

**North Bluff Neighborhood Homeowners' Association
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RE: Oak Bluffs Fishing Pier ENF, EEA #14632

July 31, 2010

Dear Mr. Bourre:

The North Bluff Neighborhood Homeowners' Association welcomes in principle the idea of a handicapped-accessible, public fishing pier, but has several concerns over the possible impacts of such a structure, if built in front of Pasque Avenue, as is currently proposed.

1. We worry about traffic, which is already congested and bottlenecked at our tip of the island, due to ferry traffic.
2. We have concerns about parking. This is currently a pesky but contained problem, but one new attraction could break a delicate balance on our residential corner of the Bluff.
3. The potential for noise, amplified by water, is daunting, especially because this pier is to be open 24/7.
4. We fear the pier will present an opportunity for loitering and substance abuse.
5. Some of us actually swim there on a daily basis, as does the general public, and we don't relish the idea of getting snagged by fishing lines and hooks.

We respectfully request that you consider placing this pier on the other side of the MSA ferry dock, where there is already public space, town buildings, regular patrolling, built-in parking and ample distance to cushion noise from the closest residential neighborhoods.

Yours truly,

Belleruth Naparstek, President, NBNHA

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