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DCD's Rocky Marcoux is cleared by DA's Office

Statement of Alderman Bob Donovan September 17, 2012

Today I received correspondence (**attached**) from the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, notifying me that the investigation of my inquiry into possible criminal wrongdoing on the part of Commissioner Rocky Marcoux of the Department of City Development had been completed.

The DA's office states quite clearly that **no evidence of criminal conduct** was found in its investigation of the expenditures made from the Historic Survey Publication Trust Account. In other words, Rocky has been exonerated and, in my mind, the matter of any possible criminal conduct is closed.

I want to thank District Attorney John Chisholm and his office for handling my inquiry, and I am glad that it shows no evidence of any criminal conduct on Rocky's part. I am well aware of the arguments both for and against Rocky's reappointment, but it is my intention to vote for keeping him as DCD commissioner.

I think it was wrong for some of my colleagues to publicly accuse Rocky of possible criminal conduct when they were not absolutely certain that that was the case. It is very poor judgment, in my view, to publicly make such serious allegations about a city officer when there is nothing there.

I urge the public to hold Mayor Barrett accountable for any and all matters pertaining to the city commissioners and department heads he has appointed (the mayor has made it clear to Council members that he will not dismiss Rocky). Good or bad, it is the mayor's administration and the public should be looking to him for explanation or action when an issue (or an accusation) surfaces about one of his appointees.

In my opinion, the mayor is the one who is ultimately responsible for the successes or failures of his administration.

Although it would require a radical change to the city charter, I would very much welcome a Council vote on keeping or replacing the mayor!