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From: Charles Kamps <chaskamps@gmail.com>
Subject: Comments on the " Clarification " of The Dock Operations Plan
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Dear Mr. Lynch;

The plan is inadequate. Paragraph 8 doesn't clearly state that carry-ins of food and non-alcoholic beverages are allowed at the pavilion and on the beach. Was the muddy language deliberate? Dock's past practices, the presence of servers and the signs fastened to the tables make it essential that the public now be told that carry-ins are allowed.

LDAC should be furnished a plan or drawing showing the size and placement of the modular bar. It should not block the public from any part of the 2nd level of the pavilion.

Please forward these comments to the commissioners.

Thanks, Charlie Kamps



Re: Proposal from Dock, Inc., for new development of the second floor of the Bradford Beach Pavilion for a bar and restaurant. File# HRA21-27

February 17, 2021

Lakefront Development Advisory Commission,

We strongly oppose the proposal from Dock Inc. for new development of the second floor of the Bradford Beach Pavilion for a bar and restaurant.

We echo the thinking coming from the nearly unanimous public sentiment already submitted.

This proposal stands in violation of Wisconsin's Constitution and the Public Trust Doctrine. As explained in our October 31, 2020 letter to the Lakefront Development Advisory Commission about this matter, Wisconsin has consistently held that the development of "destination" restaurants, bars, or similar commercial facilities on Wisconsin lakebeds are clearly not consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Moreover, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) advised the Milwaukee County Parks Department, in a letter dated December 16, 2020, that the State has an affirmative obligation to assure that public trust lakebed areas are maintained and used for appropriate purposes consistent with the public trust, and noted that the Dock Inc. proposal will require review by the DNR technical and legal staff in relation to the question of whether the proposed use would be consistent with the public trust. The proposal cannot be granted by Milwaukee County without an affirmative finding by the State that the public trust would not be violated.

Among other things, the Public Trust Doctrine protects the right of members of the public to use our natural waters and shores for recreational purposes. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic access to outdoor public spaces is paramount to our community health. The proposed development raises significant equity concerns.

Our organization understands our waters to be part of the commons. They belong to all of us, and they need to be actively protected and managed for the good of all. Milwaukee Water Commons is deeply vested in the work of ensuring equitable access to our natural spaces. We see how private development, even when adjacent parcels of land are kept public, still outwardly face as private spaces that are unwelcoming to the

broader public. We can look to the public accesses to our waterways that are surrounded by high-end real estate development to see this play out.

We ask you to seek guidance from Milwaukee County's own strategic plan:

“Milwaukee County's approach focuses on addressing the root causes of racial inequities: the power structures, policies and practices of our institution.... Addressing the root causes that are contributing to inequities in the community will make sustainable, transformational change to the way our government does business, thereby driving Milwaukee County toward the vision of being the healthiest county in Wisconsin.”

Furthermore, Milwaukee County's Health and Equity Framework asks in regard to living conditions, “Do people have access to safe quality green spaces and recreation?” New Development by Dock Inc. does not move the county toward its own hopes and vision for our community.

As Milwaukee continues to dismantle systemic racism and battle the ills of being one of the most racially segregated cities in the nation, we ask you to listen to what each of us inherently knows. This development will not broadly improve the quality of life for our communities of color and it will not serve to foster care for our waters by all of those who call Milwaukee home.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda Riley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Co-Executive Director, Milwaukee Water Commons.