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Craig McLaughlin
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Re: April 14, 2022 Letter to PenMet Parks

Dear Mr. McLaughlin,

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the conditions at several PenMet Parks properties, including those located on Fox Island. We wanted to assure you that the Board of Park Commissioners receives copies of all of your correspondence.

We share some of your concerns, as has been described in our responses to your letters and our communications with you and with a number of other Fox Island community members. We have made many changes over the last few years, and continue to make changes in both the organization and its goals and priorities to address those concerns. We understand that you may not feel that your concerns are being addressed. We hope that over the next year you recognize that PenMet Parks is addressing those concerns, as well as providing new and improved park and recreation opportunities for the entire community while properly balancing the finite resources available to us.

We understand that you intend to move forward with your request to the Boundary Review Board to remove Fox Island from PenMet Parks boundaries. We also understand that if you are successful in your petition to the Boundary Review Board, that you intend to form a new metropolitan park district that would only include Fox Island. As we stated in our earlier correspondence, PenMet Parks does not support your proposal. We believe doing so will result in significantly higher costs to the Fox Island community while receiving significantly lower benefits and access to parks and recreation opportunities.



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We are committed to advancing the mission of PenMet Parks and improving the Park District. We believe that valuable staff and Board member time is best spent advancing these goals and objectives, as previously expressed, and we will continue to focus on that. Therefore, in the absence of a change in circumstances, please consider this to be the Board's final correspondence with you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Board of Park Commissioners
Steve Nixon, President
MaryEllen (Missy) Hill, Clerk
Kurt Grimmer, Commissioner
Laurel Kingsbury, Commissioner
Amanda Babich, Commissioner