

Hacker, Marsha

From: Fahrney, John
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2007 7:31 AM
To: Hacker, Marsha
Subject: RE: BPW Addendum 11/21/07

Marsha, I did leave a message and send a letter to Steve Kaukl about his appeal of sidewalk assessment at 1110 Artisan for December 5. Please place on the agenda

thanks

From: Hacker, Marsha
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 4:08 PM
To: Schindel, Kay; Anthony Fernandez; Bryan Manning; Chris Petykowski; Christy Bachmann; Dave Davis; Debbie Wipperfurth; Eric Pederson; Genesis Bichanich; Glen Yoerger; Greg Fries; Janet Dailey; Jeff Benedict; Joe Demorett; John Fahrney; Johnson, Johanna; LeAnne Hannan; Lisa Coleman; Michael Dailey; Mike Cechvala; Peggy Roessler; Pien, Janet; Robert Phillips; Steve Sonntag; Sue Gjertson; Wayne Rippl
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November 12, 2007

Mr. Steve Kaukl
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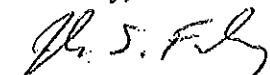
RE: Sidewalk Replacement at 1110 & 1112 Artisan Drive

Dear Mr. Kaukl:

There will be an item on the December 5 Board of Public Works agenda for appealing the sidewalk assessment at 1110 & 1112 Artisan Drive. This will give you the opportunity to appeal your assessment. The meeting is December 5 at 4:30 p.m. in the City County Building, Room 103A at 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

If you have any questions, please call me at 266-9091.

Sincerely,


John S. Fahrney, P.E.

S/B 2/10 MLK

cc: Marsha Hacker



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October 25, 2007

Mr. Steve Kaukl
2746 Nadene Road
Cottage Grove, WI. 53527

RE: Sidewalk Replacement at 1110 & 1112 Artisan Drive

Dear Mr. Kaukl:

I reviewed photos of the sidewalk marked for replacement at your property and properties in your neighborhood in May of this year. I also reviewed photos of sidewalks with cracks that are not scheduled for replacement, as they do not meet the established criteria for removal. I concur with the decision to replace these sections of sidewalk. I have attached the photos and the established criteria for your reference.

Filling cracks is not an approved repair method. The existing cracks will continue to widen and separate vertically due to freeze/thaw cycles if left as is. Given the replacement program won't be back in this area for another 10 years, I determined that it was appropriate to replace these sections of sidewalk and instructed our staff to do so.

You expressed your view regarding sidewalks in other areas of the City of Madison. For your information, the City has been replacing defective sidewalks in accordance with a 10-Year Plan, which began in 1996. We completed every aldermanic district in 2006 and are on our second cycle starting with District 15 and 17. We are making an effort to replace defective sidewalks through this and other programs such as street reconstruction projects and replacement at the request of the property owner.

We undertook an inspection of the areas you listed in your letter. The sidewalk at Fairchild and Main was damaged by a water main break this past winter was replaced this summer. What you saw was a temporary patch. The Bellline is maintained by Dane County and we brought your concerns to the attention of Dane County staff. I hope I have answered your questions.

Finally, I did discuss this issue with Alder Clausius who I understand also toured the area and supported the sidewalk replacement.

Sincerely,

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Office of the Mayor

Larry D. Nelson, P.E.
City Engineer

cc Mayor
Ald. Joe Clausius
John Fahrney

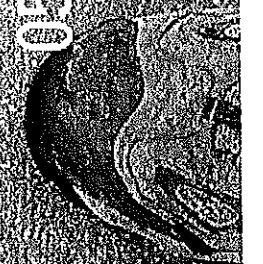
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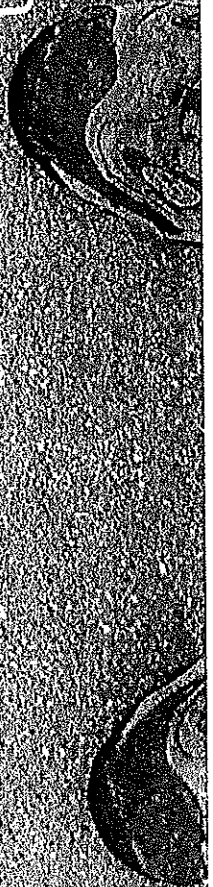
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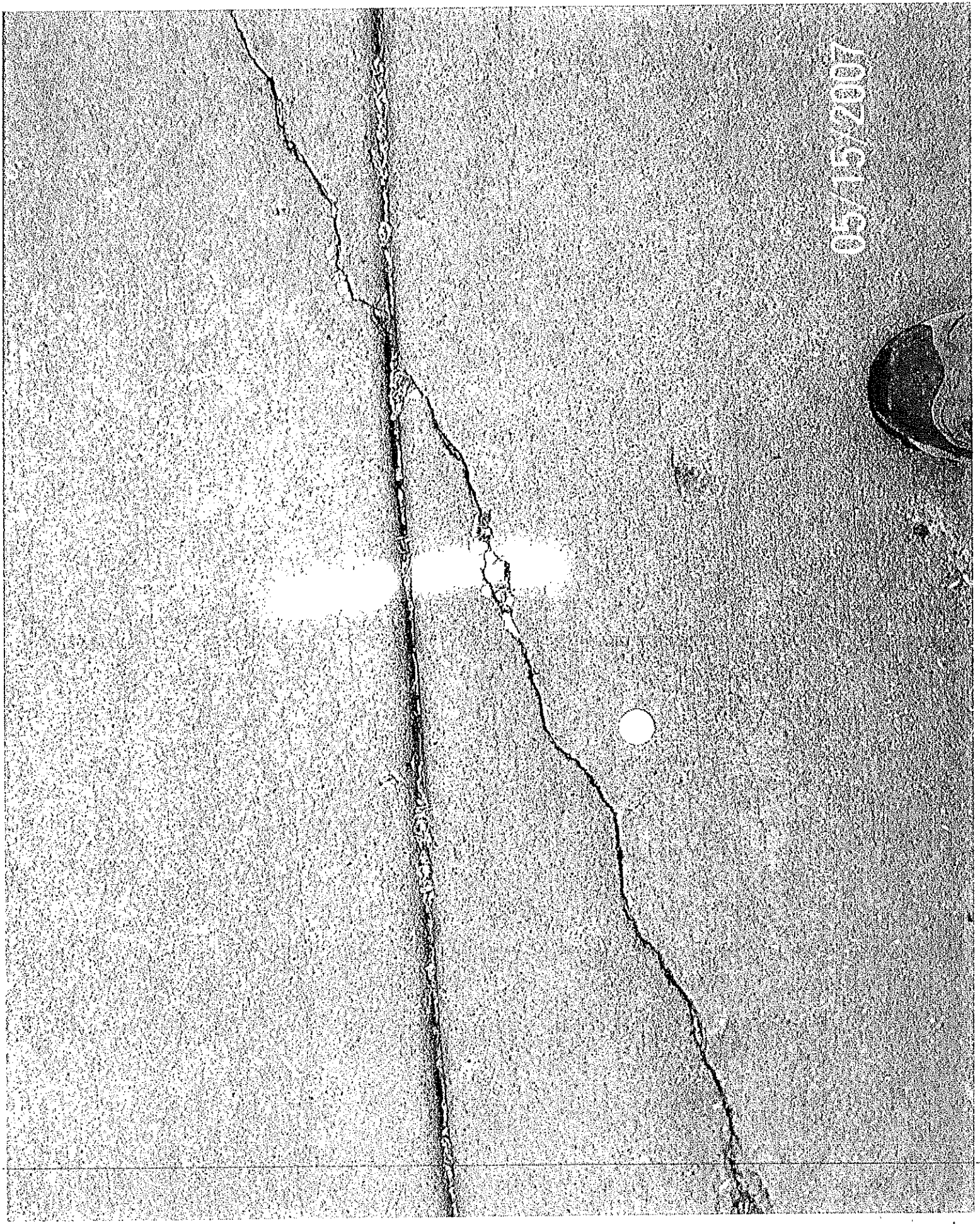
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Wednesday October 31, 2007

2746 Nadene Road
Cottage Grove, WI 53527

City of Madison Wisconsin
Board of Public Works
210 Martin Luther King Jr, Blvd, Room 103A
Madison, WI 53703

I would like to file an appeal to a sidewalk assessment against 1110/1112 Artisan Drive in the amount of \$418.27. Parcel #0810-342-0703-6.

This work was performed on my property without my approval. I sent letters of objection to Larry Nelson, Alderman Joe Clausius and Mayor Dave Cieslewicz. I received no response to any of these letters. Alderman Clausius said that he did not recall receiving my letter, however John Fahrney confirmed that the letter to Larry Nelson was received and Wanda from the Mayor's office confirmed that my letter to the Mayor was received. One of my tenants at the property told me that 'Do Not Remove' had been painted on the sidewalk. Based on this and the lack of response to my letters, I believed the matter to be closed.

Whether or not the sidewalk squares needed replacement is a moot point, since they have already been replaced. My objection is that the work was done against my wishes. By the City of Madison choosing to ignore my objection and do the work anyway, my opportunity to challenge the need for replacement of the sidewalk squares was prematurely terminated.

Suppose I noticed a diseased tree in the parkway adjacent to a city park and sent a letter to the city stating that I had noticed this diseased tree and for the city's convenience had scheduled myself to remove the tree four weeks from now at a cost of \$418.27. Suppose then that the city replied with a letter telling me that the tree did not need to be cut down. If I ignored the city's letter, went ahead and cut down the tree as scheduled and then sent the city a bill for \$418.27 would the city pay?



Steve Kaukl

Cc: Mayor Cieslewicz
Alderman Clausius

to have by response

Saturday May 12, 2007

2746 Nadene Road
Cottage Grove, WI 53527

Mayor Dave Cieslewicz
City of Madison Room 403
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mayor Cieslewicz,

I am the owner of 1110 & 1112 Artisan Drive on the east side of Madison. Earlier this year I received a notice regarding a proposed replacement of five "substandard" sidewalk squares. I looked at the squares and they do not seem "substandard" in any way to me. They do have some cracks, but they are not anything so bad that they couldn't be filled by crack filler and the blocks are not out of level or settled. I do not believe that these sidewalk blocks are in anyway a public hazard.

I have spoken to both Jeff Melman and John Fahrney in city engineering about this and they seem convinced that these slightly cracked pieces of concrete must be replaced.

If these sidewalk blocks are the standard for "substandard", then better than half of the concrete in Madison is substandard. Just a few quick examples for you: The southern columns supporting the Rimrock Road bridge over the beltline. The curb in the island at Milwaukee Street and Regas Road. The sidewalks in front of The Thompson Center on Fairchild Street. The sidewalks and curbs around the AT&T building at Fairchild & Main. The left curb where the off ramp from the westbound Beltline Highway meets Fish Hatchery Road.

I'm sure you are constantly reminded of the fine balancing act between the cost of keeping the city in reasonable condition and the obligation to not waste the taxpayer's money. I feel that the city could make far better use it's money by putting it toward any of the item's I listed above.

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Sincerely,



Steve Kaukl

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