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Citizens Question Lakewood Hospital Proposal At Community Forum

by Margaret Brinich
Editor, Lakewood Observer

Despite being a cold, blustery night, Lakewoodites packed all 488 of the Mackey Main Stage seats (plus those of us standing in the back) at Beck Center for the Arts on January 28th. This was the first in a series of public forums regarding the announcement earlier this month that Lakewood Hospital will be converted from a full service hospital as it stands today to an outpatient community wellness center model. About the first 90 minutes of the forum included presentations by representatives from the City of Lakewood, namely Mayor Summers, the Cleveland Clinic, the Lakewood Hospital Foundation, and the consulting firm retained by the Lakewood Hospital Association, i.e. Subsidiary Healthcare.

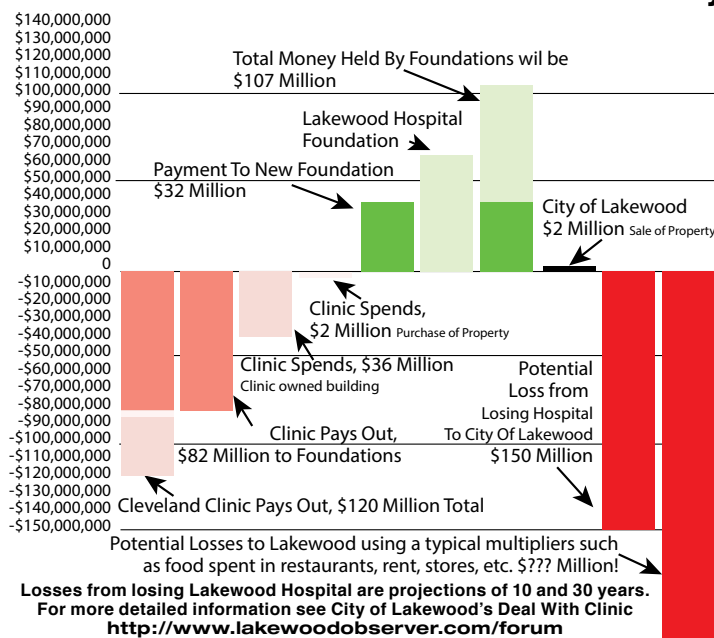


The 488 seat Mackey Main Stage at Beck Center for the Arts was standing room only the night of Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

Lisa Fry, of Subsidiary Healthcare, presented a sampling of the results of the study performed over the course of the past two years. She walked the audience through the process starting from when LHA hired her firm, up through the proposed letter of intent that caused such a stir earlier in January. Her firm used analyses to vet a wide range of possible solutions to the issues facing Lakewood Hospi-

tal, from sticking with the status quo to a downsized general hospital to a specialty hospital to a hybrid outpatient hospital with some inpatient beds to a strictly outpatient campus, to removing ourselves from healthcare altogether. Fry indicated that along the way they approached a total of 9 hospital systems, 2 local and 7 national. Despite some initial interest in the Lakewood

LO's Chart Of Gains & Losses To Each Party



Artists Nominated For Contest's Best In Show Award

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High & West Shore Career-Technical students Jacob Corder and Alex Marek have been selected as two of only five regional student artists to be nominated for a national American Visions Award in the prestigious Scholastic Art & Writing contest. Corder also was awarded a \$10,000 per year scholarship for the Cleveland Institute of Art based on his contest submissions.

Each regional program participating in the contest across the country selects the five most outstanding works of art from their Gold Key recipients. These five artists represent the region on the national level as American Vision nominees. A national panel selects one of the nominated works from each

region as the American Vision Award Recipient for 2015.

Corder's mixed media piece, "Icarus," was selected and Marek's film and animation entry, "Catstronaut" (link at end of story) was chosen. In the regional judging in December, Corder earned five Gold Keys, the highest honor in the contest and Marek won two.

"Jacob and Alex are exceptional students and these awards are well deserved. It's amazing how they can take a class project and elevate it to something far more," said their Interactive Media instructor Anne McQuay.

To view Marek's animation video, go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsGD_B1hD0o#sthash.FcJqKsP8.dpuf.



Jacob Corder's "Icarus."

Kauffman Park Friends Snow Sculpting Contest

by Meg Ostrowski

Kauffman Park has something to offer in ALL seasons!

With plenty of snow in the forecast, Kauffman Park Friends is launching their Snow Sculpting Contest again!

We encourage individuals, teams, families, businesses and organizations to join in the fun and share their artistic talents with the community. See the Official Entry Form for details, check the Kauffman

Park Friends Facebook page for updates and enjoy the park this season whether sculpting, sledding, snowshoeing or just strolling through.

Registration Form inside on page 6

Lakewood Hospital Community Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Avenue