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Good afternoon and happy new year,

Art Encounters Update - Agreement

I just wanted to provide you with a quick update in regards to the Art Encounters program. In my last email I mentioned that Douglas County provided HRCA with the agreement for WESTAF to utilize CAFÉ services. We hoped that HRCA's attorneys might not have the same concerns that Douglas County's did since we are a municipality. Unfortunately, HRCA did have similar concerns and also did not feel comfortable signing the agreement. Douglas County's attorneys have contacted WESTAF again to inform them that neither Douglas County nor HRCA feels comfortable signing the agreement in its current form. It sounds like WESTAF hires an attorney on a consultant basis, which is why they don't want to make changes to the agreement. In order to do so, they have to hire the consultant, which results in increased costs. Also, since they provide services at a reasonable cost, they feel that it's more cost-effective to lose a client than it is to go back to the lawyer to have revisions made. Our attorney was able to speak with them and better explain why we had the concerns that we did. Our contact at WESTAF will need to go to her supervisor to determine what they will or will not be willing to do moving forward. It may be a day or two before we hear back from them. That being said, I wanted to let you know that we are currently on hold for the moment.

Alternative Options to CAFÉ

In the case that WESTAF is not willing to make any revisions to the agreement and we are not able to sign it, I would like to have a couple of alternative options in mind. I am going to do some research, but please email me back if you have any suggestions on other websites or organizations that offer similar services to CAFÉ that we might be able to utilize for our Call for Entries.

Art Encounters Judge for 2019-2020 Sculptures

I apologize if I mentioned this previously, but I can't remember. Maia recommended Mary Williams to replace Nick Lucey as our possible Art Encounters judge for the current sculptures that are installed. I spoke to Mary in December and she agreed to be our judge. I have requested that she review the sculptures and provide us with her decision and brief summary of the selected piece by the end of January. Her website is <http://www.marywilliamsart.com/>. Thank you Maia for this recommendation. It is greatly appreciated.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will provide another update when I have more info.
Thanks,
Kim

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