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I would like to express my extreme disappointment with Mitch Reynolds and the City of La Crosse for considering turning Riverside Park into a permanent commercial venture.

As a resident of Riverplace Apartments, I see first hand how the park is used in a relaxed atmosphere by a diverse community of young and old alike.

This commercial venue will change Riverside Park just as the unsheltered have changed Houska Park. Parking is at a premium now with boat rides, Segways, Graduations, etc. Will the said venue have their own parking or will they take advantage of the city's free parking? Will the park close at 11? No parking after 9 pm? No more than 3 trips around the Park? Will the no smoking ordinance be enforced. Adding alcohol into the mix will only lead to problems and disputes.

Leave the parks for the people instead of special or moneyed interests.

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