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Subject: Regarding the Orton Park Festival

Dear Parks Board Commissioners,

I have lived on the 1100 block of Spaight St. for almost 20 years.

I am writing to request that you do not approve the Orton Park Festival permit as written. I spoke directly to you at a meeting last year voicing my concerns. It runs for too many days, is too loud and draws too many people which has a negative impact on the park and neighbors.

*I have worked as a volunteer setting up and cleaning up, supplied electricity, storage space for Raffle items that Bob Queen brought and left on my front porch, had the ice machine and refrigerated meat truck parked in my driveway and made and delivered hot coffee to late arriving, cold performers. I tell you this so that you may have some idea of my committment to this event as a **NEIGHBORHOOD** festival.*

*There were many complaints made last year and meetings held to address complaints about the event becoming **too big for Orton Park**. The sound level and amount of alcohol consumption by people drawn to the festival due to the presence of international bands has made our **NEIGHBORHOOD** festival something unrecognizable to me. Most of the people are unrecognizable as well.*

Three different meetings were held with Parks personnel present. One of those meetings was supposedly to look at what changes could be made and what compromises might be reached. When reading the application permit I see that it is an exact copy of last year's. The only change I see made is the number of expected participants from 999 scratched out and a low ball estimate of 3,000 written in.

*I find the 'recommend approval' comment listed on the agenda for the 2/13/13 Parks meeting to be insulting to those of us who worked long and hard and **expected the Parks Department to follow their own guide lines for what type of park is appropriate for an event of this size and scope.***

*Orton Park is not recommended as suitable for **this** event in the Parks Department website. Why not move it to a more appropriate location still in the neighborhood such as Central Park?*

*Feel free to come and sit on the front porch of my home anytime during the event- with 110 decibels of sound allowed you will be able to leave when your ears are ringing and you are exhausted- **I live here but I won't be home.***

*Feel free to come and look at the Park the week prior to the Festival and then return and see for yourselves the impact it has on Madison oldest park. **I will be in the park picking up cigarette butts.***

Sincerely,

*Tracie Tudor
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*You don't stop laughing because you grow old.
You grow old because you stop laughing.*