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Subject: Re: Questions
Date: April 24, 2017 at 7:34 AM
To: Schwartzman, Paul Paul.Schwartzman@washpost.com, Christof Rotten crotten2@gmail.com



Dear Paul,

As I already said, we don't want the landlords knowing how much the tenants have, so no, we're not going to tell you.

And I see where Chris was coming from. This has gotten beyond tedious. I have been patient, but I have real work to do.

I can't in good conscious bill the Fund for these hours talking to you, and while I generally enjoy talking to journalists, this isn't an enjoyable use of my personal time either. You may see badgering people as your job, but there has to be something meaningful at stake.

Tens in millions in PUBLIC money going to subsidize these developments, and you're drilling down on a \$7500 budget item in a private organization that has taken zero public dollars. Not worth my time.

Take care,

Daniel

On 4/24/17 12:00 AM, Schwartzman, Paul wrote:

I'm not asking about tenants. I'm asking about tenant associations. \$30k, on the face of it, is a decent chunk of change. Did it go to one, two, three or how many different tenant associations. Seems like a reasonable question, as do questions about the identity of those tenant association

I thought Blanca was saying the business association had not received the money. Lopez could provide some clarification but apparently is unwilling.

On the \$7500 for computers and supplies, who got those items and where are they? The Fund has no office. CSN no longer exists.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 23, 2017, at 11:28 PM, Daniel Hornal <daniel@taloslaw.com> wrote:

Dear Paul,

I just don't see the advantage of telling you who did exactly what work in CSN. The amounts paid are reasonable, and people are entitled to some privacy. So consider that a hard "no."

It should be beyond clear that no one is getting rich on this.

Latino Connection wasn't allocated (and hasn't requested) any money from the fund. The Fund has not made any decisions about who else will be receiving grants; and is working on getting more regularized procedures. It's new, and the organization doesn't have any staff yet. Inquire

Did Blanca say that CRSBA hadn't received the money, or that LC didn't? I have been told that CRSBA has the money. If not, I need to know.

I can't speak for Teresa or Columbia Road SBA. I have no involvement with that organization.

As a condition of the grant, CRSBA will be reporting every three months to the Fund in detail every quarter. The first report isn't due until June 1. I assume the Fund would make it public.

I'm not going to disclose the name of the tenants that received a grant or the amount. You don't want your landlord to know the size of your war chest. So take that as another hard "no."

All due respect, but this is becoming incredibly time consuming. The Fund is new, as far as nonprofit standards go, it got its money EXTREMELY cheaply (BBB guidelines put fundraising costs at 35 percent), and it's too new to have concrete results to show. Everyone is trying hard. Gb

Best wishes,
Daniel

On 4/23/17 10:34 PM, Schwartzman, Paul wrote:

I am asking to review the bank statements for the purposes of understanding what's happening with the money. It is not your personal money. I don't understand the issue.

You say you won't ID how much the tenant associations received. But I asked two questions. Which tenant associations received funding?

I also asked you to ID individuals who received funds, in addition to how much. So who got money besides Chris Otten?

I asked about who else is receiving funds out of the \$65k besides the Columbia Road SBA. Teresa Lopez has not responded to multiple inquiries. The one time I managed to get her on the phone she said she needed to consult a lawyer. Why the secrecy? You say they have receive

Paul

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 23, 2017, at 10:09 PM, Daniel Hornal <daniel@taloslaw.com> wrote:

Answers below

On 4/20/17 4:57 PM, Schwartzman, Paul wrote:

Hi Daniel,

In our last phone call, I had asked questions about the \$100,000 settlement money paid to the Champlain Street Neighbors. I have not heard back from you.

Here are my questions:

- The document presented by Mr. Otten says that \$30,000 was "spent on setting up and funding tenants associations on Champlain Street NW." Please identify the tenant associations that received funding and how much they got.

We do not want the landlords to know how much the associations got.

- The document presented by Mr. Otten says \$30,000 was "spent on individual invoices by key members." Please identify who received payments and how much.

We decline to share the specific amounts received by individuals. I believe Chris told you off the record how much he received. It probably amounted to \$3/hr. The payments were all below market rate.

- The \$20,000 for legal fees went to you, I assume. Correct?

Yes, that is correct. The amount is approximate. I think I told you the hourly rate I was charging; If you're going to publish it, I'd appreciate it if you would characterize it as "deeply discounted" or something like that, rather than publishing the actual number...because it's not a deal!

- When is the next meeting of the Forget Me Not Fund?

It has not been set. It will be soon.

- In March, the Fund decided to grant \$126,000 to the Columbia Road Small Business Association. Has the association received the payment?

Yes.

- Did the \$126,000 come out of the \$865,000 payment the Fund received in November?

Yes, which has been combined with the money given by CSN to the fund.

- What is happening with the \$865k? Where is it? Will you allow me to review bank statements for the accounts associated with these funds? I asked Mr. Otten about this. He referred me to you.

The AMFMN fund has it in a bank account. Off the record, because there is no reason for the public to know, it's held at PNC.

(I held CSN funds in trust, I'm not doing that for AMFMN).

We do not intend to provide bank statements to journalists. I think that's just too much to ask for.

Hope all is well,
Daniel

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That's it for now.

Thanks

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