

PUBLIC INPUT ON PONTOON PORCH REQUEST (30470) AT THE BPC 6/12/13

From: Balles, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 1:09 PM
To: Dexheimer, Jim; Briski, Kevin
Subject: RE: pontoon porch recommendation

Kevin,

I am going to echo Jim's sentiments as well. More broadly speaking, I do not believe it is good public policy to commercialize areas designated as "public spaces." The guardians of Olin Park are the commissioners of the Madison Parks District. Designating public water fronts, beaches, boat launches or other designated recreational area for ongoing commercial interests is not consistent to the intended designations or uses of these public spaces.

Lastly, in keeping with Jim's message, this particular business would bring in clients (customers) who would be competing with other boat launch users at a landing site that already experiences a tremendous amount of activity given the urban environment. Lake Monona draws boaters and other recreational users from points far outside of Dane County. While the lake, per se, can handle some commercial interests, basing this operation out of Olin Park is simply not a good idea.

Please let me know if you have further questions, Kevin...

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From: Brendan O'Donnell
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 2:22 PM
To: Briski, Kevin
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Subject: Pontoon Porch Request for Olin Park pier usage

Greetings:

This email is to register my opposition to item # 30470 "Pontoon Porch Request for Olin Park pier usage" on the 12 June 2013 Board of Park Commissioners agenda.

This does not jibe with the goal of "*Play Madison Parks*". It is a booze cruise proposal and will not serve Madison Parks or the citizens of Madison well.

Thank you very much.

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