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Subject: Duck Pond Restoration Project Proposal. Council Item 59.21-1301 60. 21-1302 REQUEST

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Dear Decision Makers,

I attempted to submit an e-comment but received an error message so emailing directly. Thank you for the concern of time-sensitivity due to the nesting season of birds in the Duck Pond area.

Already, birds have begun nesting season as evidenced by courting and mating behavior and duck and geese eggs present this week. The Federal and State protected snowy egret and black crown night heron rookery in the palms on the small island in the Duck Pond is becoming active with both species courting, selecting, and resting on nests. January is prime time for nesting of these beautiful birds. They cannot be disturbed. For years, the Audubon Society, wildlife photographers, and local bird watchers have documented the courting, breeding, nesting, and raising of young from December through July. In addition, December through July is prime time for migratory birds who gather in Long Beach parks and ponds with The Duck Pond as a favorite destination. They too are federally and state protected. Timing is crucial. January is not the legal or humane time to begin.

Respectfully submitted,

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