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**Testimony on boat ramp meeting 27 July 2021**

The escalation by the homeowners primarily on Dogwood regarding our public park and public boat ramp is over the top... These facilities along with an elementary school withing walking distance has been and I think still is considered one of the biggest reasons families move to Rivergrove. Now residents are being trying to be manipulated by a few into believing that these attractions are a hazard and an attractive nuisance. One cannot separate out traffic to the park from traffic to the boat ramp. So many factors are at play.

When I say manipulated that is because the real issue is that the owners that seem to have the problem are directly around the boat ramp. **This is a real estate issue.** I see no homeless or trash or dogs running lose or children being harmed. The noise issues in the past were to do with after 9 pm and what I had understood over the years from Arn were people partying at the bottom of boat ramp. I understood that there were signs to keep people from parking directly across from the entrance. I was instrumental in getting the new gate so I know the history

We approved the Renaissance development knowing that it would drive the population and now we are getting more people in to use the park and ramp. The city council at one time did allow volunteers to lock and unlock the gates and no one came forth. Nonsense such as impediment for elderly is just pandering.

The county road is wide enough and was designed for the traffic by Clackamas County. I have seen written and substantiated no facts to support the concerns that there is too much traffic. Just emotional language about reduced livability. A park and ramp are not hidden. **Anyone who has purchased real estate there had to have known and if it is that big of a concern they should MOVE to a quieter and less busy neighborhood.** Those of us who live across and near the Renaissance dev. On Childs / 30+ homes used heightened traffic in protest over the number of homes to try to reduce the number of homes.... well it never happened. Having a few hundred trips around that park a day is minimal and cannot be considered a burden.

I have lived here 30 years come October and driven around the park during the day and weekends for decades and for the most part it is empty. Especially Sept to May. We in the city have been hoping for more children use our upgrade and very expensive playground equipment and I am so happy to have contributed to the baby swing and taken my granddaughter and used it.

**If this progresses then I think the city should - if this whole issue to minimize use is not dropped – then it needs to be put to legal vote on Clackamas County Ballot.**

**Thanks Mary Mann**

