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Piedmont Park Project financial records have always been and will continue to be available for unrestricted examination by directly contacting the Piedmont Park Project organizers. In this regard, the Piedmont Gazette's willingness to provide a platform for questionable individuals to make outlandish accusations and outright false statements merely shows its persistent propensity for tabloid journalism, and it continues to engage in inaccurate and dishonest reporting. Knowingly and intentionally publishing defamatory material makes the publisher as culpable as the individuals spouting falsehoods.

Notwithstanding, the Piedmont Community Park will open once the City of Piedmont is willing to lawfully accept the donated land and improvements, which have been held in escrow since the inception of the Piedmont Park Project. Because of the defective liens filed by certain subcontractors, the City of Piedmont has been unwilling to accept the park dedication to date. These subcontractors are not interested in seeing the Park open, but are only hoping to wrongfully leverage payment for their defective and sub-standard work by delaying the dedication of the property. If these subcontractors are confident in their workmanship and services performed, they should release their defective liens and litigate the merit of their claims in a court of Law. These subcontractors will not do so because they know what the outcome will be.

Thank you to the community of Piedmont for your continued support of the Piedmont Park Project, and of its volunteer directors who continue to strive toward the ultimate goal of creating a centralized community-gathering place to foster families and friends, retreats and festivals, and to encourage more retail/commercial growth.

Sincerely,

Piedmont Park Project Steering Committee

