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Dear Tim,

A few years ago, the Twins where in last place and statically eliminated from the play offs by early September. The Minnesota Twins announce plans that they would like to build a temporary stadium in the Parking lot of the mall of America to build support for outdoor baseball. The ideal never worked out, but it got me to thinking about the metro dome parking lot. Cincinnati, Milwaukee and Pittsburg all built new ball parks in the Parking lot of there current stadiums. Why not here?

Back in 8th grade, our science instructor Mr. Miller at Grass Junior high led the class to the on campus observatory. I remember hearing that this building was donated to the old Sibley High school campus by a local home builder Rodger Sprealing to inspire students. Astrology was not interesting to me, but this building was. A concrete block building with a wood and fiberglass roof that moves sideways under the power of a garage door opener. With the roof slid off the building on to a trestle located on the North side of the building; the telescopes inside could be used.

If the Metrodome had a roof that slid sideways off to over a parking lot ball park. That ideal was my spring board to designing a new sports facility. I am not a big sports fan, but over the years, I have done a lot of sketching and dreaming for this new sports facility project.

I was at first very excited to hear about the Stadium Screening Committee. A similar design competition for the world trade center 9-11 memorial generated over one thousand replies, so I was excited to get the light of day on my ideals. I went to the Stadium Screening Committee web site and down loaded the application. My excitement ended when I read the Certification and Waiver. It stated "Respondent waives any copyright or any other claim of propriety, right of control, or limitation of use in relation to the information submitted." I understand that the Stadium Screening Committee was looking for development and financing ideals and not for design ideals.

To submit my drawings, I would have to sign my rights away for the all of my work and dreaming. If I was a land developer, a city, or a team; signing my rights away for my Architects drawings would not be a big deal because the Architect would still retain the copyright. Last October, I sent my drawings to the US copyright office and received copyright certificates on April 3, 2006.

The design focus of the Sportsapolis© is to replace the Metrodome on its own site. Bring all existing Metrodome functions into a new building and be a new source of state and city pride. With an extension on Riverside Ave., the site is 700 yards from the U of M campus. I believe that the Metrodome is a great money saving building. It is the only public stadium that dose not carry a debt but it is not built to last forever. If the sports teams continue to work together, tax dollars could be saved with Sportsapolis©. The attached drawings provide a clear illustration of my ideals. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely

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