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TO: Community Development Director

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FROM: Parks and Recreation Director

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RE: BENDER VARIANCE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

While I have no direct comments on this variance request, I am extremely concerned about the impact on Calkins Landing should the variance be granted. It appears that the sub-division of the property would require front lot access over presently undeveloped right-of-way (SE 28th). While access can not be denied, the location of any driveway should be designed as to minimize disruption of the park and it's users.

Calkins Landing was developed for recreational use in 1973, by the City and neighborhood volunteers. Since this time, the park has received extremely heavy use by local area residents, particularly during the summer months. It is not uncommon to see 30 people taking advantage of this waterfront access. Calkins Landing is the only street end of which there are three in the area where swimming is permitted. Due to the high use of this facility, the City provides supervision through the summer. The development of Slater Park, several lots to the south of Calkins, could possibly reduce use of Calkins, however, swimming will not be encouraged at this new site.

Due to the high recreational use of Calkins Landing and limited public waterfront access on the Island, it is extremely important to preserve this outstanding neighborhood facility. It is apparent that further reduction of the park's usable area should be discouraged or minimized as much as possible.

Should this variance request be approved, I would like to have the opportunity to review the sight plan and explore alternative access actions.