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RE: Advisory opinion 2017-16

Dear Mr. Plummer,

Thank you for submitting a request for the advisory opinion of the Ethics Commission with respect to receiving honorariums for your activities as City Historian. Your many years of volunteer service to the City of Norwich using your extensive knowledge of local history are appreciated. Your expertise is well known in the area, and your contributions to local historical knowledge are valued.

The discussions about this opinion came down to the job description of the City Historian. "Promote an awareness of and an appreciation for the city's history, through research, writing and public speaking; through publications, projects, exhibits, displays, celebrations and commemorations; through the maintenance of plaques, markers and monuments; and through the preparation of classroom aids, guides, workshops and training." City of Norwich Charter and Ordinances, Sec. 2-19.

Section 2.19, subsection 4 allows the City Historian to "expend funds and obtain contributions and grants to carry out these duties". This certainly would allow you to apply for grants and contributions to support the work of the office of the City Historian and any programs that would originate from that office. However, the commission feels that honorariums to you personally for work that is in the job description would not be appropriate.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further with the Ethics Commission, please feel free to let me know.

Kind Regards,

Carol Menard
Ethics Commission Chairperson

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