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To: [Gary Tipler](#); [John Coleman](#)
Cc: [Rummel, Marsha](#); [Phillips, Robert](#); [Hacker, Marsha](#); [MNA Board](#)
Subject: Re: Draft Resolution: Undergrounding for Canopy Trees. Jenifer St Reconstruction. MNA Street Trees Committee
Date: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 10:41:30 AM

Dear Gary, MNA Board Members, Alderwoman Rummel and city representatives, I strongly support the recommendations for under grounding high voltage lines in the Jenifer Street Reconstruction and doing all we can to restore and rebuild the canopy of trees that historically have added to the beauty and the environmental health and sustainability of our neighborhood. Although I do not live in the affected area of the Reconstruction, my home at 741 Jenifer Street is adjacent to the proposed project and I am delighted that the original proposal for the reconstruction includes narrowing the street by two feet, which, in addition to calming the flow of traffic and air pollution in our neighborhood, will expand the space for trees to grow healthy roots and canopies. It is unfortunate that the renovation of Jenifer Street is being done in such a piecemeal fashion as I am certain my neighbors in the 700 block of Jenifer and beyond would be delighted with the under grounding of high voltage wires along the length of Jenifer Street.

Thank you, Gary and John, for your work on these recommendations, which are buttressed by a significant body of research. I am delighted to see that MG & E is supportive of the under grounding effort as well. I am sorry that I will not be able to join you at the Board of Public Works meeting this evening. Please let me know if I can be of help in the future.

Sincerely,

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On Feb 2, 2016, at 10:10 PM, Gary Tipler <garytip8778@gmail.com> wrote:

Attached please find a DRAFT resolution from the MNA Street Trees Committee. The intent is start the community conversation on creating a benefits analysis of canopy street trees and establish a shared cost plan to underground high voltage power lines (also known as "partial undergrounding") in the Jenifer Street reconstruction area.

Partial undergrounding of the high voltage power line will permit the retention of many trees that are presently located beneath the high-voltage electrical wires at the very tops of the poles. The severe pruning that has disfigured trees has been done on those beneath these lines. Also, the intent is to depart from the forced planting of short trees to avoid conflict with these lines in the future. The unfortunate reality is that there many never be shade cast on many two and three stories of houses and apartment buildings.

Please consider supporting such a resolution by replying (To All) to this letter.

Thank you.

Gary Tipler

On behalf of the Marquette Neighborhood Association Street Trees Committee

<Draft Canopy Tree Resolution 2.2.16.pdf>