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To: Woodard, Chris; ZZ Council Members
Subject: Re: Houska Park

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I can not understand why the city of La Crosse & the tax payers in the city have to cater to a bunch of **ADDICTS**. Quit calling them "Unsheltered." There may be a couple that have experienced a hard time, But 99% of them are nothing but **ADDICTS** who don't want to conform to society. Why do **ADDICTS** deserve to be catered to? What have they done to earn it? How do they contribute to the rest of the city to get free medical attention once a week? WTF! Wherever you allow them to go; they trash it. The Econolodge, Houska have all been destroyed. They don't respect what the taxpayers give them so why are we catering to them? When will the city figure out that if you don't allow it; maybe they will go away. Why doesn't the city spend some tax dollars on enforcing the law against drugs instead of promoting it? If I have 1 beer & drive my vehicle I would get arrested. Again, WTF?

I remember my childhood having some great family outings at Houska park. Now it is dangerous just being in the neighborhood of that park. When camping was allowed there before, I drove through there once. Scared the hell out of me! I swore I would never do it again. I saw a drug deal going down & they weren't shy about it. They didn't even care that I was driving by.

I am 1 boat owner who pays \$1000.00 a year to the city of La crosse for a slip at Municipal Harbor. Look at the hundreds of boats at the harbor & the revenue the city gets from us. I have my boat on dock A. Whenever I go to take my boat out there will be some riff raff parked in the gravel lot at the end of Hood street next to the main channel. I don't feel safe when I see that. I almost always have my kids & grandkids with me. It doesn't appear that the city cares about us as much as they do about the **ADDICTS**. I am sure you have heard the stories about boats getting broken into, Stuff getting stolen, Needles being left on boats. But yet the city of La Crosse looks the other way & puts the label of "Unsheltered" on them.

None of this makes any sense whatsoever!

On Thu, Aug 1, 2024 at 7:07 PM Woodard, Chris <woodardc@cityoflacrosse.org> wrote:

Good evening,

I wanted to share with you that there is a few council members (not myself) who have put forward a resolution to again allow camping at Houska Park. I know previously- there may have been some struggles related to the unsheltered population and municipal harbor. I wanted to give you a heads up and let you have the ability to have your voices heard. If you want, please send an email in regards to item 24-1075 to zzcouncilmembers@cityoflacrosse.org

Thank you,
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District 9 Council Member

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