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Dear Joanne:

I may not be able to make the next meeting of the Parks Commission and wanted to write to request that the Commission (and/or Department) consider and approve installation of a webcam to allow live-streaming for boaters to monitor activities and conditions at the Perkins Pier docks. As a supplement to staff security, this would improve confidence for boaters and help deter potential theft and vandalism.

Electric power is already available at Perkins Pier, as are elevated locations to mount a camera. The City has recently located a parking kiosk on site, or the existing building can support a simple camera - one that can show if there are people on the docks- much like the ECHO weather cam. With a wide enough angle, the webcam could serve as a view out over the lake for visitors and residents to access.

The Commission recently increased our slip rental fees, justifying it in part by reference to other area marinas that have increased fees (and amenities such as web cams and better security). Speaking for myself and a number of others on the docks, we believe adding a camera would be an appropriate improvement. The graffiti along the waterfront is horrible - lets not allow the docks and our only public marina to be the subject of similar blight and place our boats at risk of damage when such a simple solution is readily available.

The cost of such a security improvement would be minimal, would help serve multiple community needs, and promote use of the park. Considering the revenue generated by the slip fees, it would seem more than appropriate to add a camera to monitor the docks and the lake conditions.

Please let me know how best to share this request with the Commission members.

Regards,

Peter Young
343 South Prospect Street