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Heather - in response to your zoom meeting comment about non-residents making snarky, unhelpful comments, I can assume you were addressing me. I will remind you that 2 years ago I was the one who spent a day trimming back the overgrowth on the boat ramp, despite harassment from Arne, filled my trailer, and hauled it to Metro, paying the \$30 tip fee.

This ramp issue is about two landowners wanting to close the ramp to the public. The last time this came up there was no doubt what the residents wanted, that is access pretty much as it has been. Their technique is to constantly whittle away at any possibility of changing the status quo. Somehow the sign disappeared. You told me personally that it had been removed in order to have it restored and repaired. What happened to it? This would indicate that you were aware of its removal. Gates went up to "protect the children from drowning", then the sign goes away, then signs suggesting people go elsewhere for river access, erroneously stating it was only a 10 minute drive away. Next, certain people wanted it to be open limited hours on particular days and perhaps the landowners should also have a weekend day "break" where it is closed so they may bar-b-que in peace. Oh yes, and there were allegations of masses of partying, unruly non-residents making much noise and leaving mounds of trash. Remember the alleged boat launchings at the last meeting in the park? They kept growing bigger and bigger as the next person commented, 20', 24', really? Don't forget the compliance with the COVID guidelines, closing and claiming the governor was at fault. It appears with this latest round someone discovered a rule forbidding swimming, fishing, and picnicking from state boat ramps. So now we have a hearing to address the grave safety issues of people fishing, swimming, and picnicking on the boat ramp. Ever see "The Music Man"? we got trouble, right here in River City.....Eighteen times the mayor saw someone fishing. Pretty much Norman Rockwell, 2 boys looking for something to do. The council doesn't want them playing video games, we heard them say that, but don't go fishing either, at least not here. Drive 10 minutes to another place.

So when I heard about the parking, and how the street is actually too narrow for parking on both sides should a fire truck need to get thru, I had to agree that parking restrictions were needed. But then it was suggested that residents be exempt from parking restrictions. So how does that work? The fire truck either fits down the street or it doesn't. There is a safety issue or there isn't.

In light of the last overwhelming vote to keep the ramp open I still don't see the council voicing the will of the people here, I see a choice few desperately looking for any loophole to limit access to the river. I've heard few facts other than hearsay when it comes to numbers based on reality. My friend in Milwaukie has the same issue happening at the end of her street where the Willamette River property owner keeps

attempting to block the access trail by planting shrubbery and such, so my suspicions have some basis. I think Heritage Park should be tapped as another river access spot to relieve the pressure on the Stark ramp. No one spoke about that. It could have a dock one could fish from, legally, and swim even.

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