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Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Craig, Sondra
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From: Nancy Green <nanagramgreen@gmail.com>
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From: Kristie Neve <kristieneve@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Oct 8, 2021, 1:48 PM
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Here's what I sent. I have not received any reaction from Kiel. Mailed on October 4. Unfortunately, I didn't have the number of signees on petition that I was going for, but it did give names of real folks in my circle. Odd, she never commented. 😊. K

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kristie Neve <kristieneve@gmail.com>
Date: October 4, 2021 at 9:12:15 AM CDT
To: kielm@cityoflacrosse.org
Cc: Kristie Neve <kristieneve@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Riverside Park Petition

Dear Council Member Kiel,

Hello, my name is Kristie Neve, I reside at 417 S. 21 St. I am a registered voter in District 7.

Over the last months, I have looked into the rezoning proposal regarding the Hatchery at Riverside Park, from a public to a private/public enterprise. I have talked to my neighbors regarding this issue. You will find a homegrown petition along with this letter. Several of my neighbors have signed who are opposed to the Hatchery's goals of becoming a commercial venue for booking wedding parties; having an outside beer garden, AirBnB rooms, and other suggested pop up markets. The Park Board has made clear that this building needs rezoning for this project to continue.

I attended the last Council Meeting (August 12, 2021) where rezoning was on the Agenda. As a matter of fact, I was one of folks at the meeting who expressed my concern over the rezoning. I was grateful that a pause was placed on the rezone vote. After attending a Park Commissioners' Board Meeting and a public comment program at the Southside Community Center, I still remain firmly against the city leasing this building to the newly formed company, The Hatchery, LLC. I ask what is their track record with such projects? Has the City Council carefully reviewed the company's proposal and business model? I just don't feel there has been adequate due diligence.

When will the beer garden be open? Initially, I heard that it as only when a party was being held and for the attendees only. I got the impression recently that this beer garden could be open at different times and for anyone. What will be the status of this proposed outside beer garden? The city has a problematic history with intoxication and the river. We need to find ways to reduce that opportunity, not encourage it.

Finally, there are significant problems with traffic and parking. The Park Board has not sufficiently explained how there will be ample space around the building for parking and smooth traffic flow, and all those vehicles detract from the experience of park visitors . From my perspective, that corner of the park can become congested, not to mention the inconveniences for residents at the adjacent apartment complex and the folks who visit the International Friendship Garden.

I would gratefully appreciate your consideration regarding the issues I have brought up. The neighbors who signed my petition have generously permitted me to express, for them, the concerns that I have presented.

Warmly,
Kristie Neve
kristieneve@gmail.com

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Drew Neve <ab9ne@yahoo.com>
Date: October 4, 2021 at 9:09:25 AM CDT
To: Kristie Neve <kristie.neve@gmail.com>
Subject: Riverside Park Petition

Petition regarding Riverside Park rezoning.

We, citizens living in the 7th Aldermanic District declare that we are adamantly opposed to the change of zoning of the Fish Hatchery building located at the North end of Riverside Park from public/private to commercial status. The current interested party, Hatchery LLC, has proposed to lease the Hatchery Building to be refurbished as a wedding venue, beer garden, meeting center, and AirBnB rooms.

As users of Riverside Park, who bring our families and guests to this park, we see this change will create traffic and parking problems, more noise, and the possibility of intoxication. This is an area along the river that has a tragic history in regards to drunkenness. Effort should be made to reduce that possibility.

We respectfully ask that this proposal be tabled and carefully reviewed before further action is taken.

	NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1	Deanne Drake	2115 Ferry St. LAX	Deanne Drake
2	Connie Gibson	427 to 21st LAX	Connie Gibson
3	Kim Gibson	427 21st St S LAX	Kim Gibson
4	Drew Neve	417 21st St S, LAX	Drew Neve
5	Mary Schuttenhelm	2129 Ferry St, LAX	Mary Schuttenhelm
6	Justin Piggush	2120 Ferry St LAX	Justin Piggush
7	Beth Piggush	2120 Ferry St LAX	Beth Piggush
8	Jinda Lee	412 20 th St S, LAX	Jinda Lee
9	Carla Pea Pea	832 22nd St. S.	Carla Pea Pea
10	Wynne Lash	423 21st St. S.	Wynne Lash
11	Mell Tim	1251 S. 22 nd Dr	Mell Tim (Husband & wife)
12	Barbara Fisher	1251 S. 22 nd Dr LAX	Barbara Fisher
13	Mary Wagner	2124 Main	Mary Wagner
14	Sarah O'Connor	402 Losey Blvd S	Sarah O'Connor
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