

I am concerned about the development of a beer garden in Humboldt Park. I see our parks as a valuable resource that deserves to be guarded and protected.

In the community and online discussions about this beer garden, the success of the Estabrook Beer Garden is frequently mentioned as one of the main arguments in support of one in Humboldt. The Humboldt location is different from Estabrook in every way. Estabrook Beer Garden is located in a huge field near a quiet river. Prior to the beer garden, the whole area was used by a couple fishermen and parents who drove their children to the park. The location of the Humboldt Park garden is on top of the pavilion which is used for community rentals and events, the rental picnic areas, the baseball diamond, the two new busy playgrounds, the kiddie pool, the pond and the proposed skate park. All of these community park activities are located in an area that is smaller than the open space where Estabrook's beer garden is located. The large proposed capacity of 200 people would overload this already crowded area.

I am concerned about the absolute lack of parking for this bar with the proposed capacity of 200 people. Again to compare with Estabrook, at that location there is a parking lot that is larger than a football field. The limited street parking available in the park is filled up every weekend and most nice weeknights by the above listed already existing park activities. The proposal suggests that many people will walk or bike to the garden, while up to 25% may do so on a nice day, I believe it is irresponsible to develop a new business with a 200 person capacity with zero planned parking. A business model like that would never be allowed to move forward in the general community.

Humboldt Park is located in a very urban area. It is surrounded by homes and two schools. Adding a venue of this nature has a definite negative impact on all of the immediate neighbors and the schools. Again compare, this location with Estabrook which is removed by several miles from any home or school.

I am very disappointed that the currently proposal offers no compensation to the parks in general nor to Humboldt Park for the use of this beautiful, valuable space. That is shocking to me that this will be allowed to move forward without money to plant more trees, repair the grass, eliminate the strewn trash from the added people etc.

This area of Humboldt Park is already saturated with activities that capture the spirit of what I think parks should be. Creating an outdoor bar does not enhance the park. Please don't sell out this community resource.

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