

Department of Public Works
City Engineering Division
Larry D. Nelson, P. E. City Engineer
City-County Building, Room 115
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
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Re: **Proposed Street reconstruction of the 2300 & 2400 blocks of Hoard Street, 2300 block of Upham Street and the 300 block of N. Sixth St and the Sanitary Sewer Replacement and resurfacing the 400-700 blocks N. Sixth St and N. Fifth St. From Upham to Hoard St.**

Attention to: Ms. LeAnne Hannan 266-4057

March 4, 2007

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is to follow up my telephone conversation with Ms. Hannan and reemphasize my long dispute with Mr. Benzschawel both verbally on the telephone and on my property at 2306 Hoard Street, and in writing in my letter of July 19, 1996.

At that time, I sharply disagreed with the City raising the elevation on top of the old landfill - in some places may be as much as 7½ feet - for many reasons, but Mr. Benzschawel chose to ignore my professional opinion, yet, I am just as much of a Professional Engineer, in the State of Wisconsin, as he is or any other Engineer in the City Engineering Division. I passed my PE test with 94% in 1974; and also designed the Grit Basin building for the Milwaukee Sanitary Sewer System, which received a 3 billion dollar Federal Fund, in 1981. **Your intended work is a classical proof of one of my point I tried to make to you more than 10 years ago!**

The proposed work is in the immediate vicinity where the City had diverted the surface water by forcing it to run off in the area now the City is proposing to do some major construction. That run off water obviously over stressed the sewer system in the near by area for sure, and caused excessive flooding of basements. Now, the City expect the neighborhood to pay for the City's prior blunder. That is asking too much!

Consequently, I am vehemently oppose to any construction at all in the stated locations!

Furthermore, you have not given sufficient time for a public hearing and your notice sound like as if the interested parties are faced with an already decided work. Why have you not provided a public hearing to discuss the merits of your proposal? What is your urgency?

Sincerely



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