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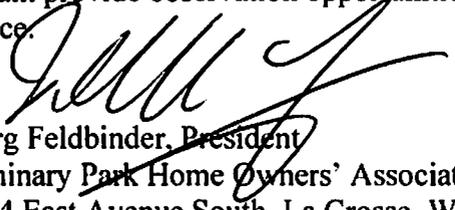
Representative Trost:

I write on behalf of the seven SPHOA Board of Directors and our thirty-nine other resident owners. Collectively, we urge you to speak and vote in favor of the budget item #558 to install lighting in Seminary Park at 3401 East Avenue South, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Because it is a well-forested park with no lights adjacent to a cemetery with no lights, it is totally dark during the overnight. Because eighteen of our units face Seminary Park and because many of our owners walk daily in the neighborhood, our residents are aware of activity in the park during the dark of night. Many of our residents have notified the police of suspicious activity in the park; when asked to describe what we seen, we cannot describe that which is covered by darkness.

Often, we observe a car enter the park from East Avenue S. and turn its light off while simultaneously a car appears from the cemetery drive and flashes lights once. Shortly afterward, we observe two cars exiting the park; again, the darkness and quickness prevents us from noting makes, models, license plate numbers, drivers, passengers.

Sufficient lighting in Seminary Park would likely deter some of this activity and would for certain provide observation opportunities for our residents and other passersby to report to the police.



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Note: The city website shows the park address as 3400 East Ave. S, but that is the address of our condominium complex.