

Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: October 3, 2022
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From: Kai Petainen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2022 12:47 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Ryan J Stanton
Subject: Re: i object to the proposed rules in the agenda

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I don't take it for granted that I'm speaking now. For a while I've struggled with what to say to the outgoing council, but tonight was the first time that I agreed wholeheartedly with the opposition. And it demonstrated why an opposition is vital in a well functioning democracy. City council basically decided that meetings run too long and there is too much dissent at the end of the meeting. How did council respond? To reduce time they blamed public speakers at the end of the meeting and removed them. Think about it, the public was blamed for long meetings, and for dissent. Although I'm excited and happy about the incoming council, but if the first course of action of a super majority is to cut public speech at the end of a meeting then it is off to a very bad start. This is why an opposition is incredibly important, when a super majority cuts off public speech then it raises a red flag and it'll be important for those of you in the opposition to stay involved. And so with a sincere heart I can say to ALL who are leaving council, "thank you for your service and please don't go far away. I look forward to seeing you as a 3-minute person — but of course that comes with more restrictions now"

CM Grand, although I think this was a really poor note to end your tenure on, I'm a huge fan with how you conducted business at council. You didn't put up with BS and you were straight to the point. But what I will remember the most is how you were there for me when I became an American. That moment of where I became naturalized will be forever etched in my heart and my family loves you and the Honorable Grand for it. Thank you. I found it incredibly meaningful and sad when I voted... I shouldn't have to vote in favor of womens rights when those rights should never have been taken away from them in the first place. I was thankful I could vote.

To ALL of you who are leaving, I wish the very best for your personal lives, for your businesses and for your loved ones. I wish all of you the very best.

- just kai

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 10, 2022, at 4:18 PM, Kai Petainen [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mayor and CMs:

I write to voice my objection to the proposed council agenda rules. I'm completely fine with limiting the amount of time that a CM or a member of the public can speak, and I'm completely fine with restricting how often a person speaks. But I take objection to how you will be eliminating public speech at the end of the meeting, and I object to taking away council comments at the end of the meeting.

I started speaking at city council in the evenings. I was free at that time and it gave me time to think through the subjects that day and provide instantaneous feedback on things. I was also shy at public speaking and so it was easier to speak in the late evening than at the start of the meeting. Sometimes, council agenda items were added at the last minute and so the public wasn't always aware of what would be spoken at the meetings. Or, sometimes city council would go into a closed session and then they would speak afterwards about their closed session. By eliminating public comment at the end of the meeting, it takes away the opportunity for the public to comment on items that have occurred in that meeting. You could argue that the public could still write/call/etc to city council, but sometimes the public may feel that it isn't "heard" by doing so. A CM could easily ignore any such email and say... "Sorry, I didn't read it". A public citizen could feel as if their voice was unheard. You could also argue that the public could speak at the next city council meeting, but that meeting would take place 2 weeks later and at that time public speakers who are speaking about matters in that particular meeting take priority.

It is incredibly important to have civil discussion and dissent. I recognize that the primary purpose of this is reduce the amount of time that it takes to conduct a city council meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting with Tropman was to find ways to reduce the amount of time that it takes to conduct a meeting. But, a secondary purpose of the Tropman meeting was to find ways of finishing a meeting with a more 'happy' tone. By eliminating public dissent at the end of the meeting you are squashing any dissent from the public in that meeting (of the things that occurred in that meeting), and you are trying to rush your meeting so that you end it earlier. Although I have respect for Tropman, (as academics we can disagree politely), his ideas were suited more towards private business meetings and not for public meetings where CMs are held accountable by the public. To me this sounds like an attempt at a temporary gag order at the end of the meeting. Keep in mind that many of those who have supported Mayor Taylor have used the time at the end of the meeting to bring up concerns. You may like having less dissent at the end of the meeting now as there will be a super-majority, but at some point, the tides of politics will change. At that time, you will wish that opponents could speak up at the end of council. One other point to make, some CMs will argue that more time is actually being provided to the public to speak – this is not true. The total time taken by public speaking will decrease due to the other rules that are being put into place.

I also disagree with how CMs won't be allowed to provide commentary at the end of the meeting. That time period is essential for CMs to provide clarification and correction on things they may have said in the meeting. Actually, I'm not sure if you can open a meeting up after a

closed session, unless you allow for council communications at the end of the meeting – but I’m no lawyer, so I don’t know. You could argue that under Rule 10, a CM could use a ‘point of order’ during the meeting, but sometimes horrendous things are said/done in the meeting that can take a while to digest. It might not be the best course of action to just provide a knee-jerk reaction at that time. It might be better to give a quick comment at the end of the meeting, after a bit of thought has been given to what a CM might say. From a journalistic perspective I could easily see how some of you could get in trouble... that is... let’s suppose a CM says something, or does something bad and at that time you don’t condemn the behavior. It’s very easy to write something along the lines of... ‘so and so said this... and these CMs stayed silent’ in the meeting. It’s that crucial time period at the end of the meeting where CMs have a chance to offer clarification, correction and condemnation. Each and every single CM will, at some point during their tenure at council, wish that they could say something at the end of the meeting.

If I may make a few suggestions. Keep CM communications and public speaking at the end of the meeting, but reduce it to 2 minutes from 3 minutes. Also, don’t allow folks to speak if they spoke in the previous meeting (or two). If you won’t allow public speaking, then allow public speaking if you add last minute agenda items. It seems unfair if you can sneak agenda items, yet the public can’t comment on them. If you allow council comments after a closed session, then also allow the public to provide open comments as well. After all, how would a person who signed up for open slots at the beginning know that you would speak after the closed session?

Whatever the rules become, I will respect the rules -- but it’ll be important that council respects those rules as well. If the public can’t speak at the end and those rules are enforced, then I expect CMs not to speak at the end and those rules should be enforced as well. In the meantime, I’ll probably have fun yelling ‘point-of-order’ on social media when CMs speak at the end of the meeting. I think over time you will realize that you will want to have council communications, and public commentary at the end of the meeting.

-just Kai. Ann Arbor, MI.

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2022 12:15 AM
To: Hayner, Jeff
Subject: RE: Co-sponsorship request of DC-4

No problem.

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk (she/her/hers)
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From: Hayner, Jeff <JHayner@a2gov.org>
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2022 12:12 AM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline <JBeaudry@a2gov.org>
Subject: Co-sponsorship request of DC-4

Dear Ms. Beaudry,

Please add me as a co sponsor of the currently being discussed DC_4, thank you,

Sincerely,

Jeff Hayner
Ward 1 City Council

From: Hayner, Jeff
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2022 12:12 AM
To: Jacqueline Beaudry (JBeaudry@a2gov.org)
Subject: Co-sponsorship request of DC-4

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Sincerely,

Jeff Hayner
Ward 1 City Council

From: Andy Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 11:54 PM
To: Grand, Julie
Subject: Hammer Time

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Julie,

You dropped a LOT of mics tonight.

Thank you for all you've done for Ann Arbor.

Andy Price
Nordman Rd

From: Eyer, Jen
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 10:45 PM
To: Nan Plummer
Subject: Re: Greetings and a request from the Treeline

Hi Nan,
Apologies for the delayed response! I'd be happy to receive an update in the near future. Please feel free to send me a few potential times.
Best,
Jen

From: Nan Plummer [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 4:59 PM
To: Eyer, Jen <JEyer@a2gov.org>
Subject: Greetings and a request from the Treeline

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Dear Jen,

Greetings from the Treeline! I hope that you've had a wonderful summer.

We've made progress on the Treeline since we last connected and we'd like to share with you what we've been doing and what's ahead. If you have time in the next few weeks for a short office meeting with me and a board member—or coffee if you have a bit more time—we would be grateful. Please let me know if there are some good spots in your calendar.

All the best,

Nan

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Nan Plummer
Executive Director
The Treeline Conservancy



The Treeline
Allen Creek Urban Trail

From: Rita [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 10:20 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Please Vote Yes on DC-3 Resolution to Encourage the Development of Public Restrooms in Downtown Ann Arbor

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I support moving forward with studying how and where to locate a public restroom in the Downtown area. It is a reasonable expectation for residents and visitors to have access to restroom facilities. We can learn from nearby communities, including Plymouth and Detroit, about how to establish and maintain safe and clean public restrooms. Please vote YES on DC-3.

Thank you,

Rita Mitchell
Ward 5 resident

From: Ivana & Eric Holmes [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 9:56 PM
To: Eyer, Jen [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Runnymede-Pauline Path

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Hi Jen,

That's really great to hear. I was very worried the topic had been pushed aside and/or that it would drag out years and years before any resolution.

I completely understand the study will take some time and will be patient. I guess my only request is if you could occasionally keep an eye on it... if by chance you see it stalling out, then give it a nudge the right direction.

Many thanks for your reply and attention to the topic.
Regards,

Eric

On 11/10/2022 9:11 PM Eyer, Jen <jeyer@a2gov.org> wrote:

Hi Eric,

City staff and the condo association president and attorney have been in discussions, and the association reps recognize and accept their liability. They are willing to improve the situation and are investigating options. Some of the discussion has touched on partnering with the city in some way.

Once they finish their study, another meeting with city staff will be held so they can discuss a way forward. I will endeavor to keep you posted.

Best regards,

Jen

From: Ivana & Eric Holmes [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 8:56 PM
To: Eyer, Jen <JEyer@a2gov.org>, [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Runnymede-Pauline Path

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Hello,

Some months ago, there was a discussion regarding the path that leads from between Runnymede and Pauline streets.

My family; my kids (two public school students), my wife and I use the path multiple times daily. Just an hour ago I was walking the path with my dog, it was completely dark, I could not see 2 feet in front of me yet 2 separate people passed me going the opposite direction. I say this only to highlight the usage, but also as my kids return home from various school activities, it's also a concern in my mind. The path is used by pedestrians and bike commuters on a very frequent basis, not for specifically for people living in the Walden Village but for normal Dicken area families as normal daily life. In the winter it's the worst; not shoveled and ends up a pure covering of ice and in spring, it's a muddy mess which doesn't completely melt until April. It is run down and broken, not maintained, not lighted and should be addressed.

I know that there will be a cost to this and there was a push to negotiate the responsibility together with the Condo association. I'd like to encourage the quick resolution of these negotiations and not let this drag out endlessly. I know there's a wish to push the responsibility to the condo association however know also there is no legal document other than random meeting minutes which are likely unenforceable.

If the push is for Ann Arbor overall and the area to become a net-carbon zero, pedestrian and cycle friendly area, it starts with safe and maintained commuter areas. Could you please push for speedy resolution to the negotiations. If this is not possible _quickly_, the better and more responsible solution is for the City to take over the responsibility for a city walkway used primarily by its regular citizens. It is worth the money, a small amount in the big picture.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Eric Holmes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 05/03/2022 2:58 PM Patricia Denig [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Everyone

Please see the response below I got from our Councilwoman Jen Eyer after I wrote to the City Council. -- I think it is important information to consider before writing to the City Council to support the resolution.

Hi Patricia,

I agree that this pathway is an important connector, and that's why I started working on the issue shortly after I was elected as a 4th Ward council member. What I quickly learned is that the condo association is legally obligated to maintain this path according to the language of their master deed (The Walden Village Master Deed). I have been working with city staff on this for several months, and staff was making progress in getting the condo association to recognize their legal obligation to bring the path back up to standard.

The resolution on this week's agenda unfortunately preempts those ongoing discussions. The city as a rule does not buy failed infrastructure when there is a responsible party that should step up, and for very good reason. Imagine the precedent this would set and the message it would send to private entities about their legal obligations to maintain their infrastructure going forward. Further, this resolution would mean taking \$300,000 in city funds away from repairing failed pathways that the city already owns and is responsible for. That doesn't seem fair to our neighbors.

There is a better way to get this issue resolved, which I believe includes a mix of private investment and state grant money. I think we need to let city staff continue their work toward that goal, and that's what I'll continue to support.

Best regards,

Jen Eyer

Ward 4 Council Member

Patricia Denig

Suffolk Street

On Mon, May 2, 2022 at 3:46 PM Vasili Tsavalias [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Neighbors,

Please see the following message from one of our Suffolk residents.

Dear Norfolk and Suffolk Neighbors,

As many of you are aware, the Runnymede-Pauline walking path is in a terrible state of disrepair. The surface is

uneven, vegetation encroaches, in the winter the ice makes it treacherous and there are several slick areas of water run-off and mud. We have lived next to this path for 30 years and there has never been any attempt to maintain this busy commuter thoroughfare. We estimate that over 100 people use this path everyday; walking to school, commuting to the AATA, walking a dog, exercising and biking.

On Thursday, May 5, the Ann Arbor City Council will debate a resolution to take over ownership from the Walden Village Condos and renovate and maintain this important path, thanks to our Ward 4 City Council Member Elizabeth Nelson and Walden Village Resident Matt Parker. Going forward this path would then be maintained by the City, just like the commuter paths in Eberwhite and Lawton.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you could send a quick e-mail of support to the A2 City Council in support of this resolution, we can work together to get this important part of our neighbor repaired and updated. Their e-mail is CityCouncil@a2gov.org

If you have questions, send us an e-mail.

Thank you for considering this request,

Deanne Woodruff and Dan Mitas



Here is a link to the City Council resolution-

<https://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5571048&GUID=4D2FE43B-DF1E-4D2A-84D4-BDACCE9BCAE3&Options=&Search=>

From: Travis Radina [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 9:50 PM
To: Radina, Travis
Subject: Fwd: CLIENT LETTER re: 2050 commerce affordable units and proposed zoning change
Attachments: 2050 Commerce Ann Arbor Council Letter.pdf

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Travis A. Radina

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From: JB It [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Nov 10, 2022 at 4:30 PM
Subject: CLIENT LETTER re: 2050 commerce affordable units and proposed zoning change
To: Disch, Lisa <LDisch@a2gov.org>, Song, Linh <lsong@a2gov.org>, Eyer, Jen <JEyer@a2gov.org>, Briggs, Erica <EBriggs@a2gov.org>, Travis Radina <travisradina@gmail.com>, Grand, Julie <JGrand@a2gov.org>, Taylor, Christopher (Council) <CTaylor@a2gov.org>

Please see attached letter from my client who is working on the affordable units at 2050 Commerce Please forward to planning staff as necessary/appropriate

Thanks

Brad

On 11/10/2022 12:25 PM, JB It wrote:

Bad news

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Subject: Re: 2050 commerce
Date: Thu, 10 Nov 2022 12:00:15 -0500
From: JB It [REDACTED]
To: DiLeo, Alexis <ADiLeo@a2gov.org>, Lenart, Brett <BLenart@a2gov.org>, Cheng, Christopher <CCheng@a2gov.org>

We have a problem based upon the determination below. The proposed affordable housing project we have been working on needs to keep the footprint of the existing approved project in order to keep the costs within the parameters necessary to get MSHDA support (according to my client and their principle Architects on the project)! We are intending to submit the request to modify the existing approved site plan (CPC approval required) December 20th. Many months work has already been done on this including the MSHDA scoring and prioritization of the project to bring 250 units of affordable housing to the city.

We showed the concept to Chris & other city staff back at a meeting in August - are basically staying with the same exterior perimeter of the project previously approved. The changes/tweaks are instead internal to the building configuration - not the external perimeter/footprint. Changes are driven by, in large part, MSHDA requirements including unit size, parking and construction cost. The most significant change is that we have eliminated the subterranean parking levels and expanded the (mostly above grade) parking levels on the west face/side of the building which has resulted in a reduction in the size of the internal courtyard dimensions.

I don't think the project will be possible under the TC1 zoning as laid out by planning staff below. Keeping the existing zoning would be necessary to get the 250 units of affordable housing.

On 11/10/2022 11:45 AM, DiLeo, Alexis wrote:

Brad,

Hi, Chris and Brett asked me to look into this and provide my analysis.

- The 2050 Commerce Drive Site Plan (file number SP22-2001) is valid until June 29, 2024. It may be constructed as approved even if the zoning designation is changed as long as the first building permit is issued prior to June 29, 2024 and construction proceeds continuously until completion. Any necessary approvals or permits needed to obtain that first building permit (such as civil plan approvals and demolition permits) need to be considered and factored into any timelines.
- If the zoning designation is changed to TC1 and another extension is desired, the extension could be approved if all of the following are true:
 - The maximum front setback is 20 feet.
 - The minimum setback of lot lines adjacent to R zoning is 30 feet.
 - The maximum building height is 55 feet for the portion within 80 feet of R zoning and 75 feet for the rest of the building.
 - The apartment building has a functional entrance door facing the public street.
 - No garage door is facing the public street.

- The apartment building has a maximum diagonal dimension of 360 feet.
- The apartment building has a minimum frontage of 70% of the lot width.
- The apartment building has a public or private sidewalk adjacent to all sides of the building with entrances.
- The site has been designed into blocks measuring 250 feet square or as nearly as practical given the site shape, and each apartment building within those blocks meets the design criteria listed above.
- The apartment building has been set back 100 feet from the intersection of public rights-of-way.
- There are no more than 2 curb cuts to the site.
- Vehicle parking spaces are no more than 1 per 333 square feet of floor area.
- EV parking spaces meet the type and percentage standards of Section 5.19
- Bicycle parking spaces meet the numbers and classes of Section 5.19
- The vehicular use area is no more than 125% of the apartment building(s)'s footprint area.
- It's pretty clear to me that the approved layout does not meet the TC1 standards. It may be that some of the standards are indeed too strict given the location this site relative to the actual transit routes and staff is open to discussion potential amendments. But even one or a few of the 16 standards listed above are amended, there would still be many standards the current layout does not meet. It's my opinion that a site plan with the current layout could not be extended again or approved under the current or potential amended TC1 standards.

Alexis DiLeo (she/her)

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From: JB It [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 3:26 PM

To: Lenart, Brett <BLenart@a2gov.org>; Cheng, Christopher <CCheng@a2gov.org>

Cc: DiLeo, Alexis <ADiLeo@a2gov.org>

Subject: Re: 2050 commerce

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Looking forward to reviewing this with you Chris & Alexis

Brad

On 11/3/2022 6:30 PM, Lenart, Brett wrote:

Then no problem to extend.

Chris, please set up a quick session with Alexis to review the existing plan, and follow up with Brad on any flags that you see, if any.

Brett Lenart, AICP | Planning Manager

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From: JB It [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2022 4:13 PM
To: Lenart, Brett <BLenart@a2gov.org>; Cheng, Christopher <CCheng@a2gov.org>
Subject: Re: 2050 commerce

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Thanks

What if the current approved site plan DID meet all the TC1 requirements (my client asks)?

Brad

On 11/2/2022 5:33 PM, Lenart, Brett wrote:

That's correct. If the property was rezoned TC1, it would no longer be in compliance with current standards and regulations.

Brett Lenart, AICP | Planning Manager

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From: JB It [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Cheng, Christopher <CCheng@a2gov.org>
Cc: Lenart, Brett <BLenart@a2gov.org>
Subject: Re: 2050 commerce

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need to let my clients know

On 10/26/2022 3:13 PM, JB It wrote:

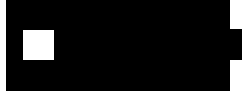
When the 2050 commerce site is rezoned to TC1 will it then be

impossible to extend the
existing site plan approval
administratively?

Brad

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Brad Moore, AIA
President, J Bradley Moore &
Associates Architects, Inc.
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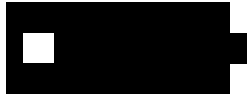
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From: Ginny Rogers via CCL Community <cclcommunity@citizensclimate.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 9:33 PM
To: Hayner, Jeff
Subject: Saturday: A2CCL Chapter Meeting and National CCL Call

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Hello All -

Ann Arbor CCL will hold our November chapter meeting this Saturday, November 12, 2 - 3pm on Zoom. Hope you can join us as we celebrate the passage of the Ann Arbor Climate Action millage and discuss actions for the coming month.

Click this link to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9650837463?pwd=bmx4a1VDOGppU1dXZWVYMmtqMEZ3dz09>

Or open Zoom and enter Meeting ID: 965 083 7463 and Passcode: 123.

To join by phone, dial 312-626-6799 and enter Meeting ID 965 083 7463

The National CCL Call takes place at 1pm ET on Saturday, just before our chapter meeting. The guest speaker will be **Sam Daley-Harris of Civic Courage**. How do you empower citizens to effectively engage with their government to solve big problems? We talk this month to the person who literally wrote the book on this topic, Sam Daley-Harris. He's the founder and CEO of [Civic Courage](#), and he'll share some of the successes he's seen with the organizations he's coached. One of those is Citizens' Climate Lobby. In 1980, Sam founded RESULTS, a grassroots advocacy organization working to end hunger and poverty. He is the author of *Reclaiming Our Democracy: Healing the Break Between People and Government*, which tells the stories of life-changing moments people had in discovering their power to make a difference. In the aftermath of the midterm elections, Sam will also explore the lessons we can apply to our climate advocacy. Join the National CCL Call by visiting cclusa.org/meeting or by opening Zoom and

entering Meeting ID 954 9835 5745

Another upcoming event that might be of interest

Who is Responsible for Extreme Flooding? Seeking Climate Justice for Pakistan

Tuesday November 15, noon at Jeffries Hall (710 S. State St), room 1225

One third of Pakistan is under water. Although it has contributed less than 1% of global greenhouse gas emissions, Pakistan is currently suffering the extreme impacts of climate disaster. The Environmental Law and Policy Program, the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, the Environmental Law Society, the Muslim Law Students Association, and the South Asian Law Students Association invite you to learn about this striking example of global climate injustice with Professor Nadia Ahmad of Barry University School of Law and Professor Hamid Khan from the University of Michigan Law School. Free and open to the public. [Click here](#) for more info.

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From: timothyc1959 [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 9:18 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Mayor)
Subject: How do you do CTaylor?

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CTaylor <https://twitter.com/CTaylor@a2gov.org> Timothyc1959

From: Eyer, Jen
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 9:11 PM
To: Ivana & Eric Holmes [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Runnymede-Pauline Path

Hi Eric,

City staff and the condo association president and attorney have been in discussions, and the association reps recognize and accept their liability. They are willing to improve the situation and are investigating options. Some of the discussion has touched on partnering with the city in some way.

Once they finish their study, another meeting with city staff will be held so they can discuss a way forward. I will endeavor to keep you posted.

Best regards,
Jen

From: Ivana & Eric Holmes [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 8:56 PM
To: Eyer, Jen <JEyer@a2gov.org>, [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Runnymede-Pauline Path

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Hello,

Some months ago, there was a discussion regarding the path that leads from between Runnymede and Pauline streets.

My family; my kids (two public school students), my wife and I use the path multiple times daily. Just an hour ago I was walking the path with my dog, it was completely dark, I could not see 2 feet in front of me yet 2 separate people passed me going the opposite direction. I say this only to highlight the usage, but also as my kids return home from various school activities, it's also a concern in my mind. The path is used by pedestrians and bike commuters on a very frequent basis, not for specifically for people living in the Walden Village but for normal Dicken area families as normal daily life. In the winter it's the worst; not shoveled and ends up a pure covering of ice and in spring, it's a muddy mess which doesn't completely melt until April. It is run down and broken, not maintained, not lighted and should be addressed.

I know that there will be a cost to this and there was a push to negotiate the responsibility together with the Condo association. I'd like to encourage the quick resolution of these negotiations and not let this drag out endlessly. I know there's a wish to push the responsibility to the condo association

however know also there is no legal document other than random meeting minutes which are likely unenforceable.

If the push is for Ann Arbor overall and the area to become a net-carbon zero, pedestrian and cycle friendly area, it starts with safe and maintained commuter areas. Could you please push for speedy resolution to the negotiations. If this is not possible _quickly_, the better and more responsible solution is for the City to take over the responsibility for a city walkway used primarily by its regular citizens. It is worth the money, a small amount in the big picture.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Eric Holmes



On 05/03/2022 2:58 PM Patricia Denig [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Everyone

Please see the response below I got from our Councilwoman Jen Eyer after I wrote to the City Council. -- I think it is important information to consider before writing to the City Council to support the resolution.

Hi Patricia,

I agree that this pathway is an important connector, and that's why I started working on the issue shortly after I was elected as a 4th Ward council member. What I quickly learned is that the condo association is legally obligated to maintain this path according to the language of their master deed (The Walden Village Master Deed). I have been working with city staff on this for several months, and staff was making progress in getting the condo association to recognize their legal obligation to bring the path back up to standard.

The resolution on this week's agenda unfortunately preempts those ongoing discussions. The city as a rule does not buy failed infrastructure when there is a responsible party that should step up, and for very good reason. Imagine the precedent this would set and the message it would send to private entities about their legal obligations to maintain their infrastructure going forward. Further, this resolution would mean taking \$300,000 in city funds away from repairing failed pathways that the city already owns and is responsible for. That doesn't seem fair to our neighbors.

There is a better way to get this issue resolved, which I believe includes a mix of private investment and state grant money. I think we need to let city staff continue their work toward that goal, and that's what I'll continue to support.

Best regards,

Jen Eyer

Ward 4 Council Member

Patricia Denig
Suffolk Street

On Mon, May 2, 2022 at 3:46 PM Vasili Tsavalias [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Neighbors,

Please see the following message from one of our Suffolk residents.

Dear Norfolk and Suffolk Neighbors,

As many of you are aware, the Runnymede-Pauline walking path is in a terrible state of disrepair. The surface is uneven, vegetation encroaches, in the winter the ice makes it treacherous and there are several slick areas of water run-off and mud. We have lived next to this path for 30 years and there has never been any attempt to maintain this busy commuter thoroughfare. We estimate that over 100 people use this path everyday; walking to school, commuting to the AATA, walking a dog, exercising and biking.

On Thursday, May 5, the Ann Arbor City Council will debate a resolution to take over ownership from the Walden Village Condos and renovate and maintain this important path, thanks to our Ward 4 City Council Member Elizabeth Nelson and Walden Village Resident Matt Parker. Going

forward this path would then be maintained by the City, just like the commuter paths in Eberwhite and Lawton.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you could send a quick e-mail of support to the A2 City Council in support of this resolution, we can work together to get this important part of our neighbor repaired and updated. Their e-mail is CityCouncil@a2gov.org

If you have questions, send us an e-mail.

Thank you for considering this request,
Deanne Woodruff and Dan Mitas



Here is a link to the City Council resolution-

<https://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5571048&GUID=4D2FE43B-DF1E-4D2A-84D4-BDACCE9BCAE3&Options=&Search=>

From: Christine Stier [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 8:49 PM
To: Briggs, Erica
Subject: Re: West Park

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Three days in a row seeing the great blue heron chilling in the pond...yeah, walking through the park every day is my jam; won't stop can't stop 😊

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 10, 2022, at 2:28 PM, Briggs, Erica <EBriggs@a2gov.org> wrote:

Thanks Christine. If I could get a redo, I would structure that meeting very differently. But the good news is that the following the meeting I've had some very productive communications with staff about next steps and feel like we have a good game plan for addressing some issues. I live nearby and think the neighborhood and park are still delightful places to live-- but there are some challenges we need to focus on while they're still manageable size problems.

Erica Briggs, Ward 5 Council Member
Phone: 734-355-3931

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From: Christine Stier [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 1:20 PM
To: Briggs, Erica <EBriggs@a2gov.org>
Subject: Re: West Park

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Hi Erica,

Thanks for arranging the Zoom meeting about conditions in West Park and the neighborhood generally; I really had no idea that the 700 block of Miller was having these issues. The information provided by the city's parks staffperson opened my eyes to the myriad ways that the pandemic affected conditions in the park and also some hope that we can get back to the levels of staffing and volunteer work we had before March 2020. I was

disappointed that the meeting seemed to me to devolve into an irrelevant discussion about homelessness and housing advocacy. As I tried to say, I don't think anyone knows the housing status of those folks whose trash we're picking up and what difference would that make anyway? I hope that no one is advocating for preventing unhoused people using the park; the issue is, rather, keeping the park from becoming so rundown that no one wants to use it.

Thanks again,
Christine Stier

From: Briggs, Erica <EBriggs@a2gov.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 12:52 PM
To: Christine Stier [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: West Park

Hi Christine,

I don't think I ever thanked you for your message. You are not the only person with concerns. I've organized a neighborhood meeting on Monday night around safety in this area. Here is a link. Hope you can come: <https://www.ericafora2.com/events>



Upcoming Ward 5 Meetings — Erica Briggs

Learn more about upcoming neighborhood meetings, Ward meetings, and other events.

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Erica Briggs, Ward 5 Council Member
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From: Christine Stier [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 6:02 PM
To: Briggs, Erica <EBriggs@a2gov.org>; Ramlawi, Ali <ARamlawi@a2gov.org>
Subject: West Park

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Dear Council Members,

I would like to suggest that park maintenance personnel be authorized to trim back trees/shrubbery radically around the stairs from the park up to the pergola/Miller St entrance.

Users of the park report drug use on the stairs, and it is impossible for police driving through the park to see what's happening on those stairs. Also, my observation on Tuesday while walking through the park, 5 people smoking marijuana while sitting right by the playground; if consuming alcohol in the park is prohibited, why is smoking dope allowed?

Sincerely,

Christine Stier

From: Ross Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 8:44 PM
To: City Council
Subject: support of TC1 for stadium

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I live at 1607 charlton ave, and strongly support this rezoning.

The swathes of parking lots is hostile and increases the number of VMT. Encouraging development that increases density and safety will improve everyone's life and reduce the VMTs.

-Ross

From: Mrs Marian [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 8:33 PM
Subject: Hello

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I came across your email contact through a private search. I really need your kind help in carrying out a charity project. My name is Mrs. Maria and I am from London-UK and I am in gold export business. I was diagnosed with blood cancer and the doctor said I had a few weeks to live. I have a proposal and request for you to help me fulfill my dreams and desire to build an orphanage in your country to support and help poor and motherless children. I am glad to do this because of the fact that I grew up as an orphan and to please God.

I have a project account worth (USD\$4,800,000 million pounds) in an international bank and I decided to inherit you the fund to fulfill my dreams and desire to implement charity projects, which is impossible for me to carry out the mission due to my health condition. I decided to offer you 20% of the total fund as my benefactor, while 80% is to implement the charity projects. Please I will appreciate your interest by providing the below information.

Your Full Name:
Your Residence Home Address:
Your Official Occupation:
Your Mobile Number:
Your Age:

The further details of the Fund-Transfer will be forwarded to you as soon as I receive your willingness to assist me execute the fund transaction successfully.

I look forward to receive your reply through this my private email [REDACTED]

From: Owen Jansson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 7:58 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Mayor)
Cc: Dohoney Jr., Milton
Subject: 1318 Minerva

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Hi Chris -

First off, congratulations on the election outcomes here in town - a promising sign for Ann Arbor's future!

Secondly, I write in hopes that someone in the City can address and correct a problem here on Minerva that has cost the City loss of property tax dollars over the past four years or so.

1318 Minerva currently holds a "Principal Residence Exemption" and the owner, Meridith Reisfeld, is listed as living there while in fact the property has been rented to UM Business School students for at least the last four years and Ms. Reisfeld, while showing 1318 Minerva as her address on the City property tax records, does not live there and has not for at least the last four years or so.

I think this kind of situation is 1) patently unfair to those of us paying our fair share; and 2) is clearly an abuse of the system which has deprived the City of revenue due it. This has been a knowing and purposeful disregard of City regulations so as to avoid a higher property tax rate, and I think the City needs to insist that 1) the owner register 1318 Minerva as a rental, pay property taxes at the appropriate rate, and comply with all rental housing inspection requirements; and 2) that the owner pay back taxes due for the years the house was a rental property.

I'm sure this is not the only such case in Ann Arbor - now or in the past - but I hope it's a case that can be addressed and rectified. I'm happy to chat with anyone if there are questions.

Thanks, Owen

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 7:55 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Mayor)
Subject: CA-4

Note that CA-4 has been removed from the Agenda.

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk (she/her/hers)
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