

**MR. HANRATTY / MR. PEEL**

*(Debating the idea of a fighting event at the local festival and annoyed that it keeps getting brought up.)*

Mr. Mayor, I'm a little confused as to why we are hearing a proposal for Lincoln Smackdown when we just heard it last week. Are we supposed to vote on Lincoln Smackdown at every meeting? First of all, Blake, I appreciate your help, but I have to be honest and tell you that I can't see Lincoln Smackdown generating the revenue to pay for itself, much less to pay for the accessible fountain. And secondly, I find Lincoln Smackdown a deeply offensive idea and so does anyone else who is a person of conscience. Beyond being dumb and offensive, its point of reference in history is obscure; did Lincoln ever visit Big Cherry? Did he ever discuss it? Do we know if he was even aware of it? Mr. Mayor, my question remains: Why are we required to go back over this territory? We covered Lincoln Smackdown last week even though we had already thrown the idea out. When we throw something out of the Planning Committee, that doesn't mean you then simply bring it before the board. That's the whole idea behind the Planning Committee. That's why we have a Planning Committee. That's why we have any committee. And I don't think we did just discuss this in the Planning Committee, I distinctly remember the topic of Lincoln Smackdown coming up in our general board meeting. Mr. Carp tried working from within. And you've silenced him, somehow. Just because you object to your own history. Of course we all want the best for our children, but the way you give them that future matters. The way you conduct yourself matters. The lessons you teach your children, the examples you set for them, who you are ... it matters.