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Dear Margaret,

it is a reasonable procedure that the Council would like one meeting a month to consider thing more deeply. Referring to the round table meeting.

And to assist that purpose for that meeting it is cooperative to ask the citizens to speak only on the agenda of such a meeting. And two speak for a time of 2 minutes and the total time of public speaking last for a half hour. The citizens could be advise to meet prior to such a meeting and distribute the two minute topics among themselves and thereby everything they wished to speak about could be covered. It's good to urge everyone involved to be organized.

However it is entirely unacceptable that such a meeting not be televised. I can see where the council would want to meeting in a smaller room so they could be at an easy conversational distance, which is difficult in the normal chamber. The video equipment could just be moved to the elderly center and if necessary the meeting could be taped to eventually be presented on cable.

By not allowing the citizens to view the round table meeting via cable the council is limiting the citizen's right to be informed, since it is the citizens who are paying the bills they have the absolute right to be informed. They may have need of rest or home duties which would prevent them from taking the physical trip to and back from the meeting. It is entirely reasonable that every technical advantage to which they have paid for be offered them to be informed.

The council is limiting the citizen's right to be informed and thereby diminishes public opposition to the select elite groups and agencies which it invites to these essentially closed meetings.

The excuse that these are not "voting meetings" is a paper tiger since the citizens deserve as much right to have in advance information about important matters, before the vote as the council.

The council allows these elite groups and agencies to escape large segment scrutiny for by speaking at these closed meeting the are allowed to walk through a hidden value. In this way big money project are allowed a covered passage way to the a council vote. Take for example the plans of the big money institutions. Their plans effect housing affordability, availability of open space, increases of traffic, the direction of the cities industries. etc. Yet they are allowed to appear before the council shaded from full public scrutiny.

The government is the government OF The People FOR The People and BY he People. the government is not for the government nor is it for big money alone. The council has taken the oath to be impartial and SO IT WILL BE.

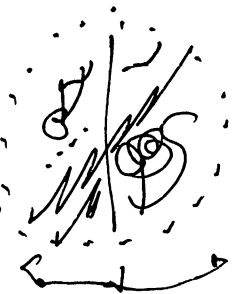
US Constitution Amendment I, Amendment IX
Commonwealth Constitution

Part the First Declaration of Rights

Art. XIX, Articles of Amendment Art.LXXXIX Art.II, Sect.2

National Officer In Charge

P. X. Valentin

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Consent Communication #7

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A communicationw as received from
Peter Valentine, relative to
the round table meetings.

In City Council October 2, 2000

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