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Councilor Em Westerlund
City Government Office
411 West First Street, Room 330
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Dear Councilor Westerlund,

We would like to thank you for meeting with us, sharing your priorities and listening to the concerns of the Park Point community. We believe in building positive, collaborative relationships in order to find answers and address problems.

We hope you might be willing to help us connect with City of Duluth departments and resources in order to address these concerns that we discussed with you on February 15th:

1. The street from the lift bridge to the S- curve is in very terrible condition. This is the worst section of South Lake Avenue and has the most traffic. We believe the street has been significantly damaged by construction vehicles building the hotels on Minnesota Ave. When will S. Lake Ave. between the bridge and the S-curve be repaired? What is the long term timeline for street repairs on Park Point?
2. Infrastructure, specifically sewer lines and water quality, are of great concern. If the lake level continues to rise, how will sewage overflows be prevented? What is the plan this year to slow or stop inflow? Has the Pollution Control Agency been notified of the sewage overflows? Are any new holding tanks in the works? New sewer lines? How effective is the "new" pumping station near the bridge? Does the pumping data demonstrate that the current sewer infrastructure is adequate to transport waste from additional hotel rooms? ? How will rising the lake level affect the data?

Residents report a high level of sediment in the water supply, laundry is affected. How often is the water sampled and how is this problem mitigated? By hydrant flushing? Any other means in the works?

3. The erosion of the beach near the bridge and at the end of the Point is of great concern. Several Park Point residents have been reaching out to the Corps of Engineers and the Department of Natural Resources for assistance but are feeling frustrated. We would welcome the City Council's support in finding long lasting solutions for these areas of concern.

4. We would very much like to have you attend our Park Point Community Club meetings occasionally. We understand that you have a committee meeting that conflicts with our regular meeting date and time. We would invite you to attend, even with a late arrival and will suspend the rules to have you check in, even for a short time. Your constituents would very much like the opportunity to meet you in person.

Again, thank you very much for meeting with us; we look forward to working with you in addressing the concerns of the Park Point community.

Kind regards,

Dawn Buck

PPCC President;

Charlene Shimmin, John McKinney, Pam Griggs, Tom Griggs, Dave Poulin- Park Point residents

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Mayor Emily Larson

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Here is a list of other concerns that have been mentioned by Park Pointers for future discussions and actions:

- Beach fires and smelting- What are the rules for beach fires? In park, while fishing?
- Off leash dogs & dog waste on the beach
- Emergency services to Park Point when Canal Park in traffic jam or bridge is up
- Better signage for parks and trails and cautionary signs re. drownings; removal of unauthorized signs
- Bathrooms- better signage, cleaning & maintenance; porta potties requested on south canal plaza adjacent to beach access to the lake
- Sump pumps flowing into the streets creating dangerous icy sidewalks and roads
- Poison ivy- flows into the boardwalks, on trails to beach, is spraying a possibility?
- "Park Rangers"- how to best utilize, responsibilities
- Access to bay and beach via streets-management and protection of resources and access
- Additional police support, parks support will be needed with increased traffic due to more tourists and additional hotels