

Draft Talking Points for IA Meeting of 09/16/2013  
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- Good afternoon commissioners. Thank you for this opportunity to address the IA. I am speaking on behalf of the presidents of the Myers Park and Woodland Drives neighborhoods.
- We want to thank Blueprint 2000 and Scott Carswell for conducting the sound test. I was present at the mix booth from 5 to 8. I was impressed by the professionalism of Scott's crew. It looked to me like everyone was doing their best to make the test successful and realistic. Given the necessarily unrehearsed nature of the test I think it went very well and showed that we can all work together to build a win-win situation.
- We think the test succeeded. It showed that while some folks are not adversely effected, it also showed that a lot of other folks are quite significantly effected.
- The good news is that we have some good data. Scott's crew collected data and the neighborhood's consultant Siebein and Accosciates collected data as well. We now have the beginnings of a scientific basis to move forward and make data-driven decisions.
- We understand that an additional test is being developed. We would welcome the opportunity to continue to work with Blueprint and Scott in developing and conducting the second test.
- To continue on this foundation of cooperation and working toward a common goal, we are asking that you take the following actions:
  1. Immediately establish a working group comprised of key staff, Scott, and representatives of the Woodland Drives and Myers Park neighborhoods. As you know, such a group has been discussed for more than a year but has yet to be implemented. We think the time is ripe, particularly with regards to the second sound test. We have already developed the basis for cooperation with the first test, let's leverage that moving forward.
  2. Affirm that the neighborhoods' consultant Siebein and Associates will be involved in all future testing. We believe that their design experience, coupled with Scott's production experience, will benefit both the concert goers AND the neighborhoods.
  3. Affirm that Siebein and Associates be given the opportunity to evaluate any proposed design modifications to the amphitheater before such modifications are made. Again, given their design experience we believe that we ought to take advantage of it.
  4. Require that before any staff recommendations come to you for approval, that the working group review the data, analysis and recommendations provided by Siebein and Associates. We have paid for an engineering study and we believe that the results and recommendations should be considered.
  5. Require that your agenda material include the information submitted by Siebein and Associates regardless of its support or lack of support of Blueprint staff recommendations. Again, we have paid for an engineering study and we believe that the results and recommendations should be available to you.
- Thank you for your time and attention and for your continuing efforts to make Cascades Park successful for ALL of us.