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Mayor John Dickert
Racine Common Council
Racine City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
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Dear Mayor Dickert, and Racine Common Council,

RE: Vidian-Cheska Park Grass Cutting/Contract

I have been a citizen of the City of Racine, at the above address that borders Vidian- Cheska Park, for just short of thirty (30) years.

During MOST of those years the maintenance of Vidian-Cheska Park has been good under Aldermen Vidian, and DeHahn.. BUT, during the last couple of years, when the City has decided to cut the grass at Vidian-Cheska Park on a bi-weekly, and a certain area of the park monthly the park has taken on a SLUM area look. Which decreases the value of properties in the area, and makes the City of Racine look like a BAD place to live, or visit.

The grass, that is currently cut by a Contractor via a Contract with the City, has been left to look like a hayfield after cutting (WINDROW), and the park area is UNSIGHTLY and the grass is left to BUILD UP. Also, per my understanding, the City requires City Residents to maintain a cutting height for their grass of nine (9) inches, or less. Yet the City allows Vidian-Cheska Park grass to EXCEED THAT HEIGHT REQUIREMENT.

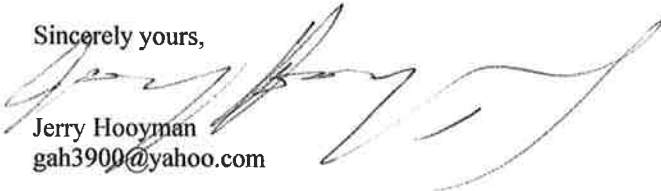
Now, the City does have the Contractual Right to require the Contractor to remove the WINDROW, UNSIGHTLY and BUILT UP grass, OR for the City to REMOVE the grass and DEDUCT payments to the Contractor. But, the Contract has never been enforced regarding those Terms.

So, I am asking for the Right to Address the Department of Public Works regarding the Grass Cutting Contract that the City has with the outside Contractor to AMEND the Current Contract so that Vidian-Cheska Park grass is again cut like other City Parks by City employees, and as berms, culverts, etc. are currently done under the City/Contractor Contract. Or, for the City to Rescind the Current Contract.

After the Department of Public Works Meeting I am also asking that the Vidian-Cheska Park Grass Cutting Contract with the outside Contractor be put on the Agenda for the Full City Council to vote on, and approve any, and all Amendments that are agreed to at the Department of Public Works Meeting whether that being an Amendment to WEEKLY CUTTING OF ALL PARK AREAS OF VIDIAN-CHESKA PARK BY THE CONTRACTOR, or THE CUTTING OF THE GRASS BY CITY EMPLOYEES.

Please let me know if I will be able to make a presentation at the January 31, 2017 Dept. of Public Works meeting, and to get this item on the Agenda for the next Common Council Meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


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