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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager

From: Rob Jammerman, Development Engineering Manager
Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Director

Date: September 5, 2006

Subject: Response letter to Ms. Margaret Carnegie

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Mayor Lauinger sign the response letter to Ms. Margaret Carnegie regarding sidewalks.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

Ms. Margaret Carnegie sent a letter (copy attached) to the City Council regarding several new in-fill single family homes and one short plat that had not installed new sidewalk along their respective street frontage. A copy of the letter was forwarded to me and I was able to call Ms. Carnegie and discuss all of the issues raised in her letter. I explained that the short plat would be installing sidewalk and the new in-fill homes were constructed under the 2005 Zoning Code regulations, which granted a sidewalk waiver to new in-fill single-family homes. We also discussed the new Zoning Code regulations, which went into effect at the beginning of this year and require most new in-fill single-family homes to install sidewalk along their property frontage; she was pleased to hear about this change to the regulations. I also let her know that she would receive a formal response letter from the City Council following the September 5, 2006 City Council meeting.

Attachment

Margaret Carnegie
11259 126th Ave. N.E.
Kirkland, WA 98033

City Council
City of Kirkland
123 5th Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033

July 1, 2006

Re: Sidewalks

Dear Council Members,

It was very disappointing when a sidewalk was not part of the redevelopment north of N.E. 100th Place on 124th Ave. N.E. Now it appears there's to be no sidewalk on N.E. 104th St. as part of the corner redevelopment at N.E. 104th St. and 128th Ave. N.E. These are both streets with heavy automobile traffic that need pedestrian accommodation. Sidewalks were not installed when some new houses were built in the fairly recent past south of N.E. 95th St. on 126th Ave. N.E. When recently walking "downtown," I saw sidewalks were not included with the large newer houses north of 10th Avenue between 1st and 3rd Streets.

I have been told regulations have been changed so sidewalks are now required with redevelopment. I hope that's true, especially where pedestrian safety is a real issue.

Thank you for your hard work and concern about citizen welfare.

Sincerely,


Margaret Carnegie

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September 5, 2006

Ms. Margaret Carnegie
11259 126th Avenue NE
Kirkland, WA 98033

RE: Sidewalks

Dear Ms. Carnegie:

Thank you for your letter regarding sidewalk installation in conjunction with new development occurring throughout the City. I understand that Rob Jammerman, Development Engineering Manager, spoke with you about the concerns raised in your letter and let you know that a written response would be coming from the City in early September. Specifically, you and Mr. Jammerman discussed the reasons that sidewalk improvements had not been installed at the locations listed in your letter and he confirmed that the regulations had been changed to require all new development to install street improvements.

Thank you for your continued interest in seeing sidewalks installed throughout the City. Should you have any other questions about sidewalk installation in conjunction with new development, please feel free to contact Mr. Jammerman by phone at 425-587-3845 or send him an e-mail at rjammer@ci.kirkland.wa.us.

Sincerely,

KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL

James L. Lauinger
Mayor