

October 16, 2002

Tom Emma
1 Marine View Plaza
Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

Dear Tom;

Enclosed, please find both letters to which I have not received a response. I have been raising this issue since August of 2001 and also at several council meetings.

I requested a meeting several times before this past summer season and finally my request was granted in September 2002.

The meeting was called for Monday September 10, 2002 at **10:00AM**. Present at the meeting:

Robert Drasheff – Business Administrator
Cassandra Wilday – Director of Environmental Services
Esther Suarez – Corporation Council
Carol Marsh – Councilwoman at Large
Richard Del Boccio – Councilman 2nd Ward

The meeting took off on a very hostile note.

I tried to explain it is not just the large festivals, but a combination of many events. These events were somewhat contained and now have gotten out of hand. I was told the residents should “get a life”. I responded I have a responsibility to answer to my constituents as do we all in public life. I stated the Mayor’s office has probably received as many complaints as I have. Robert Drasheff, the Business Administrator responded “we have not received one complaint”. He basically said I called a meeting for “**NO REASON**”.

After that exchange was over, I was able to convince the group that there were some legitimate concerns and not a fragment of my imagination. I was able to get some possible solutions on the table.

The suggestions were as follows:

- 1) **Location**
Pier A Park or Lackawanna Plaza
- 2) **Speakers**
A- facing Hudson River
B- set an acceptable decibel level
- 3) **Music**
A- in the open-air theater like Pier A park.
B- end at 10:00 PM – 11:00PM on Friday and Saturday.
(my feeling keep it at 10:00PM across the board, lessens any confusion)
- 4) **Police Officers**
hire 10-12 (St Ann's Reference)
- 5) **Clean-Up**
sponsors are responsible, not the City of Hoboken

Our City Attorney, Esther Suarez is researching Ordinances from surrounding cities as a reference, but I haven't heard anything from her yet.

So that is where it stands. Any other suggestions you might have, please add to the list to be discussed. Please keep me informed and I wish you the best.

Sincerely,

Terry