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Parks and Recreation Committee

Date: August 27, 2013

To: Lauri Dannemiller, Manager of Parks and Recreation

From: INC Parks and Recreation Committee

Re: Changes In POFA Draft

Dear Lauri,

The INC Parks Committee met Tuesday 8/20 and there was a discussion about the changes to the POFA draft that followed the public meetings and then went to LUDE. The email that was sent out August 6th shared the significant changes made to the original draft.

The committee is in agreement that this has been a difficult permit policy to develop especially where there are many varied businesses with the potential to request permits. INC had two representatives on the stakeholders meetings and both were sincere in working with the other stakeholders to craft a policy that would allow business to be in parks but also to be sensitive to the neighbors surrounding the parks and to other park users. We now believe the revised draft policy has moved beyond being sensitive to neighbors and park users.

The process of developing the POFA was flawed and the results of the flawed process are now being felt with outrage by businesses over fees, demand to be able to set up business anywhere in the park at any time of day, and decision to have unlimited number of permits given. What is not being heard is the concern for parks and the use. The community has yet to weigh in on the new draft policy as they are unaware of the changes and impact on the parks.

The policy as it is written is not enforceable. The new proposed fees are out of line and in unfair competition with private businesses. The fees do not in any way align with RAPP, these businesses would be at the top of the pyramid not at the bottom. The community had an opportunity to respond to the first draft of POFA through public meetings but not to the second one.

We request the policy be held and brought back to the stakeholders. Additional members should be present for example not for profits and individuals teaching with less than 5 people. Additionally representatives of park users ie. bicyclists, dog walkers, representative of the aging population and private fitness businesses such as 24 Hour Fitness or DU Fitness Center should be included. We also request any policy that is created to permit businesses be weighted against the mission of the Parks and Recreation stewardship of parks and a statement of support of the policy as it applies to the mission be shared with the public.

Best,

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