

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

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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