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To whom it may concern. It is growing very clear to most of us that you have no plan to help the homeless people especially the ones who are suffering from addiction. The fact that it's even being brought up to let them camp at houska park is a complete joke! My family has a boat in the municipal harbor and this aggravates the hell out of me to the extreme. We pay a lot of money to keep our boats in the slip and the last time you allowed the camps we saw theft and vandalism. There is no video protection in the harbor aimed at the boats and paying police to survey the area is a complete waste of our tax payers money. Not to mention when we bring friends and family on boat rides it's a complete embarrassment to our great city and beautiful shoreline. I'm sure the customers enjoying the patio and eating at Pettibone boat club really love looking across the river to a homeless camp that is a complete mess.

Here's my thoughts. If you're gonna allow them to camp at a park how about one of the public lands or unused parks over by the bluff and far away from the downtown area where all the tourist go. Or how about one of the many abandoned unused buildings in town. Like the Kmart building or perhaps the old north side fire station that now sits next to the new fire and police station. At least they could be better monitored and less likely to disturb the tax payers in that area. Not the hotel on French island either! Thats another problem waiting to happen. La crosse can't handle the problem so put them in the town of Campbell. This is the most pathetic plan from this committee. If they can't come up with a logical plan then they all need to resign from the committee.

I have a thought on a solution that I hope I can share at the meeting next week august 8th. It's called "Homeless School" if you would like to hear about my solution feel free to call! 608-738-8185

With hopes  
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