

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: May 7, 2013

Action
Discussion
Information

Subject: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER PACKETS

Action Requested:

Attached is correspondence received after the packets were delivered to you.

No action is necessary.

Subject: Lake Edina Pathway

Dear Mayor Hovland -

I am a resident of the Cornelia South neighborhood of Edina and I am writing in opposition to the proposed Parklawn/Lake Edina Pathway project being considered by the council at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013. This plan has not been communicated to the Cornelia South neighborhood in a meaningful and realistic matter and should not be approved. We believe that the plan needs additional study and the matter should be tabled until it can be fully addressed to determine what if any impacts it will have on community services, taxes and City costs.

I respectfully ask that the matter be tabled until a future meeting.

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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 2:17 PM
To: Ann Kattreh
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Parklawn - Lake Edina Pathway

Good afternoon,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members and Ann Kattreh.



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From: Laura Berzinski [<mailto:berzinski@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 2:08 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Parklawn - Lake Edina Pathway

May 7, 2013

Dear Mayor Hovland:

I am a resident of the Cornelia South Neighborhood of Edina. I am writing in opposition to the proposed Parklawn-Lake Edina Pathway project that is being considered by the Council at the City Council meeting tonight. This plan has not been communicated to our neighborhood in a meaningful and realistic manner and should not be approved. I believe that the plan needs further study to address the potential impact on safety, community services, taxes and city costs. I respectfully ask that the matter be tabled until more information is available and neighbors are better informed and have time to form and voice their views on this project which impacts their privacy and streets.

Respectfully,
Laura Berzinski
7416 Kellogg Ave.
952-929-3441



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4504 Hibiscus Ave

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 1:11 PM
To: Ann Kattreh
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Parklawn Pathway

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From: Connie Lowe [<mailto:lowesc@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 1:08 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Parklawn Pathway

Dear Mayor Hovland,

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Connie Lowe
7209 Oaklawn Ave

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 1:03 PM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Proposed Path from Kellogg Avenue to Parklawn



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Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 1:01 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Cary Teague; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh
Subject: Proposed Path from Kellogg Avenue to Parklawn

Honorary Mayor and Edina City Council Members,

My name is Tim Nasby and my wife, Kristi, and I live at 7408 West Shore Drive. First of all, I would like to thank you for your service to the City of Edina. The residents of Edina should be proud of the leadership that you provide. Both Kristi and I were born and raised in Edina and are Edina High School graduates. Our three boys attend Cornelia and South View Schools. We are fortunate to raise our family in such a wonderful community.

Secondly, I am writing you in response to a letter that I received dated 4/17/13 stating that the Edina City Council will be conducting a Public Hearing tonight to discuss a proposed path from Parklawn Avenue to Kellogg Avenue at Lake Edina Park. Other than this letter, this plan has not been communicated to our neighborhood with all of the benefits and/or the consequences of having the path in place. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend tonight's hearing but I ask that you take more time to educate the Cornelia neighborhood before you approve this new path.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 9:31 AM
To: Ann Kattreh
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: URGENT Proposed ParkLawn/ Lake Edina Pathway - Please do not approve

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to Mayor Hovland, Josh Sprague and Ann Kattreh.



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From: Willie Wolfe [<mailto:wwwolfe3@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 8:17 AM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); hsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Colleen Wolfe
Subject: URGENT Proposed ParkLawn/ Lake Edina Pathway - Please do not approve

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Past city council members thoughtfully removed freeway access, roads, ball parks to reduce traffic congestion on our streets. As it is today, traffic still exits from the freeway and attempts to speed through our neighborhood to access France from Highway 100. Increasing foot traffic and bicycle traffic will endanger a new group a residents that are unaware of the potential conflict with vehicle traffic.

I respectfully ask that the matter be tabled until a future meeting.

Best regards,

William Wolfe
952-250-7930

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 9:30 AM
To: Ann Kattreh
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Purposed Path from Kellogg Ave to Parklawn Ave.

Good morning,

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From: Tim and Shelly Perunovich [<mailto:tsperunovich@msn.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 8:15 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonnan1@gmail.com
Subject: Purposed Path from Kellogg Ave to Parklawn Ave.

Dear Council Member: Hovland, Bennett, Brindle, Sprague & Swenson

I am a resident of the Cornelia South neighborhood of Edina and I am writing in opposition to the proposed Parklawn/Lake Edina Pathway project being considered by the council at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013. This plan has not been communicated to the Cornelia South neighborhood in a meaningful and realistic matter and should not be approved. We believe that the plan needs additional study and the matter should be tabled until it can be fully addressed to determine what if any impacts it will have on community services, taxes and City costs.

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Signed: Tim & Shelly Perunovich

Address: 7205 Oaklawn Ave

Edina, MN 55435

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 9:27 AM
To: Ann Kattreh
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Parklawn/Lake Edina Pathway

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From: John Stang [<mailto:John.Stang@genmills.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 8:07 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Parklawn/Lake Edina Pathway

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am a resident of the Cornelia South neighborhood of Edina and I am writing in opposition to the proposed Parklawn/Lake Edina Pathway project being considered by the council at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013. This plan has not been communicated to the Cornelia South neighborhood in a meaningful and realistic matter and should not be approved. We believe that the plan needs additional study and the matter should be tabled until it can be fully addressed to determine what if any impacts it will have on community services, taxes and City costs.

I respectfully ask that the matter be tabled until a future meeting.

Thank You for Your Consideration,

John T. Stang

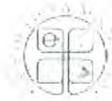
Address: 4525 Sedum Lane

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 9:26 AM
To: Ann Kattreh
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: URGENT Proposed ParkLawn/ Lake Edina Pathway - Please do not approve

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From: Colleen Wolfe [<mailto:colleenwolfe5@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 7:55 AM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); hsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Willie Wolfe
Subject: URGENT Proposed ParkLawn/ Lake Edina Pathway - Please do not approve

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Colleen T. Wolfe
Address: 4408 gilford Drive, Edina, MN 55435

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Dear Council Members:

I wanted to follow up my phone conversations and voice mails with each of you from this afternoon. Thank you for your time on the phone and for listening whether it was through conversation or voice mail.

My wife and I have lived at 7421 Kellogg Ave since late 2005 and have lived in the Cornelia neighborhood since 1994. We have six children who all attended Cornelia school with our youngest currently in fifth grade.

As I mentioned to each of you, for a number of reasons we are in strong opposition to the proposed pathway between Kellogg Avenue and Parklawn Avenue. I intend to be at the Council meeting tomorrow evening and can explain some of our reasons at that time. At the very least we ask that the Council table their vote until a future meeting so that further communication and study can be had. I can not speak for the neighborhood east of the park but many in our neighborhood on the west side of the park were unaware of this proposal until we received the April 17th letter. We each have our opinions on how this proposed path may or may not effect us individually but I don't believe any of us have a clear understanding what the impacts would be on City services and what the upfront and ongoing costs of the path would be. My quick opinion is that the costs to the City would outweigh the benefits that would be received which does not take into account that some people, including my wife and I, feel strongly that there would be more negative benefits than positive if the path were to be approved.

We respectfully ask that the proposed path be tabled until a future meeting.

Thank you,

Tom & Michelle Terwilliger
7421 Kellogg Ave.
952-842-8109

Dear Edina Council:

This is to communicate my ***strong opposition*** to the proposed Parklawn/Lake Edina Pathway project being considered tonight by the City Council.

We recently purchased our home on Kellogg Avenue (August 2012) and one of the strong selling points was that no known development was going to occur in the Park area. It came as quite a shock when we received the April 17th letter basically indicating the pathway was a done deal! Perhaps notices occurred prior to our purchase, but I know in talking with several neighbors many too, were caught off guard. My concern is that the feedback regarding the trail did not include residents in our immediate neighborhood.

While on its face the trail may seem like a reasonable concept, one thing to consider is that it increases bike/foot traffic on streets with no sidewalks!

We love the Cornelia neighborhood, and this bike path really will change the dynamic of the Park area. If there is a vote, please vote to either cancel the project or table for further discussion!

Sincerely,

Steve Curry

Resident, Cornelia Neighborhood

Subject: Proposed path between Parklawn and Kellogg

To Whom it May Concern:

I received a letter from the City dated April 17, 2013 regarding the proposed path intended to connect Parklawn and Kellogg. I do not support this project and hope that you will reconsider the matter and decline to pursue it.

I live at 4604 Gilford Avenue and am very close to Kellogg. The April 17 letter is the first I have heard of this proposed path. I have spoken with several neighbors; many of whom had no knowledge of the path and did not receive the letter informing them of the proposal. I would be interested to know where this project originated and why we were not made aware of it as it could potentially change the dynamic of our neighborhood quite significantly.

Your letter states that 60 signatures were collected at some point in support of this project; however, most of the neighbors I have talked to had no idea this proposal was even on the table. The notification process was poor. I would like to know what percentage of the collected signatures are from tenants of rental units versus owner occupied homes.

The purported purpose of this path is to “provide a safe route to school and to the playground at Cornelia School.” The children who attend Cornelia and live in the Parklawn neighborhood ride the bus to school. Moreover, why would you need to add a path to reach the playground at Cornelia School if you are also contemplating the addition of a playground at Lake Edina Park? The goals seem contradictory and it strikes me as a frivolous waste of tax dollars to build a playground together with a path intended to divert foot/bike traffic to an entirely separate playground in another neighborhood. Given the continued increase in our property taxes it would be wise to ensure that any projects we undertake are prudent and maximize taxpayer benefit. I don’t believe this project meets that criteria.

I also have a strong objection to the idea of linking these two neighborhoods. We have lived in our home on Gilford since 2002. The vast majority of the homes in this neighborhood are owner occupied. Whereas the residential buildings in the Parklawn neighborhood are comprised mainly of multi-unit condos and apartments. While I do not have access to the demographics, I imagine most of those units are rental units rather than owner occupied. Moreover, as tenants of rental units, the occupants would tend to be more transient. For a variety of reasons including but not limited to, safety and property value, I do not believe it is in the best interest of the residents of this neighborhood to have a pathway directly connecting it to that of a predominantly rental based neighborhood.

For the reasons stated above, I hope you will reconsider the addition of this proposed pathway connecting these two neighborhoods.

Thank you,
Nicole Vucenich

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 9:08 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Pave path at Lake Edina Park



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From: Tom Fletcher [<mailto:tfletcher@aexcom.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 5:08 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Pave path at Lake Edina Park

My company Fletcher Apartments, Inc. owns an office building at 4445 West 77th Street. We are in support of the proposed path, which will provide a better bike and walking connection to our neighborhood from the rest of Edina. In addition to supporting this specific project, we are supportive of efforts to improve bicycling and walking connections to our area and Edina in general. My sense is that the demand for these types of options is increasing from both existing and potential tenants.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tom Fletcher
President
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Fletcher Management, Inc.
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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 9:10 AM
To: Ann Kattreh
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Path

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-----Original Message-----

From: peltiercr@gmail.com [<mailto:peltiercr@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 6:12 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Path

I agree with other people, that we do not want a path biking or walking for Kellogg between the apartments and the residential home. Claudia Peltier.

Sent from my iPad

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 9:12 AM
To: Ann Kattreh
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Proposed Parklawn to Kellogg Path

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From: Jan Heirigs [<mailto:jan.heirigs@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 7:28 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Proposed Parklawn to Kellogg Path

I received a letter from the City dated April 17, 2013 regarding the proposed path intended to connect Parklawn and Kellogg. I do not support this project and hope that you will reconsider the matter and decline to pursue it.

I live at 4529 Gilford Avenue and am very close to Kellogg. I was surprised to hear there was a proposal under consideration as the April 17 letter is the first communication I have received. While I understand that the path is not directly adjacent to my property, given the set-up of this neighborhood any increase in car or foot traffic in this area impacts all of us.

The purpose of this path as stated in the letter is to "provide a safe route to school and to the playground at Cornelia School." The children who attend Cornelia and live in the Parklawn neighborhood ride the bus to school. I also understand that creating a playground at Lake Edina Park is currently being considered. It seems like these decisions should be made jointly as if you add this additional playground, that negates the need for a path to Cornelia in order for residents to reach a playground. It seems short-sided to make one decision in a vacuum.

I also have a concern with the idea of linking these two neighborhoods. The vast majority of the homes in this neighborhood are owner occupied. Whereas the residential buildings in the Parklawn Neighborhood are comprised mainly of multi-unit condos and apartments. While I do not have access to the demographics, I imagine most of those units are rental units rather than owner occupied. I would also assume the owner-occupied units tend to be more mature-aged residents vs families with school aged children. Rental owners tend to be more transient and I can only assume the 60 signatures collected to support this project came from this demographic.

As a property tax payer (whose taxes have continued to increase), I believe we should take pause and ensure the projects we are funding at this time are prudent and maximize taxpayer benefit. As a result, I do not believe it is the best interest of the residents of this neighborhood to have a pathway directly connecting it to that of a predominantly rental based neighborhood.

I hope you reconsider adding this proposed pathway connecting these two neighborhoods at this time
Thank you,
Jan Heirigs

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 10:44 AM
To: Ann Kattreh
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: City Council Meeting May 7, 2013 -Proposed path from Parklawn Avenue to Kellogg Avenue

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From: John Velgersdyk [<mailto:John.Velgersdyk@DaviscoFoods.Com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 10:32 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: City Council Meeting May 7, 2013 -Proposed path from Parklawn Avenue to Kellogg Avenue

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am a resident of the Cornelia South neighborhood of Edina and I am writing in opposition to the proposed Parklawn/Lake Edina Pathway project being considered this evening at the City Council Meeting.

The single mailing received regarding this proposal has been lost by many in the number of communications received regarding current street improvements. As such the proposal has not been properly communicated or considered and should not be approved at this time without further neighborhood communication.

Regarding our own thoughts for the project, we are opposed. I readily recall the reasons the City provided in closing Lake Edina Park with the expansion of Fred Richards golf course some twenty years ago to reduce if not eliminate undesired incidents occurring in this remote area. Opening the pathway will increase access which is not desired. Furthermore, we chose to live in a quiet dead end neighborhood and increasing foot and bike traffic from the high density Parklawn developments is not desired.

We respectfully ask that this matter be tabled for further consideration.

John & Janice Velgersdyk
4516 Sedum Lane

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 11:14 AM
To: Ann Kattreh
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: pathway to Lake Cornelia

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From: Ahern, Patricia E [<mailto:patahern@edina.k12.mn.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 10:56 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Ann Swenson1@gmail. com (swensonann1@gmail.com); Josh Sprague (joshsprague@edinarealty.com); Joni Bennett (jonibennett12@comcast.net); Ann Swenson1@gmail. com (swensonann1@gmail.com)
Subject: Re: pathway to Lake Cornelia

Good morning Jim,

I am writing to ask you to refrain from going forward with the plan to put a pathway down Kellogg Ave to get to Lake Cornelia. We SPECIFICALLY purchased our home in that location to avoid added traffic (both auto and pedestrian) and enjoy the peacefulness of our small neighborhood on the golf course. We enjoy the idea of "no through streets" and vehemently oppose any changes to this plan particularly given the high density of people living over in the park lawn area!

There are **ample** sidewalks down France Ave that my boys and myself have used over the years (and still use) that connect to parks and retail stores all over this city.

While in the past, we have verbally not opposed any of the changes/updates the city has bestowed upon us to keep to keep Edina a thriving community. I think it only fair the city should leave the neighborhoods alone that have been "problem free" for years and go back and take another look at alternate ways of getting to the park (if the current sidewalks don't work!). We do not need more construction, congestion or traffic in our neighborhood!

Thanks for your time.

Mark and Patty Ahern

5 May 2013

Good morning Mayor,

It was good to see you at the YMCA fund raiser this past Friday. I appreciated your compliments regarding my involvement in the first community garden in Edina. I am not sure I did that much, but was glad to clarify a few issues before the garden committee. I am sure the quickness with which the plots rented out surprised some folks. Now for some decent growing weather!

I hope this pilot will be successful. That is going to be one of my goals, especially through educational sessions I plan to have throughout the growing season. The first two sessions were very well received, so there is interest. I have also secured the commitment of other master gardeners to volunteer as mentors to those plot renters who want advice and recommendations.

That said, you deserve the praise for bringing me into the conversation. You suggested that I contact Ann, the new Parks Director, at a Metro Gyro meeting earlier this year. So, thank you very much for that.

Regards,

Larry Cipolla, President and Director
Award winning author, performance and leadership development consultant, executive coach



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