



HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT CHICAGO
HAS MADE TO AMERICA'S FAVORITE PASTIME

September 2, 2014

Mayor Joe Stahura
City of Whiting
City Hall
1443 119th St.
Whiting, IN 46394

Dear Mayor Stahura:

The Chicago Baseball Museum (CBM) development team has reviewed your conclusive letter dated August 26th. You thanked us for our candor; we now acknowledge the candor of your reply. While a parting of ways is rarely the desired result of any lengthy undertaking, we recognize the effort expended by the City of Whiting, and we trust you remain aware of the effort of the CBM.

Thank you for your offer of a phone call, but there is no need for a conversation. Your being "...not interested in debating..." mirrors our disinterest in such an exercise.

However, we are committed to accuracy in your records and those of the Whiting City Council and the Whiting Redevelopment Commission. Such accuracy requires us to state here that the CBM (as correspondence shows) at no time asked for what your letter describes as "personal compensation" for me. Also, an accurate description of what CBM proposed regarding those whom your letter refers to as "members [sic]" was not at all "personal compensation" but rather *payment for services* to be continued as they had been rendered at my expense. Those and other costs personally paid by me during 2014 totaled \$75,000.

You'll recall we agreed the Whiting Entertainment Center (WEC) would own the CBM. Of course, ownership costs of operation and visibility which aid fundraising, including uninterrupted web site content, web maintenance, exhibit design and purchasing of artifacts are paid by the owner especially when sponsor and donor revenue goes to that owner, as it would have gone to WEC. Apparently, the City expected those ownership costs to be paid by a non-owner. Evidently, you presumed that would be me.



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With our relationship with Whiting ended, CBM will resume talks aimed at locating the Museum in Chicago. We will observe with interest the progress of all that Whiting is exploring.

Sincerely,

David Fletcher
CBM President/Founder

cc: Whiting City Council

Whiting Redevelopment Commission