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Rachel - first off, thank you for your ongoing diligence in this matter. please forward this email to the appropriate councilor.

Yet again we need to fight against a thinly disguised attempt to limit and close Stark ramp river access. I see no other reasons, and it is quite obvious the adjacent landowners are behind this push. I suggest that sundown be the evening time limit for operation. Remember, these rules are for the community, not just a few.

The gates make no sense either, other than make people feel unwanted or perhaps in violation to enter. Even if there were toddlers wandering about, i've never seen one, the bolts are easily within their reach, or they could walk around the side. No other boat ramp that i have ever used had access gates. If children drowning was an access issue, no doubt gates would be common. I suggest removing them.

Another attempt to limit river access by the self-declared entitled landowners is to limit parking on the public street in front of their houses. perhaps if they owned the street then they could make such a demand, but we own it. Asking people to carry their boats and equipment for blocks when there is perfectly suitable parking right in front is ludicrous. Why does such a request even come up? Who is actually running these procedures. should any of these issues get passed I will have serious questions about corrupt compensation having taken place, because this all smells quite fishy.

I recently "discovered" Heritage Park, having never bicycled back there before. If these landowners want to relieve some of the demand for river access at Stark, why don't they make a donation to have a new river access created at Heritage Park? It will take a lot, the bank is high, but there is space for parking, and who knows, perhaps they have more money and influence than the residents of Heritage Park. They could name it after themselves and be heroes, not villains.

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