

Cedar Falls Municipal Band

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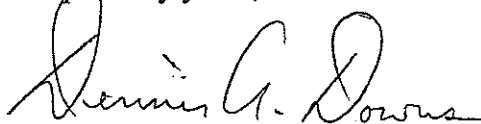
To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Cedar Falls Municipal Band I am writing in support of the important project of rebuilding the Island Park Beach House in Island Park. The Beach House on the historic Cedar River has played a vital role in the quality of life in our beautiful Cedar Falls. Our town has deep roots tied to historic treasures in the river area downtown like the Regent Theatre, Main Street structures, Victorian House, Ice House, Womans Clubhouse, George Wyth House, Little Red Schoolhouse, and our own municipal band. So many local organizations and individuals have leased the house for special events. It seems that people in our town like to get out, see friends, socialize, visit the parks, reflect, and enjoy the relaxing areas around the river.

We are so fortunate and grateful that the downtown area, including our municipal band buildings, was spared the ravages and heartbreak of a terribly swollen river two years ago. However, the properties on the north side of the river, including the Beach House, suffered the most from the flood. The currently proposed design to rebuild the boat house with a higher elevation is a right and proper one which we heartfelt support. The North Shore Boat Club, which operates the boat house, does our community a wonderful service by managing the premises and coordinating the many events which take place there.

The Beach House, with "Bathing Beauties" of the 1920's, is depicted in a recent painting by notable local artist Gary Kell y. We need to see this rich tradition continue of enjoying river in another Beach House at this site, and do our best to rebuild another facility there in special honor of all those hundreds of volunteers who labored during the flood so heroically during the flood, and for our community at large. Thank you for your serious consideration.

Respectfully yours,



Dennis Downs