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Thank you to everyone who attended the Human Resources Committee last night to discuss the various efforts each enterprise board, the planning commission and especially the clerk's office and MIS department routinely take to try to meet and exceed the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. We must be doing something right to have been awarded nationwide honors for our website. The "Sunshine Award" ranks us in the top 1% of municipalities nationwide for your efforts.

I have heard the internet compared to the library of congress, where someone has turned out the lights and all the books have been dumped onto the floor. The problem, I think, is not a lack of information, but rather so much that it is difficult to find what you need when you need it. It is good to know that plans are in the works for a more user-friendly calendar that will link to agendas and minutes, and a map this links to proposed projects and permits. Those kinds of visual tools should help a lot. It is also good to know that consideration is being given to how social networking may fit into our efforts in the future.

Thank you for all that you do to provide information to your fellow community members. I sense a little defensiveness when we talk about this issue and I do not mean, in any way, to suggest that you are not doing enough or not doing the right things. I sense that you are all very dedicated to providing information timely and do the best you can with the resources you have. I also am confident that if and as new resources appear, you will find ways to make good use of them.

Together we can find new ways to make things better on any issue we can see as an issue. Thank you for taking the time to remember that keeping the public informed IS an issue worth remembering.

Sincere regards,

Ruth Danner
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