

Mason Road Emails 010117 to 032317

With the City recently voting to pay an engineering firm an unknown amount after receiving a Parks Grant of \$220,400 for a sidewalk down Mason Road from Clayton Road to Queeny Park, we obtained emails covering the first three months of 2017 to and from city staffers and elected officials, the Park Grants Commission, plus residents about the road and possible trouble in getting easements from property owned on the east side of Mason Road.

The issue is that the east side is clearly more dangerous according to traffic crash information over the last several years than the west side. There would be at least two crosswalks across the street full of curves under the current plan. The west side is the same side of the street as the park.

Three homeowners on the east side of the street have said they will not sell any land for a sidewalk. Mayor Dalton has put politics first and safety second or third by announcing the city will not use eminent domain to obtain small amounts of land for a sidewalk.

It seems if you are going to fight people on both the east and west sides of the street for sidewalk easements, you should do it with property owners on the safest side of the street (west side).

Some members of the Parks Commission have had nothing but unpleasant things to say about Alderwomen Frautschi and Butler over their positions of "safety first" and don't waste money.

Here are the houses where the homeowners have put in writing they would not sell any land for a sidewalk.



1364 S Mason



1390-1400 S. Mason

The three photos below are of 1412 S. Mason



There is one email from Parks Director Anne Nixon to the Municipal Park Grants staff claiming the city working with "**one**" resident over easement. In fact there are at least **three** residents who are vocal about not giving up or selling easement rights.

JANUARY 9, 2017

From: Lindsey Butler [mailto:lindseybutlersgirls@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 12:35 PM

To: Nixon, Anne; Tiffany Frautschi

Subject: Sidewalk

Anne,

I didn't see a resolution accepting funds for the grant for S Mason on tonight's agenda. When is the deadline for us to accept?

Thanks,
Lindsey

On Jan 9, 2017 1:25 PM, "Nixon, Anne" <nixonona@town-and-country.org> wrote:

Hi Lindsey,

We don't have a deadline for signing the agreement. We have more of a functional deadline in that we need to be able to get the project accomplished within the calendar year. Currently, we do not have the necessary easement from Greg Nectar.

Take care,
Anne

From: Lindsey Butler [mailto:lindseybutlersgirls@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 1:53 PM

To: Nixon, Anne

Subject: RE: Sidewalk

So there isn't a deadline where we accept the funding from the county? If we don't have all of the easements we were told multiple times that we would not accept the funding because it would look bad. And if we couldn't use the funds because of easement issues or any other issues and within the funding go back to the county for use other places?

On Jan 9, 2017, at 4:44PM, Lindsey Butler <lindseybutlersgirls@gmail.com> wrote:
Perfect. So, my next logical question, are we building this project this year?

On Jan 9, 2017 2:20PM, "Nixon, Anne" <nixon@town-and-country.org> wrote:

My responses are in red:

So there isn't a deadline where we accept the funding from the county? **Correct, there is no deadline such as "valid if accepted within 90 days." However, we would not be able to accept the money in October, bid the work and get the construction finished before the end of the year. So, there is more of a practical deadline.** If we don't have all of the easements we were told multiple times that we would not accept the funding because it would look bad. **That's right, we won't sign the agreement knowing we are not building the project.** And if we couldn't use the funds because of easement issues or any other issues and within the funding go back to the county for use other places? **The funds would go into the pool of funding for next year.**

Anne Nixon, CPRP

JANUARY 10, 2017

From: Nixon, Anne

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 4:10PM

To: Lindsey Butler

Subject: Re: Sidewalk

Hi Lindsey,

Sorry for the delay in my response. I meant to talk to you about this last night. I don't know if we will be building this project this year. It depends if we can get the easement or not.

Sent from my iPhone

JANUARY 16, 2017

From: Linda Robson [mailto:lindaerobson@icloud.com]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 5:26PM
To: Nixon, Anne
Subject: Mason road trail

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Hi Anne,
I wanted to get an update on the Mason road trail.
Thanks,
Linda Robson

JANUARY 17, 2017

On Jan 17, 2017, at 9:43AM, Nixon, Anne <nixonona@town-and-country.org> wrote:

Hi Linda,
We received the grant from the Municipal Park Grant Commission for the Mason Road Trail. We do need one easement from Greg Nectar (white fence and pond across from Queeny) which we do not have at this time. If we do not get the easement, we will not be able to build the trail.

Anne Nixon , CPRP
Parks & Recreation Director

From: Linda Robson [mailto:lindaerobson@icloud.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Nixon, Anne
Subject: Re: Mason road trail
Hi Anne,
Oh, that would be terrible. I hope he signs *off* on the easement.

(I redacted a section that did not pertain to Mason Road)

Thanks,
Linda

JANUARY 19, 2017

On Jan 19, 2017, at 1:46PM, Butler, Ald. Lindsey <butlerl@town-and-country.org> wrote:
Anne,

You requested that the entire Board send you their thoughts on the priority of trails for the upcoming master plan. I appreciate the presentation given by SWT and upon reviewing their information on service levels have the following opinions below.

My thoughts are these:
Priority 3 change to current plan-eliminate Thornhill Road from the discussion completely.

Re: private road, gated road, neighbors that have sent emails stating no to this being built in their front yards. This subdivision will gain trail access once Topping is built. This is also a road issue/sidewalk, not a trail and should be before the Public Works commission as it doesn't connect into a park.

The chart from SWT shows quarter-mile walkability buffer numbers. It would appear that if you took the top priority 3 (or even the top 3 priority 3's) that a much larger population is serviced than the combination of the current priority 2's. Why don't we switch those?

Priority 1 changes- it has been awhile since the presentation and several Holidays in between then and now, so please remind me if there is significance to the priority 1 lettering. Is la more pressing than ld? If there is more push for a than b,c,d etc, then I would suggest the sidewalks with the highest level of service be brought forth first, meaning funded first.
lj , lh, l e, lf

Also, it isn't mentioned in the notes that I still have, is weight given to areas that have little to no access to the interior of our city, as in Ward 4?

I know some of these are in process and you move when grants are available, but you asked for suggestions on priority, so here you go.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, hopefully others *did* as well.
Lindsey

Lindsey Butler
Alderman of Town and Country, Ward 2
Mobile (3 14) 556-1123
Municipal Center

From: Lynn Wright [mailto:lynnwright@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 1:53 PM
To: Butler, Ald. Lindsey
Cc: Nixon, Anne; Wright, Aid Lynn; Frautschi, Aid Tiffany
Subject: Re: Thoughts on trails priorities
Lindsey:

I am not sure if I am understanding your e-mail in areas you like to change from the SWT report and would like to get together to talk. Next week do you have any time?

Thanks,
Lynn

January 20, 2017

From: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 3:00 PM
To: Wilde, Craig

Subject: Mason and Blossom Hill

Craig ,

We have had two more crashes at the curve, knocking down signs, the mirror, and sections of the Lochinvar fence. I have asked Laurie to call County to make sure they were aware of the crashes so that they could get the signs and mirror reinstalled. I received a call from Joe Stevens, the president of the trustees of Lochinvar, who is very concerned since the crashes continue to cross the sidewalk and take out their fence.

I would like a meeting with County DOT to discuss the issue to see if there is a remedy they would be willing to implement (i.e. "install") given the history. I would also like to invite the ward 2 aldermen to the meeting if you think it would be appropriate. The two crash reports are attached.

Gary Hoelzer
City Administrator
City of Town & Country

January 23, 2017

From: Wilde, Craig
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Cc: Kranz, Patrick W.
Subject: RE: Mason and Blossom Hill

Gary,

I spoke with Tobi this morning. St. Louis County Operations is going to be looking into it. It sounds as if they will want to analyze the root cause of the accidents and that it could possibly be referred back as an enforcement concern. I suggested that we may want to bring a group together in the near future to discuss it in greater detail. She indicated that she will circle back with me once their operations division has had a chance to fully evaluate the situation.

They will be repairing the signage today.

Craig J. Wilde, P.E.
Director of Planning & Public Works
City of Town and Country, MO

From: John Hoffmann [mailto:johnhoffmann@charter.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 7:35 PM
To: 'McNamara, Ashley'
Subject: Missouri Open records Request

February 1, 2017

TO: Ashley McNamara
City Clerk
Town and Country

RE: Missouri Open Records Request

This is a request under the Missouri Sunshine Open Records Law for

The printed or powerpoint of the Mason Road Trail Grant Award and
Timeline information provided at the January 30, 2017 Parks & Trails
Commission Meeting

AGENDA

PARKS & TRAILS COMMISSION

Monday

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January 30, 2017

6:00 PM

Longview Farm House

NEW BUSINESS

1. Turkey Trot, Breakfast with Santa , Arbor Day May 7, 1-3 PM

2. Mason Road Trail Grant Award and Timeline

John Hoffmann
13309 Manor Hill Rd
St. Louis, MO 63131

FEBRUARY 2, 2017

From: Nixon, Anne
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 8:42AM
To: McNamara, Ashley
Subject: Re: Missouri Open records Request

There is not one. It was discussion.

From: Nixon, Anne [mailto:nixona@town-and-country.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:10AM
To: Staff <staff@stlmuni.org>
Subject: Mason Road Grant

Hello,

We are working on securing one necessary easement for the project. I am hesitant to sign the agreement without the easement agreed to. Will you tell me what is the timeline/ deadline for turning in the agreement? Would you rather I sign it knowing we may need to request an adjustment OR wait on signing it until the easement is signed (or we are told no.)

Thanks

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Anne
Anne Nixon, CPRP
Parks & Recreation Director
City of Town & Country

From: Staff [mailto:staff@stlmuni.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Nixon, Anne
Subject: RE: Mason Road Grant

What will happen to the project if you don't get the easement?

Steve

From: Nixon, Anne [mailto:nixona@town-and-country.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:15AM
To: Staff <staff@stlmuni.org>
Subject: RE: Mason Road Grant

We would like to build everything except the property with the easement.

Anne Nixon, CPRP
Parks & Recreation Director
From: Staff [mailto:staff@stlmuni.org]

Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 9:22AM
To: Nixon, Anne
Subject: RE: Mason Road Grant

Then I would ask that you please send back the contract and proceed with work

Steve

From: McNamara, Ashley [mailto:McNamaraAN@town-and-country.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:47 AM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: RE: Missouri Open records Request

Good morning John, I have spoken with Anne Nixon about your below Sunshine Law request. She has informed me that there are no records available as the item was handled via discussion only.

Have a great day,

Ashley

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

-----Original message-----

From: Frautschi, Ald Tiffany
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Cc: Butler, Ald. Lindsey
Subject: Grant Money

Gary -

Does the money provided by the St. Louis County Parks Grant Commission for the Mason sidewalk have to be spent in 2017? What is the status of the easement acquisition? If the money must be spent this calendar year what is the practical deadline for attaining any outstanding easements? In other words, there comes a time when the work simply cannot be completed in the allowed time, given the bid process timeline for getting contractors. At what point do we tell the grant commission that we are or are not able to accept funds?

Thanks,
Tiffany

Tiffany Frautschi
Alderman, Ward II

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

From: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Wilde, Craig
Cc: Nixon, Anne
Subject: Easement

Please send Greg Neichter's contact information to Joe Stieven. He knows Greg and is going to take a run at him to obtain the easement.

Gary Hoelzer
City Administrator

From: Wilde, Craig
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 3 :39 PM
To: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Cc: Nixon, Anne
Subject: RE: Easement

If you could give me Joe's contact information, I will reach out and give it to him. Otherwise, if you want to pass it on yourself, here is Greg' s.

I redacted Joe's telephone number for publication/posting.

Craig J. Wilde, P.E.
Director of Planning & Public Works

From: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Wilde, Craig
Cc: Nixon, Anne
Subject: RE: Easement

As a PS: Joe, as President of the trustees for Lochinvar, is supportive of our latest alternative plan to connect the sidewalks from Buckland Hall, construct the crosswalk at Lochinvar, install a safety barrier around the curve , and improve the ADA compliance of the sidewalk north of Kings Glen

I will pass on the contact information to him.

On Feb 7, 2017, at 6:58PM, Frautschi, Ald Tiffany <frautschit@town-and-c0lmt1y.org> wrote:

What is the alternate plan?

Thanks,

Tiffany

Tiffany Frautschi
Alderman, Ward II

From: Butler, Ald. Lindsey
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 7:52PM
To: Frautschi, Aid Tiffany
Cc: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Subject: Re: Grant Money

What plan doesn't include easements?
Lindsey Butler
Alderman of Town and Country, Ward 2

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

Hoelzer, Gary A.

From: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 7:29 AM
To: Butler, Ald. Lindsey; Frautschi, Ald Tiffany
Subject: RE: Grant Money

[Everything from Buckland Hall north.](#)

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 (Sunday)

On Feb 19, 2017, at 1:33PM, Skip Mange <skip.mange@att.net> wrote:

Gary, Anne, Craig, Lynn,

Could we meet Wednesday after 3:00pm or Thursday after 1:30 pm to talk about how we should proceed on the Mason Road Linear Park from Clayton to Queeny Park?

Thanks,

Skip

FEBRUARY 20, 2017

On Feb 20, 2017, at 7:09 AM, Hoelzer, Gary A. <HoelzerGA@town-and-country.org> wrote:

I am available either day
Sent from my iPad

From: Nixon, Anne
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 7:22AM
To: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Cc: Mange, Ald . Skip; Wilde, Craig; Wright, Ald. Lynn
Subject: Re: Mason Road Trail

I am available either day as well.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Skip Mange [mailto:skip.mange@att.net]

On Feb 20, 2017, at 8:49 AM, Skip Mange <skip .mange@att.net> wrote:

All

Can we do it Tuesday after 10:00 am or in the afternoon?

Skip

Sent: Monday, February 20> 2017 9:46 AM
To: Wright, Ald. Lynn
Cc: Wilde, Craig; Hoelzer, Gary A.; Nixon> Anne
Subject: Re: Mason Road Trail

Lets plan on doing it on Tuesday at 10:00 .

Thanks,
Skip

FEBRUARY 25, 2017 (Sat)

From:

Frautschi, Aid Tiffany
Sent: Sat 2/25/2017 8:02AM
To: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Cc: Butler, Ald. Lindsey
Subject: Mason Sidewalk

Gary-

I noticed the Mason Sidewalk is back on the agenda for Monday. Can you please let me know if all of the easements have been attained, or will the board be voting to use an alternate plan? Can you please let me know all of the details please.

Thanks,
Tiffany

Tiffany Frautschi
Alderman, Ward 2
Municipal Center

On Feb 25, 2017, at 10:34 AM, Hoelzer, Gary A. <[HoelzerGA\(a\),Town-and-County.org](mailto:HoelzerGA(a),Town-and-County.org)> wrote:

The door is still open on the easements so the engineering services are necessary to develop the construction drawings that will be used to take to our property owners to show the placement of the sidewalk and the proposed landscaping, as well as to use to put out for the construction bids. So the Board will be considering engineering services that would include the entire scope of the project as submitted for the grant.

If the Board approves the engineering services, then it will eventually come back to the Board to approve the construction contract and the final scope of the project, which will be in part determined by the acquisition of easements. Hope that answers the question.

Have a good weekend.

Gary

FEBRUARY 26, 2017 (Sun)

From: Frautschi, Aid Tiffany
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2017 7:32PM
To: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Cc: Butler, Ald. Lindsey
Subject: Re: Mason Sidewalk
Gary-

I am unclear what "the door is still open on easements" means. Have the two required property owners said that they have changed their minds and are now willing to grant the necessary easements?

Thanks,

Tiffany
Tiffany Frautschi
Alderman, Ward II

FEBRUARY 27, 2017

On Feb 27, 2017, at 10:32 AM, Hoelzer, Gary A. <HoelzerGA@town-and-country.org> wrote:

As you know from this project and stormwater projects, discussions on easements are

extremely sensitive so I am not comfortable discussing specifics. What I can say is that the engineering services we have before the Board is for the full scope of the plan submitted to the Grant Commission. Once those drawings are completed and the easement process has run its course, the next issue before the Board will be the construction bids which will have been refined by that process.

On Feb 27, 2017, at 12:28 PM, Frautschi, Ald Tiffany <frautschit@town-and-country.org> wrote:

I am sure that you can understand that I am unable to vote on additional funds being spent on this project when my constituents whose easements are required have told me in the past that they would not grant them. I will need confirmation from them that something has changed.

Thanks,

Tiffany
Tiffany Frautschi
Aldetman, Ward II
Municipal Center

MARCH 2, 2017

From: Frautschi, Aid Tiffany
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 12:41 AM
To: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Cc: Butler, Ald. Lindsey
Subject: Re: Mason Sidewalk

Gary-

Are you able to confirm that the two homeowners whose easements are necessary are willing to grant such easements?

Thanks,

Tiffany
Tiffany Frautschi
Alderman, Ward II

Hoelzer, Gary A.
From: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 8:05AM
To: Frautschi, Aid Tiffany
Subject: RE: Mason Sidewalk

I can confirm that easement acquisitions are still in progress and the next step largely depends upon the specifics that the engineering services will provide.

From: Beth Nelson [<mailto:bethnelson@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 9:46AM
To: Hoelzer, Gary A.
Cc: McNamara, Ashley; Lowell, Laura
Subject: Re: Town Square and Mason sidewalk

Thanks for the follow up Gary!
Here are my thoughts and please let me know if I can help in anyway! We are so excited for this wonderful park to be added to our community!

I redacted parts not pertaining to Mason Road

I unfortunately cannot make the Friday morning meeting with two young kids. I think most other young families are in the same situation as me so I am happy to help get our voice out however I can! We are so excited for the Mason Road trail to get underway. A huge thanks to all involved in these developments!!! Very exciting things happening in T &C!

Regards,
Beth Nelson
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 2, 2017, at 8:30AM, Hoelzer, Gary A. <HoelzerGA@town-and-county .org> wrote:
Hi Beth,
Good to hear from you!

I redacted material not connected with Mason Road

On another note, we are still working through the Mason South sidewalk project and an engineering contract will be up for a vote on March 13 with the Board of Aldermen. Those services would provide us with the ability to develop construction drawings to use for easement acquisition and bidding.

If you have time, come to the Mayor's coffee Friday morning at Longview (8:30 am).

Take care,

Gary
Gary Hoelzer
City Administrator

MARCH 13

From: Neichter Greg <gregjn@sbcglobal.net>
Date: March 13, 2017 at 4:40:03 PM CDT
To: "tiffanyfrautschi@gmail.com" <tiffanyfrautschi@gmail.com>
Subject: Opposition to permanent easement
Reply-To: Neichter Greg <gregjn@sbcglobal.net>

Tiffany,
As discussed, I am opposed to a permanent easement on my property for a sidewalk.

Thanks,
Greg Neichter
1412 South Mason Road
Town and Country, Missouri 63131
314-909-0442
gregjn@sbcglobal.net

From: David <david@davidmblake.com>
Date: March 13, 2017 at 6:03:05 PM CDT
To: Lindsey Butler <butlerl@town-and-country.org>, FrautschiT@town-and-country.org,
"MangeS@town-and-country.org >> Skip Mange" <manges@town-and-country.org>, Lynn
Wright <WrightLH@town-and-country.org>, Craig Wilde <wildeCJ@town-and-country.org>,
Greg Neichter <gregjn@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Sidewalk on S. Mason Road

Tiffany and Lindsey, thank you for the call today, sorry my phone was acting up. I wanted to confirm for you and for the City of Town and Country one more time my position on the proposed bike trail along Mason Road. From the beginning, my position has been that this trail is a bad idea and not something that I would support. Attached you will find an email to that effect from over 1.5 years ago. Since that correspondence, I have taken several calls from Craig Wilde and repeatedly told him the same thing - I am not interested in granting or selling any of my property for the necessary construction and/or permanent easements specified in the Engineering Study. I do not want a trail along the frontage of my property. Despite my very consistent and direct communication regarding this proposal, Craig told other residents along Mason Road that I was in favor of the trail, as he tried to solicit their support. Word quickly got back to me and I called Craig and demanded that he notify the other residents that this was not true - that I was in fact, strongly opposed the trail. This is a dirty way of doing business and I am very troubled by the fact that my position has been misrepresented to mislead other residents just to get a deal rammed through. Again, for the record, one of the main reasons I purchased my property at 1390 and 1400 South Mason was because it is relatively inaccessible to pedestrians. Putting a path along Mason in front of my house will only invite vandalism and other crime. Unfortunately, Town and Country is not immune to these issues. As a recent example, this past Saturday morning, fire trucks and police cars showed up at my house to put out a blazing construction porta-potty located on my property, right about where the path would

go. Police and firemen said it was an obvious case of arson, as matches were everywhere in the porta-potty and on the ground all around it. Nearby was quite a bit for construction material and trees, which fortunately didn't catch fire. A passenger driving down Mason called in the fire, otherwise things could have been much worse. You can read the police report on the matter for more details. Putting a path along my property on a dark, quiet road will only make my property more tempting and accessible to vandals.

Additionally, as I previously noted, I cannot think of a worse idea than to invite more pedestrian traffic along the edge of the windiest and arguably most dangerous road in all of St. Louis County. I would suggest anyone in favor of this path take a stroll along the turn by Lochinvar and note the missing fence, which I saw taken out about a month ago on a foggy evening. The car went right across the proposed path where pedestrians will be encouraged to travel. This happens almost every month or two - check the police records.

As always, I thank you and Lindsey for reaching out to me and for your support on this and other issues. It is my sincere hope that Town and Country listens to the residents who own the impacted property and who will have to bear the consequences of the proposed bicycle path. Its a bad idea - again, I am strongly opposed - I hope that message is heard.

Thanks, David & Cathy Blake

Attached to March 13 email from David Blake:

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject:Proposed Sidewalk on S. Mason Road

Date:Mon, 13 Jun 2016 19:47:13 -0500

From:David <david@davidmblake.com>

To:Wright Lynn <WrightLH@town-and-country.org>

CC:Mange Skip <manges@town-and-country.org>, Wilde Craig <wildeCJ@town-and-country.org>, Butler Lindsey <butlerl@town-and-country.org>

Dear Lynn, I am contacting you in regard to the proposed sidewalk on S. Mason Road that will connect Clayton Road to Queeny Park. I am told that the proposal currently under consideration involves placing a sidewalk down the east side of S. Mason Road that would end at the Mason Heights subdivision. This path would cross my properties (1390 S. Mason Road and 1400 S. Mason Road), owned by Town and Country Holdings I and Town and Country Holdings II, respectively. I do not believe the path as proposed is in the best interest of the residents of Town and Country or to me, as a directly impacted property owner.

First, by locating a path on the east side of S. Mason, you are placing a pedestrian path directly on the outside edge of one of the sharpest road curves in all of St. Louis County. It seems almost monthly that cars

traveling north on S. Mason Road miss that near 70 degree turn and drive straight across the right of way where the proposed path would run and into the fence that surrounds the Lochinvar subdivision. This particular sight is under continual repair and it would seem very ill-advised to invite more pedestrian traffic (children in particular) to walk or bicycle along such a dangerous stretch of road, particularly when there is such a well documented history of cars missing the turn and traveling directly across the proposed path. I truly fear that someone is going to get killed on that path under the current plan. I can assure you, my three children will not be using the path now or at anytime in the future for this reason. While it is nice to connect the Queeny Park to Clayton, the safety of our residents should be the overriding concern.

Second, as a property owner that is directly impacted, I am not in favor of inviting pedestrian traffic across my property. I purchased this property for the privacy it provided - placing a path across the frontage is counter to that goal and something I find objectionable and detrimental to the value of my property. The more traffic that comes across my property, the more litter, vandalism and other potential crime it invites.

I am sure that everyone working on this project has the best of intentions, but I hope you can appreciate I have a very different perspective - I do not want a path on the east side of the road and I do not want a path across my properties. I hope you will take this into consideration and abort the planned S. Mason sidewalk project.

Thank you,

David M. Blake

From: Lindsey Butler <lindseybutlersgirls@gmail.com>

Date: March 13, 2017 at 6:13:49 PM CDT

To: Tiffany Frautschi <tiffanyfrautschi@gmail.com>, "Frautschi, Aid Tiffany" <FrautschiT@townand-cmmtrv.org>

Subject: Tonight's Board meeting

Tiffany,

Please share my thoughts tonight with the Board on the agenda item concerning the S Mason Rd "linear park"/sidewalk.

Dear Colleagues,

I appreciate the time and energy that has been given in trying to connect Clayton Rd to Queeny Park. This undertaking has been long, 10-to- 12 years, and has many issues to address including safety and the need for acquiring several easements along the proposed path. Much should be considered including the details of a lengthy discussion with the agency that administers the Municipal Grants and the wishes of the homeowners directly impacted by the proposed additional sidewalk sections, the necessary easement landowners. I encourage you each to consider the implications of the

expenditure of public money towards a project, that with the information currently available, cannot take place.

We applied for the grant because we were told by staff that the easements would come and that we just needed to move this forward. However, the easements have not come and will not be coming. During my conversation with the grant administration, I was told that the approval was due to the fact it was a County Park and a County roadway and that they viewed the information provided to them (Trail Master Plan from 09) as the residents approval. They were not aware of any concerns from aldermen or residents during deliberation. It was also mentioned that had this project been submitted with a single sidewalk down West side, it would have been more beneficial as it connects straight from a signalized crosswalk at the Clayton Rd and Mason intersection straight into the park. No mid block crossings. Also, if this sidewalk terminates before the Park due to lack of easements, then it will not be considered a linear Park as it will not connect.

The timeline provided by the grant: 12 months to completion, 3 month extension if need more time for easements etc, additional 6 months can be given by commission. After this, must reapply. We have had 3 additional vehicle crashes on Blossom Hill this year that are apparent. The safety issue still exists and the easements are not acquired and according to those homeowners that need to give them, they will not be acquired. If anyone suggests that once the homeowners see the plans that they will change their minds, then please use this logic to acquire the easements on the West side.

We are being asked to spend the people's money for construction documents to build a sidewalk that cannot be built without easements and those easements are not available.

Please vote not to wasteful spending. Let's review this plan and come up with a different way to get connection. The County and the grant commission are willing to work with us.

Lindsey

From: ERHARD AMANN <amannbraces@gmail.com>

Date: March 13, 2017 at 7:21:37 PM CDT

To: frautschit@town-and-country.org

Hi Tiffany,

Just to reaffirm that I would be opposed to any sidewalk construction or easement given in front of my property at 1364 S. Mason Rd.

Thank you,

Erhard Paul Amann

MARCH 14, 2017

Wilde, Craig

From: Wilde, Craig

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 7:54AM

To: David Blake

cc: David Greg Neichter

Subject: Re: Proposed Sidewalk on S. Mason Road

David,

I respect the perspective you have on the project and I appreciate that you have included me in your correspondence. I believe that my intentions to this point have been honorable, somewhat misinterpreted and certainly misunderstood. I am sorry that circumstances lead you to think less and apologize for my part in that breakdown. It is my hope that we can keep an open communication conduit to you City services regardless of the status of this project.

I am out of the office this week with limited access to communication but would appreciate an opportunity to discuss with you by phone or in person upon my return. I am copying Greg Neichter in on this email as well and extend the invitation to include him as you both see fit. Please let me know if that is an avenue you would like to travel. I am sorry that you are aggrieved by this process and am confident that we can move forward if you desire.

Thank you for your time.

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On Mar 14, 2017, at 7:37AM, Spencer, Ryan <spencerr@town-and-country.org> wrote:

Both ARB and BOA were very quick, no issues of note. Greenwich Green was as you say a "nothing burger". BOA did not take long, Fred explained the McDonalds revision. Tiffany read a letter from Lindsey (absent) explaining opposition to the Foster Wheeler contract. Skip gave a rebuttal outlining how projects are properly processed, i.e. you need plans developed to show property owners before acquiring easements. Tiffany voted no, citing the fact that the property owners shes talked to all say they will never allow an easement.

Ryan Spencer, AICP

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