From: Shane McFarland
To: The Milfia
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]- Murfreesboro PRIDE
Date: Friday, December 2, 2022 5:49:07 PM

Cheryl,

Your email gives a great example with what's wrong with public dialogue today. Nonetheless, here is my response.

I think you are misunderstood with what has been relayed or what is being said in public.

No one is saying that Boro Pride can't occur. No one is saying that anyone has an issue with the LBGQT community and their right to assemble. What the City is saying is that the "show" at the festival was not age appropriate or family friendly. The organizers and the city have met, and it was relayed we cannot, nor do we have the right to stop any festival, but we do have the right to monitor what happens on City Property and make sure they are in the guidelines set worth by the City of Murfreesboro and for that matter the State of Tennessee.

The TEP has decided again to submit an application with no adjustments or stipulations to monitor the show, make it age appropriate or any other assurances after the city met stating what our concerns and issues were. If that is the stance of the TEP, clearly, they don't want to compromise, and another group will have to take up the festival with those assurances.

The videos that were sent are not appropriate for children and that type of sexual content and should not and will not be permitted on City Property. IF the group wants to have that type of show, there are other options. Including, having it on private property.

The narrative that the City is trying to stop the festival is just false. The Boro Pride festival has taken place in the City for many years and hasn't been a problem. This past year was a different situation. I would argue that if this type of "show" is worth throwing out a whole festival….that is on the organizers.

I hope that makes sense. BTW...are you a Murftrrsboro resident?

Thank you!
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Mayor City of Murfreesboro

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Your constituents deserve an explanation for your bigoted decision to cancel Murfreesboro Pride. Answer your phone, coward.

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