

**Subject:** Woodbury Gardens

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Hello, Mr. Moore and Planning Commissioners.

I'm a near resident to Woodbury Gardens and am delighted that they have expansion plans. I haven't looked at any materials other than the postcard but the description there sounds great.

I do have one concern that I am hopeful can be addressed by the owners before or during construction. When Woodbury Garden was built 50 years ago, the owners agreed to maintain non-motorized access across this very large piece of land (formerly the U-M Botanic Gardens). That has been very difficult for the last 25 years.

As noted in previous correspondence with CM Eyer, the original 1969 agreement (reaffirmed below in 1991) required access points across Woodbury Gardens at both Iroquois Place and Coler Road.



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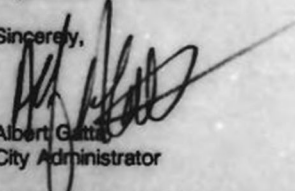
RE: Woodbury Gardens Fence at South Boulevard  
Council follow-up

Mayor and Council:

The Woodbury Gardens boundary fence was vandalized recently. Residents want the fence repaired and do not want a permanent opening to be created.

The attached 1969 approved site plan provides for two public access points to Coler to the east and Iroquois to the north. Woodbury Gardens will repair the fence no later than September 1, 1991.

Sincerely,

  
Albert Gatta  
City Administrator

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cc: Jenny Morrison - Woodbury Gardens  
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While Woodbury Garden made some changes a year or two ago after both CM Eyer and then-CM Nelson pointed out current conditions of these required access points, there is still work to be done to be in compliance:

1. Iroquois: Remove the 6' fence blocking the Wisteria-Iroquois Park connection and build a multimodal signed pathway from road to road.
2. Coler: Replace the existing Astor-Coler gravel and cement narrow path, with its 3 steps preventing access for anyone with wheels, with a graded multimodal, signed path that could be used in all weathers by bicycles, wheelchairs and strollers.

I believe snow removal and ongoing maintenance would appropriately be the responsibility of Woodbury Gardens.

Woodbury Gardens is a great complex but its sheer size blocks access at times for walkers and bikers seeking to visit the businesses (or friends!) on Stadium, S. Industrial, Packard and Rosewood. This would be a great time to fulfill the original required access for all. Signage would be incredibly helpful - many, many people don't realize there are \*any\* connections.

Thanks for your time (and for Planning Commissioners, for your service to us all).

Victoria Green