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*Earlier this month, **NewsLanc** published a "Dishonor Roll" as part of* **"The $63.6 million convention center swindle': Who were responsible?"**

*Below is **NewsLanc's** nominees for an Honor Roll. They stood up against powerful special interests. We welcome suggestions of others.*

Convention Center Project Honor Roll

R(obert). B. Campbell, City Treasurer challenged legality of Act 23 application.

Robert Canton of Pricewaterhousecoopers withdrew earlier report due to CC enlargement.

Randolph D. Carney, a/k/a 'Artie See'. Knowledgeable media critic

Peter Chiccarine hotelier who was a vociferous critic of project.

James N. "Jim" Clymer, Constitutional Party Candidate for Commissioner

Jack Craver, nationally prominent retired hotel executive and county appointee to LCCCA Board

Laura Clampitt Douglas, county appointee to LCCCA board

Robert E. Field, *NewsLanc* publisher

Fox-43 sponsored poll indicating 78% of Lancaster public were opposed to government guarantees of debt.

Deb Hall, county appointee to LCCCA board

Ron Harper, Jr., early objector

Chris Hart-Nibbrig, reporter for *NewsLanc*

Molly Henderson, Democrat Minority Commissioner. Exhibited extraordinary courage

Clyde Horst, Fulton Bank board member who questioned project's feasibility

Howard Kelin, Esq. Special counsel for Commissioners

Mark A. Kenney, MAI, substantiated that all studies to date were only Market Studies, not Feasibility Reports

April Koppenhaver, art gallery owner Who sued to prevent project.

Luis Mendoz, City Council, asked to see the Ernst & Young market study before voting

Pannell, Kerr, Forster (PKF) whose Feasibility Report recommended downsizing or another use for the site

Heywood Sanders, outside expert who challenged feasibility of CC Project

Dick Shellenberger, Republican Chair of County Commissioner who adhered to his conservative convictions

James Sneddon, freelance reporter for *NewsLanc.* Disclosed LCCCA irregularities

Bert Winterbottom, LDR International. Recommend Convention Center as extension of Brunswick Hotel.

Mike Winterstein, School District of Lancaster Board Member who unsuccessfully fought to have the Marriott hotel pay full real estate taxes.

If you are running for a train, look out!

Amtrak has installed computers in the lobby of the Amtrak station for payment of parking fees.

The problem is they require the license plate number of the car, not the number of the parking space.

Not everyone memorizes the license number of his or her car(s). Also the car may be borrowed or rented.

Imagine a mother with two children and baggage having to go back to the long term parking area.

What about having just a few minutes to make the train?

A good alternative would be to allow the substitution of the parking lot number.

Faded / confusing cross walks endanger pedestrian

State law says that drivers must stop for all pedestrians crossing the street, with or without cross walks. What else can be done? Run them over?

But what about cross walks where pedestrians are to be allowed to cross at any time and drivers required to stop?

Some are cross hatched but not at intersections with traffic signals. How many drivers notice pedestrians stepping into the cross walks? It can be dangerous to jam on the breaks when cars are following closely at 25 to 35 miles per hour.

Then we have cross walks with portable stand up signs that say *"Pedestrian crossing."* Are these the only ones to be taken seriously?

Adding to the danger, the city cross walks are so faded that they are hard to see except near the curb lines. And that portion is often blocked from view until the last minute by parked cars.

The City needs to standardize and freshly paint these cross walks. They are a peril, especially for children walking to school. The surrounding suburbs also need to take heed.