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**Subject:** Request to Be on Meeting Agenda for Common Council Meeting on October 7th

Dear Clerk:

We are writing to request to be on the agenda for the October 7<sup>th</sup> City Common Council meeting.

We are a group of neighbors residing on Bluffpoint Drive (which is on the northwest side of the Door Creek Park) along with our Neighborhood Association. We would like to speak in opposition of only a proposed portion of the ski path as approved by the Parks Commission at its September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. We don't believe that the Parks Commission listened to or understood the expert that our group hired who disagrees with the City's Arborist about the health of the old oak trees on private and public property and the likelihood of damage by construction, maintenance and use of the path to these trees. We also believe that the cost to the taxpayers of this portion of the path due to the care needed to be taken not to harm the trees is not worth the benefit of this "unnecessary" portion of the path as there are many other path trails in the park. There will also be considerable cost to the taxpayers for screening, hedges, and landscaping for this portion of the path as it is adjacent to a fence line and the path's proximity to our lot lines. These costs will be necessary to protect the aesthetics of the path for the skiers as well as their privacy and the privacy of the homeowners along this portion of the path. We also believe it is not equitable for the homeowners to bear the costs of hedges, screening, and landscaping along portions of the path because of the proximity of the path to the fence line.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience of your receipt of this request along with your approval of our request and the logistics of our presenting and speaking at the meeting. Please note that none of us has spoken or presented at a Common Council meeting before. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Steven A. Pullara, CPA

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