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Hello, As a resident of Washburn on the Park Apartments (on 2nd floor facing west to Burn's Park), I see the need for Security Guards at the Park (similar to what was done last spring/summer/fall season). I observe a lot of daytime disorder/unlawful public exposure amongst some of the unhoused population which sometimes requires that I call the Police Dept. non emergency phone #, or as was the case last week at about 12:30 P.M. I called 911 as there were people lighting an open fire grill in the center of the park (as I was on the phone with Police dispatch reporting the exposure of 3 males and 1 female at the private house on 8th St. facing my apartment). I just wanted to enjoy a summer lunch on my private balcony. Thank you for allowing me to speak my position at the July 3rd Council meeting too.

I also witnessed a "grandma (I think)" driving up in a minivan to have lunch in Burns Park, and let the 6 children play on the equipment(the oldest appeared to be mentally/physically challenged; however, when she got them to the picnic tables and realized they were mostly overtaken with persons who probably appeared threatening, she immediately marched all 6 kids (under age 12) back to the van, and they drove away. Our public and visitors to La Crosse deserve to use public parks as well.

Thank you for your considerations, and your 4/2 vote in favor of utilizing unused City funds for additional security in Burn's (and Cameron Park?) from July 11, 2025 to December, 2025.

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