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My friend Jeff Bauer failed to mention the heaving in the joints of the sidewalk which are dangerous particularly to older citizens who fall flat on their face when they encounter one of these with their toe. And by the way I am a 60% disabled veteran, 76, use salt, have 4 artificial joints, have 1 Completely rebuilt forefoot not to mention the five operations I've had on my hands and arms in the last year. I am also an ophthalmologist who has seen and treated patients with the injuries that I have described from falls on poorly maintained sidewalks. The best evidence for predicting that we will have poorly maintained sidewalks are the sidewalks that we have and in particular the street that we have. Madison as a city should be ashamed. Madison as a city is shamed by this lack of maintenance. And by the way 15 years without incident is safe enough for me and my children and grandchildren. Thank you for listening.

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On Mar 10, 2022, at 5:39 PM, Jeff Bauer <jeffreycbauer@gmail.com> wrote:

Last night's Transportation Commission hearing included several examples of unprofessional conduct, reinforcing our neighborhood's growing perception that we are not taken seriously by representatives of the City. Sadly, these disappointing behaviors—both subtle and blatant—are part of a continuing pattern that must be stopped if Madison truly seeks to have good government.

One city planner snidely indicated last night that Spring Harbor residents reminded her of "crazies up north" (or words to that effect). I think she is the same employee who made a deprecating comment during our Alder's meeting last week that LMD residents who could not afford snow removal could simply form a neighborhood self-help organization to do the work. We were also characterized as "ableists" near the end of last night's meeting. (This comments is particularly offensive to me because I have a disability that significantly challenges my mobility, especially on sidewalks.) We've also heard a few "dog whistles" about the rich, spoiled elitists who live in Spring Harbor.

Regrettably, I did not get names of the officials who made these inappropriate comments that reek of bias against us, but I do know the name of the city planner

who lives across the street from Alder Furman and publicly, on Nextdoor a few weeks ago, berated his neighbors for whining about sidewalks. He, Colin Punt, outdid himself last night with the demonstrably false assertion that people in Spring Harbor do not use salt on sidewalks and were therefore unjustified in opposing them due to salt pollution. Well, here are pictures that prove him wrong; I took them this morning. In the first, I am standing about ten feet into his neighbor's yard, with Mr. Punt's red front door visible at the top of the photo. The fence is presumably on the property line.

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Now here's a close-up of the highlighted area...clearly showing salt pellets that were spread over the area after Monday's night's 6" snow fall. The neighbor's sidewalk was extensively covered with these salt pellets when my wife and I walked past it with our dog on Tuesday. (I would have taken a picture then if I had known Mr. Punt would be making false statement last night.) Most of the salt has since dissolved...heading straight for Lake Mendota about 150 feet away.

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Regarding the general pedestrian safety issue of sidewalks vs. roadways in the City plan, here's a picture I took last month with Mr. Punt's house in the background. Please note the dangerous patch of ice that completely covers the sidewalk leading to his property—right next to the perfectly clear stretch of Lake Mendota Drive that parallels the sidewalk.

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Finally, Mr. Punt has stated in more than one recent public forum that he wants sidewalks so his kids can walk "safely" to school and to the playground. This statement is misleading and deceptive because the sidewalk in front of his house already leads directly to the school next door and the playground across the street. Mr. Punt, a City employee, says his tree-hugging neighbors are preventing him from having what he wants, yet he has the sidewalk he wants. Here's photographic proof, taken this morning from the south corner of his lot. The school is the brick building just above and right of the Cyclone Fence sign; the sidewalk points directly at the playground.

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Please stop City representatives from engaging in insulting, unprofessional behaviors. They make a mockery of City government as they demean the taxpayers, voters, and other citizens who public servants are supposed to represent. Please help them find work elsewhere if they cannot do their jobs with the professionalism we rightly expect.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bauer
Property owner and resident on Lake Mendota Drive

