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Good morning,

Thank you for the opportunity to restate my support for a new shelter in Weigent Park. I realize the City of La Crosse has limited financial resources and many financial obligations to maintain its services and infrastructure. It is easy to think a new shelter in one in Weigent Park isn't a high priority. However, I believe a new shelter in Weigent Park is a worthy investment.

There are several reasons I believe this:

- (1) The new shelter will have handicapped accessible bathrooms, which the current shelter does not.
- (2) Weigent Park hosts the city-sponsored summer day program. As weather becomes more erratic due to climate change, it will be increasingly important to have a facility in the park that can be used for inside programming--either due to extreme heat or extreme rain. The current shelter has inside storage for programming supplies, but it does not offer an inside programming space that can be used for activities.
- (3) The new shelter will look better and invite use. In contrast, the current shelter is an eye-sore and does not fit in with all the other investments in the area--private (several homes around the park were recently painted) & public (the tennis courts were resurfaced & playground equipment was replaced). In this regard, shelter improvements are the last big thing to do. Let's finish the job.
- (4) Finally, there is significant support from the Weigent-Hogan Neighborhood Association for this project as it has allocated a significant amount of money from its capitol improvement allocation toward the shelter project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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