



Republican Mayoral candidate Bob “Again” Carney Jr. (bobagain) will present extensive video lecture on Transit & Transportation, 3 PM Wed 9/29 at Govt Center Plaza, as part of “Peaceable Assembly” event; his School Bus driving is suspended until Feb 2022

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Minneapolis, MN, 9/28/2021 – Republican candidate for Mayor, self-described “candidate-journalist” and “School Bus expert” (his driving is suspended until Feb 2022) Bob “Again” Carney Jr., (bobagain) will present a lecture, which will be videotaped and edited with supplemental graphics, at the Hennepin County Government Center Plaza, at 3 PM Wed 9/29. Bobagain has declared the plaza at a [“Peaceable Assembly Zone”](#) for “politically homeless” people – especially former Republicans. The Plaza was the main site of the 2011 Minneapolis Occupy movement. In addition to his school bus driver-driven expertise, bobagain has an MBA from the U. of M. Carlson school – and has been writing extensively on transit issues for a decade.



The video lecture will include a review of “utopian” ideas about society generally, and designed urban environments, including in one case the integration of housing and transportation elements, from the Progressive Era forward. Two examples will be based on plans and events hatched in Minnesota. “Part of my goal is to consider how what were originally presented as radical and socialist ideas of Upton Sinclair and others have both come to be seen as more mainstream, and became influential in both shaping the New Deal, and in a view of how many major social institutions in the United States have become co-opted in various ways by powerful economic interests. I’ll also examine how the same kind of process Sinclair described can also be cast as a framework for viewing the same institutions today by both Republicans and former President Trump’s base,” bobagain said. During Sinclair’s heyday there was a continuing dialogue between him and Republicans, including both President Teddy Roosevelt and Wisconsin’s Senator Robert LaFollette. “I think there is a real basis for continuing such a dialogue between Republicans and today’s socialists – there is more possible common ground than both may realize,” bobagain said, pointing to the fact that many people have supported both Socialist Senator Bernie Sanders and President Donald Trump. “Although I challenge the idea that Trump should even be considered a Republican, the overlap among supporters is thought-provoking,” bobagain said. The lecture will also mark the beginning of a segue from bobagain’s campaign for Mayor to his campaign for Governor.

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