
Begin forwarded message:

From: peter m [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Mockingbird East sidewalk issue
Date: December 2, 2022 at 1:55:24 PM MST
To: Council Member Julie Pace <ipace@paradisevalleyaz.gov> athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov
Cc: Jennifer Polera <[REDACTED]> Council Member Ellen Andeen
<eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>

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Hi all,

Please see attached photos of my front entrance on the northeast corner of Mockingbird and McDonald. My wife and I spent quite a bit of time and effort professionally landscaping the entrance to our home. Unless I miss understand the sidewalk proposal, most of our landscaping would have to be ripped out to make room for the sidewalk.

The attached photos include a photo looking north on Mockingbird that was taken this past Wednesday, between 8:00 and 10am. Note the absence of any pedestrians. I think it might be a good idea for Jen and Rob to submit photos as well, since their landscaping is a real testament to how great older desert landscaping can be--imparting a sense of the past because the flora is so mature. To lose their amazing front yard landscaping, planted 50 years ago or more, to make room for a sidewalk, would be a real loss of character for the neighborhood.

Best Regards,
Peter Miller
[REDACTED]

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jen & Rob Polera" [REDACTED]
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Date: December 2, 2022 at 2:37:14 PM MST
To: peter m [REDACTED]
Cc: Council Member Julie Pace <jp pace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>, athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Council Member Ellen Andeen <eeandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>

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Thanks, Peter, and of course all members of Town Council on this mail :).

I am struggling to find the presentation (I can't recall when the meeting was to look up the minutes), but when the town was considering changing the wall ordinance earlier this year (or was it 2021?), a photo of the front of our home was used in the town's presentation of a good example of a view/fence combo. So it seems particularly egregious that the town would also seek to irreparably harm/destroy this same area by removing landscaping and adding an unnecessary sidewalk. As Peter says, it would take many decades to regrow the mature plants. And, based on the numerous comments we get from neighbors and other members of the surrounding community, people enjoy the character of our front facade - it's the type of property that makes Paradise Valley special and not just another cookie cutter planned suburb.

Attaching some photos to show our landscaping (which of course looks better when everything is in bloom!). We will continue to improve the area in front of our wall if and when we have final confirmation that no sidewalk will be built.

I am also attaching a copy of the petition signature from the Parkers who live on the west side of Mockingbird and do not want the sidewalk - Peter, I believe you have the rest of them and it probably makes sense for you to send them all together?

THANK YOU all for your continued engagement. Rob, Owen and I really appreciate it.

Best,
Jen Polera

Council members, please do keep us apprised of the agenda so we are able to attend the meeting at the appropriate time.

On Nov 29, 2022, at 10:07 PM, Jennifer Polera [REDACTED] wrote:

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Hello Council Member Pace and Council Member Andeen (and Peter)!

Thanks so much for reaching out and for all that you have done to gather information and feedback on the Mockingbird Ln project, especially as related to the sidewalk. We really appreciate your investment in learning what the residents want and the problems we are collectively hoping to solve (vehicle speed, bike traffic, and drainage) while not blindly forcing something on the community because of a grant application that appears to have been written based on the incorrect assumption that the neighbors would want the east sidewalk.

Regarding additional signatures, we walk the street every day at least once and carry the petition with us but have not seen Mockingbird neighbors since we last chatted. This is not abnormal :). (What was it, 14 people that walked the sidewalk the entire day the count was done?) That said, I'll call Kelly Parker who lives diagonally from us on the west side and ask if she'd be willing to sign - I'm all but certain she will agree.

Additionally, Council Member Thomasson is stopping by our house tomorrow morning to chat with Rob and I. It sounded like she was interested in gathering feedback from affected constituents as she considers whether she wishes to support the sidewalk. We're looking forward to that conversation.

I will do my very best to be present at the December 8 council meeting, with the complication that I would need to bring our 3-month old son. Rob will be out of state for work, so I'll be on solo parent duty. Do you think that will be okay? If not, I could attend via Zoom, if that is an option.

Aside from gathering signatures, sending them to the folks you mentioned (Peter, I assume you are taking care of this for the signatures you gathered?), and hopefully attending the meeting in person, is there anything else we can do to help you be successful? I would be happy to briefly speak at the meeting, but only if doing so would be helpful.

Thanks again for your continued support. We recognize you do this work as volunteers and Rob and I appreciate your service to the community.

Best,
Jen & Rob Polera



East Side Residents Oppose Second Sidewalk on Mockingbird

We are one of the 12 residents who live on the Eastside of Mockingbird street. We strongly oppose the Town adding a second sidewalk on Mockingbird on the East side. We do not need a second sidewalk and prefer the rural elegance of landscaping and low density. There is already a sidewalk on the west side so our street does not need two sidewalks.

We are concerned that this sidewalk is taking away landscaping and will change the aesthetics of our community. We do not want to look like a subdivision with sidewalks on both sides. The beautiful landscaped corners in our community would change forever if the second sidewalk is installed.

We want safety in our neighborhoods and we do not want to create an attractive nuisance for third parties to use adjacent to our homes.

We respectfully request that the Mayor and Town councilmembers please listen to us as residents and do not approve or install a second sidewalk on the East Side of Mockingbird.

We appreciate the other improvements proposed in the project but please save the cost of the East sidewalk to use for drainage projects or other worthwhile projects elsewhere in the Town.

Thank you for your volunteer service and for listening to us as residents and honoring our wishes. We are completing this petition in October 2022.

Name _____

Address

Kelly & John Parker

6316 N. Mockingbird Lane (west side of street)

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper has a slightly textured appearance and some minor discoloration or smudges, particularly towards the bottom right corner. The edges of the paper are slightly irregular.



Public Outreach

Online Survey (Aug – Dec 2021) Comments (4 total)

"I am bicycle fan. The cyclist come in groups some times even bigger groups (40 or more). From early morning until it gets too warm to be out there. There should be some PD enforcement especially in weekends. Cyclist need to respect residents and motor vehicle regulations. One lane bicycle lane it would not do any service when they are chatting and riding along sides in narrow streets."

"This is not a heavily trafficked street on foot. My office faces the street and I see a lot of bikes and cars, but not a lot of pedestrians. Thus, the loss of privacy and destruction of mature landscaping does not seem worth it. That said, since I'm sure PV will move forward with the sidewalk regardless of our my feedback, I respectfully request the sidewalk be installed back of curb and *NOT* meandering as proposed. This will avoid unnecessary destruction of landscaping and will keep people as far as possible from our view fence. Please, do not force a meandering sidewalk on our almost 200' of frontage."

"drivers speed down this road constantly. the speed limit needs to be reduced to 25 mph. other measures need to be implemented like meandering the street and installing speed humps. Adding trees in the right of way would also enhance the street. Thank you!"

"Please do this as soon as possible. It's long overdue. Our property is very affected by the lack of raised curb."

Jason Harris

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 8:51 PM
To: Jason Harris
Subject: Re: Survey Comment: Mockingbird Improvements: Lincoln to McDonald *Polera, 6341 N Mockingbird Ln*

Thanks very much for the response, Jason. Thank you, too, for your commitment to ensuring back of curb sidewalk installation, if the project moves forward. [REDACTED] will plan to attend the meeting next week as well.

Best,
[REDACTED]

On Tue, Sep 28, 2021 at 5:24 PM Jason Harris [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the online survey today. We have recorded your comment below as well as your vote against the project as part of the public process. The town has directed the design team to minimize impacts to all adjacent property owners and I wanted to clarify the meandering sidewalk graphic you reference was produced in mid-2019 for the MAG application and prior to me getting your input in October 2019.

You have the town's commitment, should this project move forward to construction, to preserve your newly constructed mailbox and to install sidewalk back of curb where possible.

We are currently in the scoping stage and will be introducing the ideas and concepts during the open house next week for public input. If you are unable to attend, we will post the presentation and roll plot (aerial view) next week on the project's [website](#).

Thanks again for your time and input. Jason

Homeowner Comment:

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Jason Harris

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Jason Harris
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Registration for 10/5 on-line open house for McDonald improvements

Hi Jason : [REDACTED] would like to register for the on-line open house regarding the plans for Mockingbird Lane between Lincoln and McDonald.

We thought we'd take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the public process afforded us on the Lincoln improvements and how they impacted our property. The construction was disruptive but you, the TPV team and its contractors were always thoughtful, considerate and kept us informed along the way. We hope you, the TPV team, Council and Planning Commission also agree that it was well worth it.

We very much enjoy seeing pedestrians and cyclists on the finished sidewalk and we value, on a daily basis, the carefully planned and implemented roadwork and medians that included the left-in and left-out access to our property.

We look forward to learning more about this additional phase of planning for Mockingbird. Thanks to all and please be well and take good care : [REDACTED]

Jason Harris

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Jason Harris
Subject: CIP Project N0. 2018-03, Drainage water at Malcomb and Mockingbird to Quail Run

Dear Mr. Jason Harris,

The runoff of water all the way from Invergordon Rd. down Malcomb is to Quail Run RD. Quail Run is a easement along the side of my property [REDACTED] properties.

This easement is maintained by the owners of 6305, 6307, and 6309 properties. I also note that water also drains south to north on Mockingbird to my property. Please be sure there is adequate drainage

at Malcomb and Mockingbird Rds. . I doubt a simple gutter will be enough to handle the water flow specifically at the entrance to the easement along 6305, 6307, and 6209 properties. What is the plan to handle water at this specific site, Posted entrance private easement 6305, 6307, 6309 and Mockingbird Rd. ?

Thank You for all your efforts,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Jason Harris

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 10:47 AM
To: Jason Harris
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Hi Jason,
Thank you for the contact.
The sidewalk is ok with us.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Jason Harris, MBA, PE, PMP, CPPO

Capital Projects Administrator

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Jason Harris

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 10:02 AM
To: Jason Harris
Subject: Re: Mockingbird improvements
Attachments: Video.mov

Thanks Jason,

Yes, I feel like if there were sidewalks on both sides it would look like a neighborhood and hopefully people would subconsciously slow down.

A sidewalk would really help our family. I have young kids that need to cross Mockingbird in order to scooter, ride bikes, or walk the dogs. People come accelerating around that corner and don't always see us. A sidewalk would make my husband and I feel like our kids were a lot safer. There are many kids that live within walking distance to Kiva but don't have crosswalks or sidewalks to get them all the way to the front of the school. How great would it be to see more people out walking instead of always getting in their car to go to school?

We also have all the drainage coming through our front yard. The improvements would help us out with that. And many of the construction workers, landscapers, and church goers park onto our front yard with the way it is now.

I've included a video and photo from yesterday of what it looks like for us to walk home from Kiva. Just a reminder, it doesn't make sense for us to cross and walk on the sidewalk [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The kids in the video are only 7; They're first graders. Also worth noting, this was taken on a half day so dismissal was at 1 pm. On a full day of school there is more traffic.

Thanks again,
[REDACTED]



Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 10, 2022, at 9:42 AM, Jason Harris <JHarris@paradisevalleyaz.gov> wrote:



Thank you for your time and input this week. I hope I accurately captured your opinion, "if sidewalk was installed on both sides, it would look more like a neighborhood than a street."

I am presenting the project to Town Council on Feb 24 and I know they would like to know the community's opinions and ideas about the concepts currently being explored. Should you have other neighbors wishing to express their opinion, I encourage them to contact me by Fri, Feb 18 so that I can include them in my project update to Council. The project [website](#) has all the information to date.

The next email update is Fri, Feb 18 to inform residents of the Feb 24 Town Council study session.

Jason Harris

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 8:28 AM
To: Jason Harris
Subject: Sidewalk on the east side of mockingbird

Good afternoon Jason,

I am a resident of Paradise Valley and have lived off of Mockingbird and Valley Vista Lane for over 20 years, and in this area my whole life.

I was given your email by one of my neighbors who is interested in a sidewalk on the east side of mockingbird (between McDonald and Lincoln). I don't see that as a negative as I walk the neighborhood often and wouldn't mind a sidewalk on that side of mockingbird. It seems a sidewalk on both sides of mockingbird is a good idea mostly for safety. I have a son at kiva and it would be great to walk him to school on that side of the road. We have quite a few kids in the area, which has increased since I've lived in this home. Having a sidewalk for them to walk and ride bikes on without crossing over mockingbird is a great idea in my opinion.

Just wanted to share my thoughts with you.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Jason Harris

From: Jason Harris
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 8:13 PM
To: Jason Harris
Subject: RE: Public Meeting #3 Tonight *Zoom Instructions*
Attachments: PublicNotice#3-Mockingbird.pdf; 20220824PubliMtg3_Presentation.pdf; 20220310CouncilPresentation.pdf

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Any resident is welcome to email me your comments which will be shared anonymously with Town Council at their Study Session planned for Sept 22. As mentioned, Study Sessions are opportunities for staff to brief councilmembers on upcoming agenda items, but there will be no votes or final action taken. Though Study Sessions are open to the public for those that wish to observe in-person or via Zoom, no comments are taken from the public. The Council may give direction to staff and request that items be scheduled for consideration and final action at a later date.

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Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. Thanks again for your time and input.

Sincerely,

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From: Jason Harris
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Jason Harris <JHarris@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Subject: Public Meeting #3 Tonight *Zoom Instructions*

Dear Property Owners along Mockingbird Ln,
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Hi Jason,

I think you did a wonderful job with your presentation this evening! I also think you did a great job answering some of the tough questions that were being thrown at you. I think the additional sidewalk would actually be a great benefit. There are a lot of people that walk up and down Mockingbird, I can see them from my gate camera. And often times people on the east side of the road just walk in the street because there is no sidewalk. I also agree with the comment made earlier that with the addition of the Ritz Carlton there will be a lot more foot traffic down Mockingbird. That's just my opinion.

Take Care,

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

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Jason Harris

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 5:07 PM
To: Jason Harris
Subject: RE: Public Meeting #3 Tonight *Zoom Instructions*

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Thank you for asking.

I believe there should be a sidewalk on both sides of the street.

I live on McDonald across the street from Kiva Elementary School and walk on Mockingbird in the evenings several times a week when the weather is cooler. I use the sidewalk on the west side of the street, and it works fine for me.

However, if someone from any of the homes on the east side, not just those living on Mockingbird, wants to walk north or south, they would have to walk across the street to get to a sidewalk. Not a big deal, unless you have to cross the street once to get to the west side, then back to the east side if, for example, you are headed to Kiva or Temple Solel or any place east on McDonald (or on Lincoln).

I understand why the houses on the east side of the street may not want a sidewalk in front of their street, because they don't want "change". They don't want people walking in front of their house. Probably most people would choose this option if they could, but most people have a sidewalk in front of their house (me included) and accept that the "public right of way" is shared and necessary for the common good. I have tons of people walking in front of my house all day long (I can see them out on McDonald from my home office window where I work all day).

My hunch is that almost all of the people who don't want the sidewalks on the east side of the street are those neighbors with houses fronting on the east side of Mockingbird. Most everyone else is fine with it and/or wants it.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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From: Jason Harris <JHarris@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 4:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Public Meeting #3 Tonight *Zoom Instructions*

Will do my best, thank you. Also, if you wish to provide me input on the sidewalk, I will include in my Town Council update for Sept 22 and remove the name for anonymity. Jason

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 3:43 PM

Jason Harris

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 2:50 PM
To: Jason Harris
Subject: Mockingbird Lane Improvements

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Dear Mr. Harris,

Thank you for the informative presentation Wednesday evening. We have lived for 30 years on Valley Vista on the west side of Mockingbird. Our property borders the existing sidewalk. We agree with the sentiment that Mockingbird does not need two sidewalks. We will try to make our view known to the Town Council, who it seems will make the final decision.

[REDACTED]
Paradise Valley

Jason Harris

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 10:11 PM
To: Jason Harris
Subject: Re: Public Meeting #3 Tonight *Zoom Instructions*

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Hi Jason,

My name is [REDACTED]. I live in the Rancho Valencia neighborhood at [REDACTED] in PV. I am strongly in favor of implementing a sidewalk on the east side of Mockingbird. My kids go to school at Kiva and a walkway on that side of the road would make their journey to school safer. Additionally, with all of the people biking up and down Mockingbird, a sidewalk on that side of the road would make it easier and safer for pedestrians, novice bikers, rollerbladers, etc... With the addition of the Ritz, I see foot traffic increasing significantly, especially when the weather gets better. I think with more walkways, you would see more people walking and exercising in the area, and less car use for short journeys. I see many people walking down that pathway if implemented to get to school, to get to the shops at the Ritz, and to go to places like Einstein's at the Lincoln town center where parking cars is horrible.

In conclusion, I think the new walkway would make things safer, greener, and more exciting for the active person in the immediate vicinity.

Thanks for your time,

[REDACTED]

On Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 03:51:19 PM MST, Jason Harris <jharris@paradisevalleyaz.gov> wrote:

[REDACTED] thank you for letting me know that you did not receive the emails below, my apologies. I also see [REDACTED] was not included either.

Per our conversation, please do me a favor and email me your input on the sidewalk on the east side of Mockingbird so that I may include in the Town Council update for Sept 22. Thanks again,



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 2:20 PM
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Jason, thank you for sending the emails that I had not received previously. Hopefully, going forward there will be no problems with communication.

As you know, I reside on East Rovey. In regard to the future improvements on East Mockingbird, I am in favor of sidewalk improvements on the west side, and construction of a new sidewalk on the east side of the street.

My family members and frequent out of town guests do a considerable amount of walking/biking/hiking in the area. I personally use a mobility scooter because of limited mobility with my legs and feet. Throughout most of the year, with the number of local walkers/dog walkers/bikers/hikers, etc., pedestrian traffic is quite heavy throughout the day, and well into the early evenings. And when the nice weather arrives and high season occurs, the sidewalk traffic increases greatly.

My number one concern with providing sidewalks is safety to our pedestrians, especially the children. With such close proximity to schools and places of worship, a direct and convenient connection with these areas will offer protection from cars and make it easier to cross the street. As of now, with a sidewalk only on one side, it forces people to either walk/ride in the street or cross the street twice to get back to the side with a sidewalk and back again. Providing a sidewalk on both sides of the street will allow people of all ages and abilities to navigate and help ensure pedestrians are not forced into vehicular traffic because of overflow.

Continuous sidewalks will also encourage more walking by making the area more attractive. The city has done a spectacular job on improvements on other sections of Mockingbird, and I've no doubt the city will beautify all areas of Mockingbird.

I'm also looking forward to sidewalks enhancing the connectivity in our neighborhood. Sidewalks bring people together that might not otherwise meet. Conversation and connecting will make our neighborhood more vibrant!

I believe dual sidewalks will also help the residents to have a greater sense of pride in our neighborhood, and take better care of it. There will be more eyes on the street, which increases surveillance and will help reduce crime in the neighborhood, and make us all feel a little safer.

Sidewalks also increase our property values. A good pedestrian network and walkability has a positive impact on land values, helps with resell, and properties also with sidewalks sell quicker.

And, if I understand correctly, the project is being funded largely through a government grant. With such funding, accessibility sidewalks will help PV residents to perceive how well the needs are being met at such a reduced cost to the city. Hats off to the city for utilizing the available grants to help both unify and beautify our city!

I also believe with the current Ritz development, it's hard to avoid a conclusion that sidewalks will definitely be needed even more in the near future. Pedestrians and vehicular traffic will no doubt increase, so continuous sidewalks will be an investment for PV's maximum safety.

Business will also benefit as residents will be more likely to shop/play locally where there is increased connectivity.

Just as streets are designed and built to be a continuous network, sidewalks should provide its users with a continuous path. In doing so, it creates a safer and easier walk for people of all ages and means of mobility, is more attractive, encourages neighborhood involvement, increases our property values, helps the local business, and is cost effective. It will definitely be a wise investment for the city of PV.

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From: Jason Harris <JHarris@paradisevalleyaz.gov>

Date: Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 5:51 PM

Subject: FW: Public Meeting #3 Tonight *Zoom Instructions*

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] thank you for letting me know that you did not receive the emails below, my apologies. I also see [REDACTED] was not included either.

Per our conversation, please do me a favor and email me your input on the sidewalk on the east side of Mockingbird so that I may include in the Town Council update for Sept 22. Thanks again,



Jason Harris, MBA, PE, PMP, CPPO
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Jason Harris

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 11, 2022 9:54 AM
To: Jason Harris
Subject: Mockingbird reno

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Jason - on behalf of Rancho Valencia community (7 homeowners), the Board of Directors believe sidewalks on both sides of Mockingbird will increase the safety of our neighborhood and the many pedestrians that use Mockingbird for walking/hiking, as well as increase the home values in the area.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
Pres. HOA Rancho Valencia Pres.

From: [Duncan Miller](#)
To: [Jill Keimach](#); [Lisa Collins](#)
Cc: christine@labeledforpvcouncil.com
Subject: FW: New eComment for Town Council on 2022-12-08 3:00 PM - Amended
Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022 7:21:40 AM

Mayor Bien-Willner and Town Council (bcc),

I am forwarding this public comment regarding the Mockingbird Lane improvement project. This comment will also appear in your iLegislate app for item 22-365.

Thank you,
Duncan

From: noreply@granicusideas.com <noreply@granicusideas.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:26 PM
To: Duncan Miller <dmiller@paradisesevalleyaz.gov>
Subject: [BULK] New eComment for Town Council on 2022-12-08 3:00 PM - Amended

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New eComment for Town Council on 2022-12-08 3:00 PM - Amended

Cori Hutchison submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: Town Council on 2022-12-08 3:00 PM - Amended

Item: 22-365 Discussion and decision of potential options for Mockingbird Lane improvements from Lincoln Drive to McDonald Drive.

eComment: My family would really benefit from having a sidewalk on the east side of Mockingbird. The biggest benefit would be the safety of my young kids. We also have random cars parking on our property and drainage issues from the water not making it to the wash as it should. Sadly when the sampling of walkers was done we were out of town or else 5 more people would be added to that head count. Also, I know that it was done during the summer which I would challenge as not an accurate representation.

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From: peter m [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Mockingbird East sidewalk issue
Date: December 2, 2022 at 1:55:24 PM MST
To: Council Member Julie Pace <ipace@paradisevalleyaz.gov> athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov
Cc: Jennifer Polera <[REDACTED]> Council Member Ellen Andeen
<eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>

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Hi all,

Please see attached photos of my front entrance on the northeast corner of Mockingbird and McDonald. My wife and I spent quite a bit of time and effort professionally landscaping the entrance to our home. Unless I miss understand the sidewalk proposal, most of our landscaping would have to be ripped out to make room for the sidewalk.

The attached photos include a photo looking north on Mockingbird that was taken this past Wednesday, between 8:00 and 10am. Note the absence of any pedestrians. I think it might be a good idea for Jen and Rob to submit photos as well, since their landscaping is a real testament to how great older desert landscaping can be--imparting a sense of the past because the flora is so mature. To lose their amazing front yard landscaping, planted 50 years ago or more, to make room for a sidewalk, would be a real loss of character for the neighborhood.

Best Regards,
Peter Miller
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jen & Rob Polera" [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Mockingbird East sidewalk issue
Date: December 2, 2022 at 2:37:14 PM MST
To: peter m [REDACTED]
Cc: Council Member Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>, athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Council Member Ellen Andeen <eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>

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Thanks, Peter, and of course all members of Town Council on this mail :).

I am struggling to find the presentation (I can't recall when the meeting was to look up the minutes), but when the town was considering changing the wall ordinance earlier this year (or was it 2021?), a photo of the front of our home was used in the town's presentation of a good example of a view/fence combo. So it seems particularly egregious that the town would also seek to irreparably harm/destroy this same area by removing landscaping and adding an unnecessary sidewalk. As Peter says, it would take many decades to regrow the mature plants. And, based on the numerous comments we get from neighbors and other members of the surrounding community, people enjoy the character of our front facade - it's the type of property that makes Paradise Valley special and not just another cookie cutter planned suburb.

Attaching some photos to show our landscaping (which of course looks better when everything is in bloom!). We will continue to improve the area in front of our wall if and when we have final confirmation that no sidewalk will be built.

I am also attaching a copy of the petition signature from the Parkers who live on the west side of Mockingbird and do not want the sidewalk - Peter, I believe you have the rest of them and it probably makes sense for you to send them all together?

THANK YOU all for your continued engagement. Rob, Owen and I really appreciate it.

Best,
Jen Polera

Council members, please do keep us apprised of the agenda so we are able to attend the meeting at the appropriate time.

On Nov 29, 2022, at 10:07 PM, Jennifer Polera [REDACTED] wrote:

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Hello Council Member Pace and Council Member Andeen (and Peter)!

Thanks so much for reaching out and for all that you have done to gather information and feedback on the Mockingbird Ln project, especially as related to the sidewalk. We really appreciate your investment in learning what the residents want and the problems we are collectively hoping to solve (vehicle speed, bike traffic, and drainage) while not blindly forcing something on the community because of a grant application that appears to have been written based on the incorrect assumption that the neighbors would want the east sidewalk.

Regarding additional signatures, we walk the street every day at least once and carry the petition with us but have not seen Mockingbird neighbors since we last chatted. This is not abnormal :). (What was it, 14 people that walked the sidewalk the entire day the count was done?) That said, I'll call Kelly Parker who lives diagonally from us on the west side and ask if she'd be willing to sign - I'm all but certain she will agree.

Additionally, Council Member Thomasson is stopping by our house tomorrow morning to chat with Rob and I. It sounded like she was interested in gathering feedback from affected constituents as she considers whether she wishes to support the sidewalk. We're looking forward to that conversation.

I will do my very best to be present at the December 8 council meeting, with the complication that I would need to bring our 3-month old son. Rob will be out of state for work, so I'll be on solo parent duty. Do you think that will be okay? If not, I could attend via Zoom, if that is an option.

Aside from gathering signatures, sending them to the folks you mentioned (Peter, I assume you are taking care of this for the signatures you gathered?), and hopefully attending the meeting in person, is there anything else we can do to help you be successful? I would be happy to briefly speak at the meeting, but only if doing so would be helpful.

Thanks again for your continued support. We recognize you do this work as volunteers and Rob and I appreciate your service to the community.

Best,
Jen & Rob Polera

East Side Residents Oppose Second Sidewalk on Mockingbird

We are one of the 12 residents who live on the Eastside of Mockingbird street. We strongly oppose the Town adding a second sidewalk on Mockingbird on the East side. We do not need a second sidewalk and prefer the rural elegance of landscaping and low density. There is already a sidewalk on the west side so our street does not need two sidewalks.

We are concerned that this sidewalk is taking away landscaping and will change the aesthetics of our community. We do not want to look like a subdivision with sidewalks on both sides. The beautiful landscaped corners in our community would change forever if the second sidewalk is installed.

We want safety in our neighborhoods and we do not want to create an attractive nuisance for third parties to use adjacent to our homes.

We respectfully request that the Mayor and Town councilmembers please listen to us as residents and do not approve or install a second sidewalk on the East Side of Mockingbird.

We appreciate the other improvements proposed in the project but please save the cost of the East sidewalk to use for drainage projects or other worthwhile projects elsewhere in the Town.

Thank you for your volunteer service and for listening to us as residents and honoring our wishes. We are completing this petition in October 2022.

Name

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Jennifer Polera

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