



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Action

Discussion

Date: March 5, 2013

Information

Subject: Receive Petition Circulated By Emily Boettge Requesting Sidewalk

Action Requested:

Motion receiving the February 27, 2013 petition requesting sidewalk in the Cornelia Elementary School Public School Zone/Walking Shed and refer it to Engineering for processing as to feasibility.

Information / Background:

On Tuesday, February 27, 2013, Emily Boettge submitted a petition signed by residents in and around Cornelia Elementary School. The petition requested sidewalk construction to be assessed in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Transportation Plan regarding sidewalks in a Public School Zone/Walking Shed. The normal process is to formally receive the petition and refer it to Engineering for processing as to feasibility.

Attachment:

Petition

Emily Boettge
6816 Oaklawn Ave.
Edina, MN 55435



4801 W 50th St.
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland and the City Council,

Please see the attached petition from homeowners in favor of building sidewalks along Cornelia Dr. and West Shore Dr. in the Cornelia neighborhood. We believe that our neighborhood needs sidewalks along these busy roadways to create a safe path for pedestrians to walk. Although sidewalks would be beneficial throughout our neighborhood, Cornelia Dr. and West Shore Dr., in particular, are busy streets that are direct routes to Cornelia Elementary and The Edina Aquatic Center.

We are concerned that walking in the street is not safe, especially for our children who walk to Cornelia Elementary School. Walking in the street isn't safe at any time of year, but the threat is exacerbated during the winter months when children are obscured by snow banks, walking in the road while the snow plows are out, dodging bad drivers and trying to make their way in less than ideal conditions. Furthermore, with a residential speed limit set at 30 mph, motorists often accelerate upwards of 40 mph and drive at these speeds while distracted.

We have signed the petition in the hopes that you will consider our neighborhood a priority for upcoming infrastructure projects.

Enclosed are two letters from neighbors and photos to illustrate how the snow accumulates on Cornelia Dr., directly across the street from Cornelia Elementary, making walking very dangerous.

Sincerely,


Emily Boettge

Encl. letters from residents, photos

Jeff Garfin
6841 Oaklawn Ave.
Edina, MN. 55435



December 17, 2012

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you not only as a concerned Parent of 2 children who attend Cornelia Elementary School, but, also as a 20 year Employee of the Edina Fire Department who has responded to many Personal Injury accidents in my time as a full time Paramedic / Firefighter.

My family and I live 2 blocks from Cornelia School and, for that reason, we walk our Kindergartener and Second grader to and from school daily. I have always been cautious and concerned about walking them, especially, on Dunberry Lane and Cornelia Drive which are busy streets.

The sidewalk on the West side of Cornelia Drive heading North from 70th Street is only a half block long. Where there is no sidewalk. Our options are to walk on resident's lawns when there is no snow (which create paths on homeowner's lawns) and in the street when there is snow.



As you see in the picture above (taken, looking North on Cornelia Drive, on December 12th, 2012) children have to walk in traffic due to no sidewalk. The SUV driving South in the picture, is forced to drive in the North bound lane causing not only a hazard to pedestrian traffic, but also to vehicle traffic. In the picture you can see how children have to walk in the actual traffic lane. Children can easily slip and vehicles can easily slide which will someday cause a preventable tragedy.

I believe any main street leading towards a School should have sidewalks, due to the number of walkers, going to and from schools. This is a public safety issue and I strongly encourage continuing the sidewalk on the West side of Cornelia Drive, North from 70th Street.

I think it would also be in the best interest of public safety if the sidewalk continued the entire length of Cornelia Drive, from 70th Street to 66th Street as it is the main route to the Edina Aquatic Center for residents living to the south. Cornelia Drive was recently marked as a "Bike Blvd." which may increase the usage of the street by bikes causing even more concerns for pedestrians forced to walk in the street / Bike Blvd.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the safety of our children and residents of Edina.

Jeffrey G. Garfin



January 21, 2013
Peter and Kathy Pascale
4505 Dunberry Lane
Edina MN 55435

To the City of Edina;

We are writing to let you know our concern for our neighborhoods' safety regarding sidewalks. We have 3 kids who walk to the pool in the summer and now that they are getting older to many of their activities. We are very concerned that there are no sidewalks for them to walk safely to where they need to go. We do a lot of walking in the neighborhood for exercise and feel the neighborhood could be safer for pedestrians, especially on West Shore and Cornelia.

We see the older people in the neighborhood out for walks and wonder how safe they are walking with cars speeding so fast down our streets. When it is dark it is especially hard to see teenagers and people walking their dogs at night. They often times will walk on people's lawns for more distance from the cars. We are also concerned about the kids who walk to Cornelia or are waiting for their buses in the morning. Our kids have to wait for the bus when it's dark in the morning and there is not a safe spot for them to stand while they wait. They have to be in the street where cars can't see them or stand in the neighbor's yard.

When kids are out playing or riding their bike or trying to get some place and there are cars parked on the street, we feel really unsafe driving down the street. We use much caution but sidewalks are necessary to be sure that everyone involved has the safest conditions possible.

Thank you for considering our request. Please make sidewalks a priority as you look to improve Edina into continuing to be a great place to live for people of all ages. Please make safety an investment into our future and for generations to come.

Thank you;

Kathy and Peter Pascale



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PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> STORM SEWER | <input type="checkbox"/> SANITARY SEWER | <input type="checkbox"/> STREET LIGHTING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CURB AND GUTTER ONLY | <input type="checkbox"/> PERMANENT STREET SURFACING WITH CURB AND GUTTER | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____ |

To the Mayor and City Council:

The persons who have signed this petition ask the City Council to consider the improvements listed above to the locations listed below.

West side of Cornelia Dr. to a crosswalk at Dunberry Ln. to between 70th St. and Dunberry Ln.
LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENT BY STREET NAME ADDRESS ADDRESS

the east side of Cornelia Dr. between Dunberry Ln. and 66th St.
LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENT BY STREET NAME ADDRESS ADDRESS

East side of West Shore Dr. to a crosswalk at Dunberry Ln. to between Upper Terrace and Dunberry Ln.
LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENT BY STREET NAME ADDRESS ADDRESS

the west side of West Shore Dr. between Dunberry Ln. and 66th St.
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* Sidewalk construction to be assessed in accordance with the city of Edina's comprehensive transportation plan regarding sidewalks in a Public School Zone/walking shed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE PERSONS WHO HAVE SIGNED THIS PETITION UNDERSTAND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAY ASSESS THE COSTS OF THESE IMPROVEMENTS AGAINST THE PROPERTIES BENEFITING FROM THE IMPROVEMENTS IN AMOUNTS DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 429, MINNESOTA STATUTES.

PROPERTY OWNER'S SIGNATURE	OWNER'S NAME (PRINTED)	PROPERTY ADDRESS (PRINTED)
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	<u>Douglas R. Boettge</u>	<u>6816 Oaklawn Ave Edina</u>
	<u>Kathy Garfin</u>	<u>6841 Oaklawn Ave</u>
	<u>Jeff Garfin</u>	<u>6841 Oaklawn Ave</u>
	<u>Leslie Vaillancourt</u>	<u>6820 Weston Rd.</u>

This petition was circulated by:

Emily W. Boettge 6816 Oaklawn Ave. Edina, MN 55435 _____
NAME ADDRESS PHONE

There is space for more signatures on the back.

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LISA J. Flint

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