

Petrouske, Cathy

From: Snow, Donnie
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2007 8:42 AM
To: Petrouske, Cathy
Cc: Schumann, Jack; Molbeck, Tom
Subject: FW: another Parks issue

Cathy,
 Melissa makes some good points. Please forward this email to all PRCS Board members with next months board information.
 Thanks,
 Donnie

From: Melissa Warner [mailto:mhwarner@execpc.com]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 4:32 PM
To: Snow, Donnie
Subject: Fwd: another Parks issue

Donnie - here is the email I sent on zoo parking. I will see if I can find out when it's scheduled.

Melissa
 Begin forwarded message:

From: Melissa Warner <mhwarner@execpc.com>
Date: August 8, 2007 1:02:38 PM CDT
To: Donnie Snow <Donnie.Snow@cityofracine.org>
Subject: another Parks issue

Dear Donnie -

At our recent SEGG Sierra Conservation Commiittee meeting we discussed the zoo's request to turn park of Lakeview Center into a parking lot. We are concerned for two reasons, and we need your advice on the best way to proceed...

First - and the bigger issue - is the attitude we are noticing in the country at large as well as locally that parks are parks only as long as we don't want them for something else. Notice the City giving parkland to Habitat for Humanity, and Mount Pleasant's desire to sell Stewart McBride for development as well as the Zoo's request. We want to go on record as opposing this trend.

Second - we're not convinced there's a parking problem. I am told that the lot they have is rarely full. It could be posted much more effectively so that people use it (It's out of sight - a short block away - so perhaps not everyone is aware of it's presence). Perhaps a study of other solutions could be completed before we sacrifice any park land. Even a little.

We need to know what steps the Zoo will need to take to bring this about in order to oppose

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it effectively. Would you tell us if and when this item will be on the agenda at the Parks Board mtg or at City Council.

Thanks

Melissa Warner and SEGG Sierra Conservation Committee