

# CINDI'S EMAIL SECRET

**13 MONTHS  
BEFORE DIGGING  
BEGAN!**

*Her messages reveal early knowledge  
of plans to turn median into parking lot*



From: Dennis Girsigen  
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 4:56 PM  
To: Cindi Hutchinson  
Subject: Charter School of Excellence - SE 13 Street median/on-street parking - between SE 2 Avenue and SE 3 Avenue

Commissioner,

To follow up on our field meeting a couple weeks ago, it looks like we could fit in about 7 spaces on each side of the median. The cost to excavate, extend the asphalt/road base, install concrete curbing, including engineering would be approximately \$50,000.

*Hamilton Forman  
is a founder of  
that charter  
school business*

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From: Cindi Hutchinson  
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2003 12:06 PM  
To: Dennis Girsigen

Dennis...I assume that price is if we, the City, bid the job. If it's outsourced by the School, it might be cheaper??

*Unedited emails  
obtained from  
City Hall files.*

From: Dennis Girsigen  
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2003 12:37 PM  
To: Cindi Hutchinson

Yes, the cost assumes the City would bid the project. Because this is a relatively small project the prices would tend to be higher than a regular roadway project. If the school makes their own arrangement with a licensed contractor the cost might be lower (they would still need to get an engineering permit from Tim Welch and possibly hire an engineer to prepare the plans and specifications). The cost I provided includes the 17% if we were to do the engineering in-house, including surveying, inspection and administration costs that would be necessary for work performed in the public right-of-way.

In either case it would be safer to budget for \$50,000 up front and be pleasantly surprised later, rather than the other way around.

*Even the  
neighborhood  
president was  
kept in the  
dark about  
these plans!*