

Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: July 1, 2013
Email Redactions List Pursuant to Council Resolution R-09-386

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1	<u>Sent Time</u>	<u>Received Time</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>Redactions</u>	<u>Reason for Redaction</u>
2	7:46 PM		Jane Lumm	Jane Lumm			
3	8:09 PM		Chuck Warpehoski	Beverly Strassmann		email address	Privacy
4	8:10 PM		Chuck Warpehoski	Beverly Strassmann		email address	Privacy
5	9:03 PM		Christopher Taylor	Steve Powers	Sumedh Bahl		
6	9:58 PM		Vivienne Armentrout	Beverly Strassmann	Chuck Warpehoski	email address	Privacy



TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Sumedh Bahl, Community Services Area Administrator
Tom Crawford, CFO
Reka Farrackand, Fire Marshal
Craig Hupy, Public Services Area Administrator
John Seto, Safety Services Area Administrator

CC: Steven D. Powers, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Council Agenda Responses

DATE: 7/1/13

CA-1 – Resolution to Amend an Approved Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Ann Arbor Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership at 2805 Burton Road for Burton Commons Apartments

Question: Could you please send the terms of the first PILOT agreement, including the amount of the payment in lieu? (Councilmember Briere)

Answer: There was no separate PILOT agreement for this proposed development, language in the Council resolution approving PILOT stipulated the terms of the PILOT.

- Council approved PILOT on July 7, 2008 to Simpson Housing Solutions for 120 units of affordable rental housing, at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI), with 20 units set aside as permanent supportive housing.
- Council approved an amendment to July 7, 2008 PILOT on August 4, 2011 to MHT Housing for 80 units of affordable housing rental housing, at or below 50% AMI, with units set aside as permanent supportive housing. MHT Housing replaced Simpson Housing Solutions in the Ann Arbor Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership.

PILOT approved on July 7, 2008 and for the amendment on August 4, 2011 was \$1.00 per unit as specified in the City Code, Chapter 19. If no Low Income Housing Tax Credits or other funds that restrict the income of tenants are granted for the property, then no PILOT would be enacted.

CA – 2 – Resolution to Approve Purchase of Anhydrous Ammonia for Water Treatment from Tanner Industries, Inc. Bid No. ITB-4290 (estimated \$38,500/year)

Question: The purchase of Anhydrous Ammonia, it's surprising there was only one bidder for something like this (a commodity purchase). I understand we typically post these RFP's on our website, is there something else we might do to encourage more competition/bidders? (Councilmember Lumm)

Answer: All chemicals used in the treatment process must be NSF approved for use in drinking water. There are very few suppliers of Anhydrous Ammonia in the nation that have NSF approval. This year we had an inquiry from a second company, but we did not receive a bid. Before the City used BidNet to advertise, letters were sent to several NSF approved suppliers. Tanner was the only supplier to respond.

B-1 – An Ordinance to Amend Sections 4:51 and 4:58 of Chapter 49 (Sidewalks) of Title IV of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Ordinance No. ORD-13-15)

Question: Is there a rush to address this? Assuming we seek renewal of sidewalk repair millage, could we adjust millage language to allow for a more nuanced treatment of these parcels? (Councilmember Warpehoski)

Answer: Some of the subject crosslot walks are presently in need of repair. At present, sidewalk millage monies could not be expended without amending the definition of a sidewalk as such walks do not lie in public rights of way. Future street and sidewalk millages could address these in a more nuanced way. The current millage language, which was approved by the voters as an amendment to Section 8.XX of the City Charter, cannot be changed except by a voter approved amendment to the Charter.

Per Interim Manager of Project Management Nick Hutchinson, of the 33 crosslot sidewalks proposed for acceptance by resolution, the following are in areas of the city slated for repair this year. These may or may not be in present need of repair:

- PED-006: Ardenne to Thurston Elementary
- PED-005: Ardenne to Briarcliff
- PED-020: Briarcliff to Nixon
- PED-025: Renfrew to Prairie
- PED-029: Sheffield Ct. to Bromley Park
- PED-019: Newport Place to Revena Place
- PED-052: Circle Drive to Haisley Elementary (this one is a maybe – I only add it because of the demand we've been seeing)
- PED-002: Amelia Place to Needham

Others may have been passed over in last year's repairs due to the uncertainty surrounding these walks.

The present definition of "sidewalk" in Section 4:58 includes a stipulation that they lie in a public right of way.

Sidewalks along the street frontage of parcels almost universally lie in the public right of way. In most cases, private ownership ends where the public right of way begins. Sidewalks also may lie within public rights of way along or including streets where the land under the public right of way is owned by the adjacent property owners. City Code then requires in Section 4:60, using the same definition that is in Section 4:58, that "*all sidewalks within the City shall be kept and maintained in good repair by the owner of the land adjacent to and abutting upon the same.*" It is being adjacent to or abutting a sidewalk that triggers this requirement. Note: Repair of sidewalks, but not snow maintenance is, however, the City's responsibility for as long as the present present street and sidewalk millage remains in effect.

The ordinance amendment proposes extending the definition of sidewalk to include not only those lying in public rights of way but also those lying on strips of land or easements that were dedicated to public use as pedestrian walks by plat or other document and which are accepted for that use by the City.

If that definition change in Section 4:48 is made, and sidewalks lying in such strips are accepted for public use, that would give those sidewalks the same status as sidewalks in the street right of way, which would in turn trigger the requirement for snow removal and similar maintenance per Section 4:60. The definition change would also allow the use of the street and sidewalk millage for repair of such crosslot sidewalks.

Question: What happens if we adopt the ordinance on second reading but do not accept some or all of the 61 cross-lot sidewalks for public use? (Councilmember Warpehoski)

Answer: The proposed amended definition of "sidewalk" includes the phrase that they be "accepted by the City for public use." An argument can be made that absent the resolution of acceptance, such sidewalks would not be included in the definition of a sidewalk and millage monies could not, therefore, be spent on their repair. Based on the same argument, the specific requirement that adjacent owners maintain them (as for snow shoveling) would not be triggered. Following that analysis, the ordinance change would have no effect on crosslot sidewalks until a resolution of acceptance is passed.

Question: The cover memo on the ordinance change states that "The expanded definition of sidewalk will also mean that responsibilities other than repair such as snow and ice removal will be the responsibility of the abutting property owner(s)." Many of these crosslot sidewalks abut more than one property, how would these responsibilities be determined? (e.g. PED 00026) (Councilmember Warpehoski)

Answer: Both abutting property owners would be equally responsible.

Question: As background, I would also appreciate a primer on ownership and responsibility for traditional sidewalks and how property lines and the public transportation right of way function. Related to this, is the adjacent property owner also obligated to prevent vegetation from encroaching on the sidewalk? How is this managed if the vegetation in question is from a city street tree? (This background can wait until after the Council meeting if staff is short on time) (Councilmember Warpehoski)

Answer: This will require further review.

Question: On a related topic, what obligations are recorded for crosslot walkways within a property? For example, PED 74 connects to a walkway on McKinley apartment property (their Manchester West property). What obligations does McKinley have to maintain this walkway? They have a similar walkway on the north end of the property on which they recently posted signs indicating that path is not maintained (pedestrian pathway connecting east and west Fair St.). (Councilmember Warpehoski)

Answer: Where readily available, staff gathered covenant and restriction documents for subdivisions. Most were silent on sidewalk maintenance. An exhaustive search has not been completed.

Question: If there is still time, I would appreciate clarity regarding the citizen concerns about liability for cross lot sidewalks, either in case of improperly maintained walks or of snow or ice slippage. (Councilmember Warpehoski)

Answer: The Attorney's Office will provide a response.

Question: On B-1, amending the sidewalk ordinance for crosslot sidewalks, the impacted residents raised a number of reasonable questions and concerns and have suggested a postponement in order to further discuss open issues and work out details. That certainly makes sense to me, but I don't know if there is any time-sensitivity to this are there any specific issues with postponing the second reading of this item as well as the related resolution (DS-4)? (Councilmember Lumm)

Answer: Staff will be the meeting tonight to address this:

Question: If B-1 were to be postponed, how long would staff anticipate it would take to address the questions and concerns raised by residents and conduct follow-up public discussions? (Councilmember Lumm)

Answer: 3 months.

B-2 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 111 of Title IX of the Code of the Ann Arbor City Code to Adopt the 2009 International Fire Code

Question: What is inspection regime for high rises? (Councilmember Warpehoski)

Answer: As it pertains to high rises, annual or bi-annual inspections (depending on that building occupancy use type) are conducted in the retail portions. The common space of rental housing portions (if any) of a high rise are inspected as a courtesy; those portions are not included in the cost recovery fee of the inspection.

Question: At first reading this was described as simply an update to adopt the newer standards. What then is the rationale for adding section 9:106(2) (Councilmember Warpehoski)

Answer: The 2009 International Fire Code provides that entry for inspections is permissible only with the owner's consent and, if the owner denies entry, then the inspection will occur only if a judge allows it. IFC's as far back as anyone can remember have contained these provisions.

Thus, the language in subsection (2) is not legally required because adoption of the ordinance provides the necessary notice to the public. This means that current and past City ordinances contain these provisions.

However, although unnecessary, we included the language to provide more explicit notice to the general public and building owners regarding the requirement that entry be requested, and that if entry is denied the inspector cannot enter unless a court grants permission to enter.

The court may grant or deny the inspector's request depending on whether the court concludes that entry would be constitutionally legal under the present circumstances. Similarly, housing codes and building codes have long contained such requirements for entry to perform inspections.

Question: A meeting has tentatively been scheduled for July 16 to meet with commercial property owners impacted by this change who have expressed concerns. Can you please comment on whether it would make sense to postpone the second reading to after that meeting or if you believe the issues raised/questions asked are largely independent of the ordinance revision itself and should be considered separately? (Councilmember Lumm)

Answer: Any issues that will be raised/questions asked at the meeting on July 16th are largely independent of the ordinance revision itself and should be considered separately.

C-1 – An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Ann Arbor by Adding a New Chapter, Which New Chapter Shall be Designated as Chapter 25, Video Privacy, of Title I of said Code

Question: I believed that we would see a staff evaluation of this proposed ordinance. Where is that in the process? (Legistar has three versions of the ordinance plus an

ACLU report out of Lansing on the Lansing surveillance system. I'm waiting for the staff report - on impacts.) (Councilmember Briere)

Answer: Staff reviewed an earlier draft. The attached staff memo that was provided to Council on May 20th of that earlier review is attached.

Question: What would be the downside of adopting the video privacy ordinance from a law enforcement perspective? (Councilmember Kailasapathy)

Answer: This response is provided by Safety Services Administrator Seto:

There are some potential ones that I would like to point out from a law enforcement perspective and more detail can be provided at the Council meeting tonight.

1. The proposed ordinance would prohibit the use of cameras to monitor and provide an additional security measure for large crowds, unless there is a specific threat.
2. The utilization of short term cameras require the notification and posting of signs identifying the use of cameras. This may hinder the effectiveness of on-going investigations. Other requirements of the short term camera deployment may also have impacts.
3. I cannot identify all the downside to adopting the proposed ordinance because cameras are not currently being utilized, I cannot predict future security concerns of our community and I do not know what the policing trend of the future will be. As written, there may be unintended consequences with the proposed ordinance that I cannot predict.

Question: How would the provision that states that a sign has to be posted near a camera stating that there is a camera there hamper the work of law enforcement? (Councilmember Kailasapathy)

Answer: It would be detrimental if the use was for a short term investigation where there was likelihood of apprehension. I do not believe there would be an issue for long term camera deployments.

Question: How would be City deal with the additional staff time required as a result of enforcing this new ordinance? (Councilmember Kailasapathy)

Answer: It is unknown at this time. At a minimum, there would be staff time required to gather the necessary information required per the proposed ordinance. The task may be assigned to the Detective in charge of the case resulting in the need for cameras or it may be assigned to our Sergeant in charge of community engagement if it is requested for a general neighborhood issue or if the neighborhood was the requestor for the cameras.

C-5 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Sewage Disposals System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, of Equal Standing with Certain Outstanding Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds (Roll Call Vote Required – One Reading)

Question: I noticed that this ordinance requires a super-majority roll call vote, because it's a one-time vote. But shouldn't it also require a public hearing? Generally, the Council doesn't take a final vote on ordinance changes without a public hearing. (Councilmember Briere)

Answer: There is no statutory, charter or Council directive for a public hearing for this type of ordinance.

Section 6 of Act 94 of 1933 (MCL 141.106) specifically states that it sets forth the sole requirements in respect to the adoption and publication of a revenue bond ordinance and "shall not be limited by a charter or statutory provision". Section 6 allows for adoption of the ordinance at the meeting at which it is introduced and no public hearing is required before final action of Council. Historically similar bond issuances have been approved in this manner.

It should be noted that Section 7.3(d) of the Ann Arbor City Charter requires that a public hearing must be held before final action of City Council on a zoning ordinance or an amendment or revision thereof. There is no charter requirement requiring an opportunity for a public hearing on any other type of ordinance. City Council, by Resolution R-159-4-92, has required a public hearing for any ordinance or resolution establishing a new fee or any change to an existing rate or fee before final action of City Council. In addition, by ordinance, City Council has also required public hearings for certain types of actions (zoning, confirmation of the special assessment roll, etc.) Although it is unclear how the practice developed public hearings have been scheduled and held for other types of ordinances.

DC-1 – Resolution to Approve the 2013 City Council Rules

Question: Individual Councilmembers wishing to share communications shall do so under Communications from Council." Under this proposal, what would be the mechanism for distributing informational materials (e.g. a memo describing the results of a town hall on a specific issue, a third-party report relevant to an agenda item)? E.G., at the last meeting it would have been helpful if all Council members could review the memo regarding court budgeting that councilmember Kailasapathy quoted from. (Councilmember Warpehoski)

Answer: The mechanisms would be for the Councilmember to refer to the communication under the agenda section, Communications From Council, and/or ask the City Clerk to add the item under Communications From Council.

If City Council approves the rule changes, staff will prepare protocols to provide administrative guidance for implementing Rule 9, Communications and Petitions.

DC – 2 – Resolution to Reestablish City’s Mutually Beneficial Committee

Question: The DDA continued to name members to sit on this Mutually Beneficial Committee since it was dissolved? Assuming not, how/when will it be decided who represents the DDA, but if the DDA has continued to name members, can you please indicate who they are? (Councilmember Lumm)

Answer: When the City’s Mutually Beneficial Committee was dissolved in 2011 the DDA also dissolved its own committee membership. In two days, at the July 3, 2013 DDA meeting the DDA Chair Leah Gunn will be naming the DDA members who will serve on the reinstated Mutually Beneficial Committee. As soon as the DDA meeting has ended I will let the City Administrator know their names.

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Beverly Strassmann [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 8:09 PM
To: Warpehoski, Chuck
Cc: Vivienne Armentrout
Subject: Re: [aaDemsWard5] pedestrian connections

We have neighborhood petitions on file about this problem but the city did not fix it. The cars are on 5th heading south, then turn left (East) on Packard wiping out the pedestrians trying to cross Packard on the East side of 5th Ave. This intersection occurs before the descent down the hill.

Personally I don't have time to take up this cause again right now having tried twice in the past.

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Subject: Re: Packard and fifth concern

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Subject: RE: Camp Take Notice

Indeed, thanks Steve.

Colleagues, FWIW, please note the following resolution before PAC tomorrow. CTN reps are aware of this proposal.

13-0749 Resolution to Recommend Waiving Park Space Rental Fee for Liberty Plaza

Best,

Christopher

Christopher Taylor Member Ann Arbor City Council (Third Ward)
734-834-3600 (c) [New Number]
734-531-1331 (w) [New Number]
734-213-6223 (h)

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From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Mon 6/17/2013 3:17 PM
To: Powers, Steve
Cc: *City Council Members (All); Seto, John; Bahl, Sumedh; Higgins, Sara
Subject: Re: Camp Take Notice

Thank you for meeting with those representatives.

Sabra Briere
First Ward Ann Arbor
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[REDACTED]

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Sent from my iPad

On Jun 17, 2013, at 3:11 PM, "Powers, Steve" <SPowers@a2gov.org> wrote:

I will be meeting with representatives from Camp Take Notice regarding humanitarian aid, the successor issue to pizza in the park. Most of tonight's reserved speaking times are taken by Camp Take Notice.

No actions have been taken by the city to prevent people from receiving food.

Staff continues to evaluate how to accommodate within city ordinances the desires to help those in need.

Steve Powers
City Administrator
City of Ann Arbor
734-794-6110

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Vivienne Armentrout [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 9:58 PM
To: Beverly Strassmann
Cc: Warpehoski, Chuck
Subject: Re: [aaDemsWard5] pedestrian connections

Seems a good location for enhanced pedestrian signage at least. That is a path I take myself fairly often. (No pedestrian fatalities yet, as far as I know.)

Wonder if we couldn't have a "hot list" of important pedestrian crossings in the city to be considered for funding re enhancements. Or is there one already?

Vivienne

On 7/1/2013 8:08 PM, Beverly Strassmann wrote:

> We have neighborhood petitions on file about this problem but the city
> did not fix it.

> The cars are on 5th heading south, then turn left (East) on Packard
> wiping out the pedestrians trying to cross Packard on the East side
> of 5th Ave. This intersection occurs before the descent down the
> hill.

> Personally I don't have time to take up this cause again right now
> having tried twice in the past.

> Beverly

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> Beverly I. Strassmann, Professor

> Department of Anthropology and RCGD, Institute for Social Research

> University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI 48109

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> On Mon, Jul 1, 2013 at 4:30 PM, Warpehoski, Chuck <CWarpehoski@a2gov.org> wrote:

>> I will pass these concerns to city staff.

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>> Chuck

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>> Chuck Warpehoski

>> Ann Arbor City Council, Ward 5

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>> c: 734-972-8304

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>> Visit www.chuckwarpehoski.org for Ward 5 updates and to sign up for a
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>> On Jul 1, 2013, at 4:13 PM, "Beverly Strassmann" [REDACTED] wrote:
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>> Yeah, but they should do a couple things:
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>> 1) put up a big bright yellow pedestrian crossing sign like the ones
>> on E. Liberty with something that spans the road overhead and is very
>> obvious.
>> 2) change the light so that pedestrians can cross when the cars
>> turning left have a red light.
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>> Short of this students will keep going to the ER in critical
>> condition. For myself, I know how to negotiate the intersection, but
>> the students are treated like squirrels.
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>> Beverly I. Strassmann, Professor
>> Department of Anthropology and RCGD, Institute for Social Research
>> University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI 48109
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>> On Mon, Jul 1, 2013 at 4:01 PM, Vivienne Armentrout
>> [REDACTED] wrote:
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>> Thanks, Beverly - I think the pedestrian crosswalk thing is a work in
>>
>> progress. Probably some police monitoring and ticketing would help,
>> but we
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>> have so many people from out of town.
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>> People turning left from a busy street are often distracted by

>> watching for
>>
>> oncoming traffic and executing the turn and may not see a pedestrian
>> in a
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>> timely manner. I confess that I have gone past some waiting
>> pedestrians
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>> (not there) when I was trying to watch several directions at once in
>> some
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>> circumstances. As a pedestrian, I'm always super careful at such
>> places and
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>> try to get the eye of the driver before I step out.
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>> Vivienne
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>> On 7/1/2013 3:27 PM, Beverly Strassmann wrote:
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>> I believe that when property owners purchase lots that require
>>
>> maintenance of pedestrian cut-throughs that they are assuming the
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>> responsibility for the maintenance and the liability that goes with
>>
>> proper maintenance.
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>> The city needs to be made more pedestrian friendly so I oppose
>>
>> anything that weakens pedestrian access.
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>> On another note, further work is needed on the existing cross walks
>>
>> (zebra stripes) to make sure that cars actually stop for pedestrians.
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>> A major problem are the cars that turn left at the intersection of
>>
>> Packard and S. Fifth Ave.
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>> Beverly
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>> Beverly I. Strassmann, Professor
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>> Department of Anthropology and RCGD, Institute for Social Research
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>> On Sun, Jun 30, 2013 at 11:12 PM, Chuck Warpehoski
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>> <chuck.warpehoski@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> There was discussion on this list recently about maintaining
>> pedestrian
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>> cut-throughs (such as the Jefferson Ct cut-through).
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>> On Monday Council has a set of actions related to this issue to
>> clarify
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>> the
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>> status of 33 such "cross-lot sidewalks." I would welcome feedback on
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>> this:
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>> These actions would clarify ownership and responsibilities. The
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>> neighboring
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>> property owners have raised concerns about the added obligations for
>> snow
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>> removal and other maintenance, as well as possible liability concerns.
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>> -Chuck
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