

INTERVIEW LOG OF LARRY HOCEVAR

The interview took place on Sept 30, 2002 at 12:30. The interview was conducted in the Slovenian Cultural Garden. The day was beautiful, people were driving by and jogging. A final nice day to enjoy the gardens before the idleness of winter sets in. The sun was out temperature was about 80 degrees with a slight wind. Noises of cars and planes are dashed in throughout the interview. I unfortunately did not get all of the interview on tape, the first question and response was not recorded due to I was ignorant and did not turn on the mic (This was my first interview and was nervous b/c I was running late but thankfully I realized the mic power was not switched on and causally swithed it on and the interview will begin on the tape about 5 min into the tape.) Sentences in italic may be canidates for use on the air. Therefore I pick up Hocevar in mid sentence.

TELL ME ABOUT THE DOLLAR SLOVENIAN CAMPAIGN 1 TO 4 MIN INTO TAPE

HOCEVAR talking about planting and sewer work. Dollar Slovenian CAMPAIGN. get some money in . join garden and explains history. *Are not many people on board who wants to weed.* hard to drag people in to do work, try to bring youth in but hard to do. Replace busts. 4 MORE BUSTS. garden used to be split up to halves Serbian Croatian Slovenian. Serbia and Croatians have not made garden yet. *City does half assed jobs CCg pays for flag pole, city workers do not care about the gardens destroy steps w/lawn mowers.* concrete problems. city never told Slovenian about dedications of walkways.

ARE THERE PLANS TO NATIONALIZE THE GARDENS, 4-6 min

HOCEVAR are trying through voinavich mom slov. nation preservation list to get federal funding to restore park. want to take done brook and bank it it would destroy landscape. trying to get gov behind the gardens.

ARE THERE ANY YOUTH MOVEMENTS TODAY 6- 8 min

HOCEVAR Youth would help rejuvenize get youth involved. group of sing acapelo sing at events. have 5 five choirs. *hard to get youth because suburbs and hard to get kids to pull weeds. but they are trying.*

HAS THE YOUTH LOST THEIR HERITAGE 8-10

HOCEVAR *any natl. becoming Americanized more so with each generation. subaurbanization has hurt allot people just to damn busy need a spark plug person to stimulate youth movement and any group.* people ask why have to be vandalized again. why not move it out the burbs. talks about plants being stolen and city will not pay for it.

HOW OR WHO WOULD YOU ATTRIBUTE THE DOWNFALL OF THE GARDENS 10 13

HOCEVAR The politicians used to go to events to get publicity. in one world day. The city has fulfilled their commitment, ethnic groups donated money to make gardens and turned it over to the city and have not maintained it. *PEOPLE WHO COME IN HERE AND TRIM ARE NOT HORTICULTURISTS JUST START HACKING.* City will not replace stolen goods even though insured and not done by kids. bullshit reasons for city not to maintain garden. Told by the city to hire own security. turning park over to the state has been a thought. Talks about bad urban planing. City does not feel gardens are a priority.

HAS THE MISSION STATEMENT OF BROTHERHOOD HELD UP 13-15

HOCEVAR *It has been diluted there are no people that do not get along when one group pulls out garden goes to hell.* Talked about father kunsy got started to get people. Getting the youth is a big thing but it is just not happening.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO MALICIOUS CRIMES WHY DO PEOPLE NOT COME TO THE GARDENS 13 -20

HOCEVAR *People are afraid of downtown. no parking come during day but no big influx a garden not a park someone would not have a picnic in the art museum . It is getting to the point of being an outdoor art museum .* Stuff that has been replaced is vandalized again. Only place in the country devoted to nationality groups. More conflict 75 yr. ago b/w ethnic groups than now. Vandalism not done by blacks like everyone thinks,just decision groups of people maybe to do with the war. Slovenian garden wanted to take down bishop Bagada and city would not let them, was stolen. Blames city for problems did not keep up with park.

WHERE DO YOU SEE THE GARDENS GOING IN THE FUTURE. 20-25

HOCEVAR *Think more people coming down b/c people are committed slow process city under mayor white was good with the CCG. Work was done to gardens b/c diplomats like white lived nearby. Need corporate sponsorship for each garden bog companies in Cleveland help with funding and matinee all tax deductible good publicity need someone to give them an office in downtown.*

WOULD THERE BE ANYONE ELSE TO TALK TO, TO SHARE STORIES OF THE GARDENS OF THE 40 50 60 25- 27 min

HOCEVAR My mother she would not be comfortable with strangers. Geny drabneck good for Slovenian garden.

