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**From:** Fred H Olson <fholson@cohousing.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 18, 2012 9:58 AM  
**To:** Redistricting2012  
**Subject:** Bassett Creek & the lines of Ward 5 and 7, and of Park Districts 2 and 4

Redistricting Group,

I support Dave Stack's recommendations (see copy of letter to you below).

Dave is a prime mover with Friends of Bassett's Creek which has a general goal of improving the conditions, image and role of Bassett's Creek. We think it could and should be closer to that of South Minneapolis' Minnehaha Creek.

His proposed redistricting change would be helpful in doing that.

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**Subject:** Borders between Ward 5 and 7, and between Park Districts 2 and 4  
**Date:** Sun, 18 Mar 2012

Hello Redistricting Group,

Please consider some minor tweaking to the proposed border between Ward 5 and Ward 7. And also please consider making the same minor change in the border between Park District 2 and Park District 4. This slight change would not require any new population numbers recalculations because there are no residents living in the areas that would change. I would like to see the centerline of Bassett Creek used more as the boundary. I believe that it would be good to have more of an equal sense of ownership and engagement with this natural amenity that is already so close to the the current draft boundary. The current draft line places almost all of both sides of Bassett Creek within, and way out on the edge of, Ward 5 and Park District 2. It would take so little to move the line a bit here and there to give both Wards and both Park Districts equal involvement with creek issues.

If having Bassett Creek as the border from the west edge of Minneapolis to the tunnel opening where the creek goes underground does not appeal for some reason - please, at least consider moving the border to the existing boundary between the Harrison Neighborhood and the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood. Note that the latest draft boundary in this area does not appear to honor the neighborhood boundary east of the Queen Avenue area. East of Queen Avenue is drafted a sliver of Bryn Mawr Neighborhood land into Ward 5 and into Park District 2. The current drafted line appears to follow the Burlington Northern RR tracks instead of the

actual neighborhood border. Why not, at least, keep all of Bryn Mawr in Ward 7, and in Park District 4, instead of placing a tiny portion of Bryn Mawr in a different Ward and Park District? The centerline of Bassett Creek is used as the border between Harrison and Bryn Mawr to a large extent in this area. And here again, there would be no population numbers recalculations needed because no one lives in the in-between area.

Full disclosure, I do not currently reside in these Wards or Districts. However, I still own property adjacent to Bassett Creek Park, where I lived for 25 years, and I am still very interested in Bassett Creek issues.

Thank You for considering my request.

Sincerely,  
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