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LETTER I RECEIVED FROM BUZ HARVEY

By **R. W. Nash**

On July 28, 1998 I received a letter by regular postal mail from Mr. Edward J. (Buz) Harvey, Chairman of the Board of the Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce.

The letter was in refutation to the article I wrote in No Standing News (Vol. 1, Num. 01) entitled "THE BEAT GOES ON". I am open to receiving all letters, whether they be pro or con, and I want to encourage them. However, this letter of Mr. Harvey's was hand written on Phelps County Regional Medical Center card-style stationary. The envelope was machine postage stamped and paid for by PCRMC. The Rolla Post Office verified that the postalia number on the envelope (511192) was in fact that of the Phelps County Regional Medical Center.

I cannot understand why Mr. Harvey went to all the trouble to write me in this manner when he could have reached me by e-mail. He has an e-mail address (bharvey@rollanet.org) which can be found in the Rollanet user directory, along with my own. Since he felt compelled to write and try to refute me, why didn't he use Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce stationary and their postage? After all, he is Chairman of the Board. Am I therefore to assume that the opinions of Mr. Harvey are also those of the Phelps County Regional Medical

Center, since his letter was written on their stationary and postage paid by them?

In response to Mr. Harvey's letter, I stand by what I wrote in my article. As time passes I know I will be proved right. Winston Churchill once said, "The further backward you look, the further forward you can see," and I for one believe it.

Since Mr. Harvey's letter was hand written, it was re-typed and is presented here for your enlightenment.

Received on 7-29-98 from Buz Harvey:

Dear Mr. Nash:

You are mistaken. Our proposals have never been connected with any disposition of Buehler Park. I have documentation to prove it. According to the United States Forest Service (USFS), we the Chamber can't buy the property--only another public entity can. Frankly, I don't give a damn. The Chamber has a 30-year use permit on that property, and I believe we are doing more than upholding our end of the bargain. If the USFS wants to sell the property, that's OK with us. If they can't get the City to do it, I believe strongly that they would not want the extremely negative public relations associated with evicting us--particularly in view of all the work the late Bill Emerson did to make this happen

The Chamber recognizes the legitimate desire for a park on the west side. I believe our site is a vastly superior one, and if the City wants it in its inventory we will do all we can to help.

Incidentally, I am pleased at the number of council members who have joined our Chamber. It shows that cooperation is superior to confrontation.

Please call anytime you'd like to discuss any of these issues.

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