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Re: info for Fairgrounds panel

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Ann et al, here you go.

A little background: This is the script and three slide decks from the third and final performance. The first two performances were done in Petaluma as part of the Know Before You Grow series. The Transit-Oriented Development Committee of the Sierra Club then paid us to do a third performance at the Sierra Club offices in Oakland.

The first slide deck ran on an automatic loop prior to the play and introduced the characters in their roles. The second had to be manually advanced during the play as noted in the script. (We never got that quite right.) The third ran on an automatic loop after the play, crediting the performers and other participants.

The script is inelegant, but makes valid, if heavy-handed, points about the development process. The Sierra Club folks in particular gave us credit for opening their eyes to how development works.

There was going to be a sequel. A downtown restaurateur enjoyed the play and proposed hosting the sequel as dinner theater. I felt good about writing a sequel, thinking I could build on lessons learned from the first effort. However, as I was writing the initial scenes the restaurateur was diagnosed with terminal cancer and would pass away in less than two months. It was a loss to the community. (The restaurateur, not the sequel.)

Let me know you have any questions. - Dave Alden c: 707-338-8388

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4 attachments

 **190721 Slide Deck #1 Pre-Play.pptx**
1886K

 **190721 Slide Deck #3 Post-Play.pptx**
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 **190721 Slide Deck #2 Play.pptx**
6825K

 **190721 Why We Get the Town We Get A Cautionary Tale Script #3 (July 18 final).pdf**
321K