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**Agenda Item Number**

70A-1

**Date** June 24, 2019

Communications regarding proposed sidewalks.

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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
MANDELBAUM				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

June 18, 2019

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To the City Clerk's office:

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There is a proposal for new sidewalks to go in, my house is one of them 918 E. Bell Ave. I talked to Steve I believe his name was on the letter and expressed my concerns. I cannot attend the meeting which I believe is Monday at 5:00 of work. He told me to write a letter with my concerns. I realize eventually it will be done, but to avoid any more problems on my property I would like it to be put off as long as it can be. Here are my concerns pertaining to my property:

I have had vandalism done to my yard and house. I have had windows busted I have had beer bottles and other things thrown in my yard. I have a riding lawn mower and someone last year had thrown a dog metal piece in my yard that I ran over

I had to get off my mower to remove it. It was stuck under my blade and messed my blade up. This year I almost ran over a metal piece to the inside of ~~the~~ a door that was thrown in my driveway. I have had glass broken in my driveway for me to run over with my car. I have had people from across the street in the apartments loitering in the front of my yard. The school bus does not go in front of my house to let or pick kids up. There are no kids that live past my house. I am the last house on my side of the street. The house before my house is the last house that kids live so there is no reason anyone would be going past my house.

I live next to the creek and I have a no trespassing sign

up which we were told to put up to eliminate people cutting through the yard. There would be ~~no~~ reason for anyone to be in my yard there is a fence at the back of my yard. I have had fireworks in my yard near my deck and near my house.

I think putting in a sidewalk is ~~so~~ only going to escalate problems for me so I am trying to put off a sidewalk as long as I can. People will only think they have the right to loiter in my yard. I have had 2 breakins in my garages so I just don't want ~~any more~~ any more problems than I have already had. Plus last year someone hit my mailbox and newspaper holder and took them both ~~out~~ out. These are my concerns I think it would only give people that like to cause

problems for others more problems  
for me.

Thank you!

Marquita Marrero                      MARRERO  
918 E. Bell Ave  
Des Moines, Iowa 50315-7416

**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** website@dmgov.org  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 23, 2019 2:09 PM  
**To:** CouncilSpeak  
**Cc:** Web-Mgrs  
**Subject:** REQUEST TO SPEAK BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

Name = Gary Nutt  
Address = 2802 e Euclid ave  
City\_Town = Des Moines  
Stat\_Prov = Iowa  
Zip = 50317  
Phone = 515-263-0444  
Email = drgarynutt@mindspring.com  
Speaker(s) = Gary Nutt  
Meeting Date =  
Regarding = Side walk installation 2600-2900 block e Euclid ave. Des Moines Iowa 50317  
Client IP = 207.108.47.215

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**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Jason Pulliam <jason.pulliam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 9:57 AM  
**To:** Cownie, Frank; Gray, William S.; Coleman, Chris; Boesen, Connie S.; Gatto, Joe P.; Westergaard, Linda C.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.  
**Cc:** Rauh, Diane I.; Naber, Steven L.; Sanders, Scott E.  
**Subject:** Feedback on 6-24-19 City Council Agenda Item #70

Dear Mayor Cownie and City Council Members:

Good morning. I am writing to express support for the proposal included in agenda item number 70 for today's council meeting that calls for expedited construction of a new sidewalk segment in the vicinity of 6000 Hickman Road. Currently, the sidewalk along this stretch of Hickman Road terminates at 60th Street and resumes at 61st Street. Constructing a sidewalk in this location would close the gap, thereby improving pedestrian safety for students who walk to nearby Hillis Elementary School and those who walk to businesses at the intersection of Merle Hay and Hickman roads. Constructing a sidewalk in this location would also improve handicap accessibility in the general vicinity. The current situation is quite unsafe, especially for our handicapped neighbors.

Bigger picture, fast-tracking a sidewalk project in this location would complement the intersection improvements that are scheduled to begin this summer at Merle Hay and Hickman, and bring us closer to the long-standing goal of enhancing the safety, functionality, and overall look and feel of this vital and heavily trafficked gateway into our city. Completing this sidewalk project would also give us continuous sidewalk connections along both sides of Hickman Road between 48th Street and 63rd Street.

In recent months, I have had several opportunities to discuss intersection improvements at Hickman and Merle Hay roads with Council Members Gray and Coleman, and city engineering staff. Closing the sidewalk gap in the vicinity of 6000 Hickman Road has been a priority in each of those discussions. As such, I am pleased to see the present proposal to construct a new sidewalk in this location and ask for the Mayor and Council's support.

Thank you for everyone's time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Pulliam  
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