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**From:** JOSEPH NATHAN BLUSTEIN

**Date:** July 25, 2017 at 7:54:01 AM CDT

**To:** [Plan Commission members] <[district1@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district1@cityofmadison.com)>

**Subject:** Please remove Jeffy Trail local street extension from the NDP

Dear Members of the Plan Commission.

I am deeply disappointed by your decision at the meeting yesterday evening not to recommend removing the Jeffy Trail extension from the NDP.

Your Chair said you listened to the voices of the people and appreciated those of us who came to the meeting. He even acknowledged those who came and were opposed to the Jeffy Trail extension but chose not to speak.

However did you really hear what was said?

Yesterday evening you were told of the increased risk of pedestrian injuries and fatalities if the Jeffy Trail extension is constructed.

The vast majority (> 80% signatures) of the people living in the neighborhood do not want the Jeffy Trail extension.

Having a sidewalk trail cut by the extension will stop parents from sending their children out to ride their bikes or walk to visit friends on the other side of Jeffy Trail and older adults in the neighborhood will hesitate from utilizing this small but beautiful part of the City.

If you build it, it will be a through street for motor vehicle traffic passing through and disrupting the neighborhood. Rather than creating connectivity it will destroy the connectivity that currently exists.

I invite each of you to walk that piece of Jeffy Trail just south of Midtown Blvd and then ask yourself whether you can sleep at night knowing that because of the vote last night to recommend the Jeffy Trail extension a child or adult may lose their life.

I am not surprised at Alder Steve King's decision. He told me honestly at an informational meeting that if the Jeffy Trail extension was there, he would use it as a short cut.

Alders on the Plan Commission please reconsider your position next Tuesday and show that you really do listen to the voice of the people. Please vote remove Jeffy Trail local street extension from the NDP.

Thanks you,

Joe

Joseph Blustein

2406 Trevor Way

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**From:** JOSEPH NATHAN BLUSTEIN

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 6:26 AM

**To:** [Plan Commission members]; [district1@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district1@cityofmadison.com)

**Subject:** Re: Please save Jeffy Trail by voting today to remove Jeffy Trail local street extension from the NDP

Dear Members of the Plan Commission,

Today, July 24th 2017, you will be asked to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding adoption of the High Point-Raymond Neighborhood Development Plan. As a resident of this neighborhood, I am respectfully asking you to take the same action as the action taken by the Long Range Transportation Committee at its June 22 meeting, the Board of Park Commissioners at its July 12 meeting, and the Sustainable Madison Committee at its July 17 meeting: Recommend adoption of the High Point-Raymond Neighborhood Development Plan, BUT TO SPECIFICALLY REMOVE THE EXTENSION OF JEFFY TRAIL from the Plan.

I understand that the purpose of the extension of Jeffy Trail is to improve "connectivity", and this plan has been in place since 1997. However, so many things have changed since 1997 and connectivity does not mean automobile transportation only. I am connected with my neighbors by walking and biking on Jeffy Trail. The extension of Jeffy Trail WILL NOT improve connectivity, rather, it will hurt the connectivity of my neighborhood. Please save Jeffy Trail by voting to remove Jeffy Trail local street extension from NDP.

As a health care provider and epidemiologist, increasing traffic on Jeffry Trail will present an even greater real danger to the bicyclists and pedestrians cycling/walking on the street. There are no sidewalks by the hill as one approaches Midtown Blvd with limited visibility and the paved street narrows("a cow path" as one member of the Long Range Transportation Committee said). This is a perfect storm for an accident. As the

number one priority for the Plan Commission (safety) please remove the Jeffry Trail extension from the Neighborhood Development Plan and create a safer Jeffy Trail by enhancing better bicycle and pedestrian neighborhood connectivity.

Thank you!

Joseph Blustein  
[REDACTED] Trevor Way  
Madison, Wisconsin

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 23, 2017, at 8:59 PM, b wang wrote:

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Attached is a letter I sent to some city officials in May concerning the extension of Jeffy Trail. I hope you read it and see my point.

Thank you!