

Subject: Mosque Meeting Update

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Hello, We would like to have Jonathan Leffell and Mickey Segal join us, so this is a repeat message.

We would like to meet to discuss the Mosque on Wednesday or Thursday AM at the David Project Offices at 210 South Street in Boston

Jack can only meet on Thurs

Josh can do either Wed or Thurs AM

Please respond to all so that we can coordinate and maximize attendance. Thanks, Anna

JLFL 001

Subject: Mosque Madness
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Hi Everyone,

Great group, thanks to everyone for their involvement

Discussion of issues and individuals involved in the Mosque led to some preliminary steps as we continue to gather information and develop an action plan

We plan to present a legal challenge to the Mosque based on the First Amendment Establishment clause Steve Cohen and Evan Slavitt have taken the lead on this

Jack Fainberg will obtain all documents related to the sale from the BRA under the FOI

Charles Jacobs will review the prospects of enlisting the support of the Black Church community in the suit as a possible plaintiff

I am meeting with Bill Sapers Tues. morning to discuss the Roxbury Community College Foundation connection I am also awaiting further documentation from Jon Wells. I plan to contact Steve Emerson, Rabbi Melman, and Robert Leikind for further information and discussion

Additions and corrections are welcome Thanks Anna

JLFL 003

Subject: Re: Mosque

From: "A Kolodner" <shawmut302@rcn.com>

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Steve, Forgive my legal ignorance.... The document I am looking at is a License between the Comm of Mass acting through RCC (as Licensor) and the ISB (Licensee) This License expires 12/31/04 and pertains to the parking. It states that there are supplemental terms and conditions in Exhibit D. I have other "term sheets, which name RCC but I am not sure they are the same as those referred to in Exhibit D Given that they may not have parking, Josh suggested we might thwart them though the building permit process for the intended parking.

All the in kind services have been given a monetary value in the documents. It was my impression that once Bill and others realized the Islamic overtones to the in kind stuff that they said they were not interested Anna

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Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2004 4:19 PM

Subject: Re: Mosque

Anna:

Was Roxbury Community College a party to any written agreement with the city or with the ISB? Did it ever request or agree to or gratefully accept the "in kind" services? Did it engage in any sort of dialogue at all with the city or with the ISB about the desirability or value of these services?

Or was it gratuitously deemed by the city to be the third party beneficiary of these "in kind" services? If the latter, it seems like the college was merely used as part of a sham transaction to create the (false) impression that the ISB was tendering something of value. Is that the implication of your conversation with Bill Sapers?

Steve

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Subject: Re: Mosque Allegations

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Steve, I agree. As a beginning, I have attached a general list of the characters we know are involved and what we know about them. I am also hoping to gather more information from Ilana Freedman after our meeting next Friday. I will then put together a more comprehensive memo. I have mailed documents to you, Evan Slavitt, Jack Fainberg, and William Sapers. thanks Anna

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Sent: Friday, June 04, 2004 7:13 AM

Subject: Mosque Allegations

Hi Anna:

Aside from our 1st Amendment claimd and the various other strategies to attack the mosque, ultimately our interest is based on the premise that some of the senior people in the ISB are supporters of terrorism and sworn enemies of America and Jews, and that the construction of the mosque may be funded by Wahhabis.

I think it would be extremely helpful if you would assemble in a memo exactly what we know and how we know it. Also, what we suspect and speculate, but don't know for sure. If we are going to convince others to support our cause, especially in the media, we will need reasonably well-supported allegations.

What do you think?

Steve

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MOSQUE: ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF BOSTON

One Malcolm X Boulevard
Roxbury,MA

Abdurahman Muhammad Alamoudi

1. Leader of ISB
2. Supporter of Hamas, Hezbollah
3. Founder and former Executive Director of the American Muslim Council

Alamoudi, who attended an anti-Israel protest outside the White House on October 28, 2000. Alamoudi revved up the crowd, saying: " I have been labeled by the media in New York as being a supporter of Hamas. Anybody supporters of Hamas here? " The crowd cheered. " Hear that, Bill Clinton? We are all supporters of Hamas ... I wish they added that I am also a supporter of Hezbollah " (Both groups are on the State Department's official list of terrorist organizations)

Dr. Yusef Avdullah al-Qaradawi (Qatar based Cleric_

1. Spiritual Leader of Moslem Brotherhood
- A. Moslem Brotherhood: (Jihad is their way, Dying in the way of Allah is their Hope)
2. Founder of ISB (ISB says he has never had a role in ISB)
3. Backs Mosque in Arabic- language brochure (not English)
4. Supports Hamas, applauds suicide bombings
5. Bared from entering US in 1999
6. direct or beneficial interest in project (11/30/03) (ISB document to BRA)

Dr. Walid Ahmad Fatih (now in Saudi Arabia)

1. Director of ISB (present at groundbreaking)
2. Violent Anti Semite(written Anti_ Jewish articles in Arabic)
3. Traveled to Mideast w/ Kandil to secure bulk of funds for ISB
4. ISB Board of Trustees, Treasurer (8/2000) (ISB document to BRA)

Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway

1. Former Director of ISB
2. Advocates destruction of Israel
3. Under investigation by US govt

Osama M. Kandil

1. Former Chairman of ISB
2. Under investigation by US & Europ Govts for alleged funding international terrorism
3. One of three directors of **Taibah International Aid Association**
 - A. Taibah: 5/6/04 added to Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) US Treasury list
As specially designated **Global Terrorists**
4. Listed as President of ISB Board of Directors (8/2000) (in document to BRA)
5. Menino applauds Kandil's efforts in letter of support March 26, 2002
6. direct or beneficial interest in project (11/30/03)

Nathan A. Sabir

1. President: Muslim Council of Boston, Inc (35 Intervale St. Boston)
2. Requests BRA substitute ISB for Muslim Council of Boston as developer (Aug4, 1998)
 - a. cc: Muhammad A. Attawia, MD, Muhammad Ali-Salaam, Kevin Morrison, Esq

Ali Tobah, Ph.D.

1. ISB Board of Trustees (Listed as Vice Pres) (document to BRA)
2. Direct or beneficial interest in project (11/30/03)

Soud Alhafi (Doha, Qatar)

- 1 ISB Board of Trustees Secretary (8/2000)
- 2 direct or beneficial interest in project (11/30/03)

Muhammad A. Attawia (Pyne, PA)

- 1 Director of ISB (9/1/98)
- 2 requests BRA change developer to from MCB to ISB
 - a. cc: Nathan Sabir, MCB, David Shlosh UBK
- 3 ISB Board of Trustees (8/2002- listed in ISB doc. To BRA)
- 4 direct or beneficial interest in project (11/30/03)

Jamal Hafiz (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia)

- 1 ISB Board of Trustees (8/200- listed in ISB doc. To BRA)
- 2 direct or beneficial interest in project (11/30/03)

Abdul Gader Hafiz

- 1 GM(11/30/03)

Salma Kazmi (June 2002)

- 1 ISB Cultural Center Assistant Director
- 2 signator on Jan 1,04 agreement between ISB and Roxbury Community Coll

Albert Farrah

1. spokesman for ISB
- 2 claimed Fitaihi's articles were not translated correctly

David M. Shlosh, MAI

1. United Bank of Kuwait (Al-Manzil program for financing)

B. Salfity

Cc on document from BRA Tomas O'Brien to Mr Grigsby Dept. Neighborhood Devl

Yousef Abou-Allaban, MD

- 1 ISB Project director (8/2000)

Muhammad and Khadajah Abdus-Sabur of Boston

1. architect

Dr. Akel Kahera of Austin Texas

- 1 architect

Sami Angawi Of Mecca, Saudi Arabia

1. Architect

Muhammed Ali Salaam

- 1 BRA staff
2. ISB member(raised funds for ISB)
- 3 Disclosure of funding sources

Seth Gitell

- 1 Spokesman for Menino

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Subject: Update

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Hello, Just wanted to check in and let you know that although we have not had a meeting, work is continuing on a number of fronts. At the moment we have two priorities.

1. Finding a plaintiff
2. Legal support for Evan Slavitt

I will be meeting with a potential plaintiff this week. It looks good, but more would be better. Steve Cohen and my husband, Monty Gold is willing to be part of a group of plaintiffs. I urge you to join them. Please let me know if you are interested.

We are still in search of legal support for Evan Slavitt. Steve Cohen has suggested that Harvard has a Jewish Law student Ass., A civil rights/ liberties association and a republican club and perhaps one of them might be willing to help. I will begin checking this out, however, if anyone has a Harvard Law connection to these or other resources and is willing to take the lead on this, please let me know. Time is running out and we need to act.

As a result of collaboration with Steve Emerson's office, we have a comprehensive document regarding the individuals/organizations/history etc. of the Mosque, which will be the backbone of the media campaign. (We are waiting for a few footnotes) Filing the lawsuit would be the initial lead/newsworthy component of the media angles.

I welcome your input. Thanks. Anna

JLFL 007

Fwd: Conversation with Jon Wells

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Subject: Conversation with Jon Wells
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I had left 3 or 4 messages for Jon Wells at the Herald over the past several weeks and never got a return call. I was finally able to track him down today. He has left the Herald and is now the Executive Producer of the Investigative Reporting unit at Fox25News in Boston.

I spent over an hour talking with Jon this afternoon. He is still very much interested in this story and is hoping to come up with something for broadcast.

Jon has obtained documents from the BRA. You simply write a letter to the effect of: "Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I request the following documents:" You can then describe your request in general terms, very much like a discovery request for production of documents, e.g. "all documents relating in any way to the sale and disposition of the property located at ___ Malcolm X Blvd and all documents relating in any way to dealings with the Islamic Society of Boston, including without limitation the following:" etc, etc. Including emails, notes, correspondence, etc.

He thinks attacking the legal issues and disposition of the land by the BRA will be, in his words, a "tough route." But the more we talked about it, the more interested he got.

I mentioned that the BRA had referred me (sorry Jack) to Mohammed Ali Salaam. John says that he is a member of the Islamic Society of Boston and also on the BRA staff. At the time of the disposition of the parcel, the BRA apparently made a point of recusing Mohammed from the matter because of the conflict of interest. John was very interested to hear that Jack's inquiry was now referred to Mohammed. He urged me to meet with Mohammed and see what I could learn.

Putting together what Jon told me, with some degree of speculation, it seems possible that the BRA came up with a value for the land, required that a portion of that value be paid in cash and that the remainder of that value be paid in services, i.e. by the provision of valuable services to the Roxbury Community. In other words, the subsidized, below-market cash sales price was justified with reference to valuable services to be provided by the recipient. Among those services: Providing a library, a lecture series and maintenance or improvement of certain mini-parks in the community.

This reasoning on the part of the BRA may suggest the existence of a legal requirement that the parcel disposition reflect fair market value. If so, this may be an area of potential vulnerability. We need to learn the law applicable to city disposition of land.

Jon has independently determined that the ISB library is loaded with inflammatory and extremist Islamist propaganda. Yet the City assigned a value to the library, as a valuable community service in lieu of cash. The nature and content of this library may be inconsistent with the cash value assigned to it by the City.

JLFL 008

Jon drew my attention to the Roxbury Community College Foundation. Apparently, the college was to be the recipient and beneficiary of some or many of these "in kind" community services. John suspects that the college has not and will not receive any valuable services, thereby undermining the supposed value attributed. The Foundation (not sure what it is, but it is distinct from the college itself), or at least certain members of the Board, may be disturbed with this whole transaction. He says I should talk to Bill Sapers, a Board member. Anyone know him? If not, I'll be happy to call him.

Jon confirms my impression that the ADL has done little other than send the letter that we read about. However, he says that the ADL is much more concerned and knowledgeable about this matter than their public statements would indicate. But, being associated with various ecumenical efforts, they are reluctant to be the lightning rod on this issue. Jon speculates that they would welcome the assistance and initiative of a bunch of independent guys (like us) who are not afraid of getting some bad press. He suggests I call Robert Leikind, the exec director. Anyone know him? If not, I'll be happy to call him. (Jon asks that we not mention his name when we contact Sapers.)

Jon is pissed that none of the other local media has picked up this story. He heard (but doesn't know for sure) that Jeff Jacoby was going to write a fairly tame op ed on a related matter, but that the ISB called the Globe and killed the column.

Another interesting avenue to pursue: Follow the money. The mosque has been described as a \$22 million project. Though some funds may have been raised locally, Jon read in an ISB publication that Osama Kandil and Walid Ahmed Fitaihi travelled to the Middle East and came back with the bulk of the funds. He agrees with my suspicion - read assumption - that the funds were provided by the Wahabbi movement in Saudi Arabia or by the Moslem Brotherhood. If so, the funds were provided by those who advocate the violent victory of Islam over the west. We both agreed that it would be very powerful if it could be proven that this is the source of the funding for the Mosque. And Jon asks, of course, why the BRA never inquired into the source of funding.

Finally, Jon suggests I talk to two Washington DC groups that have investigated this issue on a national basis - he keeps emphasizing that this same issue is presenting itself all over the country. (I made the distinction - which he accepted - that the fact that a governmental action was taken in Boston may make this mosque more vulnerable to legal, political or media attack than a purely private project elsewhere.) They are: Steven Emerson at the Investigative Project (202-363-8602) and the Site Institute, founded and run by a former associate of the Investigative Project.

To sum up the obvious, Jon is very interested and supportive and would help out in any way he could. He asked that I report back to him with any information that we are able to dig up. Turns out that he is a Cambridge resident - though his divorced wife and kids live in Lexington. After I come up with something to report, he and I will have lunch.

I do think that we should make the various calls that Jon has suggested: Sapers, BRA Mohammed, ADL, and Washington DC organizations. Notwithstanding your comment, Josh, I think we should also talk to Rabbi Melman. We should gather as much information as we can. And one of you two practicing attorneys might want to help us determine the law applicable to municipal sale of land. I imagine that Larry DiCara ought to be able to refer us to the right book and page.

Please get back to me with your thoughts and suggestions. Then perhaps another conference call would be in order.

Steve

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