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From: David De Angelis
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 5:01 PM
To: Thomas Harrigan
Subject: FW: Possible cul de sac at Underwood Parkway

From: Britt Mason [mailto:britt.mason@att.net]
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 9:20 AM
To: David De Angelis <ddeangelis@elmgroveswi.org>
Subject: Re: Possible cul de sac at Underwood Parkway

Hi David - Wanted to provide some follow-up to the Trustee meeting earlier this week...

I think it is very important for everyone to understand that the intersection in question will be vastly different in the expanded North Avenue versus today. It is wide open today, but will be constrained by imposing curbs and turn bays when expanded. Given the close proximity to the bridge, it will be a small, tight intersection compared to others on North Avenue. The median in the expanded North Avenue will not be what many imagine - it will be a bio-swale that is essentially a skinny retention pond about 3-4 feet deep between the lanes. The water runoff flow will be significant coming down from the Highland Drive area and curbing will need to be large to effectively control & direct the flow. I know we (EG) will be requesting more information about the intersection design - please make sure that request includes enough detail to understand curb placement & height, and width of turn lanes.

It is also important for everyone to understand that what little traffic we have on Underwood Parkway will be diverted equally between Lilly Road and Mt. Kisco. Creekwood Court is the only cul-de-sac off Mt. Kisco that naturally feeds onto Underwood Parkway, and that traffic may already be mostly on Mt. Kisco given you have to travel on Mt. Kisco to get to Underwood Parkway (and some may choose to proceed straight versus turn onto Underwood Parkway).

Also, I want to apologize again for my initial mis-statement that the cul-de-sac request was unanimous from Underwood Parkway homeowners - I missed talking to Mary Ann McCormack and have apologized profusely to her about my oversight. We have discussed the proposal at length (pro& con) and she is deferring to the other Underwood Parkway homeowners about this request - so while my initial unanimous statement was inaccurate, it is accurate now. Very sorry for my mistake.

Thank you for your help with this proposal!

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Sent from my iPad

On Jun 25, 2018, at 7:40 AM, Britt Mason <britt.mason@att.net> wrote:

Hi David - Thank you for coordinating feedback on the proposal... Just wanted to reiterate the issues I listed in my prior email about the cul de sac option for our street, and add an additional concern:

Better Traffic Flow on North Ave - Bridge, Becker-Ridder driveway, and traffic light at Lilly are a challenge for traffic flow now & will get worse with the expanded North Ave. The expanded Northbound turn bay at Lilly Road will make getting over to that lane a challenge from our street, especially during peak traffic time (this is a popular maneuver from our Street, which will get more difficult with the expanded North Avenue).

Better Floodwater Mitigation - The greenspace added with the cul de sac will allow floodwater to be daylighted into Underwood Creek, with the greenspace also allowing for absorption versus more runoff. A culvert will likely be needed to capture & route floodwater to the creek if our street intersection is kept - a much less desirable option given the risk of clogging & capacity constraints.

Less Noise coming down our Street - The elevated level of North Avenue will increase the current level of road noise dramatically.

Safety - Closing off our low-traffic-volume intersection will make the entire neighborhood (including Village Green) easier to police & a less desirable target for criminal activity.

Beyond these original issues, I'd like to bring up another critical issue that directly impacts our EG Public Works Dept:

Winter Weather Intersection Maintenance - The County plows North Avenue and leaves behind a mess at smaller intersections for EG to clean up. The medians in the expanded North Avenue will add more challenge to the cleanup effort. This will be a small intersection and will be problematic for EGDW to clean up on an active North Avenue, especially during peak traffic times. The elevated level of North Avenue will make entering North Avenue uphill much riskier when snow & ice are present. ***This is a significant issue that needs some advance planning & input from EGDW.***

Thank you for your consideration on these issues...

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