

BID meeting with MCA

I've posted the jist of last night's meeting of MCA concerning BID. See: <http://right-mind.us/articles/1786.aspx>

A couple thoughts. First, Barbara Richardson Crouch was straight shooting and plain speaking last night. Moscow cannot have it both ways. You cannot be a bed-and-breakfast community in a university town (!!!) and expect to have a tax base that will support anything that supports a Quality of Life (QoL). You cannot have it both ways. As Moscow will find out on 26 April, you cannot continue to raise the local property taxes forever -- especially in an economically depressed area. Duh! If you get a chance, read thru everything Barbara said. She knocked some home-runs and was forthright when others speaking last night were more guarded.

Second, the facilitator for MCA (Melinda Huskey) was showing her true colors last night. Joan Opyr asked a question that was completely off-subject and had nothing to do with Business Improvement District topic -- why the Moscow Chamber of Commerce doesn't explicitly have wording for non-discrimination for homosexuals? The question was a) completely irrelevant to the discussion of BID, b) should be brought to the Board of the Chamber of Commerce, and c) there's no way Kimmell could speak for the Board of the Chamber on this matter. Why didn't the facilitator call that question "out of bounds" or "irrelevant to the BID discussion" or "take it to the Moscow Chamber Board"? Well, because the facilitator/moderator is Opyr's lesbian "partner". And Huskey's own agenda got in the way of being a moderator. No surprise there, given the real agenda of MCA...