Agenda Item 618

# **TESTIMONY**

# 10:25 AM TIME CERTAIN

# N BURLINGTON AVE & EDISON ST LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL, PRINT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL.

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Date 06-07-2017

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## Moore-Love, Karla

From:

Connie Reightler < creightler@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 06, 2017 1:48 AM

To: Cc: Council Clerk – Testimony Johns Community Garden

Subject:

RE - Improvement of N Edison Ave between Richmond St and Burlington St

#### Dear Council Members:

I am a gardener at the Johns Community Garden. I support the improvement of North Edison Avenue between Richmond Street and Burlington Street. It will make it easier and safer to drive, park, and carry my garden supplies. It will be safer for the garden's children.

The improved drainage will stop water from forming gullies on the North Johns Street, making it easier and safer to walk, maneuver a wheelbarrow and carry supplies to the South garden.

Sincerely,

Connie Reightler 6814 N Richmond Ave Portland, OR 97203

## Aebi, Andrew

From:

Aebi, Andrew

Sent:

Saturday, June 03, 2017 3:38 PM

To:

Frank MacMurray

Cc:

Becky Callison; Mack Callison; John Curtis; Mary Ann Petino; Penny Davis; Julieann Dean;

Xiao Guan; Chari Kennedy; Jeff Wong

Subject:

Re: Proposed N Burlington and Edison St LID

Thank you, Frank. Just to clarify, the hearing has not been postponed from next Wednesday (July 7th) at 10:25 AM. I will be asking the Mayor to delay the final vote from July 14th to July 28th to provide additional time for written testimony. In person testimony will only be accepted on July 7th, but if the extension is granted, there would be an additional three (3) weeks instead of one (1) week to submit written testimony.

I want to reiterate my offer to discuss this project with property owners or to meet individually between now and June 15th. I will be checking e-mail between June 16th and June 27th and will not be available to meet in person during that time.

The remonstrance deadline has already passed (the deadline was on 5/31) but we are still accepting written testimony at cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov (please reference agenda item #618 in the subject line, and you or your neighbors are welcome to copy me).

N. Charleston Ave. will be drawn into the revised LID boundary as a voluntary addition. This segment may be built under a permit job instead of by the LID, particularly if the developer prefers to build the Charleston frontage to ensure that the street grade matches the grade of future development. In no case will you or your neighbors be asked to pay for extra improvements on Charleston.

I will write language into the amendment to authorize speed bumps if the City Traffic Engineer determines that they are needed.

We will be carefully aligning N. Edison Street during the design phase following LID formation. This doesn't require an amendment to the Ordinance, but please know that we will have meeting(s) during the design phase to solicit input from you and other property owners before the design is finalized by the City Engineer.

Again, please don't hesitate to call if there are any other questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Andrew Aebi 503-823-5648

Sent using OWA for iPhone

From: Frank MacMurray <fgmacmjr@comcast.net>

Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2017 3:19:57 PM

To: Aebi, Andrew

Cc: Becky Callison; Mack Callison; John Curtis; Mary Ann Petino; Penny Davis; Julieann Dean; Xiao Guan; Chari Kennedy;

Frank MacMurray; Jeff Wong

Subject: Proposed N Burlington and Edison St LID

Confirming our recent phone conversation of May 31, 2017, I am strongly in favor of including the 8 properties comprising the 8-unit town house structure on Edison just below Charleston. I have been the owner of the dwelling at 8312 N Edison St for 20 years.

#### Additionally, I support:

- 1) including within the LID the portion of Charleston between Willamette and Edison. It is a steep grade, largely unpaved, which annually delivers significant amounts of winter mud and gravel onto the Edison roadway,
- 2) adding at least 2 speed bumps on the newly paved sections of Edison, and
- 3) aligning the new Edison roadway and improvements in such a way as to minimally interfere with the landscaping and improvements located in front of our 8 units.

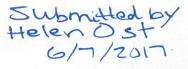
Please bring these concerns to the attention of the City Council prior to its deliberations; I plan to attend the hearing, which I understand, has been postponed. Please confirm.

Thank you for your courtesies to date; you've been very helpful.

FrankM

Frank MacMurray 8312 N Edison St Portland OR 97203-5309

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Dear Council Members:

June 7 RE - Improvement of N Edison Ave between Richmond St and Burlington St

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The improved drainage will stop water from forming gullies on the North Johns Street, making it easier and safer to walk, maneuver a wheelbarrow and carry supplies down the hill to the South garden.

Sincerely, KEVIN + SAMANTHA TOMUNSON + AMMERY STUART Name LESLIE SMITH Name Grace Rumety
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## Parsons, Susan

From:

Aebi, Andrew

Sent:

Friday, June 02, 2017 8:29 PM

To:

Moore-Love, Karla; Parsons, Susan Williams, Millicent; je.vitello@gmail.com

Cc: Subject:

Fw: Edison Street Improvements/Formation of Local Improvement District (LID)

Karla and Sue,

Please enter this into the record of Agenda Item #618 and forward to the appropriate Council contacts. This email was not included in Exhibit H since it was received after the Ordinance was filed.

Thanks,

**Andrew** 

From: Becky <rebeccacallison@comcast.net>

Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 8:18 PM

To: Frank MacMurray

Cc: Mack Callison; John Curtis; Penny Davis; Julieann Dean; Xiao Guan; Chari Kennedy; Mary Ann Petino; Jeff Wong; Aebi,

Andrew

Subject: Re: Edison Street Improvements/Formation of Local Improvement District (LID)

Frank,

Thank your for the summation on the proposed LID. I too intend to be at the June 7th Formation Hearing.

My deed specifies I will be in favor of the City of Portland street and storm sewer project.

I personally am in favor of of the project, especially if there will be room for two cars to park in front of the garage. Edison Street needs improvement.

A personal note, My assets in Macro Manufacturing Company were sold and I have lost my old email address. Please replace my old email address with, Mack Callison <usrmacman@gmail.com>.

Thanks,

Mack Callison 8318 N Edison St Portland OR 97203

Telephone: 503-289-3155

Sent from Becky's iPad

> On Jun 1, 2017, at 9:46 AM, Frank MacMurray <fgmacmjr@comcast.net> wrote:

> Hello, neighbors. Most all of you by now have received notice by mail from the Portland Bureau of Transportation advising that the City Council will vote on June 7, 2017 on the proposed formation of a LID which will provide street improvements, sidewalks, curbs and storm drains for all of Edison from Burlington at the bottom and Richmond at the top, including Charleston, the steep, unpaved grade from Edison to Willamette. If it's approved, our individual properties will each be assessed our proportional share of the cost of the project: \$17-18k for the interior lots with 18 ft. frontage, and \$24-25k for the 2 end lots with 26 ft. frontage, payable in monthly installments over 20 years with an initial interest rate of 5.5%, adjusted (usually down) annually as the City borrows at lower bond rates and passes that lower rate along to us. Additionally, be aware that our HOA capital expenditure plan contains no

provision for this, and none of our HOA account is set aside for this purpose. This will be an individual responsibility.

> > Since the original property developer/builder Lindquist Development agreed in 1995 to not oppose the formation of an LID for road and storm sewer improvements, that fact being noted on each of our deeds, we cannot at this point object to the formation of the LID, but we certainly can have a voice in the improvements themselves. > > I have learned from Andrew Aebi, the LID project manager, that our comments are welcome and should be sent to him via email or by attendance at the June 7 hearing. > I am going to send him an email and attend the hearing, strongly supporting the LID formation and proposed improvements on our portion of Edison St for these reasons: > 1) These improvements are long overdue and will enhance the look of not only the entire street, but particularly our properties, > 2) My instincts tell me that the project costs will be more than offset within 3-5 years by increased value to our properties, > 3) If our properties are not included in this LID, we will eventually have to form a smaller one on our own, with increased construction costs and no economies of scale, in order to have a proper street with curbs, gutters and roadway: It's pay now, or pay a lot more later, AND EITHER WAY WE'RE PAYING, NOW OR LATER, and not the City of Portland. > If any of you have questions or comments about the project, I will try to answer them. In any event, please let Andrew know your thoughts. John Curtis and I are planning to attend the hearing on June 7. Please join us. > Thanks for your thoughtful attention to this important matter. > FrankM > > Frank MacMurray >8312 N Edison St > Portland OR 97203-5309

> m: 503 704.6593 > h: 503 735.3864

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### Moore-Love, Karla

From:

St. John's Community Garden Co-Manager < johnscomgard2@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 01, 2017 8:51 AM

То:

Council Clerk - Testimony

Subject:

Proposed North Burlington and Edison Local Improvement District

To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing in concerning the proposed street improvements to N Burlington and N Edison Streets in the Cathedral Park section of the St. John's neighborhood.

Sidewalks along both sides of the street will improve gardeners and pedestrian safety.

Approximately 81 families have garden plots in the North and South Johns Community Garden. These families often walk to the garden, or park along North Edison Ave. They carry supplies, plants and hold the hands of children along North Edison Avenue, a bumpy unimproved road.

Frequently the gardeners and other pedestrians walk in the middle of the street, since it is smoother and less slippery than the sides of the street. This is a hazard to the pedestrians, the bicycles and the cars traveling the street. Usually the cars travel slowly, but there is always someone in a hurry.

Because of the drainage problem, the sidewalk along the South side of Edison gets covered with dirt and mud, making it slippery in rainy weather.

Sidewalks will improve the safety for those living in apartments and condominiums on North Edison Street, especially the children. In the areas with no sidewalks, and driveways, children sometimes are unintentionally in the street.

Sidewalks will allow baby carriages, persons who are disabled, and gardeners carrying supplies to travel the sidewalks safely instead of walking in the street.

Improvements to the drainage on North Edison Avenue will make North Johns Street safer.

Currently the water runoff from North Edison Avenue collects to create a rushing stream of water that erodes and creates gullies down North Johns Street. See photos that Andrew Abei took.

Trucks cannot go down N Johns Street to deliver compost or wood chips for the South garden because of the gully and road conditions, so we need to transport the compost and wood chips using wheelbarrows.

It is especially difficult for us older gardeners to maneuver the wheelbarrow safely down the rocky uneven ground. Sometimes we fall-you can see places where a wheelbarrow dumped along the way.

It is just not safe walking down the gravel road because of the gullies, especially carrying supplies and plants to the South Johns Community garden, or walking with children or using a wheelbarrow.

Once the Edison Avenue drainage is improved, there won't be gullies from the water, and there will be a stable surface to walk down to the South Johns Community Garden. The trucks will be able to deliver the compost and wood chips at the bottom of the hill, so gardeners will not need to maneuver wheelbarrows down the hill.

Many dog lovers walk their dogs down the hill on N Johns Street as part of walking in the area, and it will be safer for them, too.

As volunteer co-manager of the Parks and Recreation Johns Community Garden, I look forward to the improvements on North Edison St. and the improvements to the drainage because it will improve gardener safety on both North Edison Ave and North Johns Street.

Regards,

Nick Morales

Co-Manager

St. John's Community Garden 2017

503-308-8979

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