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October 27, 2009

C. Robert Snyder
525 Elm Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated October 19, 2009
09-237 Snyder

Dear Mr. Snyder:

I am responding to your request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, dated October 19, 2009 and received October 20, 2009. Your request for "all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the council meeting which began on January 14, 2008" is granted in part and denied in part. Your request is denied to the extent that the following redactions have occurred:

1. Information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy. MCL 15.243(1)(a)

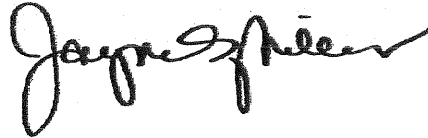
The City does not warrant or guarantee the accuracy of the information provided. Rather, it provides the documents only to comply in good faith with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, and not for any other purpose.

If you receive written notice that your request has been denied, in whole or in part, under Section 10 of the Act, you may, at your option either: (1) submit to the City Administrator a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason(s) for reversal of the disclosure denial; or (2) file a lawsuit in the circuit court to compel the City's disclosure of the record. If after judicial review, the circuit court determines that the City has not complied with the Act, you may be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and damages as specified under the Act.

The Michigan Freedom of Information Act specifically provides that a public body may charge a fee for searching for and copying a public record. The cost for copying the records is \$1.35 payable to the City of Ann Arbor. Upon receipt of this amount, the documents will be released to you. Your documents may be picked up in the Community Services Office (Sixth Floor, City Hall), Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Carol King, City FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6210, ext. 42198.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jayne S. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jayne S. Miller
Community Services Administrator

09-237
Snyder

King, Carol

From: C. Robert Snyder [chazsnyd@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2009 11:52 AM
To: King, Carol
Subject: FOIA Request

Carol King

FOIA Coordinator

City of Ann Arbor

100 N Fifth Avenue

Ann Arbor MI 48104

Dear Ms. King:

I am requesting all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the council meetings which began on January 14, 2008, but may have continued past midnight into the next calendar day.

Please exclude from this request any electronic communication initiated by a staff member of the city attorney's office and any documents attached to the electronic communication.

If you determine that the contents of an electronic communication, in whole or in part, is subject to a disclosure exemption under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, please provide the electronic communication, including the header information, with the exempt portions redacted.

If you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption as the basis for withholding any record responsive to this request, please include in your full or partial denial letter a description of the item and the statutory provision that exempts it from disclosure. If you determine that an item is exempt from disclosure under M.C.L. sec 15.243(1)(m) (communications and notes within a public body), please include an explanation of why the public interest in encouraging frank communication between officials and employees of public bodies clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Upon identifying the records that should be disclosed under this request, please notify me of the estimated cost of providing copies to me. I will accept the material in electronic machine readable format to reduce costs. If the costs will exceed \$25, I would like to exercise my section M.C.L. Sec. 15.233(3) right to inspect the public records prior to incurring any cost for duplication. Please contact me at (734) 665-5524 or chazsnyd@gmail.com to discuss the estimated charges and to schedule a time when I can review the documents.

Sincerely,

C. Robert Snyder

525 Elm Street

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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chazsnyd@gmail.com

King, Carol

From: Dan Marano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 7:26 PM
To: Anglin, Mike
Subject: Fwd: Sunset Road Snow Removal

Mike,

Dan Marano here from [REDACTED], one of your many supporters here, and the fellow who talked with you at length about lead paint removal and our experiences.

We are all going to need your help here getting the City to reconsider this recent budgetary decision to no longer clear the walks on Sunset Rd. The debris, the foot-traffic, and all the school-kids here, heading to Wines and Forsyth, and back, have made this clearing a policy that lasted some thirty plus years for reason.

We need to arrive at a simple solution of keeping it clear after heavy snows of more than a few inches.

respectfully,

Dan Marano

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dan Marano [REDACTED]
Date: January 14, 2008 7:21:24 PM GMT-05:00
To: "Henderson, Karla" <KHenderson@a2gov.org>
Cc: Dave Morris [REDACTED], Christopher Easthope <CEasthope@a2gov.org>, Mike Bergren <MBergren@a2gov.org>, Marie Vantubbergen <[REDACTED]>, Chuck & Sandy [REDACTED], Terri Mara [REDACTED], Roger Fraser <RFraser@a2gov.org>, Sue McCormick <SMcCormick@a2gov.org>, Rob Millett <RMillett@a2gov.org>, Kirk Pennington <KAPennington@a2gov.org>, Brad Kluczynski <BKluczynski@a2gov.org>, Frank Raymond <fraymond@[REDACTED]>, Mike Anglin <MAnglin@a2gov.org>, Kathryn Ferriell [REDACTED], chobkirk@[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Sunset Road Snow Removal

Karla,

I really do appreciate the photos, and the effort taken to come out here and to continue to monitor the situation, but I cannot accept this determination.

Your photos show clearly a serious amount of dense, difficult plow debris that was pushed up, well onto the sidewalks, after these last two heavy snows. As your email from last year indicated, you have previously agreed to consider more action if this curb demarcation project proved not enough after heavy snows.

After speaking with a few other residents here today, I think that most of us are in agreement that the City needs to do more here. I simply cannot accept the notion that if we here get special attention, then it would only be fair to clear all sidewalks in Ann Arbor without lawn extensions. I am sorry, but this logic is insulting, and does not befit the situation. The simple fact remains that the City cleared this stretch of road for many, many years, and not *every* single sidewalk with no extension, for good reason. We need to return to that, and this entire neighborhood is in agreement, and seemingly very eager to be more vocal about this.

Another fact, that irks me to no end, is that some City employee, still drives a tractor/snow clearing vehicle all the way down Sunset, just to clear the traffic circle walk at the Brooks St. intersection. DO I need to pass a hat

then to pay for the extra half-hour it would take to still have this venerable person, slow down just a bit, drive on the sidewalk, as they have done for decades, and clear the walks after these heavy snows, and from all the City plow's debris?

Again, I am not seeking a return to the time when this clearing was done after every fraction of an inch snowfall, but something somewhere between all or nothing. I simply cannot accept the logic or position that the City, "can not perform this service to one segment of our constitutes and not others." This is a unique situation, due to topography, traffic, the schools, etc., and that has always been the case, and it still is today. You cannot expect any of us to believe that simply because unique conditions necessitate a City service in one situation, the City must then copy this service or expenditure all over town, to be fair and treat all people equally. Such logic flies in the face of municipal services and reality alike.

I remains my since hope that we can resolve this without having to take all of this before the Council and waste more of everybody's valuable time, including your own.

Sincerely,

Dan Marano

On Jan 14, 2008, at 3:01 PM, Henderson, Karla wrote:

Dear Dan,

I apologize for my delay in my response.

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Please know that during the 2 recent large snow events, several supervisors (including myself) monitored the snow removal process on Sunset to make sure that our drivers were utilizing the markers as a guide as to where to plow. During the first snow event I received a couple of e-mails from residents on your street indicating that our plows had come through a second time and thrown additional snow onto the sidewalks. During that evening, our supervisor paid a visit to your street and took several photographs that I have attached. You can see that our drivers plowed quite a distance away from the high-visibility markers leaving a substantial amount of snow accumulation in the streets. You will also note that clearance done on the sidewalks varies with most residents choosing to clear a single path for pedestrians. After the New Year's Day storm we found that again, the drivers were using the markers as a guide and that the majority of the snow was left in the streets.

I certainly understand the concerns of the residents along Sunset Road and the desire to have the City clear the sidewalks for them. However, we can not perform this service to one segment of our constitutes and not others. In addition, many services that were provided years ago have been discontinued. For example, during snow events on narrow streets we would tow vehicles away, plow the street and then tow them back to their original location so that the street was cleared curb to curb; a practice that has since been discontinued.

Please know that we appreciate the efforts by residents in keeping the sidewalks passable for pedestrians and by my observation the majority of the residents on Sunset did comply. As always, please let me know if I can provide any additional information or if you have any additional questions.

Karla

From: Dan Marano [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 05, 2008 11:40 AM
To: Dave Morris; Henderson, Karla
Cc: Henderson, Karla; Easthope, Christopher; Bergren, Mike; Marie Vantubbergen; Chuck & Sandy; Terri Mara; Fraser, Roger; McCormick, Sue; Millett, Rob; Pennington, Kirk; Kluczynski, Brad; [fraymond@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:fraymond@[REDACTED]); Anglin, Mike; Kathryn Ferriell
Subject: Re: Sunset Road Snow Removal

Karla,

Dan Marano here, wishing you well and wanting to thank you for all the efforts here on Sunset Rd., to have the City come in and do such a thorough and extensive job staking our soft-curbs with these high-visibility markers to help mitigate the snow accumulation problem that exists for all pedestrians here.

I know we have had a December full of a couple of really big heavy snows, and I am sure you have been plenty busy getting into winter gear, but unfortunately, with all this snow, our sidewalks remain impassable, dangerous, and so full of all the displaced plow snow and crud that we still need to address the situation.

Even though many of my neighbors, like me, here at the intersection of Sunset and Brooks, shoveled, sanded/salted, cleared, or had services come in, we still need the City's help here. With this much snow, it is inevitable that the plows will push it all at least half way onto the cleared sidewalks and that all of the corners where sidewalks end, need to be cleared too so that people and our children are not left walking out into the streets.

I really do appreciate all the effort to date, but have to admit a bit of bafflement that all these expensive reflector stakes were put in and drilled into curbs--will they remain throughout the year? When what all the residents here, and the many other neighborhood children and walkers and workers need, is for some continuance of the City's longstanding (thirty plus years?!) policy to help clear these walks. There is no lawn extension, and the topography and embankments, coupled with the heavy foot traffic here simply necessitates some extra attention. You had said we would be able to address this problem if it continues, and I regret that is still a problem.

What I cannot understand, is that all this effort and expense was put into staking out the curbs, when in fact, the City still sends a plow person all the way down Sunset, just to brush clear the small circle--which is City property--at Sunset and Brooks. Is it really that much more trouble and cost, to have this worker, do what they have done for some thirty plus years, and help to clear the walks of all the added snow and debris that unfortunately, will always result after plowing these big snows? You have told me, both here on email, and person, the we Sunset Rd. residents, are not the only people in town with "extension-less" curbs. That is well and good, and yes, I see these other similar designs along Geddes, Packard, Stadium, what have you. But let's be honest here--none of those stretches have the daily foot-traffic, the two public schools, the dog walkers, the joggers, the strollers, etc., that we do here on Sunset. They also do not have embankments and the drainage issues that much of Sunset Road has.

Surely there is some kind of resolution here that will keep our neighborhood safe and happy. I cannot tell you how many dozens of people has stopped me on the corner, in my drive, with my kids, to thank me for trying to keep the walks clear, and to ask why the City is no longer able to help with this much needed service.

Thanks again, and I hope that you are off to good new year.

Dan Marano

On Nov 30, 2007, at 9:28 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Karla,

Any update on what's happening with the plan outlined below?

Thanks,

Dave Morris
[REDACTED]

----- Original message -----

From: "Henderson, Karla" <KHenderson@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us>

Dear Mr. Marano,

This e-mail serves as a follow up to our meeting on Sunset a couple of weeks ago. As we discussed we will be sending a letter to the residents of Sunset to notify them of solution we discussed.

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I am hopeful that provides a satisfactory solution to your neighbors. Please know how much I appreciated your time and commitment in addressing this issue and as always, please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Karla Henderson

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan Marano [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 4:28 PM

To: Henderson, Karla

Cc: Easthope, Christopher; Bergren, Mike; 'Dave Morris'; 'Marie Vantubbergen'; 'Chuck & Sandy'; 'Terri Mara'; McCormick, Sue; Millett, Rob

Subject: Re: Sunset Road Snow Removal

Ms. Henderson,

Thank you for all of your timely and thoughtful communication, and I am glad, on the one hand, to learn that the sidewalk clearing was done period, but unhappy to realize that it was done only because many of my neighbors have an impossible time clearing, and then re-clearing sidewalks after the plows come through on a heavy run.

in response to your earlier email, and the many fine points that it covered, my neighborly research also indicated that these sidewalks came in after most of the homes were built here, but, again, topography was the main determining factor in it not being feasible, nor making much of any economic or traffic sense, to push the curbs back from the roadway any further than they are.

Take our property for instance, on the corner of Sunset, Brooks and Vesper: if the sidewalk were just three feet further in from its present position, it would be more of a sky-way, six feet above the roadway on the level with our lot, high above our steep embankment which rises at a 60 degree angle from the edge of the City sidewalk, which runs the length of the property line. According to the original owner of the house, the City never even once contemplated removing the say, fifty cubic yards of clay soil and trees that would have been required to set the sidewalk in any further, to create a buffer type "extension" between the road and walk. Most of our neighbors to the West, with the exception of one low-lying property where lawn is actually level with the sidewalk, are also several feet above the roadway, and like our property, had to be cut in and minimally excavated and embanked to allow for the present sidewalk, so a huge set-back with extensions was never even entertained.

The same holds true for much of the properties east of Brooks, on Sunset. There was never any conceivable way to have a sidewalk that was further in, without doing major excavations and retainers, along much of Sunset.

I am not trying to be rude, or confrontational, but I know of no other similar, downhill run of extension-less sidewalk in the City, with the exception of a short stretch of Geddes, which has nowhere near the foottraffic two adjacent schools, and the many young children forced out into the roadway, that Sunset has.

I would like to set up a meeting where we can take a tour of Sunset, so that you can see for yourself that sidewalks were not placed where they are, as you surmise, "to minimize the impact on the pre-existing yards and landscaping since there was plenty of room to allow for a lawn extension between the curb and sidewalk." Your records, and or familiarity with this stretch of road does not support the truth that would be plainly evident from a few minute survey. I know how to drive trucks and plow snow myself, and can promise you that it is near impossible, with four or more inches of snow, to detect the location or

"feel" of these gently sloping soft curbs that keep nether the plows nor the debris from riding right up and burying the walks.

As for parking, rarely is there ever a car left overnight curbside on upper Sunset here. A better compromise would be having the plows push off onto the curbless North side of Sunset, or to simply find away to have minimal sidewalk clearing follow the plow route, as has been done for most of the past fifty years.

Nobody here wishes to see another situation like we had two weeks ago where City plows came through, well after people shoveled and paid to have private services shovel their walks, only to have the plows burry us in several inches of frozen, impenetrable debris--and then ticket and/or fine our elderly neighbors for negligence. That is simply absurd, and should not happen again

Thanks again for you time, but I regret that it seems all of my, and our many neighbors concerns, still stand. Please let me know when and if you are available to physically assess the actual site conditions and topography, as additional snow this evening might well give us an opportunity to try this all again.

Sincerely,

Dan Marano

On Mar 6, 2007, at 4:12 PM, Henderson, Karla wrote:

Dear Mr. Marano,

I have confirmed that the residents on Sunset will not be ticketed for not removing the snow on the sidewalks nor will a bill be sent for the work performed last week.

Karla Henderson

From: Henderson, Karla
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 9:54 AM
To: 'Dan Marano'; Easthope, Christopher
Cc: Bergren, Mike; Dave Morris; Marie Vantubbergen;
Chuck & Sandy; Terri Mara; McCormick, Sue

Subject: RE: Sunset Road Snow Removal

Dear Mr. Marano,

We have been busy investigating the situation on Sunset Road which contains many aspects and I thank you for your continued patience on this issue.

We recently discovered that the sidewalks installed on Sunset Road were built after the construction of the homes. Our records indicate that the homes on that street were built between 1926 and 1956. Although we don't have an exact date, our records indicate that the sidewalks were built sometime in the mid 1950's so we can say that most of the homes were already built before the sidewalks were installed.

Sidewalks are built based on much give and take with residents and considerations include costs, impacts to front yards, trees and other existing landscaping, etc. Often times this results in placement of the walk in a location that is not traditionally separated from the curbline. In general, the sidewalk plan is designed in discussion with the then current residents and Council and placement results from a balance of the specific site considerations. In the case of Sunset Road, the Right of Way is 66 feet from the center of the road and extends 8 to 10 feet from the back of where the sidewalk exists into the green area (grass and trees). So one can surmise that the sidewalks were put in to minimize the impact on the pre-existing yards and landscaping since there was plenty of room to allow for a lawn extension between the curb and sidewalk.

We also discovered that the circumstances of having sidewalks close to the road is not unique. The City has over 7 miles of sidewalk that are similarly located against the curbline as is the case on Sunset and we have not provided additional snow removal service in these areas as well.

While we are sympathetic to the residents of Sunset Road, we simply can not provide snow removal on the sidewalks. Please know that we have every desire in minimizing the difficulties associated with the physical location of the sidewalk and how you are impacted by street plowing. We have added notes to the special instruction for this plow route that will result in staff doing our best to push the snow up to the edge of the pavement, however, we cannot guarantee that we can eliminate any impact to the sidewalks. The short term impact of this approach, subsequent to any significant snow event, may be that it

results in limiting parking on that section of the street.

As far as the recent removal of the snow in the sidewalks, I am currently investigating who performed this work as it was not staff from Field Operations but could have been a private contractor hired by Community Standards since notice had been given to the residents. As soon as I receive an answer I will let you know.

I am hopeful that this provides you with enough background information to understand our position on this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any additional questions or concerns.

Karla Henderson

From: Dan Marano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2007 5:00 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher
Cc: Henderson, Karla; Bergren, Mike; Dave Morris; Marie Vantubbergen; Chuck & Sandy; Terri Mara
Subject: Re: Sunset Road Snow Removal

Hello All,

Some questions regarding the present and future state of our snow and ice removal situation here on upper Sunset Rd.

It would seem that after several of our neighbors were warned and cited by the City for failure to keep the sidewalk clear--after our one big winter big more than two weeks ago--the city then came through, last week, and cleared the sidewalks from the water treatment plant, all the way east, down to Hunt Park.

I, and others here, am left wondering if there has been a return to a more equitable and sensible policy of clearing the walks after city plows come through, since it seems more difficult, if impossible, to prevent them from depositing large amounts of snow and ice debris on our extensionless sidewalks. That last storm proved this, once again.

Were this the case, it would be great news. Either way, I would like to have some resolution on the matter, and a policy decision in writing, so as not to have to go through all of this again

next year. My intent would be to share such a decision with our neighbors, many of whom are elderly, and were quite confused and alarmed at being cited and potentially fined for not clearing their walks, when in fact, they had paid quite handsomely to have commercial services come through to do so.

Once again, I appreciate all of your help and attention to this matter.

Best,

Dan Marano

On Feb 18, 2007, at 7:48 PM, Easthope, Christopher wrote:

Hi Dan:

I have asked Sue McCormick to take another look at this issue again. What is the history of this sidewalk, was it a city decision to put the sidewalks directly next to the road or was that based on residents requests?

Chris

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan Marano [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2007 12:24 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher; Henderson, Karla; Bergren, Mike
Cc: Dave Morris; Marie Vantubbergen; Chuck & Sandy
Subject: Sunset Road Snow Removal

Ok good people,

I want to thank you all for helping to try to resolve this issue about snow clearing on our own Sunset Rd., last year, at right about this same time. The issue of course is that we on Sunset have no lawn extensions, and when the City plows, as they have not had to do this winter, until the last two days, our sidewalks become hazardous and impossible to clear and re-shovel, because of all the ice and hard- pack debris the plows spit up.

I am bringing this up now, because it continues to be an issue.

several of us here on upper Sunset just cleared our walks, and now plows have driven right up, and in some case onto the "soft" curbs, and made the walks impassable and very difficult to clear. Kids are now walking to school in the street, and that is not good.

I am sure you good folks are getting all kinds of calls and complaints on this and other fronts, but maybe now is a time to resolve this issue with some kind of policy, say, were the City will clear these walks, ONLY after the plows come through, as they have not been a problem for residents all winter, until now.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Dan Marano
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Date: March 18, 2007 6:07:24 PM GMT-04:00
To: "Dan Marano" [REDACTED]
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Dear Mr. Marano,

I have confirmed that the residents on Sunset will not be ticketed for not removing the snow on the sidewalks nor will a bill be sent for the work performed last week.

Karla Henderson

From: Henderson, Karla

Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 9:54 AM

To: 'Dan Marano'; Easthope, Christopher

Cc: Bergren, Mike; Dave Morris; Marie Vantubbergen; Chuck & Sandy; Terri Mara; McCormick, Sue

Subject: RE: Sunset Road Snow Removal

Dear Mr. Marano,

We have been busy investigating the situation on Sunset Road which contains many aspects and I thank you for your continued patience on this issue.

We recently discovered that the sidewalks installed on Sunset Road were built after the construction of the homes. Our records indicate that the homes on that street were built between 1926 and 1956. Although we don't have an exact date, our records indicate that the sidewalks were built sometime in the mid 1950's so we can say that most of the homes were already built before the sidewalks were installed.

Sidewalks are built based on much give and take with residents and considerations include costs, impacts to front yards, trees and other existing landscaping, etc. Often times this results in placement of the walk in a location that is not traditionally separated from the curbline. In general, the sidewalk plan is designed in discussion with the then current residents and Council and placement results from a balance of the specific site considerations. In the case of Sunset Road, the Right of Way is 66 feet from the center of the road and extends 8 to 10 feet from the back of where the sidewalk exists into the green area (grass and trees). So one can surmise that the sidewalks were put in to minimize the impact on the pre-existing yards and landscaping since there was plenty of room to allow for a lawn extension between the curb and sidewalk.

We also discovered that the circumstances of having sidewalks close to the road is not unique. The City has over 7 miles of sidewalk that are similarly located against the curbline as is the case on Sunset and we have not provided additional snow removal service in these areas as well.

While we are sympathetic to the residents of Sunset Road, we simply can not provide snow removal on the sidewalks. Please know that we have every desire in minimizing the difficulties associated with the physical location of the sidewalk and how you are impacted by street plowing. We have added notes to the special instruction for this plow route that will result in staff doing our best to push the snow up to the edge of the pavement, however, we cannot guarantee that we can eliminate any impact to the sidewalks. The short term

impact of this approach, subsequent to any significant snow event, may be that it results in limiting parking on that section of the street.

As far as the recent removal of the snow in the sidewalks, I am currently investigating who performed this work as it was not staff from Field Operations but could have been a private contractor hired by Community Standards since notice had been given to the residents. As soon as I receive an answer I will let you know.

I am hopeful that this provides you with enough background information to understand our position on this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any additional questions or concerns.

Karla Henderson

From: Dan Marano [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2007 5:00 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher
Cc: Henderson, Karla; Bergren, Mike; Dave Morris; Marie Vantubbergen; Chuck & Sandy; Terri Mara
Subject: Re: Sunset Road Snow Removal

Hello All,

Some questions regarding the present and future state of our snow and ice removal situation here on upper Sunset Rd.

It would seem that after several of our neighbors were warned and cited by the City for failure to keep the sidewalk clear--after our one big winter big more than two weeks ago--the city then came through, last week, and cleared the sidewalks from the water treatment plant, all the way east, down to Hunt Park.

I, and others here, am left wondering if there has been a return to a more equitable and sensible policy of clearing the walks after city plows come through, since it seems more difficult, if impossible, to prevent them from depositing large amounts of snow and ice debris on our extensionless sidewalks. That last storm proved this, once again.

Were this the case, it would be great news. Either way, I would like to have some resolution on the matter, and a policy decision in writing, so as not to have to go through all of this again next year. My intent would be to share such a decision with our neighbors, many of whom are elderly, and were quite confused and alarmed at being cited and potentially fined for not clearing their walks, when in fact, they had paid quite handsomely to have commercial services come through to do so.

Once again, I appreciate all of your help and attention to this matter.

Best,

Dan Marano

On Feb 18, 2007, at 7:48 PM, Easthope, Christopher wrote:

Hi Dan:

I have asked Sue McCormick to take another look at this issue again. What is the history of this sidewalk, was it a city decision to put the sidewalks directly next to the road or was that based on residents requests?

Chris

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan Marano [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2007 12:24 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher; Henderson, Karla; Bergren, Mike
Cc: Dave Morris; Marie Vantubbergen; Chuck & Sandy
Subject: Sunset Road Snow Removal

Ok good people,

I want to thank you all for helping to try to resolve this issue about snow clearing on our own Sunset Rd., last year, at right about this same time. The issue of course is that we on Sunset have no lawn extensions, and when the City plows, as they have not had to do this winter, until the last two days, our sidewalks become hazardous and impossible to clear and re-shovel, because of all the ice and hard- pack debris the plows spit up.

I am bringing this up now, because it continues to be an issue. several of us here on upper Sunset just cleared our walks, and now plows have driven right up, and in some case onto the "soft" curbs, and made the walks impassable and very difficult to clear. Kids are now walking to school in the street, and that is not good.

I am sure you good folks are getting all kinds of calls and complaints on this and other fronts, but maybe now is a time to resolve this issue with some kind of policy, say, were the City will clear these walks, ONLY after the plows come through, as they have not been a problem for residents all winter, until now.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Dan Marano
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<Sunset snow pics.zip>

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 8:51 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom
Cc: Teall, Margie
Subject: Draft FY08 Approps materials

Ken sent me the updated memo of green features. Using that memo, I revised the draft Approps Form, created a one-page attachment of "proposed" green features, and drafted a letter to be sent by Roger. I'd like to get a draft to Andy for him to start reviewing. Thoughts?



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FY08 General Appropriations Request Form

Date:

Name of Member of Congress: Dingell

Congressional Staff Contact:

Name/Contact Information of Grant Recipient:

Roger Fraser, City Administrator
City of Ann Arbor, Michigan
100 N. Fifth
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Voice: 734-994-2650
Email: RFraser@a2gov.org

Brief Project Description: The City of Ann Arbor will expand and renovate its City Hall in a \$45 million project that includes four major components: (1) The City will build a new Police headquarters consistent with Homeland Security standards. The current Police headquarters, built over 40 years ago, does not meet modern standards for security, prisoner handling, and witness protection. Moreover, the current Police headquarters was not built with a women's locker room because, at the time, the City employed no female police officers. (2) The City will build a new Courthouse. The existing Courthouse, located in rented space, does not segregate individuals accused of violent crimes from the general public, thus posing a safety hazard to the community. (3) The City will partially renovate its existing City Hall, which was built over 40 years ago. Renovations will include upgrades to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"). The City Hall also suffers from environmental hazards, including black mold. (4) The City will incorporate numerous environmentally efficient "green" features into the new project and existing City Hall, including installation of an underground storm water detention system, re-use of waste water to reduce overall water consumption, energy efficient windows, and a vegetative "green" roof. A detailed list of proposed "green" features is attached.

Amount Requested: \$15,000,000, which would equal less than 33% of the \$45,000,000+ total project Budget.

Department/Agency:

Account/Program:

Previous Funding: None.

Grant Recipient/Main Activities: The grant recipient is one of Michigan's largest local government units providing general government services to a community of approximately 114,000 people.

National Significance of Project: The City of Ann Arbor is recognized nationally and internationally for many reasons, including the University of Michigan's football program, which has the largest college football stadium in the United States and hosts over 100,000 people on game weekends. Because of this notoriety, the City is repeatedly included on the Department of Homeland Security's list of potential terrorist targets. Ann Arbor is also a leader in the creation of technology jobs, and is home to a rapidly-growing regional headquarters for Google. The new Police/Courts headquarters will also serve as a demonstration project for "green" construction methods envisioned by the energy legislation recently enacted by Congress. The City will commit significant financial resources to this project, but assistance is needed because Michigan's economy has been ranked the lowest in the nation for the past few years and there is little expectation that the domestic auto industry will soon rebound. This project is critical to provide quality services in a community that is critical to Michigan's future economic success, and will create union construction jobs in the regional economy.

Hon. John D. Dingell
United States House of Representatives
2328 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Dingell:

We are pleased to submit the attached Appropriations Request Form for FY 2008 seeking federal support for an exciting public project that will serve as a model for energy efficient government construction.

The City of Ann Arbor plans to construct a new 100,000 square foot Police Station, Courthouse, and public meeting space, and to renovate its existing City Hall. The new project will address important Homeland Security objectives, expand public accessibility for disabled residents, make City government more efficient and user-friendly, create jobs for union workers in southeast Michigan, and continue to make downtown Ann Arbor a vibrant destination for people throughout Washtenaw County.

This exciting project will also serve as a model for future “green” construction projects by other governmental entities. For example:

- The new building will include a vegetative “green” roof, underground storm water detention system, and “white roof” to collect and reuse waster water, which reduces storm water runoff.
- The new building will include countless features to reduce energy consumption, including operable windows and high efficiency boilers.
- Optional elements of the project would further reduce energy consumption, including a geothermal ground source heat pump, replacement of the exterior “skin” of the existing City Hall to insulate the building, and additional exterior insulation materials for the proposed new buildings.

Although this project will accomplish important environmental and security goals, it is also expensive. Federal support is critical to ensuring the project’s success. We believe the project will serve as a model for “green” government construction consistent with energy legislation recently passed by the Congress.

A special committee of the City Council has been charged with designing and implementing this project. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you or your staff to discuss this important project and potential federal support for the project. As always, thank you in advance for your service and assistance.

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 8:46 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Emailing: Michigan State Resolution for the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act Introduced.htm

Hmmm. I like the concept.... although I wonder if ending ALL foreclosures is excessive. Here comes the conservative: some people deserve to have their home foreclosed. They act irresponsibly and misspend money. They have nobody to blame but themselves. I believe they are a minority of the total number of people who are foreclosed, but a a TOTAL ban on foreclosure seems excessive.....

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 8:40 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: FW: Emailing: Michigan State Resolution for the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act Introduced.htm

I spoke with this guy the other night, and told him that I would be interested in seeing these materials. He also sent me a bunch of other municipal resolutions... What do you think? Should we come up with something for A2?

From: Stu Rosenblatt [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2008 9:30 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Emailing: Michigan State Resolution for the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act Introduced.htm

From Stu Rosenblatt [REDACTED]



Michigan State Resolution for the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act Introduced

26 Nov 2007

September 28, 2007 (LPAC)-- The fight for the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act is accelerating. Michigan State Representative LaMar Lemmons, with 21 co-sponsors, introduced a resolution, to memorialize the Congress of the United States to create the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act, into the Michigan State Legislator.

The co-sponsors were:

Terry Brown, Pam Byrnes, Marsha Cheeks, Ed Clemente, Bob Constan, George Cushingberry, Robert Dean, Marie Donigan, Barbara Farrah, Lee Gonzales, Richard Hammel, Hoon-Yung Hopgood, Bert Johnson, Robert Jones, Gabe Leland, James Marleau, Michael Sak, Steve Tobocman, Aldo Vagnozzi, Mary Valentine, Rebekah Warren

Rep. Lemmons offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 190.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to create the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act.

Whereas, The onrushing financial crisis engulfing home mortgages and the banking system of the United States threatens to set off an economic depression. Millions of American citizens are threatened with foreclosure and loss of their homes due to a financial crisis that threatens the integrity of both state and federally chartered banks. Such a banking collapse would wipe out the life savings of American citizens and undermine the economic stability of our nation; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States should move quickly to keep people in their homes and avert economic catastrophe. Congress should establish a federal agency to place the federal and state chartered banks under protection, freeze all existing home mortgages for a period of months to adjust the values to fair prices, and restructure existing mortgages at appropriate interest rates. Also, the Congress should write off all speculative debt obligations of mortgage-backed securities and other schemes that have brought the banking system to the point of bankruptcy; and

Whereas, During the transitional period, all foreclosures should be frozen, allowing American families to retain their homes. Monthly payments, the equivalent of rental payments, should be made to designated banks, which can use the funds as collateral for normal lending practices, thus recapitalizing the banking system. These payments will be factored into new mortgages, reflecting the deflating of the housing bubble and the establishment of appropriate property valuations and reduced interest rates; and

Whereas, State governments should assume the administrative responsibilities for implementing the program, including the rental assessments to designated banks. The federal government should provide the necessary credits and guarantees to assure the successful transition; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to create the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.



King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 8:20 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Washtenaw Housing Alliance
Attachments: image001.gif

OCD would administer the funds, and our new approval process we're setting up for Urban County would allocate the funds. WHA would have a seat at the table, but it would be City and County run. If they complain about this, that proves they care more about the power and less about the money.

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 8:19 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Washtenaw Housing Alliance

Are you saying that OCD would administer the funds, or WHA? You know they'll be unhappy with any scenario that takes control of funding away from WHA, after they're doing all this legwork on raising \$ for support services.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 8:14 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Washtenaw Housing Alliance

Jayne suggested we run it through OCD, so they would administer the funds. She is exploring. That would give them the \$, but keep control away from WHA.

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 8:11 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Washtenaw Housing Alliance

Does this mean that we should go ahead with the Urban County and the Integrated Funding?

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 8:10 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Washtenaw Housing Alliance

They asked him to serve to build the bridges between us...!

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 7:41 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: FW: Washtenaw Housing Alliance

So what do you think??

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 4:16 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A; Crawford, Tom; Jones, Barnett; McCormick, Sue; Miller, Jayne; Schuler, Carol
Subject: Washtenaw Housing Alliance

Council:

Consistent with Council's discussion on December 1 emphasizing your ongoing concern for affordable housing, please be aware that I have accepted an appointment to the Board of Directors of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance.

Roger Fraser
City Administrator
City of Ann Arbor
Office: (734) 994-2650
Fax: (734) 994-8297

E-mail: rfraser@a2gov.org

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 7:33 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: 415 W. Washington

I did. I believe Budget authorized ROger to distribute the draft RFP to Council for comment, and then distribution in a few weeks.

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 7:30 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: 415 W. Washington

Did you happen to get a letter from Marcia Chamberlin regarding the Art Center and the RFP?

King, Carol

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 7:22 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: FW: Interest in serving on Board or Commission
Attachments: Anya_Dale_Resume.pdf

Do you have an opening on Env Commission? See attached resume. She comes recommended from a friend, and is interested in several boards, including Env Commission. And she's a "young" person!

Adrienne (Anya) L. Dale

Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Phone

SKILLS

Urban & Regional Planning

- Comprehensive Plan Review
- Transit Oriented Development
- Complete Transportation Systems
- Land Preservation: Reviews
- Smart Growth/Successful Communities
- Sustainable Landscapes: Urban Infill and Rural Area Preservation

Natural Resources & Environment

- Wetland Restoration and Management
- Conservation Plans
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Watershed Plans and Management
- Systems Ecology
- Botany and Zoology
- Organic Chemistry

Computer

- ArcView GIS
- Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint
- RUSLE2

Leadership

- Dale Carnegie Graduate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Oct 2006- current Associate Planner, Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment*
- Prepare and participate in zoning and planning studies, research, analysis and evaluation
 - Prepare written and statistical reports and graphic materials for recommendations concerning land use, specifically as it relates to issues in transportation and land preservation
 - ArcView GIS to provide technical assistance to local units of government and agencies
 - Smart Growth Team: coordination of goals and objectives of the Planning, Public Health and Parks Departments
 - Advisory Committee for HomeGrown Festival celebrating locally grown food and business
 - Facilitator for Transportation group for Successful Communities Initiative
 - Public outreach and education on the connection between land use and transportation, and impacts on the vitality of urban areas, preservation of open space, and public health.
- May 2005- Oct2006 Soil Erosion Officer, Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment*
- Enforcement of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (SESC) Act through site plan review and issuance of permits, field inspections for adherence to SESC Plans and investigation of citizen complaints and participation on Subdivision Advisory Committee.
- May 2002-May2005 Soil Conservationist GS-9, United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service*
- Worked with landowners and communities to create resource conservation plans, develop wetland and habitat restoration plans, and manage soil erosion. Provided technical assistance in the form land surveying, engineering designs and drafting technical reports.
- Jan- May 2002 Intern, Organization for Bat Conservation*
- Responsible for animal care and educational outreach through fairs and presentations

EDUCATION

Masters of Science in Rural and Urban Planning Candidate, Eastern Michigan University

Environmental Biology / Zoology BS, with honors, Michigan State University

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Transit Oriented Development, 2007

Prepared and regularly present to various classes, commissions and boards

Community Survey Guide, 2007

Developed a resource paper to guide communities in preparing and effectively evaluating community surveys.

Walkability; Land Use and Public Health, 2006-2007

Prepared and presented to various committees, planning commissions and associations

Article: Walking Toward Smart Growth: Land Use and Public Health
Huron Valley Sierra Club monthly publication

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Washtenaw Land Trust: grant writing, public outreach

International Crane Foundation: Crane Count Coordinator for Washtenaw County

Responsible for coordination of Annual Midwest Crane Count, part of a national effort to monitor and protect Sandhill Cranes, as well as promote awareness of habitat required for their survival and the survival of other migratory birds.

Washtenaw Audubon Society: board member 2003-07; public outreach and stewardship of nature preserves

Served on NRCS Employee Development Committee

Volunteering history: Ann Arbor Ecology Center, Scio Residents for Safe Water, Ann Arbor Bird Rescue, and ReachOut! Mentoring.

OTHER:

Completed twelve-week Dale Carnegie Class: Effective Communication and Human Relations

Awarded scholarship to study field ecology at Michigan State University's Kellogg Biological Station

References are available upon request

King, Carol

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 8:34 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Subject: FW: Last City Council Meeting on Channel 16

Importance: High

If someone could mention this tonight please.

From: Salmeron, Ralph C
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 4:56 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Last City Council Meeting on Channel 16
Importance: High

Marcia:

Tonight's city council meeting is the last meeting that can be seen on channel 16. Starting tomorrow, Tuesday, January 15th, ALL city meetings will be on Comcast channel 915 which requires a digital converter box, a digital service package or a TV capable of receiving digital channels in the 900 range.

If you can mention this at Council tonight that would be great.

Thanks,

Ralph C. Salmeron

Manager

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