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From: Gosselin, Deb

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 3:30 PM

To: Julie Seagraves

Cc: Lumm, Jane Lenart, Brett; Slotten, Cresson

Subject: RE: Inclusion of Riverview Drive in 2018 CIP

Hello Julie,

Thanks so much for your detailed input. I want to offer a few clarifying points that might be of some assistance or assurance to you.

The Dover Place/Riverview sanitary sewer and water main projects are already in the existing Fiscal Year 2017-2022 Capital Improvements Plan ("CIP") for fiscal year 2018. Per my email response to some of your neighbors yesterday, they are proposed to remain in that year at the upcoming Fiscal Year 2018-2023 plan update slated for public hearing on January 18th at the City Planning Commission hearing.

Inclusion in the CIP plan is just one step in the process towards making a project a reality. As you are aware from the Geddes project (which originally also included the Dover Place/Riverview sanitary and water improvements), a robust public engagement process occurs early in projects, and that process will again occur for this work. We understand from the initial Geddes meetings that there are, as you expressed here, mixed feelings among the homeowners about the proposed work on Riverview and Dover and expect that that diversity of opinion will again be expressed and considered at meetings for this project. Some of your neighbors have indicated that their septic fields are failing which provides continued push for this project to proceed.

With regard to annexation, for a homeowner to connect to City water mains or sanitary sewer, they must first request annexation. However, the converse is not true under present City policy. Therefore, if the City constructs sanitary sewers and water mains on Riverview, that does not trigger a mandatory annexation of your property, nor will it trigger a City-mandated hook-up to either the water or sanitary sewer initially. In other words, the capital and other charges that you mentioned will only be required of those who choose to hook-up to City sanitary sewers and water mains. However, I also note that should City Council change current policy to require properties to annex, or should your septic field experience failure in the future, the County Health department might require you to hookup at that time which would then precipitate annexation of your property.

I also note that City Council has directed City staff to begin a process of annexing township island that are within the City's ultimate service area, consistent with agreements signed with Ann Arbor Township in the early 1990's. Although the City is not currently petitioning the State to annex township island parcels along Riverview, the City could initiate annexation at some point in the future.

Thanks again for your feedback. I am also copying this response to Jeff Fessler and Sue Cutler who sent a similar inquiry. Could you also please pass this response on to Friedhelm & Sabine Hildebrandt as I do not have an email for them?

I have also received emails from others both pro and con with regard to proceeding with this project. I would like to remind all that the Planning Commission hearing on the CIP will take place on January 18, 2017, and you are encouraged to make your thoughts known directly at that time.

Thanks so much.

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From: Julie Seagraves
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 10:42 PM
To: Gosselin, Deb
Cc: Lumm, Jane
Subject: Inclusion of Riverview Drive in 2018 CIP

Hi Deb,

I am a resident of Riverview Drive and learned this evening that you are planning to include Riverview Drive in your proposed CIP for 2018. I wish to express my strong objection to that and make sure that you know that -- just as there are residents who welcome having city sewer and water brought down Riverview -- there are also a number of us who are strongly opposed. I am concerned that our voices may have been lost with Liz Rolla's departure.

I am very displeased to learn that my property might be annexed and I may be forced to pay a staggering amount of money that I do not have and cannot afford for services I do not need or want. I am also extremely frustrated and dismayed that I and my neighbors could be forced to endure more of the construction nightmare we have endured for so long now.

I have worked very hard to maintain my home and stay in the house I bought almost 26 years ago. It has been my priority to get my kids through school here and provide a stable home for them. I have worked through chapter 13 bankruptcy in order to prevent my home from being foreclosed on when I lost my job as the economy was crashing. It would be devastating to me to be forced out now because I don't have \$80,000 to \$100,000 for annexation, improvement and connection fees. That's the equivalent of another mortgage!

I have a lot of very privileged neighbors who are very secure financially. My circumstances are quite different from theirs.

I do not wish to be forced out of my home, and I fear that I will not be able to sell it for what it might be worth if your project comes down my street anytime soon.

I also don't know how I can live with the inconvenience and disruption of another major reconstruction project in my neighborhood so soon after this most recent fiasco.

Today I read that the Ann Arbor City Council is considering implementing a City income tax for both residents as well as non-residents who work in the City. I am dumbfounded as to how City leaders can talk about the need for more affordable housing and economic diversity in this City while at the same time considering capital improvement plans that force the cost of new development onto homeowners like me (rather than the developers who are making enormous profits) and forcing families like mine out.

In summary, I want to be sure you know that there are homeowners on Riverview Drive and Dover Place who are not at all in support of having city services extended in our neighborhood at this time.

Sincerely,

Julie Seagraves
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