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Hi Dan,

I would like to ask for your guidance on our thoughts for Cabin 1.

First, let me update you on this years' final numbers. We are looking at having CLEARED about \$26,000!!! We will discuss what to do with the money in the next few board meetings, but I'm leaning toward combining it with next year's profits to fund something like the walk-through aviary that Kathy is planning. I want to meet with you and Denise to discuss that further, but that's in the future here.

The Lights in Lincoln Park committee met this morning, for some initial planning for 2015. Clearly, having the Santa event in Cabin 2 is not safe or functional. We had people walking and parking where they shouldn't, and it's getting to be too well-attended of an event to do that again.

So, clearly, the Santa events need to be in Cabin 1. There are only 3 of them - on Friday nights.

But this is where the problem comes in. If we only rent it for those nights, then we are spending hours - literally - on the day of and the day after the event decorating, then un-decorating and cleaning.

Additionally - and we will discuss this more at next week's meeting at Luigis - we are hoping to expand this year's light show to complete a circle that starts at the warming hut. So we will have the show attendees turn left at the island (at what has been the end of the show) and continue down to the start, then exit out to Waldo.

This would obviously make it hard to have events that aren't ours in the cabin.

And...we need to keep Cabin 2 empty for obvious reasons.

So...what are we looking for? We at LEAST want to rent Cabin 1 for the Friday nights of the events.

Preferably, we would ask for Cabin 1 for the duration of the event. That would be (if we follow the same calendar as last year) Nov 27 - Dec 26.

From the information that you were able to provide to Jane, that is potentially losing the City \$1000 (or so) in revenue.

The last time we put through this kind of request, the City had the foresight to note how much money we make the City and invest in the zoo, and was willing to forego that revenue to give us Cabin 2. Do you think they will do the same for Cabin 1? How close do you guys have to watch your revenue? Would it be helpful if we offered to pay the lost revenue? Obviously, if we did that it would be less money that we don't put in the zoo in the long-run.

I would appreciate any insight you can provide here. I would guess I have to go to Parks and Rec for approval, then they send it on to the Council? When could we get that on the agenda?

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