

Klock DNR requirement still has to be met

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Editor,

While like many, many people I am disappointed that development of upscale housing will proceed at Jean Klock Park, I applaud the efforts of those who worked hard to secure the remainder of the property forever.

Also, I am pleased to see that the city will improve access to the park. Personally, I think it would be wonderful if the original north and south access points were re-opened. I believe being able to drive through the park from end to end, as was once the norm, would go a long way toward encouraging family use again. As it now stands, the beach has an unsafe atmosphere, even in broad daylight, because there is no visibility from the entrance. A through-road would return the pleasure of driving through the park, and also make policing it much easier.

Lastly, while the issue of the deed language has been resolved, area residents should be reminded that the requirements of the various grant agreements signed by the city have yet to be met. Specifically, the city will be required to replace the land given up for private development with land of equal value and usefulness. I hope the local citizenry will keep a careful eye on this process, too, until it is concluded.

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