

Park District Director,

Please forward this email to the board members, or put it in their board packet for the next meeting.

It is my understanding that the corporate attorney for the District resigned effective June 30, 2014, and that the board accepted that resignation.

I find it troubling that the same attorney is answering Freedom Of Information Act requests considering she is no longer under contract with the District.

She is listed as the FOIA point of contact on the newly approved undated FOIA Policy.

CCPD Resolution No. 2014-19-6 clearly lists the "Corporate Counsel Kate Yargas" as the Freedom Of Information Officer, and I contend that since she is no longer the District's corporate counsel, likewise she is no longer the FOIA officer.

This presents a possible FOIA violation and possible FOIA litigation.

Section 3(a) of FOIA clearly states:

(5 ILCS 140/3) (from Ch. 116, par. 203)

*Sec. 3. (a) Each public body shall make available to any person for inspection or copying all public records, except as otherwise provided in Section 7 of this Act. Notwithstanding any other law, **a public body may not grant to any person or entity, whether by contract, license, or otherwise, the exclusive right to access and disseminate any public record as defined in this Act.***

By the district continuing to allow Mrs. Yargas to access and disseminate public records, you are *as a matter of fact* granting her exclusive access to those records and their dissemination.

Please address this at the next public meeting.

Thanks,

John Kraft