

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: VIII. B.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Action

Discussion

Date: November 18, 2014

Information

Subject: Receive Petition Regarding Sidewalk Installation Between 5200 and 5336 Halifax Avenue

Action Requested:

Motion receiving the petition requesting sidewalk between 5200 and 5336 Halifax Avenue and referring it to Engineering for processing.

Information / Background:

On Tuesday, Stephanie Vitt submitted a petition requesting installation of sidewalk on the West side of Halifax Avenue from 5200 to 5336. The normal process is to formally receive the petition and refer it to Engineering for processing.

Attachment:

Petition

To: City of Edina Councilmembers: Mayor Hovland, Councilmember Sprague, Councilmember Bennett, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Brindle, Councilmember Staunton and Councilmember Swenson

From: Stephanie Vitt, 5216 Halifax Avenue

CC: Deb Mangen, City Clerk and Patrick Wrase, Assistant City Engineer

Date: 11/11/2014

Re: Sidewalk Petition for Halifax Avenue

Dear Councilmembers:

I am submitting the attached petition for a sidewalk for the West side of Halifax Avenue from 5200 to 5336. Of the 21 property owners on this section of the street, I have 10 signatures in support of the petition.

I respectfully request your serious consideration and approval of this petition based on the following information:

1. Our street will be part of the Arden Park D Neighborhood Reconstruction project in 2015. As part of this project, sidewalks will be installed on West 54th (between Halifax and Minnehaha Blvd) and West 52nd (between Halifax and Minnehaha). It makes sense to connect these two sidewalks with a new sidewalk on the west side of Halifax in order to have natural pedestrian access and crosswalks at 52nd and 54th. Further, from an aesthetic standpoint, it will look "unfinished" to have some streets with sidewalks and others with no sidewalk.
2. Given our proximity to the 50th and France business district, the sidewalk serves an important purpose of safely connecting the neighborhood to the commercial business district. Halifax Avenue is a major "through" street for cars and pedestrians to access the 50th and France area, so the sidewalk would not only ease access, it would provide SAFE access.

3. During my polling of the neighbors, the primary objection was the risk of losing mature trees. The current feasibility study has the curbs on the west side of Halifax being extended, which would accommodate a sidewalk and boulevard nicely. Per my discussion with Patrick Wrase, city engineer, the boulevards could be “reduced” to accommodate a couple large mature trees without problem. In fact, the city has done an exceptional job (on Halifax as an example) of protecting trees when sidewalks were installed. The east side of Halifax (between 51st and 52nd street) is an excellent example – here the sidewalk “winds around” the mature trees on the street without problem.
4. Residents would not have to bear an assessment for the sidewalk, as sidewalks are now paid from a designated fund – the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Fund.

I am looking forward to your thoughts and comments on my petition. I have wanted a sidewalk on the West side of Halifax since I moved to the neighborhood in 2009. Given the construction planned for 2015, this is the perfect time to improve pedestrian access and make what is a great neighborhood even better.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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DATE RECEIVED:

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: _____

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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.

<u>Halifax Avenue</u>	between	<u>5200</u>	and	<u>5336</u>
LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENT BY STREET NAME		ADDRESS		ADDRESS
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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)
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Linda Smaby</u>	<u>5224 Halifax</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Steve Danks</u>	<u>5336 HALIFAX</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Karen Nelson</u>	<u>5246 Halifax</u>
<u>Katy Maria Kirchner</u>	<u>Katy Maria Kirchner</u>	<u>5304 Halifax</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Steve Dobbs</u>	<u>5320 Halifax</u>

This petition was circulated by:

<u>Stephanie Vitt</u>	<u>5216 Halifax</u>	<u>612-803-9064</u>
NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE

There is space for more signatures on the back.

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Marie Pech

MARIE PECHMAN

5316 HALIFAX AVE. S.

Josh Reiner

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5220 Halifax Ave S.

Joe Sever

Joe Sever

5228 BOURNEAR AVE S.

Stephanie Vitt

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5216 Halifax Ave S.

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5324 Halifax Ave S.

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