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CITY OF MADISON

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Agenda No. E-1

Name DEBORAH SELLERS  
Address 3313 COMMERCIAL AVE  
MADISON (BLOOMING) WI 53714  
(WRIE)

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- Wish to speak
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Are you being paid for your representation?  Yes  No

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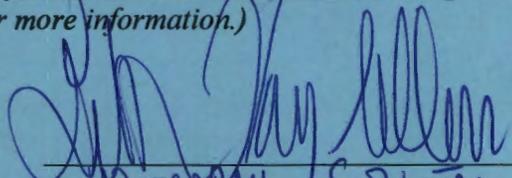
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Date 22 Jul '17

Signature   
Print Name DEBORAH SELLERS

6 FEBRUARY 17

Hello Linda,

Here is a list of my thoughts as we briefly discussed over the telephone in regards to the draft of the Darbo-Worthington-Starkweather Neighborhood Plan (which also impacts Blooming Grove neighborhoods).

REF: page #24 of the January 23, 2017 presentation

Starting from the corner of Webb and Commercial Avenues GO EAST

There is sidewalk on DOC property to their driveway entrance GO EAST

There is an indicator orange and white pole that there is a buried fiber optic cable before another DOC driveway entrance GO EAST

NOTE: There is no sidewalk between driveways on DOC property

From the second driveways there are trees Go EAST

There is a fire hydrant GO EAST

There is an utility pole #1 GO EAST

There is an utility pole #2 GO EAST

There is an utility pole #3 GO EAST

There is a driveway to former American Family Insurance Drive up Claim Office GO EAST

Note: There is no sidewalk from the DOC driveway to the corner of Commercial and Rethke Avenues

There is an utility pole on the corner of Commercial and Rethke Avenues GO EAST

There is an utility pole before 3109 Commercial Avenue GO EAST

3109 Commercial is a business on the ground floor and apartments above. Business parking is blacktop from the building to the street GO EAST

There is an utility pole on the corner of Commercial and Memphis Avenues GO EAST

At 3205 Commercial Avenue there are Fir trees between their garage and home The home on higher ground than street level, Go EAST

At 3213 Commercial there are trees before the apartment building GO EAST

There is a utility pole AND an utility access hand box (in the ground) on the west side corner of Commercial and Powers Avenue GO EAST

3305 Commercial has a curb stop in front of the apartment GO EAST

**NOTE: owner's sidewalk has been used by non-residents for over 60 years**

**There is an utility pole between 3305's and 3313's driveways GO EAST**

**3313 Commercial has a curb stop in front of the apartment GO EAST**

**NOTE: owner's sidewalk has been used by non-residents for over 60 years**

**There is an utility pole and fire hydrant on the west side corner of Gannon and Commercial Avenues GO EAST The east side corner of Commercial and Gannon Avenues there is a VERY IMPORTANT GUARD RAIL! HWY 30's Fair Oaks Avenue exit leads into Commercial Avenue. 11 January 2017 a driver was unable to slow down/stop coming off the exit. The car slid into that guard rail helping the car stop. There was additional damage to the fence belonging to Gates Collision Centers This is not the first time cars have ran into that corner. A longer guard rail was installed to protect the property, at that time, of Gary Bahl Auto Collision Repair and the occupants in the car from further injury. On the other side of guard rail, Gray Bahl had their fenced customer car lot Inside their fence next to that corner they had a dumpster. The guard rail stopped vehicles from slamming into the dumpster, avoiding further bodily injury.**

**3321 Commercial Avenue's Gates Collision Center is black topped from their buildings to the street. Madison Metro Route #17 bus stop is in front of their business, It would be a benefit to the neighborhood/riders if a bus shelter was added.**

**GO EAST**

**There are utility poles and fire hydrants and other characteristics of the properties (IE off street parking) some unknown at this time due to snow cover, on Commercial Avenue to the last property of 3517. The HUGE concern I have is the proposed natural water treatment pond planned for the Jacobson Avenue area was modified due to the ground contamination by decades old business. If the new plan is to cover the area with dirt because the expense is too costly to remove the contamination, what will putting a sidewalk in that area result in? 1- contamination spread to a larger field while digging a bed for the cement or 2- contaminated particles uncovered and become air borne impacting the immediate homes if no a larger section of the neighborhood residents depending on the wind or rain. POC for the project is Sally Swenson 266-4862 or emailsswenson@cityofmadison.com for maps and/or current project plans.**

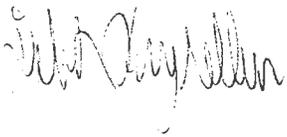
**The plan to add public sidewalk where there isn't one now to Commercial Avenue is not thought out based on the actual neighborhood layout/terrain. 1-sidewalks would be costly (IE move utility poles, go around buried fiber optic cable) that financial burden/cost would be passed on to the property owners 2 -sidewalks would diminish the character of this neighborhood if residents' trees had to be cut down to make way for the sidewalk 3- sidewalks would put a burden on businesses where their clients could park 4- sidewalks would put a burden on older home owners to remove the snow off the new sidewalk and pile it somewhere. Reminder 2008 we got 101 inches of snow, Possible additional burden for owner of 3213 to be liable for pedestrians falling due to the metal cover of the current ATC utility box in the ground (which may be incorporated with the proposed sidewalk). It takes longer for ice/snow to melt off of metal than it does concrete. 5- in case of an emergency access to curb stops may be impaired by sidewalks 6-property owners could be impacted and safety for drivers compromised if the guard rail was removed to make way for sidewalk**

The proposed new sidewalk for west side of Gannon Avenue from Commercial Avenue to Thurber Avenues may have some of the same burdens to the property owners, if not others. (IE between two utility poles before Furey Avenue there is an unfinished water line, not yet modified to be a curb stop). The proposed sidewalk to run along Thurber Park adds other concerns the major one is the impact of the park since decades ago it was a dump. Repeating when laying down the sidewalk bed what effect will the exposed garbage have on the immediate neighborhood? There are street inlets along the Park side of the street. What caustic water pollution will be caused?

My point of this letter is to convince your office to have another look at the proposed Blooming Grove new sidewalks and not put them in.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Chapman".



8 MARCH '17

Hello Linda,

Here are my additional point of view about the draft of the Darbo-Worthington-Starkweather Neighborhood Plan (which also impacts Blooming Grove neighborhoods). Did anyone actually walk the neighborhood?

REF: page #24 of the January 23, 2017 presentation

Starting at the west corner of Commercial and Rethke Avenues go South.

There is existing sidewalk from the corner to the first driveway to DOC parking.

There is existing sidewalk from Rethke and Webb Avenues past Worthington and Rethke Avenues to 208 Rethke. (there might be more sidewalk I didn't see for the snow at the time I looked.)

There is existing sidewalk from Rethke and Hermina Avenues to St Paul Avenue.

Starting at the east corner of Commercial and Rethke Avenues go South to St Paul Avenue.

There are **18 utility poles** and four trees on Rethke.

The burden for the property owners on Rethke could be a fourth if not a third of their front lawn would be taken to add five foot wide sidewalks laid to go around the utility poles. That many poles on Rethke I doubt the poles would be moved. Where is the snow going to go? Again Winter 2007-08 the snow didn't melt between each snow storm. 101 inches of snow, where is it going to go if the street snow is plowed to the sidewalks then the sidewalks have to be cleared? Even accumulating snow for an average Winter, (we don't always get 50s and 60s mid season.) where is the snow going to go?

Starting at the west corner of Commercial and Webb Avenues follow the road Southeast.

There are trees before driveway to the Training Center parking lot.

There is existing sidewalk after the utility pole to Rosemary Avenue.

There are more trees and utility pole AND existing sidewalk to Rethke Avenue.

Starting at the east corner of Commercial and Webb Avenues follow the road Southeast.

There is existing sidewalk to the driveway of the DOC parking lot. Between the driveway and the corner at Rethke there are several trees and utility pole.

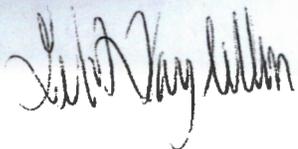
From Webb and Rethke Avenues continue EAST past Memphis, Powers, Gannon, Fair Oaks, Christensen to Webb Avenue curves to become Jacobson Avenue. There are trees and utility poles on both side of the road. These are old trees, which add to the character to the neighborhood. Again new sidewalk's snow removal and cost would be a burden for those homeowners.

I'm repeating myself when I ask, did anyone actually walk the neighborhood to see what was here before they put red lines to indicate new sidewalk in the neighborhood plan? Did anyone take into

account the trees that would be removed for new sidewalk? The distance from the sidewalk to residents' home's windows may impact their privacy. Did the Blooming Grove residents and property owners really have a voice what changes/plans were being considered? I do not presume to speak on behalf of all the Blooming Grove property owners, however the current draft of the Darbo-Worthington-Starkweather Neighborhood Plan (which impacts Blooming Grove neighborhoods) is flawed.

Thank your for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott Kay Hillman".