

From: Sally Gallagher
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 7:54 PM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: I Support the Brittingham Park Boat Rental

Dear Mr. Knepp,

I am contacting you regarding the upcoming Parks Commission vote on the use of the Brittingham Park Beach-house as a non-motorized boat rental and concession. As a neighbor of Brittingham Park and a canoe user myself, I am very excited about the possibility of the proposed beach-house use and the increase in non-motorized boat use of Monona Bay. I am always nervous recreating (canoeing or swimming) in Monona Bay due to the use of motorized boats and water skiers zipping around the small waterbody of the Bay. The motorized boat users are often un-safe and not considerate of other forms of boating and recreating. While I welcome all forms of recreating on Monona Bay, I strongly believe that the Bay should be available and safe for all neighbors and visitors of Monona Bay, no matter if they are in motorized or non-motorized boats. I urge you to support the approval of the Brittingham Park Beach-house to be used for the boat rental and concession business.

I appreciate your time and effort. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about this email or my use of Brittingham Park and Monona Bay.

Sincerely,
Sally Gallagher Jarosz
Rodney Court/Madison, WI

From: Matthew Jarosz
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 8:06 PM
To: Knepp, Eric; sue@sueellingson.com
Subject: I support Brittingham Boats

Hello,

As a resident of the Brittingham neighborhood I am contacting you to express my hardy support for the use of the Brittingham Boat House by Brittingham Boats. Currently, Monona Bay is mostly available to those with docks on the Bay. I believe this business will encourage public use of the bay and enrich our neighborhood. I urge you and the Parks Commission to support Brittingham Boats.

Thank you for your time,
Matthew Jarosz
Rodney Ct

From: Jody Lynn Trochlell Derr
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 9:40 PM
To: Ellingson, Susan; Briski, Kevin; Pedretti, Christopher; Knepp, Eric
Subject: RE: Wingra Boats

May 6, 2013

Dear Alders and City of Madison Representatives:

I attended the public hearing Thursday night (5/2/13) regarding Wingra Boats proposed business at Brittingham Beach. Upon arriving to the beach house I saw many watercraft and furniture items had already been moved on premise. A platform deck was already in-process of being built. And at this meeting, I learned that Wingra Boats is proposing to start their business with 67 watercraft rentals in the bay (a combination of kayaks, paddleboats, motorized pontoon boats (3), stand-up paddle boards, and I believe they said rowboats too). In their words, they 'hope to be able to expand' from there.

According to Dane County Community Planning and Analysis Division (2004), Monona Bay is a 187-acre water body (on the western edge of the neighboring 3,300-acre Lake Monona). The 'triangles' are included into the estimated size of Monona Bay. The north triangle is 14 acres and has two openings to the lake and one to the bay. The south triangle is 13 acres and has two openings to the rest of the bay and one to the lake. Thus making the size of the main body of water herein called 'Monona Bay' approximately 160-acres. Monona Bay has mixed use of watercraft currently (by residents of the bay and traffic coming into the bay from Lake Monona). Currently Monona Bay also has a 200' slow no-wake zone to the shoreline (further reducing the navigable water area available for motorized watercraft).

As residents at 833 South Shore Drive my husband and I are home owners with riparian rights on Monona Bay. We have a number of concerns regarding this proposed business and we are opposed to this proposed business plan (as-is).

CONCERNS:

- 1) We feel there was a lack of due process to involve ALL residents of Monona Bay on the use of the boathouse. As a resident on South Shore Drive, we were not contacted (confirmed by multiple neighbors on both South Shore and West Shore Drives).
- 2) We feel there has not been any consideration to the approach of conditional use for the water for mixed use to ensure that ALL rights are Respected.

Wingra Boats currently has a place of business at Lake Wingra (a slow no-wake body of water). When asked if they ever are at full capacity at Lake Wingra, the answer was 'yes, especially on holidays'. Comparisons of this business on Lake Wingra have been made to that of how the business 'will be run' in Monona Bay (which again is NOT a slow no-wake body of water). Especially on holiday weekends, Monona Bay has its own residents using their own watercraft such as canoes, kayaks, stand up paddle boards as well as motorized boats pulling skiers, families pulling their children on floatables behind their boat, and many boats with people fishing.

Additional watercraft traffic comes into Monona Bay from Lake Monona. While we believe a business would have positive implications on the area, there has been NO consideration given to the number of rentals and how this will affect those homeowners with riparian rights on the bay. This business may effectively shut down a property owner's ability to navigate in the bay for mixed use.

As it is the NUMBER of rental watercraft in which Wingra Boats is proposing that of most concern (based on the size of Monona Bay), we suggest the following.

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS:

- 1) Limit the number of watercraft rentals of this business to be appropriate for the size of Monona Bay or consider an alternate site for this business that would allow for this volume of watercraft rentals (ex: Olin site on 3,300 acre Lake Monona or utilize another slow no-wake (motorized watercraft restricted) body of water such as Mud Lake).
- 2) (Currently motorized watercraft making a wake within the bay are restricted to the area outside of the 200' to shore) Require the conditional use of non-motorized watercraft limited to within 200 feet from shore. Additionally, for group programs such as the proposed teaching clinics for non-motorized watercraft, it is suggested that the business utilize the already no-wake area of the North triangle (14 acre waterway between Monona Bay and Lake Monona).

We have lived on the bay for 6 years and we purchased our home on the bay with the intent of raising a family, towing them behind our boat, teaching them how to waterski... just as we ourselves learned when we were 4 and 5 years old. We also embrace silent sports and own non-motorized watercraft. We are disheartened to learn about this proposed business seemingly after it is a 'done-deal' which affects our home. We ask that you reconsider the aspect of the rental watercraft in this business proposal. There should be considerations made that will insure all rights are respected for mixed use of the water (as it exists today) or a more suitable site location should be chosen that can handle these kind of numbers.

Sincerely,

Jody & Nicholas Derr
South Shore Drive
Madison, WI 53715

CC: Alder Sue Ellingson
Kevin Briski
Chris Pedretti
Eric Knepp

From: Peter Taglia
To: Sue Ellingson <sue@sueellingson.com>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2013 11:05 AM
Subject: Waterskiers and current safety conditions in Monona Bay

Hi Sue,

Thanks for organizing last night's meeting. I think it went pretty well.

I wanted to share with you a bit more about my concern that the existing status quo with respect to safety and the law in Monona Bay has not been positive. Some of the ski boat owners on Monona Bay have been flagrantly violating the law and disrupting peaceful use of the park and Monona Bay by many neighbors and residents fishing, swimming and kayaking. I have extensive documentation of this problem going back many years. A small number of these skiers (who also happen to be the most frequent water skiers in

Monona Bay) frequently buzz the shoreline and disturb people fishing and swimming. I have also reported these same skiers ignoring other users of the Bay in non-motorized watercraft including my children in their kayaks.

The two attached photos may be of particular interest to you because they show one of the skiers who expressed concern last night about safety in Monona Bay. The first photo is of the neighbor and his ski boat. The second photo is of his boat towing a skier who is about to ski AROUND the "Slow No Wake" bouy (the boat is turning and the skier swung around toward the shoreline a second after I snapped the photo). It is obviously violating both the bouy and the 200-foot rule. A number of neighbors submitted complaints with me about this incident to Deputy Mica Weber at the Dane County Sheriff's office, beginning in 2007.

Regards,
Pete
Peter Taglia

Environmental Geologist
West Brittingham Place
Madison, WI 53715

(see also the following two pictures)



From: Amanda Mott
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 2:16 PM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Good Afternoon Erik,

My name is Amanda Mott and I live at W. Brittingham Pl., directly across the street from the proposed Brittingham Boats location. I attended the informational meeting last night discussing the project and want to express that I am in full support of the proposed business model. I think it is a very productive and positive use of public space. I very much look forward to sunrise yoga and coffee, learning to stand up paddleboard and constructive use of the building that has not been utilized for the past several years. I am thrilled that more Madison and non-Madison residents will be able to enjoy the beautiful park and bay that I get to enjoy every day whether I am looking out the windows of my house, sitting on my front porch or going for a swim on a hot summer day.

Thank you for your time,
Amanda Mott

From: Carrie Nemke
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2013 9:21 AM
To: Parks

Subject: Brittingham Boats

Hello,

Our family lives in the Bay Creek neighborhood and has been a member of Wingra Boats for the last 3 summers. Our son attends Wingra Camps at least half of the weeks during the summer! Tyler, Debi and the entire crew of Wingra Boats do a wonderful job of engaging families and kids in great summer activities.

We fully support Wingra Boats expansion to Monona Bay and Brittingham Boats. This is a very underutilized area and we believe that Wingra Boats will help make this another wonderful summer destination for families, students, and children.

Thank you,
Brett, Carrie & Jake Nemke

From: Merle Bailey
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 8:34 AM
To: Briski, Kevin
Subject: Tyler Leeper about his proposed boat rental business for Monona Bay

Hello Mr. Briski,

We live in the Bay Creek Neighborhood, 1/2 block from Monona Bay and use it for paddling, rowing and access to the larger lakes. I've been following Tyler Leeper's business on Lake Wingra for years, where they make a great contribution to public access to water borne recreation in our community.

I am writing to express my support for his proposal to offer similar services on Monona Bay at Brittingham Park. I for one have a difficult time understanding objections to this proposal. I suggest anyone with concerns visit his site on lake Wingra to get a better idea of just what he is suggesting for our Monona Bay.

Sincerely,

Merle Bailey
Gilson St
Madison, WI 53715

From: Sarah Williams
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 8:13 AM
To: Briski, Kevin
Cc: sue@sueellingson.com
Subject: Wingra Boats proposal - SUPPORT

Hi Kevin,

I am writing in strong support of the proposal to allow Wingra Boats to set up a kayak and canoe rental operation with café at Brittingham Beach. I own a home on Proudfit Street, about half a block away from the beach. I also work at Midwest Environmental Advocates, which is located about two blocks away, near other environmental organizations that would likely be interested in using the services of Wingra Boats. I own a kayak, and currently use the beach quite often. I think it would be great for Wingra Boats to be there to attract more people to the park for recreation. I also help out periodically with the cleanups at Brittingham organized by Nina Emerson, and I think having a business there would increase interest in protecting the natural beauty of the park. Over the years I have seen the success of the city's efforts to make the park safer. Improving the look and making use of the Brittingham beach boathouse would do a lot in that regard.

I know I speak for a lot of people who have been excited about this proposal and what it can do for the park and the neighborhood. Please allow Wingra Boats permission to take the park forward!

Thanks,
Sarah

P.s. Sue – Thank you for all your work over the years to improve the park and the neighborhood, it is much appreciated!

From: Douthitt
Date: 05/07/2013 10:10 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Wingra Boats <wingraboats@gmail.com>
Subject: Support for Brittingham Boats

I live at s. brittingham pl. just [number] houses away from the beach. I support without reservation, the Brittingham Boat proposal. When I moved in the neighborhood nearly 30 years ago, our park was vibrant with activity. It has been heart breaking to watch the deterioration of the park over the years.

We are finally seeing a turn around at the shelter house, with the city rec sports scheduling teams at that end of the park. it is great to see that end of the park teeming with activity. The beach house has been much slower to revive. Things got so low that we witnessed a dead man be removed from the change room after a drug overdose. The city long ago pulled life guard service from the beach.

I have hoped that if the city were unable to reopen the beach, that they would lease the space to a private vendor. This proposal seems like a dream come true. It offers great promise to re enliven the beach area and the bay itself. Right now the bay is used by very few boaters. Most of those are private land owners who live on the bay. Because boat traffic is so meager, there is little law enforcement on the water, and we watch boats constantly coming too close to the shore, driving too fast causing shore erosion. It is not uncommon to see fishing boats as well as those fishing on the edge of the bay be sprayed by water skiers.

I use to go out on the edge of the water on a blow up mattress, and after nearly being intentionally swamped by boaters, I no longer venture in the water. I am very excited to see brittingham beach house be one of the most popular parks in the city as it was during the 60's and 70's.

Please support the brittingham boat proposal! And Save our park!!

Thank you.
Robin A. Douthitt

From: Jerrold Robaidek
Date: 05/07/2013 10:09 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Beach house proposal support

Dear Mr Briski,

I am writing to enthusiastically support the proposed use of the Brittingham Boat house structure in Brittingham Park by Wingra Boats. We think the plans are a perfect fit for the Park and Monona Bay, and enhances the safety of the park.

My family has lived on Monona Bay and next to Brittingham Park the last 4 years (we live on the block of West Shore Dr). My wife, myself, and our 2 and 4 year olds are frequent users of Brittingham Park and we think that the Madison Parks Department does a spectacular job, and applaud their efforts to keep our city parks family friendly and safe. We support the boat house proposal for several reasons:

1. Presence of the employees and patrons of the boat facility will increase the number of "eyes" on the park. More activity and positive use of the city parks have been shown to discourage misuse of the facilities. While the Park Rangers and employees do a great job, we believe keeping our parks safe are all of our responsibility.
2. In the next couple of years, three large apartment buildings will be opening. Whether Wingra Boats is there or not, the number of canoeists and kayakers will be on the increase in the bay. Having a group like Wingra boats educating their customers on the safe use of boats and use of the bay, will enhance the safety of the bay.
3. Members of our family have used the bay for both jet skis and canoes. We think the bay is big enough for everyone to get along safely if boating laws are followed. We also look forward to exploring the different boating options that Wingra Boats. (like kayaks, canoes and paddle boards.)
4. The gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches sound awesome!

I encourage you to approve the Wingra Boats proposal. We look forward to the Bay being safely shared by many more of the citizens of the city, not just those of us fortunate enough to live on the Bay. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,
Jerrold Robaidek
SSEC Data Center

Email:
Phone:

From: Connor W Mckenzie
Date: 05/07/2013 9:57 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

I am a city of Madison resident and I am not going to be able to show my support for Brittingham Boats in person tomorrow night. I just wanted to stay it is a great opportunity for more of the community to be able to enjoy Madison's incredible outdoor experience. It opens up more accessibility for residents that are not connected to the university to also enjoy our fantastic lakes.
Thank you for your time,
Connor Mckenzie

From: C McCallum
Date: 05/07/2013 10:25 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: 'Wingra Boats' <wingraboats@gmail.com>
Subject: support for non-motorized rentals in Monona Bay

Hi,
I really welcome the plan that Tyler is bringing to Monona Bay for canoe and kayak rentals except I really oppose motorized rentals on the bay. The bay isn't large enough to support motorized rental. If the intent for the motorized rentals is to launch from the Bay and go to Lake Monona then I oppose that even more. We don't need more motorized traffic through the triangle, in front of the boat house which is used by crews and people fishing.
Sincerely,

Cynthia McCallum
S. Shore Dr.

From: "Foulker, Alicia"
Date: 05/08/2013 7:57 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Hello,

I fully support Brittingham Boats and believe this idea would be a great addition to the community's summer events and opportunities to utilize our great lakes and parks.

Thank you,

From: "Bearson, Michael"
Date: 05/08/2013 7:55 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

I support Brittingham Boats and think that it would be a great addition to the Madison area. We need more places like this in Madison!

From: Peter Taglia
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 11:36 PM
To: Knepp, Eric; Briski, Kevin
Cc: Sue Ellingson
Subject: Why I support the Brittingham Boats proposal

Greetings Eric, Kevin and Commissioners of Madison's Parks:

I wasn't expecting to weigh in again with you all again so soon after the most recent disagreement about different visions for Brittingham Park, but these things happen. As our neighborhood moves forward we face yet another decision that will be welcomed by some and found offensive by others. As I mentioned during the previous difficult decision before you, I love our parks. Whatever differences I may have with any of you or my neighbors, I care deeply about Brittingham Park and I have put my blood, sweat and tears into this common space. I know that you all want the best for the parks as well. I want to share with you my reasons for supporting the Brittingham Boats proposal and some relevant history about this public space across the street from my house.

The beach house at 701 W. Brittingham Place has been an attractive nuisance since I moved in across the street with my young family. I have worked hard with my neighbors to clean the building, plant flowers around it, improve the appearance of the boat racks and pick up trash. Lots of trash. Beginning with the tragic death of an alcoholic homeless man (who was also a registered sex offender) in the beach house a decade ago we have searched for a long-term solution to that building. We have worked with many different people at Parks to specifically find a positive use for the beach house. We worked with former Superintendent Jim Morgan, former beach manager Fritz Kronke, former architect Sy Widstrand, former West Parks supervisor Bill Schott and many others over the years to find a concession and deal with the disuse and abuse of that building. We had a couple of interested businesses but we were unable to get a business to commit. Now we have new faces in the Parks Department who have learned of our long efforts to revitalize Brittingham Park and we have finally found an enthusiastic and experienced local business who wants to start Brittingham Boats. I could not be more pleased!

It would be too easy to simply view the proposal for Brittingham Boats as another concession providing a useful service to residents. That would be positive, but that is not why I am truly enthusiastic to encourage you to approve this proposal. The Brittingham Boats proposal will transform a run-down beach house and difficult-to-monitor part of the Park into a place safe and inviting for all. I have tried to watch over the park myself and tried many different ways to encourage the positive use of the beach area. Unfortunately, we face many challenges due to our proximity to downtown and the trials of a growing city. The beach house has been used for anonymous sex, problem drinking, drug abuse and even defecation over the years and I have found myself removing the detritus of this abuse with my shovel far too many times. It is an embarrassment when young families want to picnic at a beautiful location and there is no running water or clean bathrooms. I have confronted people abusing Brittingham Park and been assaulted. I have cleaned the bathrooms myself and tried to make them available to families on major summer weekends, with only mixed success because it is difficult to monitor the doors to the beach house bathrooms when they face away from the public areas. We have had beautiful weekends when I was able to open the bathrooms and enjoy the sight of big family reunions and diverse groups enjoying the park. These times give me hope, but it is very hard to maintain the building as a volunteer and also take care of my own business and house.

Two years ago the beach was the site of an experimental water filtration system. Neighbors worked hard to keep the area looking nice and I was walking to the area to water the fresh grass seed when I saw a man who had driven onto the freshly-planted area by the beach. He was assembling a Zodiac-style inflatable boat that had a 25 horsepower motor and he was planning to launch it from the beach. He was oblivious to rules, regulation and common decency, and his boat threatened the expensive rubber curtain system and public investment. When I approached him, he became hostile and threatened me. I called the police and the man was ticketed. Unfortunately, he began to stalk me at my house and threaten me and my family. Two tires of our car were slashed and I was forced to get a restraining order against him. This was one of the worst experiences of owning a house adjacent to Brittingham Park and it shook me deeply. It was also a result of this part of the Park having too few positive uses, too many hiding places and the appearance of a rundown public facility that is ignored by the neighbors.

I wanted to share with you this history of the beach house because the Brittingham Boat proposal is the perfect antidote to what has ailed this part of Brittingham Park. Having people, clean bathrooms and eyes on this part of the park will transform this area from a challenge to an asset. We have a precedence for the transformation I see in the Brittingham Boats proposal. Steve Schaefer and his colleagues at Camp Randall Rowing Club has done a similar transformation to the boat house off of North Shore Drive. When I first moved into the neighborhood that building was also run down and an attractive nuisance. Now it is an asset to the Park and to the neighborhood. My daughter rows there, but the benefits to the community extend beyond the direct users of the rowing facilities. People fish from the docks when the rowers aren't using them and everyone benefits from the positive activity and safety provided by the presence of Steve, Russ and all the volunteers at Camp Randall Rowing Club. I see the same energy and possibility from Tyler and Stephan with the Brittingham Boats proposal. I see many of the new residents of the new apartment buildings eager to enjoy the waters that can be viewed from the panoramic windows of their multimillion dollar buildings. I see the long-term residents of the older apartments and modest homes in the neighborhood who enjoy fishing able to navigate a cleaner shoreline and one that isn't strewn with the abuse of the previous night. I see children from local schools learning about our precious water resources through educational programs led from Brittingham Boats. And most of all I see a place where ANYONE can use the most basic facilities we all need many times a day: clean bathrooms.

I am disappointed that a small minority of waterskiers are opposed to the Brittingham Boats proposal. I believe my alder shared with you the problems some of the waterskiers have brought to different users of Brittingham Park, and the photographic evidence of skiers abusing the law. The Brittingham Boats proposal *could* be seen as a business interest versus the interest of residents. But that would ignore the targeted customers of this business: residents and neighbors. It would also miss the tremendous benefits that a revitalized beach house will provide to all users of the Park, and the deterrent to all who would abuse the Park. Waterskiers will continue to be

able to use Monona Bay, but it is true that with more residents fishing, boating and swimming in this revitalized area there may be less open water for skiing. Water skiers may have to motor out to the main part of Lake Monona more frequently or use the existing water ski slalom course by John Nolen Drive instead of the water in front of Brittingham Park. But public parks are meant for multiple users, and the Madison Parks mission is to provide parks "which will enhance the quality of life for everyone." The Brittingham Boats proposal is consistent with that mission and will make an important contribution to the quality of life for residents and neighbors of Brittingham Park.

Thank you for your consideration, and thank you for your service to the common spaces we all love.

Sincerely,
Peter Taglia

Environmental Geologist
West Brittingham Place
Madison, WI 53715

From: Robyn Reed On Behalf Of Robyn Reed
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 11:22 PM
To: Pedretti, Christopher
Cc: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Brittingham Beach

To whom it may concern,

It has been brought to my attention that there is a "noncompliant" pier being constructed on Brittingham Beach. I have also learned that this pier is intended as a profitable company that will increase the traffic on the bay. As, I live on Monona Bay, I am against this. I did not receive proper notice regarding a private company renting at Brittingham Beach. More information needs to be discussed and publicized before any action should be taken or voted upon. From my understanding the meeting for this issue is tomorrow 5/8/13 and without any notice, I am not able to attend. Therefore, I would like for you to document in your meeting tomorrow that I am against this. The lack of effort to inform the public especially those whom it will effect most (the Monona Bay Residents) is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

Nick & Robyn Lowenberg

South Shore Dr.
Madison, WI 53715

From: Michal Watson
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 10:16 PM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Erik,

My name is Michal . I live on West Main Street very near the Brittingham Park. I have been enjoying all the park has to offer including volleyball, frisbee, and walking/biking trails. Although the park has much to offer, I have never had the opportunity to access the bay in my canoe.

A few months ago, I read an article advertising the possibility of a boat/kayak rental business being established in the park. I am very excited about this idea and support it's existence.

I heard today that there may be some opposition to this plan. I would enjoy the opportunity to have access to the water that is so close to my home. I feel that that the increase of non-motorized use of the bay will only improve the reputation of the park and add to its many uses.

From: Samantha Prust
Date: 05/07/2013 9:49 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Dear Mr. Briski,

I am writing to you tonight to voice my support for the opening of the Brittingham Boats boathouse at Brittingham Park. I believe Brittingham Boats provides the city of Madison with an excellent opportunity to take advantage of a park that is not being utilized to its full potential and to increase public access to Madison's lakes. It would be fantastic to see the boathouse open this summer, so that Madison residents looking to visit the park could spend their summer on the water.

Thank you for your time!
Samantha Prust

From: Lisie Kitchel
Date: 05/07/2013 9:47 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats - SUPPORT

We are VERY MUCH in favor of permitting the Boat Rentals at Brittingham, for many reasons;

- 1) This is a great use of the facility
- 2) This will encourage positive use of the Park and get more neighbors and Madison residents involved in using and appreciating Monona Bay
- 3) This will offer something not available in our neighborhood or on Monona Bay
- 4) This will encourage folks to get out and get on and appreciate the Lakes of Madison - a mayor's objective!
- 5) Potential conflicts of users and safety issues can be resolved by working with all parties involved, we ALL should be able to use Monona Bay and the Lakes, let's make this happen!
- 6) Let's expand what Brittingham Park has to offer to the neighborhood and ALL the residents of Madison!

We feel strongly that Brittingham Boats should be permitted - let us have this opportunity!

Lisie Kitchel; Matt Lohmann; Anna Lohmann; Charles Lohmann

From: Tom Neujahr
Date: 05/07/2013 7:30 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Mark" <district19@cityofmadison.com>, "Verveer, Mike" <district4@cityofmadison.com>, "Ellingson, Susan" <district13@cityofmadison.com>, Steve Schaefer, "Monks, Anne"
Subject: Urging support for the proposal of Tyler Leeper to bring Brittingham Boats to Brittingham Park

Dear Mr. Briski,

I am writing to urge that the City of Madison Board of Park Commissioners vote to allow Tyler Leeper and Stephan Reinke to bring a seasonal boat rental operation and café to Brittingham Park.

I have a great admiration for the way Steve Schaefer and the Camp Randall Rowing Club worked with the City of Madison to restore the historic boathouse on Monona Bay and energize it with a rowing club that has been an important formative influence on many young Madisonians. After a tour of that facility last fall, Steve and I walked across the railroad tracks to the Beach House in Brittingham Park, which has fallen into disuse. Steve was hoping that it could be revived to complement the historic boathouse that his group had helped save. It happened that as we were there we met Stephan Reinke, who was inspecting the Beach House with the hope of starting a seasonal boat rental operation there, just as he and Tyler have done on Lake Wingra. Steve and I came away from meeting Stephan very excited by the prospect. Tyler and Stephan are interested in this as a way to help build and enrich our community and give it access to another Madison lake.

My selfish interest is that Urban Land Interests adaptively reused the historic tobacco warehouses across the street as 61 apartments. We have another 117 apartments under construction across the street in our SEVEN27 project, a beautifully designed building that will open this fall. Lance McGrath, Joe Krupp, Bob Keller and others have also been creating nice condominium and rental dwelling units in the immediate neighborhood. What Tyler and Stephan propose will give this growing community a place to rent canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, rowboats and paddle boards. Their community contribution will be more than just boat rental. Their café in the Beach House will serve coffee, grilled cheese sandwiches and Babcock ice cream. They are thinking of offering yoga classes and art classes as well. I think this will be a terrific seasonal amenity for our residents, for other residents of the neighborhood and for residents of the entire city. It provides a way to enjoy the lake, the park and each other.

I hope you will support the initiative of Tyler and Stephan.

Sincerely,

Tom Neujahr, Urban Land Interests

From:
Date: 05/07/2013 7:37 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Mr. Briski,

I understand that tomorrow the City of Madison Parks Commission will be voting on whether or not to allow Brittingham Boats to open on Lake Monona in Brittingham Park. I have been following the progress and the media coverage of this project and believe it will be a very positive addition to Madison's outdoor recreational life. I grew up in Madison and have enjoyed all of the outdoor activities the city has to offer and would encourage you to move this project forward. I foresee this being a remarkable opportunity for Madisonians of all ages to embrace and enjoy.

Best,
Niels J.

From: Tinley Tsezom
Date: 05/07/2013 7:37 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats YES YES YES!!!

Hello,

My name is Tinley Kindy. I have lived in Madison, WI since I was seven years old. Now I am twenty six years of age with two children of my own. Summers in this beautiful, creative, progressive city is the heart of years excitement. Please allow Brittingham Boats to run this summer. Open a new avenue for families and individuals to enjoy this wonderful city and all it has to offer. How could it not benefit the community? That is the true debate. I know you will make the decision to enhance this city. So thank you in advance.

Tinley Kindy

From: Karen Moncher <klm@medicine.wisc.edu>
Date: 05/07/2013 7:39 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: In support

Dear Mr. Briski,

I am writing in support of the Brittingham Boats project, which would not only benefit those of us fortunate enough to be in the neighborhood, but would be part of an ongoing work toward revitalizing the Park Street corridor--and beyond. Mr. Leeper has already proven to be an important part of the Madison Community, as evidenced by the amazing work done in the Wingra and Vilas neighborhoods and his boat works there. As a mother of 2 toddlers, this could not be a better option for an old broken building (and the once beautiful area that surrounds it) that has only been problematic in the last 15-20 years. It provides a place of community and service to an area that would thrive if given this chance.

Finally, it gives everyone a opportunity to use the Bay, particularly for those of us that love *both* kayaking and motor boating. Although an issue for some has been the current use of motor boating, the Bay has historically supported all water sports, and it seems that the Brittingham Boats project would only enhance this.

I strongly urge moving forward with the project, and please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions or concerns.

Graciously,

Karen Moncher
W Shore Drive
Madison, WI 53715
Assistant Professor
Cardiovascular Medicine
UW School of Medicine and Public Health

From: Dan Mozdren
Date: 05/07/2013 9:19 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Park

Hi, my name is Dan and I am a resident of Madison. I am sending this email in support of bringing a boat rental house to Brittingham park. That park has been in need of a positive change for quite some time now and I think something like this would provide exactly that. A business like this could bring more people to the park as it is a very beautiful place, bring accountability to those who already use the park, and serve as a great community cohesive. I believe that all of Madison could benefit from this and none more than the Brittingham community. All of us living near Brittingham hope that the city of Madison will consider the immense, potential good this could do for the park.

Thank you for hearing me,
Daniel Mozdren_

From: lauren
Date: 05/07/2013 8:51 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Cc:
Subject: Brittingham Boats

I would like to give my input to the matter of opening up the Brittingham Boathouse..

I love running and biking along the bike path and within that area. Whenever I'm in that neighborhood I feel unsafe and being by myself, and mainly because of rumors of that abandoned boathouse. If there was a cafe or rental with friendly faces I think that it would not only give me a safer feeling, but the atmosphere of the neighborhood as well. I want to voice my support for the boathouse and I really hope to see it up and running soon. It would be wonderful to see groups of families and visitors stopping by and making that area a friendlier place to be.

Thank you,
Lauren Downs

From: Karen Kavanaugh
Date: 05/07/2013 8:51 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Good evening,

I wanted to email you as the city of Madison parks commission will be voting on the opening of brittingham boat house this summer. I believe that this would be a very beneficial not only for the neighborhood but also for the entire city of Madison because it gives neighbors and friends a place to meet and enjoy one another's company while exploring the Madison lakes and other areas of our great city. This will also bring more usage to a park that is currently being underutilized and by passed by many in the city. If we take a look at wingra park and how many people utilize the park in many different ways , morning yoga, kayaking, frisbee, basketball, picnics,etc. I think opening brittingham boats/park could offer all of this and more to the Madison community.

Vote yes on Wednesday May 8th!

Thank you.

From: "Stegmann, Bradley"
Date: 05/08/2013 7:55 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: brittinghamboats.com

I think this is a really cool idea and it has my support!

Thank you,

From: Margot
Date: 05/07/2013 7:23 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boat House

Kevin- I have know Stephan since I was a kid and am so excited about the prospect of him fulfilling his dream of opening his own business.. He has always been an outdoorsman of sorts and I know without a doubt he'll bring a refreshing new take on Madison's love for the local and outdoors. Please allow him the opportunity to add something unique and special to Madison.

Thank you for your consideration,
Margot Lanham

From: joanne kirkland
Date: 05/07/2013 11:52 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittinham boats

Hi-
I hope you will help our local Monona Bay Brittingham boathouse get the rental business for boats and food to open this summer. I think it will be a great positive activity to bring new life into the bay. I would be great for the neighborhood. Thanks!

Joanne Kirkland

From: Sindhu Raju
Date: 05/07/2013 11:18 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: In support of wingra boats

To whom it may concern,

I live on South Shore Dr and we dock a boat on it. I am also a member of Friends of Monona Bay, an association that promotes the recreational use and environmental aspects of the bay.

I am for the rental outfit because it would promote continued good use of the bay. Other than making sure paddlers are instructed on safety I have no concern. I know other have expressed concern that this may interfere with water skiing. Last time I checked the lack was not reserved for water-skiing.

This bay is meant for the use of everyone and I think Wingra boats would be promoting this.

Thanks,
Sindhu Raju
South Shore Dr.

From:
Date: 05/07/2013 11:09 PM (GMT-06:00)
To:
Cc: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boathouse Proposal

Dear Mr. Leeper,

I am an owner of a one family residential home on Monona Bay, residing on South Shore Drive. I applaud your initiative to invigorate the Brittingham Boathouse which has been vacant now for many years.

However, if you plan to rent jet skis, or other motorized craft with inherent noise pollution, I would oppose your proposal.

On the other hand, if your plan includes renting only kayaks and canoes, then I am all for it. Good luck with your endeavor.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Daina Juozevicius
South Shore Drive
Madison, WI 53715

From: Maureen Muldoon
Date: 05/07/2013 11:05 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Hello Kevin,

I have volunteered in the past for Monona Bay clean-up on Saturdays once a month. It is a beautiful park area that should be fully used to its potential. Please consider keeping the boats operation in tact. Activities like this should not go away. Keep Madison water fronts alive and vibrant! Tyler Leeper sent out your contact information and I support this cause. I hope good decisions are made for everyone involved.

Thank you for considering this.
Maureen Muldoon

From: SUE Moberly
Date: 05/07/2013 10:45 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: brittingham boats

Wow! I am so excited for families to have the "Bay" parks moving in a safe direction! I have been a parent and teacher at Franklin school for 15 years, and finally families will have a summer park option that is safe. This park has been unsafe and plain out scary for kids. I would never send my own children, or my Bayview students to those parks along the Bay to play. No Park in Madison should be known as a druggie park or worse yet as "rape park" to our families. I hope the kid-centered activities and free art in the park makes families feel that they can relax together. Parks are for family fun.

I have heard that some people are worried about their own speed boats being able to fly around and pull skiers. Don't these power boaters have two large and beautiful lakes for that? The Bay is shared by families.

Sue Moberly

From: Theodora Zehner
Date: 05/08/2013 12:31 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Tyler Leeper <wingraboats@gmail.com>, "Ellingson, Susan" <district13@cityofmadison.com>, Pete Taglia
Subject: Support Brittingham Boat proposal

I fully support Tyler Leeper's Brittingham Boat proposal for Monona Bay.

I am currently out of the country but want to convey my encouragement for full support of his plan.

Sincerely,

Theodora Zehner
West Shore Drive

From: teresa nicholas
Date: 05/08/2013 3:17 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Proposed Brittingham Boats business

Hello,

I live in the bay creek neighborhood. I walk or bike along the monona bay daily. Although my three children and I go to Bernie's Beach some times, we don't nearly take advantage of having the bay as close to us as we should. My family is very excited about the proposal that the owner of Wingra Boats has to use Brittingham Beach and the bay. I know we will be regular customers at this

business and it will give us more opportunities to enjoy the beauty of Madison, which is right here in our neighborhood. Please allow this business to set up shop there. I can think of only ways it will enhance the city and my lovely neighborhood.

Thank you,
Teresa Nicholas
Lowell St

From: Lynn Felhofer
Date: 05/08/2013 6:26 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monona Bay

Mr. Briski,

I write in support of allowing Brittingham Boats to open on Monona Bay. My husband and I purchased a home across the street from Brittingham Park last fall and are enjoying the treasure that is Monona Bay. We believe that Brittingham Boats will be good stewards of the park and bay and that their efforts will encourage others to visit, enjoy, and protect the park.

With kind regards,

Lynn Felhofer
West Shore Dr.
Madison

From: "Brian W. Gould"
Date: 05/08/2013 7:15 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

I live within 50 yards of Brittingham Beach House. I have seen the evolution of that facility from being full of activity in the mid 1980's, a place where homeless persons congregated (and died), total abandonment by the city, adoption by neighborhood residents and now to finally having the city consider its use again for recreational purposes. I fully support the use of the beach house by Brittingham Boats. Given the dramatic increase the population, there is no doubt that this facility will be heavily used by neighborhood residents. I understand that there is opposition from resident boat owners. Their asserting property rights to the bay is outrageous and should be considered for what it is, a selfish attempt to get something for nothing and the imposition of their nuisance activity onto others. I request that you support Brittingham Boats.

Brian W. Gould
Professor
Dept. of Agric. & Applied Economics
University of Wisconsin-Madison

(608)263-3212 (office)
(cell)

From: Joseph Salmons
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 6:06 AM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Brittingham Boats

I won't be at the meeting at Olbrich meeting but want to express my support for the Brittingham Boats proposal on Monona Bay.

Thank you,
Joe Salmons

S. Brittingham.

From: Julie Krauth
Date: 05/07/2013 8:46 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Dear Mr Briski,

I just wanted to let you know how excited we are about Brittingham Boats and the extension of the wonderful programs that Wingra Boats offers. This new location will bring a much needed public recreation to that side of the city and enhance lakeside activities. My family and I are looking forward to many summer hours enjoying Lake Mendota via Brittingham boats.

thank you!
Julie Krauth

From: "Sarah
Date: 05/07/2013 8:38 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boat House

Hello, I just wanted voice my support for the Brittingham boat house. I currently go to school in Milwaukee but am originally from Madison. As a long time resident of Madison I can only see positive things following the opening of a new boat house/summer recreation facility.

PLEASE MAKE THIS HAPPEN FOR MADISON!!!

Thanks!!
Sarah

From: Manu Jobst
Date: 05/07/2013 8:26 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Park boats

Hi,
I live on W. Main street near Brittingham Park since 1996. I own the property and have seen many changes throughout the years. I would like to express that I oppose boat rentals out of Brittingham Park, as we have already a lot of traffic in both, people and cars (street parking). Furthermore, we have a huge apartment complex building added near by, which adds also more people to the park and facilities offered. I feel that any extra Park/ lake activity to the already plenty of existing ones, will also add more undesired trash (which the Monona Bay Community kindly and devotedly collects once a month! This would increase the need of their FREE efforts to keep Monona Bay clean), which is not a fair situation. With more traffic through and around the park, there needs to be more frequent maintenance and adequate lighting etc. etc.. I assume that is NOT planned for? Especially having of boats daily on the lake, also creates that same scenario for the lake and I see plenty of trash wash ashore as is. I believe I am clear with what I am pointing out and I feel strongly about NOT having a boat rental. Thank you so very much Manu Jobst

From: Michael Malloy <michaellmalloy@gmail.com>
Date: 05/07/2013 8:12 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Hi Mr Briski,

I writing to show you my support of Brittingham Boats, the bay is a well used area in winter. Allowing Brittingham Boats to open this summer will allow Madison residents and visitors alike to make use of the bay all year round. I hope that you can support a great local endeavor tomorrow.

Thanks,
Mike

From: Nik Hazelbaker
Date: 05/07/2013 7:58 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats- Letter of Support

Mr. Briski-

My name is Nik Hazelbaker and I am a Madison native and high school classmate of Stephan Reinke. Over the past few months it has come to my attention that Stephan has begun taking the steps towards realizing his dream of opening his own business. The fact that Stephan has embarked on this journey is admirable enough, but the reality that he is seeking to open a business that will serve Madisonians of all walks of life is especially endearing. In the 13 years that I have known Stephan, I have known him to be an incredibly thoughtful and capable person who always sought to get the most out of life. Clearly, Brittingham Boats is the ultimate manifestation of Stephan's personality and goals. Please see to it that Stephan is allowed the chance to own and operate his own business. By doing so you will be granting an entire community the opportunity to enjoy one of the best things in life- good old fashioned fun in the sun.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Respectfully,
Nik Hazelbaker

From: Text by Phone, unidentified.
Date: 05/07/2013 7:57 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject:

The opportunities for Brittingham boat house are endless....please allow this wonderful idea to happen....

From: Emi Natvig
Date: 05/07/2013 7:54 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Dear Kevin Briski,

I am writing to voice my concern about the launch of the Brittingham Boats this summer. Growing up near Brittingham, I have always been a supporter of the use of Madison's parks and lakes, and I would feel very devastated if the program was unable to continue this year. I feel it brings positive energy to the surroundings, which is what Madison needs.

I appreciate your time and I hope to see the Brittingham Boats up this year.

Best Regards,
Emi Natvig

From: Summer Leeper
Date: 05/07/2013 7:47 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: In Support of Brittingham Boats

Dear Kevin Briski,

I wanted to write you in support of Brittingham Boats. I grew up playing on paddleboats and kayaks on Lake Wingra. Most of my memorable childhood memories revolve around the community that Wingra Boats created as well as the opportunities it gave me which have lead to me becoming the REI Outdoor Programs Coordinator for New York, New Jersey and Connecticut market. When my brother, Tyler Leeper, took over Wingra Boats as a young business man I watched as the Wingra Community expanded with its educational programs and then later to Vilas Beach.

When the Vilas Beach House opened it collaborated with community members, police and local businesses to transform that area that had been previously neglected. If you sit on a colorful beach chair at Vilas beach house today after a peaceful sunset paddle you will noticeably see that Vilas Beach House has been a positive addition to that neighborhood. It is this positive change that Brittingham Boats will be brining to its community. I know that through the careful management of Stephan Reinke and Tyler Leeper, they will be able to engage the surrounding community and through boats, wonderful staff, coffee and grilled cheese sandwiches they will begin to create a community that the area is lacking. A community that will provide opportunities for both young and old.

I hope that you will consider supporting the development of Brittingham Boats.

Regards, [Summer Leeper](#)

From: Margaret Fagerholm
Date: 05/07/2013 7:45 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Boat house rentals

This memo is in support of the boat house rentals. I am very excited to have a business with positive activities proposed for the Brittingham boathouse. We all want this to be a good change for the park, and the owners have answered our questions honestly, I believe. There is always a balance between the neighborhood and the park. Considering all the negative activities in the park that have stress the neighborhood, I am happy to have someone bring in something that can replenish the positive usage of the Park, and also be considerate of us in their plans. I have used the bay in past years for windsurfing and now for kayaking. I can understand that those with motorboats would have reason to be concerned for safety and over usage of the bay, but I believe that this can be worked on for the good of the majority.

Margaret Fagerholm
S. Brittingham Pl.

From: Mike P
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 10:05 AM
To: Knepp, Eric; Briski, Kevin
Subject: Brittingham boats

Mr Knepp and Mr Briski

This correspondence is to indicate my support for the Brittingham Boats proposal to begin a business in the Beach House in Brittingham Park [701 West Brittingham Place].

I feel this is the best thing to happen to our neighborhood since I moved here 5 years ago. This facility has so much potential to bring residents and visitors into the lake and our parks. I own a motor boat and have no trouble sharing it with as many paddlers as they can attract. Any motor boaters that cannot control their watercraft should not be using them. It is shameful how many of my neighbors have acted when asked to share the water. While I and many of the other neighbors have spent countless hours working on cleaning up the park I have never seen the neighbors who spoke against the business opening even in the park, much less volunteering their time cleaning it up.

I believe that Brittingham Boats is the next positive step in the progress being made in Brittingham Park.

Mike Pudelwitts
West Shore Drive
Madison, WI

From: Andrew Irving
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 9:59 AM
To: Knepp, Eric
Cc: wingraboats@gmail.com; Brendan O'Donnell
Subject: Brittingham Boats - Support

Dear Erik,

As a longtime resident of the Brittingham Park neighborhood (24 years), I support the proposed Brittingham Boats proposal. Over the years that I have lived there, I have witnessed the park and surrounding area go from a nest of illicit behavior to a much more positive community space - thanks to the efforts of our neighborhood association, a few key area businesses, the police and the parks department -- and I feel that this initiative is another great step in the right direction. Thank you for your time and efforts on this proposal!

Andrew Irving
W Main St.
[Andrew Irving](#), Ph. D.
Sr. Lecturer, Advisor, [Department of French & Italian](#)
Director, [The French House](#)
[University of Wisconsin - Madison](#)

From: Brendan O'Donnell

Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 9:52 AM

To: Wingra Boats; Nina Emerson; Briski, Kevin; Knepp, Eric; Steve Agard; Mary Agard; Sue Alioto; Sue Alioto; Tom Baertschy; Balles, Joe; Tami Beirne; Mark Blank; Rita Bloomfield; Linda Burns; Pete Burns; Kimberley Coonts; Aaron Crandall; David Drapcho; Mark Ehrlich; Ellingson, Susan; Sue Ellingson; Nina Jo Emerson; Nina Jo Emerson; Margaret Fagerholm; Margaret Fagerholm; Sharon Fallon; Tom Felhofer; Lynn Felhofer; Charity Freeman; Sally Gallagher; Brian Gould; Andrew Irving; Andrew Irving; Lauren Jackson; Matthew Jarosz; Manu Jobst; Millie Jones; TED KEYES; TED KEYES; Richard Kilmer; Odvar Klovrud; Lisie Kitchel; Greg Kopish; Laura LaFleur; Tyler Leeper; Fay Linehan; Laschinger, Lisa; MONICA MACAULAY; M S Mart LLC; Ed Malin; Michelle McGrath; Ruth Meier; Jerrold Robaidek; Jerrold Robaidek; SUZIE NEAS; Odahowski, Kate; Kate Odahowski; Ben Oyserman; Jared Pelski; Jodi Pelski; Mike Pudelwitts; Joe Salmons; Joe Salmons; Steven Schaefer; Rodney Schreiner; Julieann Stawicki; Daniel Thome; Leigh Weaver; Kevin Williams; Theodora Zehner; Ledell Zellers; Brendan O'Donnell

Subject: Brittingham Boats - Support

Greetings All:

This correspondence is to indicate my support for the Brittingham Boats proposal to begin a business in the Beach House in Brittingham Park [701 West Brittingham Place].

This facility used to house a Paddle Boat rental business when I moved to the neighborhood in 1991. That business was a positive presence in the park.

However after that business closed the Beach House fell into disrepair and became an attraction for alcoholics and the homeless. In 2005 members of the Friends of Monona Bay and Monona Bay NA began working on cleaning up the Beach House have made considerable progress in having additional security features installed at the building, cleaning up the exterior and the landscaping surrounding the Beach House, and bringing positive uses to the building's facilities.

I believe that Brittingham Boats is the next positive step in the progress being made in Brittingham Park. I support this business plan and urge you to indicate your support by contacting the Parks Commissioners attention Erik Knepp at EKnepp@cityofmadison.com

Thank you very much.

Brendan J. O'Donnell
South Brittingham Pl.
Madison, WI 53715-1442

From: Zach Johnson

Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 10:18 AM

To: Briski, Kevin

Subject: Brittingham Boats

Kevin,

My name is Zach Johnson, and I am writing in order to voice my support for the Brittingham Boats proposal. I am a life long Madison resident, and have been living in the Brittingham Park vicinity for the past 8 years. I frequently spent time in Brittingham Park when I lived on Vilas Avenue, and currently utilize the bike path that goes through it numerous times a week now that I live on the near eastside.

I am very excited by the prospect of Brittingham Park being revitalized, and I think that the Brittingham Boats proposal is the first step in the right direction. The size, location, and amenities in the park should make it a recreational destination in downtown Madison, and unfortunately, I do not believe that has been the case in recent history.

Madison has always been known for having parks and recreational areas that are second to none. I believe that Brittingham Boats would rejuvenate Brittingham Park and the immediate area, and bring the park up to par with the other parks in the City of Madison.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Zach Johnson

From: Michelle McGrath [<mailto:michelle@wasc.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 10:38 AM

To: Knepp, Eric; Briski, Kevin

Cc: 'Brendan O'Donnell'; 'Wingra Boats'; 'Nina Emerson'; Briski, Kevin; Knepp, Eric; 'Steve Agard'; 'Mary Agard'; 'Sue Alioto'; 'Sue Alioto'; 'Tom Baertschy'; Balles, Joe; 'Tami Beirne'; 'Mark Blank'; 'Rita Bloomfield'; 'Linda Burns'; 'pete burns'; 'Kimberley Coonts'; 'Aaron Crandall'; 'David Drapcho'; 'Mark Ehrlich'; Ellingson, Susan; 'Sue Ellingson'; 'Nina Jo Emerson'; 'Margaret Fagerholm'; 'Margaret Fagerholm'; 'Sharon Fallon'; 'Tom Felhofer'; 'Lynn Felhofer'; 'Charity Freeman'; 'Sally Gallagher'; 'Brian Gould'; 'Andrew Irving'; 'Andrew Irving'; 'Lauren Jackson'; 'Matthew Jarosz'; 'Manu Jobst'; 'Millie Jones'; jsalmons@wisc.edu; 'TED KEYES'; 'TED KEYES'; 'Richard Kilmer'; 'Odvar Klovrud'; 'Lisie Kitchel'; 'Greg Kopish'; 'Laura LaFleur'; 'Fay Linehan'; 'Laschinger, Lisa'; 'MONICA MACAULAY'; 'M S Mart LLC'; 'Ed Malin'; 'Michelle McGrath'; 'Ruth Meier'; 'Jerrold Robaidek'; 'Jerrold Robaidek'; 'SUZIE NEAS'; 'Odahowski, Kate'; 'Kate Odahowski'; 'Ben Oyserman'; 'Jared Pelski'; 'Jodi Pelski'; 'Mike Pudelwitts'; 'Joe Salmons'; 'Joe Salmons'; 'Steven Schaefer'; 'Rodney Schreiner'; 'Julieann Stawicki'; 'Daniel Thome'; 'Leigh Weaver'; 'Kevin Williams'; 'Theodora Zehner'; 'Ledell Zellers'; 'Brendan O'Donnell'

Subject: Brittingham Boats Support

Good Morning!

This correspondence is to indicate my support for the Brittingham Boats proposal to begin a business in the Beach House in Brittingham Park [701 West Brittingham Place].

I have lived on Monona Bay for 14 years on West Shore Drive – right across the street from the Brittingham Park Pavillion. Over the past 14 years, I have seen first hand the negativity that often festers in that park. I have sat beside neighbors on far too many occasions to discuss arrests, unimaginable crime, even murders that have happened along the Bay. Although the police and parks departments have made a more diligent effort to monitor the park, over the past 2 years, things have continued to spiral downward. I commend Brittingham Boats' effort to take a proactive approach to the problem and create a vibrant, positive culture on Monona Bay.

My family is one of the few families that actively uses the Bay to water-ski, tube, and boat. Even though there may be more people enjoying the Bay because of this endeavor, it certainly doesn't prohibit us from sharing the space. Safety has been and will always be a concern for our family. Good boaters know that and respect the rights of all on the lakes they enjoy! We must all make a concerted effort to work together to keep the Bay safe! I would suspect Brittingham Boats will keep this at the top of their list.

I also believe that Brittingham Boats is the next positive step in the progress being made in Brittingham Park. I support this business plan and urge you to indicate your support by contacting the Parks Commissioners attention Erik Knepp at EKnepp@cityofmadison.com

Thank you very much.

Michelle McGrath
West Shore Drive
Madison, WI, 53715

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From: Stephanie Blackburn [<mailto:sblackburn@wisc.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 10:32 AM
To: Briski, Kevin
Cc:
Subject: Brittingham Boats

To Whom This May Concern,

The opening of Brittingham Boats is not only a positive reflection of the Madison community but also embraces everything that a Madison summer should be about. Brittingham Boats will offer a place for family and friends to enjoy warm summer days in a safe, friendly, and welcoming environment. From my personal experience being a nanny for a family of four kids, there aren't many affordable activities to do in the Madison area. Don't get me wrong, the zoo is an awesome place to take kids, but on a hot day, a place like Brittingham Boats would be even more enjoyable to build fun summer memories. I hope you really consider the positive benefits that Brittingham Boats could bring to the Madison community.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Blackburn

Student - University of Wisconsin Madison

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Stephanie Blackburn
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Nutritional Science - Dietetics
sblackburn@wisc.edu

From: Federica Bulgarelli <bulgarelli@wisc.edu>
Date: 05/07/2013 7:41 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: stephanreinke31@gmail.com
Subject: Support for Brittingham Boats

Mr. Briski,

I am writing to show my support for Mr. Reinke's proposal for Brittingham Boats to open on Memorial Day Weekend. I believe it will be a great asset to the community for a variety of reasons. First of all, it has the chance of becoming a positive meeting place for members of the community of all ages. It will also be a great use of a currently underutilized park. Additionally, it will provide another point of access to the lake, which in my opinion is an essential part of summers in Madison.

I hope that you and your committee see the value of such an establishment as well and vote yes at the meeting tomorrow.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Federica Bulgarelli
B.S. Child Development '13
B.A. Linguistics '13
Project Grow Team Leader
University of Wisconsin - Madison
bulgarelli@wisc.edu

From: Scott Leslie
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 3:07 PM
To: Ellingson, Susan
Subject: Monona Bay Wingra Boats

Hi Sue -

I just wanted to forward a note along about the proposed Wingra Boats location on Monona Bay. My wife and I really support this proposal. We patronize Wingra Boats several times a summer on Lake Wingra, but would love another more urban option on a more lively lake with those breathtaking views.

I understand there were some neighbors upset about the prospect of no longer being able to water ski on the bay, but it seems as though it shouldn't be too much to ask to have them cross under the causeway to get into Lake Monona and allow no wake access on the bay.

I also think this would do wonders for Brittingham Park, a park that I really feel is under utilized by the city at large.

Thanks for hearing me out on the matter. Hope all is well.

Scott

From: D W
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 3:13 PM
To: Knepp, Eric
Cc: Pedretti, Christopher
Subject: Brittingham Park discussion!

Hello,

I am a concerned citizen who is against the idea of this for profit company using public property for private company profit. I am just recently hearing about this and there is factual evidence residents of South Shore and West Shore streets did not receive proper notice. I object to this moving forward without some due process and neighbor discussion and input. I cannot attend a meeting I believe that is scheduled for Wednesday, but need this to be put on record as another strong vote against this idea.

Reasons for the against are:

No proper notice given

evidence of a partially built out of compliance dock that would be put in at the swimhouse!

McDonald's type food being served there (examples of grilled cheese and soda) - I think we can do a better job for our children in this great city.

Apparently issues of number of watercraft being rented from that area (perhaps rentals near Monona Terrace might be better with adequate parking and other services).

Safety concerns on the Lake (Monona Bay isn't Wingra)

Issues with boats clogging the area right near the only navigable underpass for boats

Parking issues

Noise issue possibilities

I really don't think all the issues were fully discussed. More forums are needed before an informed vote can be made.

Is the goal to increase usage in the park? Being in the neighborhood, the park has already turned around. That large building project at Findorff will also increase use of the park.

Putting a for profit venture in there is not a good idea.

Respectfully submitted

From: Kevin Williams
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 3:13 PM
To: Ellingson, Susan
Subject: Brittingham Boats

General Information

Name: Kevin Williams
Address: Proudfit St
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53715
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email:
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I am a resident of the Monona Bay neighborhood, and am writing to let you know of my support for Brittingham Boats at Brittingham Park. I have lived in the area the past 6 years and have seen great improvements made at Brittingham Park, largely due to the work of volunteers with the Monona Bay Neighborhood Association. Unfortunately though, the Beach House is an eyesore and an underutilized resource.

I believe Mr. Leeper's plan to open a small boat rental shop and cafe is a long overdue idea. It will be a great way for more people to enjoy our park and the bay. From talking to friends and neighbors I know many others feel the same as I do.

I know there have been some concerns raised from water-skiers and power-boaters about the bay becoming crowded with kayakers. Please don't let this small minority limit many others from enjoying Monona Bay. There is room for all of us.

Sincerely,

Kevin Williams
Proudfit St.

Recipient:
Sue Ellingson

From: drew100
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 3:33 PM
To: Parks; Knepp, Eric
Subject: Wingra Boats and Brittingham swim shelter

Hi,
First off, I want to express my deep concern that something affecting homeowners appears to be moving forward like a runaway freight train.

It sounds as though there has been discussion of increasing use of Brittingham Park. While I am ok with that idea (although to be honest I think the park is naturally turning around and with increased density being built around that area - ex new apartment buildings, we are seeing an organic renewal of the park and more use).

I am against the idea of a company using public land to further their business interests. It sounds as though the "angle" of the business is "outdoorzie and natural", but I am concerned that this hasn't really been thought through.

So respectfully I object to this proposal.

(I live on Monona Bay and am an avid kayker. The proposal of renting out what appears to be 65+ and perhaps more boats is simply going to take away from the natural habitat of most of the various species that enjoy that area). There are cranes, loons, North American coots and many other bird species alone that use that body of water for rest stops or their summer habitat. Putting such a large influx of boats into that area will only serve to chase away that population (let's be honest, anyone renting a boat is going to chase after nature). It appears there is a "spillage" effect happening here. Do we want an increased use of the park or a clogging of

the waterways. (Again, can we as residents thoughtfully consider all the options). Obviously the for profit company wants to push this through so they can start making money by Memorial Day, but this really needs to be delayed until further information is given.

The city has Vilas Park and Wingra for boat rentals (probably no more than a mile away)

I stopped by the swimhouse and noticed a disgracefully large dock being built that is probably against any code out there. Just curious has the DNR and other regulatory bodies looked at that? I am concerned about fish habitat, their spawning areas, increased litter from snacks sold etc. into the waterway.

We need to discuss this more - parking issues, noise, etc. for neighbors.

So in short we must vote against this proposal until there is a more inclusive community vetting regarding this idea. (apparently homeowners were not notified - I can speak for myself noting that I was not notified). The park is not going away, so please let's be thoughtful about this rather than being "pushed" by a money making business to slam this approval through.

Sincerely,

Drew Wielgus
a concerned resident and lakeshore owner

From: Charles Strawser
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 10:50 AM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Boat rental & cafe on Monona

As a resident of the Wilmar neighborhood and a former intercollegiate water skier, I enthusiastically support the proposed cafe and paddle boat rental on Lake Monona.

As a water skier myself, I understand the desire for a slalom course on the lake, but that should not preclude other uses of the lake and a cafe that rents paddle boats to other users of the lake.

Chuck Strawser
Helena St
Madison WI 53704

From: Greg Kopish
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:10 AM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Greetings,

I wish to convey my support for the Brittingham Boats proposal. I believe that this will be an asset to the downtown area, and a positive influence for Brittingham Park. I live on Monona Bay and make use of it for fishing and kayaking, and I look forward to availing myself of the rentals and food service being planned by Brittingham Boats.

I also wish to comment on an earlier post: While many of us living around Monona Bay have riparian rights along the shoreline, this does not mean we have any claim on the bay itself. As was noted, boaters from beyond the bay make use of it as well. Rentals from Brittingham Boats would be no different.

As to the 200-foot slow/no wake zone: the purpose of this zone (which is regularly flaunted by the power boaters) is to help protect the shoreline, not to form an area into which non-motorized craft are to be restricted.

Thank you for your time,

Greg Kopish

Hello Chris,

We met at the Brittingham Park Boathouse, at the neighborhood discussion of the Brittingham Boats project being put forth by Tyler Leeper. At that meeting you said that you could forward messages to the Board of Park Commissioners at the Wednesday, May 9th, 2013 meeting.

Please add my name to those who support the Brittingham Boats project. I feel that this will be a positive influence on Brittingham Park, and that it will be an asset to the city.

Thank you for your time,

Greg Kopish

From: bstoffs tds.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 9:15 AM
To: Briski, Kevin
Subject: Proposed Brittingham Boats rental on Monona Bay

Dear Superintendent Briski,

I am a resident of the Bay Creek neighborhood and live near Monona Bay. I wanted to let you know that I support the proposed boat rental business at Brittingham Park.

Based on long experience with Wingra Boats, I expect the new business to provide a range of family-friendly services that are much needed in the downtown and south side areas of Madison. It will bring fun and educational experience to underutilized Monona Bay and provide color to further enhance the beautiful John Nolen Drive entrance to downtown.

I hope you will support this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Bob Stoffs
Lawrence St.

From: Howard Sweet
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:15 AM
To: Knepp, Eric
Cc: 'sue@sueellingson.com'
Subject: FW: [mbna] Brittingham Boats hearing tonight. Monona Bay runoff.

I live on West Shore Drive and I strongly support the proposed use of the beach house as a boat rental and cafe.

Howard Sweet

From: Rob O'Connell
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:30 AM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Brittingham Boats lease

Hi Eric - I cannot attend the meeting about the lease of the beach house - but I strongly support getting a wholesome business into the space. Using the lake and getting people out there will be great for Brittingham.

thank you very much.

Rob O'Connell (Garfield St.)

From: Anne Spurgeon
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:29 AM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Brittingham boats

Dear Mr. Knepp:

I am unable to attend the Park Commission meeting tonight, but I wanted to send you a note expressing our support for the new Brittingham Boats concession at the Brittingham boathouse. The Wingra Boats concessions are really well-run and the one at Vilas Beach has been a great neighborhood addition. Their rentals are reasonably priced and well-maintained, and we think the business will be a positive addition to the Brittingham Park area and the lakeshore/bayshore/bike path. We look forward to renting kayaks there and exploring!

Anne Spurgeon and David Woods
Garfield St.

From: Rita Rumbelow
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 2:28 PM
To: Parks
Subject: Re: Parks Contact Submission: General Parks Questions

I live on Monona Bay and did not get notice this winter. I have checked with other neighbors who also said they did not get notice.

I cannot attend Wednesday's meeting, but I object. Please make this email part of the record - I am sharing it with my neighbors too.

Wingra Boats works on lake Wingra because it is a non-motorized lake.

67 non-motorized rentals WILL interfere with motorized boats and it presents a huge safety concern.

Those of us that live on the Bay and own boats often can't get under the bridges (when water levels are high) and are therefore FORCED to operate our boats in the Bay.

I pay almost 11K a year in property taxes - because I am presumably allowed to operate my motorized boat in the Bay. My taxes would not be as high if you put my house in Fitchburg or Verona, or anywhere in the city not on water.

I won't be able to safely use my boat with all of those rentals on the bay.

Don't get me wrong - I own kayaks too. But 5 kayaks on the bay at a time don't interfere with boating - 67 non-motorize rentals will.

He wants to rent AFTER DARK - they won't have lights on.

This a huge mess and a major safety concern.

i object to city property being leased to a private enterprise.

Rita M. Rumbelow
South Shore Drive.

I believe the new commercial venture at the beach house is a positive for the bay and the neighborhood. The bay has been enjoyed by many types of users over the years.-fishermen, powerboaters, water skiers. I want to affirm that the multi-use of the bay should continue to enable all users who enjoy the bay to continue to do so. It is not a large body of water, and given the 200 foot no wake zone, give consideration to how many watercraft can successfully be accomodated. Thank you. Sharon Fallon

Sharfallon.

From
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 9:38 AM
To: Ellingson, Susan
Subject: Proposed rental busines in Monona Bay

Sue,
I am excited that a new use for the beach house on Monona Bay is being proposed. I think it can be a real plus for the bay and the neighborhood. I want to affirm the fact that the bay is a multi-use waterway and has been so since its existance. Fishermen,

powerboaters, and kayakers all make good use of this valuable resource, so I ask you in your capacity of alderperson to please be vigilant that this new commercial use of the bay will still allow for those who have supported and enjoyed the bay will still be allowed to. The bay has been a great resource for multiple users; let's ensure it remains so.
Sharon Fallon

Sharfallon

From: Jim Winkle
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:52 AM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Brittingham Boats

hello eric and parks commissioners,
i support the brittingham boats rental/concession proposal. brittingham park is huge and can support this use, and it's good to get more people in that park. i also like the idea of encouraging more "silent sports"... they are good for us AND good for the planet. now if only we could convince them to rent sailboards...

thanks!

-- jim winkle, emerson st, bay creek neighborhood

From: Ezra Meyer (home)
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Knepp, Eric
Cc: Sue Ellingson; Ezra Meyer (home)
Subject: Tonight's public hearing on Brittingham Boats use of the Brittingham Park beach house.

Dear Mr. Knepp:

My family and I live in the Vilas neighborhood and love our water resources, especially Lakes Wingra and Monona which are closest to us and the paths we follow in our daily routines. We are regular users of the Wingra Boats facility at Wingra Park on Lake Wingra all summer long.

I strongly support the lease for Brittingham Boats at the beach house at Brittingham Park. They will run an excellent business there, and what better place for a significant cross-section of Madisonians (and visitors) to access the lakes than Monona Bay via that site?

If water skiers and high-speed boaters on the Bay can't be grown-up enough to share that water body with other users who have exactly the same rights to be there as they do, then perhaps the City and County need to consider restricting the Bay to slow-no-wake all or most of the time. After all, high-speed boating can always be done on the main body of Lake Monona.
Thank you for your consideration of my comments. I hope and trust you will make them a part of the official record of tonight's proceeding.

-- Ezra

Ezra Meyer

From: Lance McGrath
Date: 05/08/2013 12:24 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: "Verveer, Mike" <district4@cityofmadison.com>, "Monks, Anne" <AMonks@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Dear Mr. Briski,

I am e-mailing you today to urge that the City of Madison Board of Park Commissioners vote to allow Tyler Leeper and Stephan Reinke to bring their Brittingham Boats business to Brittingham Park.

I work in the neighborhood and own several downtown apartment buildings including two very close by (Lake Park and 640 West) and feel that the proposed use would be a tremendous amenity and benefit to not only the neighborhood but all of Madison. I think it will be a vibrant and much needed addition to downtown Madison.

Again, I urge your support of the proposed use!

Sincerely,
Lance McGrath
McGrath Property Group
S. Bedford St.
Madison, WI 53703

From: Kacey Mackman
Date: 05/08/2013 11:32 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Hello,
I have been an employee at Wingra boats for many years now. The community we have created at Wingra park is unmatched by anything else in the Madison area. Every day I get to interact with "the usuals" coming down just to say hello or take out the same boat they do every Sunday afternoon as well as people who have never been on the water. Getting people, adults children or teens on the water for the first time is a very powerful thing to me. The look of excitement and fear as they go out becomes transformed to joy by the time they return. Wingra boats as a company had allowed me to see this everyday all summer. I believe that it is a fantastic opportunity to expand this to Brittingham park. It will create a true community in a now unused park. To me this is a must for Madison and Madison parks!

Best Regards,
Kacey Mackman
Wingra Boats

From: Terri Kopish
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 1:31 PM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Support for Brittingham Boats

Hello - As a resident on Monona Bay I would like to express strong support for the proposed Brittingham Boat operation. I think it will be an asset to the neighborhood and be a much needed positive presence in a sometimes troubled city park. The benefits for the neighborhood far outweigh the only negative I've heard expressed, which is the possibility of additional boat traffic on Monona Bay. My impression over the 5 years I've been boating on the Bay is that it seems to be an underutilized urban asset. While I believe the Bay and the larger lake will be able to accommodate the added traffic from this operation with very little impact on current boating practice, should there be times of congestion on the water there are established boating safety and right of way rules already in place to address those issues. Boating safety is the responsibility of all boaters - we need to be aware of our surroundings and act responsibly when we encounter sometimes crowded peak time conditions on an urban lake. I urge the Parks Commission to approve this proposal.

Thanks
Theresa Kopish
West Shore Drive

From: Tynan Rhodes
Date: 05/08/2013 12:46 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Briski, Kevin" <KBriski@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Brittingham Boat house

I believe that the boat house would be a wonderful benefit for the community and the park it self needs a makeover. The idea of the boathouse is excellent because it will give that neighborhood and everyone in Madison another opportunity to be able to enjoy the summer. With lots of excellent activities and amazing fun, the boathouse is sure to be a hit amongst the community bringing all types of people looking for fun, I know that it would be convenient for myself and friends because we live in that area and love swimming and boating.

Please allow this park and boathouse to be more properly utilized.
Thank you for your time,

Tynan Rhodes

From: T Clemente
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 1:51 PM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: boats proposal for Monona Bay

Hello,

I am writing to support the proposed Brittingham Boats plan to rent kayaks and other non-motorized boats for use in Monona Bay. My husband and I and our two children have lived on South Shore Dr. on the bay for the last 5 years. I believe that Brittingham Boats would help build a greater sense of community and park use by many people who lack the means to buy, maintain and store their own boats year round. I believe it would be an asset to our neighborhood and hope that you allow it to go forward. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Trina Clemente (on behalf of Gabriel, Sasha, and Luca Clemente as well)

From: Richard and Martha Reinke
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 5:53 PM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Brittingham Boathouse

I support the proposal to lease the Boathouse. On Lake Wingra where I rent a boat to fish, I have found Tyler Leeper to be a great steward of our water resources. Richard Reinke

From: Linda Steingass
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 5:48 PM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Brittingham Boats

Eric,

As residents of Madison's near west side, we are very happy to see Brittingham renovated and the space put to good use.

Best,
Brook and Linda Steingass

From: dick smith
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 5:07 PM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: wingra boats

Great idea to have them on Lake Monona. Great folks. Dick Smith, Virginia Terrace, Madison, WI 53726

From: Balles, Joe
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 3:35 PM
To: Clausius, Joe; Clear, Mark; 'barker@geology.wisc.edu'; 'annedave@chorus.net'; 'nanragland@att.net'; 'emanuel_scarbrough@excite.com'; 'madelyn.leopold@gmail.com'; Briski, Kevin

Cc: Stephan Reinke; 'Tyler Leeper'; Wray, Noble; Davenport, John; Balles, Joe; Ellingson, Susan; 'Sue Ellingson'

Subject: RE: Support of Brittingham Boats

Dear Superintendent Briski (Kevin) and Madison Park Commissioners:

Over the past few years while serving as the Madison Police Department's South District captain, I have had the opportunity to work with Tyler Leeper and the businesses he operates "in and around" Lake Wingra. Specifically, his operations at Wingra and Vilas Parks. Tyler has also been an active, small business voice in a number of community and neighborhood level meetings. At all times, I have found and respected Tyler's thoughts regarding and passion for our Madison lakes and parks.

A few months ago I learned of Tyler's vision to bring life back to a long neglected shelter at Brittingham Beach. While this specific area has not been too problematic for MPD... we have certainly had our fair share of issues in other parts of Brittingham Park. I write you today asking that you, as guardians of this public space, approve the "Brittingham Boats" project as proposed and up for your consideration this evening. This project will make Lake Monona and Monona Bay more accessible to the public and for all to enjoy. It also is an effort to return a part of Madison back to the vibrant, active public space it once was many decades ago. I believe this project will simply bring more legitimate users (from Madison and communities beyond our borders) into Brittingham Park and make better use of this public space.

Please feel free to contact with me specific questions. Thank you for listening and considering this recommendation.

Captain Joe Balles

Captain Joe Balles,
South Police District
825 Hughes Place
Madison, WI 53713
o) 608-267-8687

www.madisonpolice.com/south

From: the vanhierdens
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 4:14 PM
To: Knepp, Eric
Subject: brittingham boats YES!

Dear Eric,

I strongly support the lease for Brittingham Boats at the beach house.

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

Leslie VanHieren
Strategic freelance writer and editor

From: Nina Emerson
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 3:43 PM
To: Briski, Kevin
Cc: Knepp, Eric
Subject: Agenda #30036: Brittingham Boats Proposal

I am writing to express my support of the Brittingham Boats proposal, which the Board of Park Commissioners will be considering for approval this evening. The Parks Commission has the benefit of reviewing the solid track record of Wingra Boats in making its decision. I like the idea of providing recreational access to Monona Bay for area residents. Brittingham Boats will be a positive addition to the park and the neighborhood. I am excited to have the added presence and positive activity that Brittingham Boats will

provide.

Best regards,

Nina J. Emerson
S. Brittingham Place
Madison, WI 53715

From: Kristofer Dressler
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 3:45 PM
To: Briski, Kevin; Madelyn Leopold
Cc: Leslie Dressler
Subject: Wingra Boats, Brittingham Park

Mr Briski, Ms Leopold,

I write you in support of Wingra Boats and Tyler Leeper in their proposed operations at the Brittingham Park beach house.

I am a resident of Aldermanic District 13 as well as a great supporter and participant in the human-powered, silent sports on Madison's wonderful lakes. I enjoy sailing, canoeing and kayaking and my wife actively coaches the Camp Randall Rowing Club which rows out of Brittingham Boathouse.

I believe that the more people have access to the lakes, the more people will take a stake in the lakes. Water quality, litter, etc are all continuous battles and greater use will likely lead to greater respect. Boating, unfortunately, is often viewed as an exclusive leisure activity. With rentals available, this stigma can be lessened by some degree and make the lakes more accessible. More people enjoying the water, especially in an environmentally friendly manner (no wakes, no noise, no exhaust) means a healthier and more vibrant lakefront.

The wonderful collaboration between the City and CRRC has led to a drastically different view of Brittingham Bay, the boathouse, and the health of the lakefront in general. I am sure that having more sailors and paddlers in an around Brittingham Park could only make the park and the neighborhood more pleasant for all stakeholders.

I wish I could join you at the meeting tonight, but my wife is coaching and I don't believe my 6-month-old son would contribute much to the order of the proceedings.

Please support Mr Leeper and his proposal.

Thank you,

Kris

Kristofer Dressler
