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Subject: Support for Brittingham Boats proposal

To the Board of Parks Commissioners:

I support the lease for Brittingham Boats at the Brittingham beach house. I hope you will approve it.

Brittingham Boats will provide another positive use of Brittingham Park. It will get people out on our lakes. The lessee has already greatly improved the beach house, which was in terrible condition after many years standing vacant. And the owners of the business have done a great job of running two other locations on Lake Wingra.

We had a neighborhood meeting about this on May 2 at the beach house. The meeting was well attended. Most neighbors favored the proposal.

Those who objected were concerned about conflicts between speed boats and the quiet water boats that will be offered for rent by Brittingham Boats. I respect their concerns. However, cars and bikes, too, have to share the roads. I believe this can be done safely. The lakes belong to all of us.

I apologize for not sending postcard announcements to the neighbors on South Shore and West Shore Drives. I made this mistake because I thought of the proposal as a parks use, and I just didn't think of the use of the water. However, Brittingham Boats has made presentations to the neighborhood associations around the Bay. I sent more than one email to all the neighborhood email lists in District 13, including Bay Creek and Monona Bay, and my own city email list. Plus, there was a front page story in the State Journal about the proposal. Many neighbors attended the neighborhood meeting and gave a broad range of opinions.

Again, I urge your support for this proposal.

Thank you.

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