

To: Naperville City Council, Traffic Advisory Board

From: Linda and Mike McShea

Date: September 4, 2019

Re: East side Washington St, between Pioneer Park and Gartner Rd.

This letter is to express our wish for a sidewalk extension for the east side of Washington St, between Pioneer Park and Gartner Rd. We feel the lack of a sidewalk is a safety issue and an economic issue. We want the ability to cross Washington St. safely to support our local, small businesses by eating and shopping at the Gartner Plaza.

Washington St. is a very busy street and is dangerous to cross, so attempting to cross to visit the businesses is difficult. The placement of the sidewalk is for us, our family, and friends who visit. We need the sidewalk to get to the crosswalk at Gartner Rd. to cross properly. The sidewalk would also make it easier and safer for us to walk or bike downtown Naperville. Putting this sidewalk north of the office building would also give us access to Naperville/Pace Bus transportation and the train to downtown Chicago.

We also like to bike and walk on the Pioneer Park river trails and kayak on the river itself. It is very difficult to get to the park without the sidewalk south of the office building. Our safety concerns would be eliminate by adding sidewalks north and south of the office building.

Please consider our request for a sidewalk extension for the east side Washington St, between Pioneer Park and Gartner Rd.

Thank you,

Linda and Mike McShea

1156 S. Washington St.

Naperville, 60540

Linda and Mike McShea

mc9452@aol.com

630-240-0625

To Whom This May Concern,

September 11, 2019

I am writing to you as a 28-year resident of Naperville. I love this city for many reasons, but mainly for it's focus of **safety, kid friendliness and wonderful shopping.**

When I moved to our current home 15 years ago, we were able to cross over from the east side of Washington St. to the west side on foot. Now we can no longer safely cross the street on foot. The parking at Naperville Plaza has now become a **safety hazard** as well with so many cars jutting in and out of the parking area. As a result, I would prefer to walk to Naperville Plaza, but I am not able to do that for **safety reasons.** If I could walk on the east side of Washington St. to the cross walk at Gardner Road, I would be safe all around; but there is no sidewalk on the east side of Washington St. I have tried to walk in the grass with it's uneven terrain and almost fell into on-coming traffic on Washington St. So, I have not attempted that again.

Please install a new sidewalk on the east side of Washington St. just south of Gardner Road. By doing this my neighbors, my grandchildren and myself may **safely walk/cross across Washington St. and enjoy our neighborhood.**

Linda and Jeff Wylder

1152 S. Washington St.

Naperville, IL 60540

630-200-3002

September 5, 2019

To: Naperville City Council Traffic Advisory Board

From: Steve & Deb Nelson, 1136 S Washington St, Naperville, IL 60540

Re: Sidewalk Extension Request – Gartner Road to Pioneer Park

We are writing to express our plea to you to approve the sidewalk extension requested for the east side of Washington Street from Gartner Road to Pioneer Park. The lack of a sidewalk poses a significant safety issue to both my wife Deb and I as well as our family and friends as we frequent business establishments across the street in Gartner Plaza. It is and continues to be EXTREMELY dangerous to cross Washington Street to get to the west side, particularly with our grand kids. Traffic on Washington is constant and fast moving. It is not at all safe to try to cross 4 lanes of traffic anytime, day or night without a crosswalk with stoplights. We do not have access to that needed safe crossing area.

Additionally, the lack of a sidewalk also makes it extremely dangerous to ride our bikes or walk south on Washington to Pioneer Park to access the Naperville trail system or Pioneer Park. The south extension of the sidewalk would make that much safer to access the trails and the park for ourselves, our kids, grandkids and guests.

Finally, we would love to more frequently use public transportation downtown or to the train station but do not feel safe traversing along the edge of Washington Street north to the pickup spot at Gartner. The sidewalk extending north would allow us to access public transportation safely and more frequently.

Please kindly consider our request that we have been working to get on your agenda for several years now. Safety for Naperville residents is a top priority we believe. Right now, without sidewalks in our area between Gartner Road and Pioneer Park, our safety and well being is compromised each time we try to access local businesses, trail system and park amenities and public transportation. A positive vote for our sidewalk extension request would solve those glaring safety and access issues for our neighborhood as well as the public as a whole.

Thank You for your time and consideration of our request.

Steve & Deb Nelson

1136 S Washington Street, Naperville, IL 60540



Cedar Street Capital IV, LLC
1020 W. Lawrence Ave.
Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60620

RE: 1112 S. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60540


To Whom It May Concern,

As the Property Manager of the above mentioned property, I wanted to send this letter to express our interest in the consideration of the proposed sidewalk request to extend south to Pioneer Park.

On a very regular basis, the amount of traffic across Washington Street is massive to say the least. We, as the owners of the commercial property located at 1112 S. Washington Street have concern for the safety of our tenants, their employees and visitors who have to cross Washington Street during the day. We have individuals in the building after traditional work hours, due to the nature of the various businesses in the building, who need to cross Washington. The sad reality is that even during after-hours the traffic is still extremely heavy. I have personally witnessed parents with small children attempt to run across the street to beat the traffic and it is extremely unsafe. The sidewalk extension would provide a safer route for those individuals who walk and would be greatly appreciated by all who utilize it.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I plan to attend to October 3rd meeting to show my support for this proposal.

All The Best,



Aja A. Jackson

Commercial Property Manager

Cedar Street Companies

Attention: Traffic Advisory Board, City of Naperville

September 13, 2019

We live at 1128 South Washington street and use many/most of the stores at Naperville Plaza. We breakfast regularly at Colonial Cafe. Our favorite stores for food shopping are Casey's followed closely by Trader Joe's. We have purchased paint from Sherwyn Williams, had dinner at Char Walker Grill and buy excellent fish from Succulent Seafood. Oswald's is used as a pharmacy as well as our post office. We have purchased wine at Peterson's and also frequent Colonial Café, Rocco's Pizza and Harvest Bread Company.

We mention all these stores because we would like you to approve the request before you for "filling in the gap" sidewalk on the east side of Washington street from the commercial office building at 1112 S. Washington to the Gartner road stoplight. The sidewalk would encourage walking to all the respected stores at Naperville Plaza and allow us to use the Pace bus stop - #678.

The connectivity this would provide would be a very significant safety benefit as well as an environmental one since cars would not be needed for that short a distance.

Naperville is recognized for doing things "the right way" with both short and long term implications in mind. We strongly urge you to approve this sidewalk request.

Thank You.

Julie A. Mann

1128 S. Washington Street, Naperville, IL
Mannjulie17@yahoo.com

Dear Transportation Advisory Board,

September 12, 2019

My family and I live at 1132 S. Washington Street. We would like to walk with our sons (ages 5 and 7) to Naperville Plaza from our home but due to the danger attempting to cross very busy Washington Street we do not attempt (even at off hours). Furthermore, within couple years, my two sons will be old enough to ride a bicycle to Elmwood elementary school. However, I wouldn't feel safe letting my kids going to school by themselves without a sidewalk.

I know the city extended both sides of sidewalks/bike trails on Washington st bridge near Ring road which made the nearby neighbors very happy. Please make us happy too.

We strongly support installing a sidewalk to Gartner Road and hope you will approve this important action. Thank you for consideration of this very critical request.

Tony Lee

1132 S Washington st.

Naperville, IL 60540

630-696-8706

YLEE1008@HOTMAIL.COM

To Naperville & Whom This May Concern:

My wife Beth and I are residents of Naperville, living at 1144 S. Washington.

We write to offer our support that Naperville install a sidewalk on the east side of Washington St, south of Gardner Road.

Feel free to contact with any questions,

Rob & Beth Dawidiuk

Robert L. Dawidiuk, Partner
The Collins Law Firm, P.C.
1770 N. Park Street, Suite 200
Naperville, IL 60563
(630) 527-1595 Ext. 232

My signature that follows represents support for the proposed extension of the sidewalk on the east side of S. Washington Street extending from 1112 S. Washington street to the stoplight at Gartner road. Completion of this sidewalk would greatly encourage walking to Naperville Plaza for tenants and families that work or reside east of Washington street and south of Gartner road. For safety and environmental reasons, I support this request.

Business name	Representative Name / Title	Phone # / email address
Edward P. Marcin DDS. Ltd.	Dr Edward I Marcin	630-717-6858 1112 S. Washington Naperville, IL 60540

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Business name	Representative Name / Title	Phone # / email address
Sherwyn Williams	Gannon McMartin	402-960-5942

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Colonial Cafe	<i>Martina Jimenez</i>	630-420-7722

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Casey's Foods	Kristine S Visser President	630-369-1686 KRIS@caseysfoods.com

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Business name	Representative Name / Title	Phone # / email address
Rocco's Pizzeria	<i>Alex Jans</i>	<i>(630) 369-8899</i>

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Business name	Representative Name / Title	Phone # / email address
Succulent Seafood	John - OWNER	630-548-3474

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Peterson's Wines	<i>Victoria Peterson Owner</i>	<i>630-527-1501</i>

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Business name	Representative Name / Title	Phone # / email address
Firestone	Ismael ESPARZA Store Manager.	630-961-5757



Ismael Esparza
Managing Partner

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Business name	Representative Name / Title	Phone # / email address
Oswald's	ALEX ANDERSON GENERAL MANAGER	630.355.2500 x102 ALEX@OSWALDSPHARMACY.COM

Dunne, Kelly

From: michael graff
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 11:32 AM
To: Dunne, Kelly
Subject: RE: Sleight Street Sidewalk

Thanks Kelly for proactively taking this forward. A few thoughts.

First and foremost we are still opposed to a sidewalk on the west side of Sleight Street, *in front of our home*. Based on the alignment of our house and the property lines/restrictions imposed when the home was built in 1953, adding a sidewalk would negatively impact:

- Our homes' security. Even with the proposed alignment, the sidewalk is still within 15 feet of two of our first floor bedrooms. With North Central College two blocks away, there is foot traffic during the week as well as on special events, football games, graduation, move in/out days.... Pedestrian traffic is currently directed to the other sides of Sleight and Highland Ave and away from our bedrooms. If the sidewalk is installed, this pedestrian traffic creates a security risk.
- The 50 year old maple tree in the parkway. We discussed Naperville (and my family!) love its trees. We have taken steps over the past 5 years to ensure this tree lives for many years to come by annually having The Care of Trees fertilize/treat the tree (as well as others on our property including the Highland Ave parkway), cabling the branches in the canopy, enhancing the neighborhood by illuminating all our trees at night. By installing the sidewalk, even in its modified alignment, would significantly impact the root structure of the tree leading to a drastically reduced life span.
- Our homes value. With a security concern (proximity to bedrooms) and a damaged tree, the value of our home would not keep pace with home values in the area. There would be foot traffic within 15 feet of the entire front length of our house – kitchen, front room, foyer, two bedrooms... Both sidewalk designs cut the front yard in half due to the original 1953 build restrictions/property lines.

Lastly, I work from home and see the daily pedestrian traffic on Sleight Street and Highland Avenue. I completely understanding the safety concern of children walking to school. There are two families which walk to Highlands Elementary School and both live northeast of the Sleight/Highlands intersection. Please note, the boundary for Highlands Elementary is the south side of Chicago Avenue, the north side of Chicago attend Ellsworth School, which means there is a limited number of children walking south on Sleight. When they do walk, they either come down the east side of Sleight (since they live east of Sleight) and turn west on Highland to Loomis Street south, or continue down the east side of Sleight, cross at Porter east to Loomis St south. Both these routes have sidewalks in place with crosswalks clearly marked. Adding a sidewalk on the west side of Sleight Street is redundant as it relates to pedestrian traffic to Highlands Elementary school and a waste of tax payer monies for two families.

Let me know your thoughts and if I can clarify any of the points listed above. Again, we are not in support of a sidewalk on the west side of Sleight Street *in front of our home*.

Thank you,
Michael Graff

Dunne, Kelly

From: Bin Chen
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 9:38 PM
To: Dunne, Kelly
Subject: Feedback for Sidewalk on East Side of Wehrli Dr

Hello Kelly Dunne,

Thank you for your mail on "New Sidewalk Construction - Property Owner Survey Results". We are unable to attend the Oct 3 evening meeting, but would like to send you this feedback to support sidewalk construction on the east side of Wehrli Drive.

We are advocating the sidewalk because of the safety relating to kids getting on/off school bus here. There is no sidewalk on the east side of Wehrli Dr of the section of 606 Wehrli Dr, Naperville, IL. School kids have to walk on Wehrli Dr to get to their bus stops around the intersection of Wehrli and E Hillside (see the highlights in the pictures attached). However, E. Hillside Rd and Wehrli Dr are pretty busy during rush hours, which makes this a serious safety concern especially during snow days.

We think this segment should be put in the highest priority of your considerations because of three simple reasons:

1. There is no priority more important than the safety of Naperville's kids;
2. This is a fairly busy intersection during school bus hours;
3. The gap is relatively short. The missing sidewalk is only one household's length.

Your consideration is sincerely appreciated. Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Bin Chen
A residence at Wehrli Dr, Naperville, IL

Dunne, Kelly

From: Sweda, Marc
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 10:11 AM
To: Dunne, Kelly
Subject: October 3rd Meeting

Hello,

I cannot make the meeting on October 3rd @ 7pm as I am traveling

My name is Marc Sweda and I live at 357 S Sleight st, we built 3 years ago, but our sidewalk dead ends into our neighbors yard as we had to put one in.

The west side of sleight between Porter and Chicago does not have a fluid sidewalk. The East side of the street does.

There are many kids that live on the west side of sleight, below are a few reasons why we definitely need a full sidewalk put in.

Busy street, Morning and evening. Probably the closest street to downtown without a full sidewalk
Tons of college events which fills the street with cars (football games, college events, city events) where the city usually puts no parking on one side of street but sometimes cars still fly down road
Highlands elementary within walking distance (my kids ride their bike to school and have to go onto busy sleight in order to get to porter)
All the other portions of sleight have been done except porter to highland.

Thank You,

Marc A. Sweda | Regional Vice President | Woodbury Financial Services
27575 Ferry Road, Suite 101 | Warrenville, IL 60555



Public Comment for the October 3 , 2019 TAB Meeting: File Number 19-941

Dear Naperville Transportation Advisory Board:

I love sidewalks. My husband and my biggest criteria for finding a home 32 year ago was that there be sidewalks connecting us to useful and pleasurable places. We found such a home in Naperville. We were subsequently pleased 24 years ago when sidewalks were added on Prairie and along Julian. We were thrilled when sidewalks were added 10 years ago along Parkside and Hillside which now meant for we could walk entirely on sidewalks from our home to the Riverwalk and on to the downtown. No longer did we have to walk in the street. Yay!

Were any of those gaps that improved our lives in front of our house? No. Did anyone ask us if there were gaps that made walking to destinations dangerous? No. Has there ever been an open house that mapped out all gaps and allowed the public to have a voice as what the priorities should be? Not that I know of. Is there a public map of the gaps and impediments to closing them? No.

It seems the public is being asked to annually wait and see what sidewalks have been selected by the City and hope that the majority of homeowners adjacent to those gaps are in favor of closing them. If one blinks or is unavailable, it is easy to miss the TAB meeting that annually discusses gaps. This year, I blinked and missed the August 1st meeting that set a new criteria.

Parkways and sidewalks are a public asset. It is unlikely that a homeowner wishes to have a sidewalk in front of their home simply to have their family parade on it. More likely, residents from blocks away are going to be the residents walking on it. The public right-of-way should be made safe and accessible for the public. After all, that is what a public right-of-way is. The public should be able to walk safely on a sidewalk rather than having to walk in the street. Beyond safety, sidewalks are known to benefit health, the environment, and real estate values.

I am very pleased to see the gap on the east side of Washington from Gartner to Pioneer Park scheduled to be closed in 2020. Yay! I also thank Linda and Mike McShea for their well expressed letter in support of closing the gap. Hopefully the gap on Washington to the north between Gartner and Osler will be a priority in the future. The east side of Washington would generally be safer to walk on than the west because there are fewer driveways, especially commercial entrances and exits. It also would be provide great connectivity for the proposed extension of the Riverwalk from Hillside to Martin Avenue.

Closing gaps is a slow process. Many I care about are unlikely to ever be closed in my lifetime despite that they would add both park and shopping connectivity. One of the is the gap on Olesen between Whirlaway and Hobson. There is no a sidewalk at all on the west side and a very small length of sidewalk on the east. Olesen does not even have a shoulder. (Please see the attached screen shots.) Thus, we have to walk in the street to get from our home to shopping at Naper/Hobson, to vote, to get to Goodrich Woods, or to gain access to the Southern DuPage County Regional Trail heading west. I would think this gap would be a high priority, but it is filtered out because it is not a school walk route. In contrast, a single block of Sleight from Ogden to a dead end is a top priority for the 2020 program. I don't begrudge those residents a sidewalk, but question why a dead end street of less than a block would have a higher priority over collector streets with no sidewalks nor shoulders such as Olesen. Columbia between 11th and Bauer is another example of a collector street with no sidewalks or shoulders. These collector streets with frequent speeders are dangerous yet have otherwise good value for non-motorized transportation. Both of these streets are proposed bike routes on the City's and Park District's plans.

I'm sure there are other such gaps. However, I can't tell whether I am justified or short sighted in my assessment because of the City's scoring, selection, and approval process. It may be too late for this year, but I urge the Transportation Advisory Board to re-evaluate the process. I recommend the following:

1. The entire dataset with the scores should be made available on the City's Open Data website. Currently, a map of all City incorporated gaps without scores is tucked away under the August 1st meeting details. Currently, City's Open Data website only has a dataset with the total miles added and gaps filed annually - there is no map nor even a list of addresses.
2. Staff host an open house to help assess what gaps present pedestrian barriers to the public.
3. Beyond sending letters to adjacent homeowners, post the annual sidewalk gap program on the City's website and encourage residents at large to weigh in. The current process of having non-adjacent homeowners to have wait until the TAB agenda is posted to even know what properties are being considered is flawed.
4. Change the process to give the public beyond the adjacent homeowners some weight in the ranking. At the moment, it seems homeowners on a single block can effectively prevent the public at large who transverse a street with a public right-of-way safe egress.

After all, parkways and sidewalks are a public asset and should be treated as such.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marilyn L. Schweitzer
Naperville Resident



Dunne, Kelly

From: George Brown
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 3:29 PM
To: Dunne, Kelly
Subject: New Sidewalk Construction - TAB Meeting Input

Greetings,

My name is George D. Brown and I am the owner at 829 E Porter Ave, Naperville, IL 60540 (Recently moved in). I have been following the New Sidewalk Construction information that we have been receiving and I wanted to provide additional information.

I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting but I wanted to say that we are very interested in a sidewalk on the stretch of Porter Avenue east of Julian Street for two main reasons.

First, in light of the recent rains, it is clear the this stretch or road and the intersection of Porter and Julian would be well served with a proper curb and any drains that might accompany the sidewalk. Currently water flows down the hill of porter avenue and the properties south of Porter avenue and flow without purpose toward the intersection where last evening there was water which went above the curb on Julian heading north.

Second, this stretch of Porter avenue is used often by children who are picked up and dropped off on this corner, walkers on their way up the hill on Porter Avenue, and more children on their way two and from the park one block East.

I can be available via phone or email if desired to gather additional information on this location's need for a sidewalk and I very much appreciate the transparency of this endeavor. Please keep up the great work :)

Thank you for your time,

George D. Brown
829 E. Porter Ave
Naperville, IL 60540

Dunne, Kelly

From: Liz Dicianni
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:40 PM
To: Dunne, Kelly
Subject: New Sidewalk Construction - Property Owner Survey

Attention : Transportation Advisory Board

I do not have a sidewalk in front on my home at 636 Wehrli Drive, Naperville, IL 60540. I am in favor of having the sidewalk installation for the following reasons:

- Safety—Cars do not observe but exceed the 25 mph limit.
- Safety---More traffic than other residential streets---Wehrli Drive is a cut-through street used by many drivers who do not live on this street.
- Continuity---My lot is one of only three or so lots that doesn't have a sidewalk.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with my feedback.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth DiCianni
636 Wehrli Drive
Naperville, IL 60540