

Rhoades, Christine

From: Kristen Horan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 12:15 PM
To: Rhoades, Christine
Subject: New Sidewalk Program - 409 E. Porter Ave.

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Hi Christine,

I received your letter about the Annual New Sidewalk Program.

I am fully supportive of new sidewalks on Loomis between Highland and Porter. In fact, are we able to add a sidewalk on Porter between Loomis and Sleight as well? I have two elementary aged children and with all the traffic at the college (and the new parking lot they just implemented), I believe safety is an issue. We have so many college aged drivers with cars flying past the street and safety is really an issue. My sister got hit by a car when she was in 3rd grade and I am terrified this will also happen to my children. I have tried many times to get sidewalks on both Loomis as well as Porter and have had no luck. I will be out of town for the meeting but would love to support the sidewalks on Loomis and as well add Porter (between Loomis and Sleight) to this list.

Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Thank you,
Kristen Horan
409 E. Porter Ave.

Rhoades, Christine

From: Jamie Stenger [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 3:12 PM
To: Rhoades, Christine
Subject: 324 S Loomis - Support for Sidewalk

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Hi Christine,

I'm sending this email on behalf of my husband Nick Stenger and myself in support for the installation of sidewalks on S Loomis St across from North Central College. We recently welcomed our first baby home on May 5th and are taking advantage of the beautiful summer weather by getting out for daily walks. With a stroller in tow, crossing the street and getting up over the sidewalk is not ideal. There are quite a few families with young children on our block that this poses a safety hazard for. We would appreciate the installation of sidewalks on our side of the street and think this will be beneficial for our community including current homeowners and prospective families in the future.

Thank you,
Jamie Stenger

May 31, 2023

Christine Rhodes, P.E.
Transportation Advisory Board
400 South Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540

Subject: Objection to 2023-2025 Annual New Sidewalk Program

Dear TAB Board Members,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my deep concerns and objections regarding the proposed installation of sidewalks in front of my house. As a senior citizen and long-term resident of this community, I feel it is crucial to address the significant negative impacts this project will have on my property, quality of life, and the overall appeal of our neighborhood.

Firstly, the removal of the 50-year-old maple, elm, and magnolia trees that stand majestically on my property is distressing. These beautiful trees, with their vibrant foliage and unique characteristics, hold great sentimental value and significantly contribute to the curb appeal and character of our community. Their loss would not only result in the removal of natural beauty but also negatively impact property values in the neighborhood. I kindly request the City Council to explore alternative solutions that would allow the preservation of these remarkable trees while still meeting the need for sidewalks.

Secondly, the proposed proximity of the sidewalk to my living room window raises serious privacy concerns. A sidewalk situated a mere 15 feet from my window would encroach upon my personal space and compromise the privacy I have cherished in my home. Such a close proximity would expose my daily activities and conversations to the constant view of passersby. As a senior citizen who values tranquility and peace, this invasion of privacy is deeply concerning. I urge the City Council to reconsider the alignment of the sidewalk to ensure a reasonable distance is maintained between my property and the public walkway, allowing for a sense of privacy and comfort.

Furthermore, the responsibility of clearing snow and ice from over 150 feet of sidewalks is a daunting task, particularly for a senior citizen like myself. Harsh winter conditions pose safety risks, and I am deeply concerned about my ability to consistently maintain a hazard-free pathway for pedestrians. This additional burden could compromise my well-being and potentially lead to accidents or injuries. Considering the potential risks involved, I kindly request that the city takes responsibility for snow and ice removal on the sidewalk, thereby alleviating the physical strain on me and ensuring the safety of all residents.

Additionally, it is crucial to address the prevalent issue of reckless and drunk drivers on our street. The installation of sidewalks without simultaneously addressing these ongoing traffic concerns would be counterproductive. Instead of enhancing safety, the presence of sidewalks may inadvertently attract pedestrians closer to the road, potentially exposing them to accidents caused by these irresponsible drivers. I implore the City Council to prioritize implementing measures to address the issue of reckless driving before proceeding with the sidewalk project.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge the City Council to reconsider the proposed installation of sidewalks in front of my house. The removal of mature trees, invasion of privacy, increased burden of snow and ice clearance, and the lack of adequate measures to address reckless driving are valid concerns that demand careful consideration. Moreover, the negative impact on property values resulting from the removal of these beautiful trees must not be ignored. I firmly believe that a balanced solution can be reached by taking these concerns into account and exploring alternative options that promote community safety while minimizing the adverse effects on my property, well-being, and the overall aesthetics of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I trust that you will genuinely consider my perspective and act in the best interest of all residents. I am available for further discussion and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to address this issue in person at a City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Irwin and Julie Williamson
304 South Loomis Street
Naperville, IL 60540
630 803-1895

Rhoades, Christine

To: Julie Kulak
Subject: RE: Sidewalk on S Loomis St

From: Julie Kulak [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 9:31 AM
To: Rhoades, Christine <RhoadesC@naperville.il.us>
Subject: Re: Sidewalk on S Loomis St

Regarding the completion of the sidewalk on the east side of the 300 block of South Loomis St: While I support adding additional sidewalk, I DO NOT support the removal of trees that would be necessary at the top of the street, 304 S Loomis St, at the intersection of Loomis & Highland. The mature trees are located too close to the curb to allow the sidewalk to be installed there without removing so much of the roots that the trees would die. There is not enough space to place the sidewalk between the house and the trees. I would suggest that the sidewalk be completed from petitioner's house, 336 S Loomis St, south to Porter, as her main concern is that going to school is unsafe for her children. This would allow her family to walk to Porter and Loomis and cross at the intersection, which would make her feel safer. If the families north of 336 agree, it could be extended north through their properties, too., ending at the edge of 304 S Loomis St. I know the family at 304 is against harming the trees, as am I.

Too many mature trees have been removed for new houses and road improvements in our neighborhood. Losing the trees at the top of our hill would be felt by everyone, as the smaller ornamental maple trees along NCC's parking lot across the street are dying and will be removed soon. This would leave that corner, and Julie & Irv's house, entirely exposed and unshaded. Studies have shown that mature trees increase the value and aesthetics of neighborhoods and improve the well-being of residents. Mature trees also absorb more carbon than new plantings. I implore you to please amend the proposed sidewalk addition to South Loomis Street to *exclude* extending the sidewalk through the property at 304 S Loomis St.

Thank You,
Julie Kulak