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City Councilors
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Stark's Boat Ramp---the continuing saga

We have been lead to believe that all of the issues revolving about the boat ramp have been addressed as noted by the detailed research that councilor Pierce presented in his report in August 2020. But month after month we read and hear continued discussions regarding the same topics that ultimately revolve around neighbors complaints about noise and traffic in or around the ramp. Solutions to the problems have tossed around for years; close it, limit hours, not safe, don't allow parking on one side of Dogwood (move cars to close-by streets---these residents presented with same issues) don't allow fishing, swimming, no kids allowed and restrict what kind of craft can be launched at the ramp. Note: city attorney has also given his opinion on some of these issues.

Some mitigation was done to resolve some of the traffic: remove ramp signage, install the gate (whether it was legal or not), paint a no parking strip on Dogwood in front of the ramp entrance and the biggest one, don't maintain the ramp by not using a dollar of the park maintenance fund. How many excuses have we heard why the invasive blackberries, laurel and other brush not be cleared from the ramp area. Assumption: neighbors have told city officials they don't want it cleaned up. Along with this, requests to have the ramp extended in the river have been ignored.

Safety We, (and possibly 6 or 7 others) that live on the East Dogwood next to the Sycamore Dogwood intersection, and would trade boat ramp traffic and noise for the inconsiderate vehicle drivers that ignore the 3 stops signs at this intersection. You don't have to look 2 or 3 times before you back out of your driveway or move directly off to the side of the road if walking near the intersection if you hear a car coming. There is constant traffic, speeding, driving while texting and blowing through the stop sign without a hint of slowing down. More young drivers with their cars learning bad driving habits from their parents. It is a serious accident waiting to happen. And the only time you see a deputy sheriff on the streets here is when someone dies. **Yes**, all neighborhoods have their traffic problems and noise.

We live directly across the river from the Tualatin City river walk way where a concrete path extends to the river's edge. **We see a lot good things** happening at this view point; lots of people fishing, dogs retrieving sticks that the owners toss in the water, kids throwing rocks in the water, and folks just enjoying the scenery. **On the other hand**, there is pot smoking, abundant consumption of alcohol, lovers physically enjoying each other, fire works, loud parties extending into the night, paint balls coloring our dock, nudity, urinating in the bushes, lights shining in our house at night, and not so bright fisherman casting weighted lines onto our dock. In extreme cases the Tualatin police

department might respond to a serious incident but I'm sure they have more pressing matters to attend to than respond to obnoxious people on the riverbank.

Just visualize how river front owners would respond now if they saw the powerboat traffic that was the norm 50 years ago and totally legal.. Water skiing was an every day occurrence with boats that would go over 40 mph. Guilty.

We enjoy our home on the river and take the good with the bad. It is what it is and when we feel it is not enjoyable we will move on.

The City has put off making decisions concerning the boat ramp for too many years. It's meetings, hearings one after another without concrete results. We are at loss what more can be talked about that hasn't researched and discussed by the council or attorneys.

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