK'ville gatherings, almost like the town square. Boy, would it nice to have something like that again! A defined center of McKownville! I can't think of a better place. At some point, we could use what was the Chamber of Commerce building and redefine it to conform to the new park theme. Hey, I dreaming aloud. Marty G.

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From: dreeb@albany.edu

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Hi

Is this OK Jim? Don Csaposs has been invited to be there for the first hour to tell all of us about the pond proposal.

Don Reeb

> I tend to agree that we should not jump at this opportunity since it seems
> so
> heavily favored to Stuyvesant, but at the same time I am delighted that
> they
> see the potential. I am not surprised that they want access to the area
> behind
> TGIF since that is so important for them and if we go ahead with the
> pond/park plans with Town or grant money and without Stuyvesant as the
> ringleader it
> will definately be more in favor of public access and not commercial use.