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Subject: Board of Park Commissioners

To Board of Park commissioners:

I realize that the Reebok/Crossfit applications have already been worked out with city staff and are therefor just a rubber stamp. I would like the Board to know that many people, including me, do not like our parks and public lands being usurped for tourism and special events. The parks are supported with our tax dollars and should be available for public use. I don't think the special events (including the awful Shake the Lake) at Olin should ever be allowed to close down the boat ramps. People pay extra fees for boat launch permits, then some "special" people (always those who like crowds and noise) think they should be able to shut them down for their own convenience. The lakes are some of the city's best assets - why are we letting a small proportion of the population take them away from public use? Some people like to go to live band concerts, crowded festivals, mob runs, etc. Some people just want to enjoy peace and quiet in their own homes and yards and don't want to be forced to hear it. Some people believe that bringing in room tax dollars and trickle down economy benefit the city, but really they only benefit the owners downtown. The room tax system is a classic positive feedback loop. At some point the city needs to say enough is enough. IMHO we are way past that point already. The south side, because of the AEC, takes a lot of the brunt of these events, but see very little benefit. Our quality of life is being adversely affected more and more by AEC and it is time for the city to just say no.

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Comments on item #16 (52324).

I am opposed to amplified sound for 6 days/38.5 hours at Brittingham park. On Movie night - wont there be amplified sound at the Fitbarga until 10:30 pm? This should be included in the amplified sound application. Has anyone asked the residents around Monona Bay and Lake Monona if they want to listen to live music they can't get away from for two summer weekends? As everyone knows, sound carries over water, so any amplified sound will affect a large population not attending this festival. Subjecting the neighborhoods to loud music for 2 weekends in a row on top of all the other hassle that Reebok/Crossfit causes to the south side is just adding insult to injury. Brittingham boats rents silent sport equipment - why do they need to be loud? If amplification is approved, please no more than a PA1 level and not past 7 pm. Please ensure that the speakers are pointed inland. I would like to see the city create another PA level with even lower decibels for any amplified event on the shores. The current decibel distances do not account for sound over water.

Comments on item #17 (52326)

I am opposed to closing Madison's only public pool on a hot summer day for use by the Crossfit games. How many additional hours/days will the pool be closed for the city to remove and replace the diving boards, starting blocks and seating? Will the money the city is being paid be used to make the pool available for more people more of the time or will the money just be used to offset all the costs of hosting this commercial event?

Related- how will the city keep the pool available to city residents during Crossfit? How will the city prevent Crossfit participants and spectators from monopolizing the Goodman parking lots and Wingra Creek Pkwy? Note - the pool is not the only recreational facility being closed by Crossfit. The Quann dog park will be closed and the Quann tennis courts will be effectively closed when they lose access via Quann-Olin Pkwy and the Quann parking lot. Crossfit has also applied to close the Wingra Creek and Quann bike paths and the Olin boat launch for 5 days. The city shows it's disdain for it's own citizens by catering to commercial events like Crossfit. I'd prefer Crossfit never comes to Madison again.

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Subject: [Bay Creek] CrossFit Games use of the Goodman Pool

To: Board of Park Commissioners

Re: Agenda Item 17 Use of the Goodman Pool in support of the CrossFit Games

I would like to know when and how do you plan to inform children and their parents that a group of spoiled adults will be playing all day in Madison's only public swimming pool on Wednesday August 1 and they don't want to share the pool with any children or their parents?

Maybe there should be a sign at the entrance that says - Sorry, the pool will be closed today because some wealthy event promoters want their event participants to play in the clean pool water instead of scuzzy Lake Monona. All you parents and children can go over to the Olin Park beach or Bernie's beach and play in the blue-green algae laden water over there for the day. Just remember to take a shower as soon as you get home so you don't get sick"

I think this will set a bad precedent for the future. Next year the CrossFit Games will want to take over the Goodman Pool for two or three days. You are already closing off the Quann dog park for weeks at a time each summer. Also, part of the Wingra Creek ped/bike trail will be closed to the public for CrossFit races; and the Olin boat launch will be closed most of each day for a number of days for the CrossFit Games. The boat launch was already closed for a number of days for the Rhythm and Booms and will be again for the Great Taste of the Midwest. Each year there are more and more instances of these public parklands and nearby ped/bike trails being closed off for private use. This is really getting out of hand.

Please reject this proposal for CrossFit Games to take over Madison's only public swimming pool. The swimming pool should be packed with happy kids every day and has been every day so far this summer due to the hot weather we have been experiencing. What do you propose all these children and their parents are supposed to do on August 1 if they can't go cool off at the pool?

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