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Hi Everyone,

The Dream of Milo Remains Alive

not

because everyone put their shoulders to the plow as I would have hoped, but because a number of individuals (*in the face of finals, other jobs, Christmas shopping, and you name it*) took the whole load upon themselves and my spirit is revived as a result.

When asked about how we are doing, my standard response is – we did not get everything we wanted but we did get everything we needed..... so far

This battle will be won in the trenches.

It will take many hands & many hearts...

Crime runs on unabated. Jason has a car window bashed in...Rene', a camera stolen. When ' what's yours' becomes as important to me as 'what's mine' we will begin to see the answer to our dilemma. A crime against one is a crime against all...

For those interested, the next major thrust is trench work ... committees, subcommittees... focused on issues (like crime & clean-up & communication).... And there are solutions... And we can help find them. We can & must govern ourselves or relinquish that important right to a master developer who will "Clean Up" our district.

I have often said Milo could never have happened in another community. Our neighbors acceptance of us ... their willingness to work along side of us ... on neighborhood cleanups, festivals, our variance, etc. ... How can we ignore them? We might be able to save ourselves (because of our historic building). But what about our modest neighbors whom, no doubt, will be replaced by parking lots, retailers, & high priced condos.

I have listed what I envision some of the committee work should be. Going to general commission meetings is not as important as using the few precious hours each of us can spare to help in a committee.

There is no silver bullet that will stop 'eminent domain' Only the hard work of many hands & many hearts

Sincerely,

Rick

PS: There is a general commission meeting tonight at 7pm at 3rd & St.Clair. Come or better yet .. join a committee...