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To: Shawn Smith <csmith@keywestcity.com>

Hi, Cheri--

Would you please read the following into the commission record Tues night under discussion of the nudity ordinance. As usual, thanks for your help!

Mayor and Commissioners,

I would like to strongly echo the sentiments expressed by former city commissioner Harry Bethel that excessive nudity during Fantasy Fest has become an embarrassment to our city and must be eliminated.

Many people have been seen walking our streets without the benefit even of body paint-- completely naked. Not one word is said to them by police officers.

Some people will tell you that children are discouraged from attending Fantasy Fest and the parade, but you can't hold a parade and not have children come.

Linda O'Brien of Market Share will stand before you, probably tonight, and tell you she'll be issuing a strong warning. Yes, she will, in 6-point mice type on the back of a brochure no one reads.

It's time to stop looking the other way. It's time to enforce a strong anti-nudity ordinance. And Commissioner Bethel is right-- an ordinance without a strong enforcement component will be meaningless.

Arrest offenders and place their pictures on the sheriff's website for all their friends to see.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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