

From: Katy Finkelmeyer
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 7:33 AM
To: Zellers, Ledell
Subject: Grandview Commons - no through street via Galileo

Dear Alderperson Zellers,
I have been informed from our MPNA group of the proposed change to make Galileo a through street. We have a lot of problems with speeding on this street and it borders a playground with children riding bikes as well. I am really concerned about what this could look like down the road too, if the conversations about interstate access continue.

With less than 12 hours to get neighbors apprised of this proposal and mobilized to attend a meeting, can you please make a motion to refer this to a future meeting in two weeks? We were not notified of this decision and it has a potentially huge impact on residents from one side of the community to the other.

I will be writing the other alders but would appreciate if you could please talk to them and ask them to support a referral on this issue to the next meeting?


Please confirm receipt of the this message.

Thank you,
Kathryn Finkelmeyer
Grandview Commons Resident

From: John Driscoll
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 9:06 AM
To: Zellers, Ledell; King, J Steven; Carter, Sheri; Hall, Amanda
Subject: Please push back discussion on Galileo in Grandview Commons

Dear alders,

It has just come to the attention of the neighborhood that Veridian intends to extend Galileo to Milwaukee Street. This is very concerning to parents with young children, elderly and others. Considering that the neighborhood was not given notice of this, I'm asking that you push back discussion on this until the neighborhood association and other concerned residents have an opportunity to be briefed on this.

Thank you for your consideration,
John Driscoll


From: Paul Cusick
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 10:15 AM
To: Zellers, Ledell; King, J Steven; Carter, Sheri; Hall, Amanda
Subject: Galileo thru street to Milwaukee Street

To whom it may concern,

I purchased my house on Galileo Street in 2015. At the time, Galileo would not be a through street to Milwaukee Street. We were also looking at homes on North Star. Because of our small child and the street would be safer/quieter we made the decision to buy on Galileo and NOT North Star. Further conversation about Galileo being a through street is a break of trust between the City of Madison, Veridian Homes, and the private home owners who purchase in GVC and GVC North.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district3/blog/?Id=13118>

Paul Cusick
Galileo Drive

From: brenda stephens
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 10:27 AM
To: Zellers, Ledell
Subject: Grandview Commons- Galileo Dr- Milwaukee St

When we were buying a new home a lot of consideration went into what neighborhood we wanted to call home. Once that decision was made we looked at what street we wanted to buy our brand new home on. We made our decision based on safety and traffic flow of the street we were to live on. We ultimately decided to buy in The Grandview Commons neighborhood and on Galileo Dr. I am JUST reading about plans/proposals to make Galileo Dr a through street and connect to Milwaukee St. First, I am upset about the lack of information to the residence about this consideration. Being a homeowner in the Grandview Commons neighborhood and a homeowner on Galileo Dr this is upsetting to me. A heads up on a meeting with the ones who will have to deal with the final decisions and outcome would be nice and more importantly should happen. I would hope this would be something you could have a discussion about at a later date, once more information is available to the ones who own and live in the affected areas.

I strongly disagree with this change. Some of our concerns are as follows:

- 1. The excess traffic this would bring to our street.*
- 2. The street is not wide enough to handle this kind of traffic. There is already a problem with the road being too narrow, specifically in the 400 block, with all of the cars being parked on the street because the rear facing garage homeowners are using the street to park their cars instead of their garage.*
- 3. The increased traffic and too narrow street would make for safety concerns for the children, adults, and pets on our street.*

4. Concerns about the value of our home on a less trafficked side street, like Galileo currently is and was proposed to us homeowners, vs. the value of our home on a main through road, which is being proposed? Our value will most likely decrease and the desire to live in our home and the ease of sale of our home will decrease.

5. Milky Way is going to be a road that, once complete, will take you out to Milwaukee street as well as North Star.....Why not finish what they have planned and see if that helps the problems and concerns? Finishing what is proposed is what should happen first. Not to mention Venus Way, which runs parallel to Galileo, will give another option for "outs" in the neighborhood. Saturn Dr will too be an "out". Both Saturn and Venus Way, once complete, will come out on Rustic Rd which is a through street to Milwaukee St.

I am hoping you can pass my voice and opinion on to the committee at tonight's meeting. Please let me know what happens to my concerns and if another meeting will be in the future regarding this proposed change.

Thanks,

Brenda Stephens
Grandview Commons Homeowner

From: Barbara Davis

Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 10:38 AM

To: Hall, Amanda; Zellers, Ledell; Carter, Sheri; King, J Steven; MPNA Board

Subject: Items 8/9 at Plan Commission tonight, please refer them to a later date

Dear Alders of the Plan Commission,

I am writing to you as the President of the McClellan Park Neighbourhood Association, which includes Grandview Commons. There are two items for consideration this evening on your agenda we would like to request be referred.

Specifically the issue of concern is the extension of Galileo Drive as a through street to Milwaukee St. This street was never intended to connect the entire length of the neighbourhood. We already experience frequent problems with speeding on this street and often commuters run the stop sign we requested at the intersection of Galileo and Sharpsburg that borders a small private park and children's playground.

Connecting Galileo to Milwaukee poses two potential traffic problems for the neighbourhood:

- 1) a direct path into the commercial area town center where speeders can avoid any stoplights on Sprecher and Cottage Grove Rds.
- 2) a potential future traffic threat if/when the plans to extend Milwaukee St and offer interstate connectivity occurs in the future. This problem is more distant bc this topic has not been resolved, but there has been dialogue on the issue as recently as last fall.

Veridian did provide our board with a copy of the proposal last week to keep us apprised but there was no mention in their "request for replatting of lots" that it included an extension of the road with such drastic changes to traffic flow through a large section of single family homes.

Amanda published this news last night in her blog, but 24 hours notice is not sufficient to inform a 1000+ rooftop neighbourhood of the proposed changes and gather input. We cannot even effectively encourage people to rearrange their schedules to attend the meeting this evening.

We are respectfully requesting that consideration/approval of this proposal be referred to a later date, when our board has the time to properly disseminate the information to homeowners and hopefully our Alder Amanda Hall can arrange a meeting for people to attend and express their opinion. It would also be helpful to have Veridian provide a clear explanation of the proposed change. Its one thing to consider lot size changes and single to multifamily proposed projects, but quite another to rearrange the traffic pattern of an entire neighbourhood where many homes were purchased in good faith that their families would be able to walk, play and safely enjoy the community we invested in good faith.

If you could also please share a copy of this letter with other members of the Plan Commission prior to this evenings meeting.

Sincerely,
Barbara Davis
McClellan Park Neighbourhood Association President