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City of La Crosse

I would like to share some thoughts from the Judiciary and Administrative Meeting I attended on August 3rd at the South Side Center.

While I am disappointed on the vote for the zoning change at Riverside Park, I am more concerned and alarmed at what happened after the vote.

If I remember correctly Superintendent Jay Odegaard stated this was not done correctly or under established procedure or something to that effect. There is a big safety issue here that could see legal ramifications in the future for the city of La Crosse and ultimately for the members who vote yes, as insurance companies might refuse to indemnify a claim. With an open records request, there might be things not done acceptable to the interpretation of various Attorneys and Judges. With the political climate changing in Washington, Madison, and locally, there is the distinct possibility future administrations might see things differently and try to right what they or the people of La Crosse perceive as an injustice at Riverside Park.

I have seen no documentation on the use or hours at the " event center. " Anything from Day Care to Political Rallies, 24 hours a day.

These concerns were tried to be communicated to the alderperson of Ward 6 but was told a flat no to one of the constituents. I politely asked her twice but again the answer was no. With the #metoo movement and sexual harassment stories in the everyday news, I feel it is wise to have no contact with the alderperson of Ward 6 after being told no very firmly 2 times. I have always respected and will continue to respect a person's boundaries and hope everyone in an inclusive environment feels the same.

Without being able to express my concerns about Safety, Legal, and Financial issues for all people of La Crosse, I will try to move along the concerns and issues the best way I can and try to do the right thing, especially from the safety aspect. La Crosse is one of the most beautiful, and tolerable cities in the Midwest and hopefully can be kept safe. Law enforcement is doing all they can and should be commended. If we can keep unsafe problems from developing, their job will be safer and less stressful too.

Thank You
James R Scheidt