

To: Tonya Richards

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From: Paul White

I will not be able to attend the meeting scheduled for 2/24. Following are some thoughts expressed to me about the cabins. My thoughts are at the end of the letter. If these issues are not brought up during the meeting, then you may present them for me.

What will happen to the cabins if the developers later decide to abandon them for some reason?

What will Steve Hudson's role be in managing and policing the cabins. For his benefit, his role needs to be clearly defined.

One couple feels this cabin project conflicts with the founding engineer's expression that the lake was to be for PUBLIC use -- not private gain. Will this private enterprise violate any basic policies adopted when the Park and Lake was originally developed?

If cabin renters bring a boat and they are not county residents, what boat rules will be applied to them?

Is the county putting any county funds into the project like utilities, financing, etc.?

My comments:

Steve's role should be the same as for any other camper or mobile home owner. As Park Supt, he should not be expected to handle anything related to the management of the cabins such as cleaning, reservations, damage by renters, check-in/check-out, etc. If he wants to contract out on his personal time, that might be OK, but not as part of his daily park duties.

Since the project is presented as increasing the use of the lake and the county will be getting a fee from the rentals, it seems that they qualify as enhancing the public use of the lake and contributing directly to it's financial support. Some say that the lake should be more self-supporting, not fully tax supported and this is a way of helping on the finances. The renters are the public, the county is not bearing any of the risk of the project, the county will receive revenue from the lease and the rentals, the Park will see an increase in use which will also generate some increase in local city business, all of which hopefully will reduce the need for tax support for the Park. It seems to me it is in the best interest of the Park to do this, assuming it does not violate some policy of the Park.

As to boats, cabin renters should be viewed the same as other campers, tent and RV, and day use patrons. The boat owners should follow the rules as determined by residency.

I can call me any time. My number is 382-2900. This number will forward to my cell phone so I can be reached anywhere.

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