

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village
9/15/2020

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Petition for New Sidewalk on Norfolk St., between Carpenter St. and Saratoga Ave.	Andy Sikich Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

Motion to direct staff to construct sidewalk on the south side of Norfolk St., between Carpenter St. and Saratoga Ave.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2019-2021 include *Top Quality Infrastructure*.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved by the Council, this project will be included in the FY2021 – 2025 CIP.

RECOMMENDATION

Transportation and Parking Commission considered this petition at their July 22 and August 12 meetings and recommended that:

- The requested sidewalk be constructed
- The Village complete a comprehensive analysis of the sidewalks near elementary schools and develop a plan for constructing complete sidewalks (sidewalks on both sides of streets) in these areas

If the Council desires to construct complete sidewalk systems near elementary schools, staff recommends that a comprehensive analysis of the sidewalks near elementary schools should be undertaken and a plan for future sidewalk construction in these areas be developed.

BACKGROUND

A Neighborhood Petition Form was received on December 3, 2019, requesting a sidewalk on the south side of Norfolk St. from Saratoga Ave. to Carpenter St. The request was signed by five residents. Per the petition, this request is for the safety of elementary school children walking to Kingsley School.

This section of Norfolk St. is located within the Downers Grove Estates Subdivision. The Village has made several infrastructure improvements to the neighborhood since it was annexed in 2001, including reconstructing the streets, significantly improving the drainage system, and installing sidewalks. There are now sidewalks on one side of every street in this neighborhood. The requested sidewalk on the south side of Norfolk St. would be the second sidewalk on this block, as a sidewalk currently exists along the north side of the street.

The approximate length of the requested sidewalk is 665 feet. Norfolk St. between Carpenter and Saratoga has limited storm sewer on the north side, and a ditch/culvert system on the south. There are also several large trees in the parkway on the south side of the street. Constructing this sidewalk would require drainage improvements and/or the removal of several large parkway trees. These issues will affect the appearance and character of the neighborhood and the total project cost. Based on past projects, staff estimates that the approximate cost to construct a sidewalk in this location is roughly \$80,000 to \$100,000.

If the Village desires to begin constructing sidewalks on the second side of certain streets adjacent to schools, staff recommends that this should not be done on case by case basis. A comprehensive analysis should be performed so that decisions can be made on a systematic basis as to where sidewalks should be constructed, which locations take priority, and what the budget and construction schedule should be. A second sidewalk along Norfolk at the requested location could be considered as part of this larger, comprehensive analysis.

This request was considered by the Transportation and Parking Commission (TaP) at their meetings on July 22, 2020 and August 12, 2020. Public comment was received at those meetings, and the minutes are attached. A representative from School District 58 was also present at those meetings. The TaP Commission recommended prioritizing a new sidewalk at this location, and proceeding with a comprehensive approach to alleviating hazards to and from all elementary schools.

ATTACHMENTS

Staff report to the TaP Commission

Neighborhood Petition Form

Approved minutes from July 22, 2020 TaP Commission meeting

Draft minutes from August 12, 2020 TaP Commission meeting



VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
AUGUST 12, 2020 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
File #3-20 Sidewalk Request on Norfolk from Carpenter to Saratoga	Andy Sikich Director of Public Works

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the July 22, 2020 meeting. At that meeting, the Commission requested that Staff look for short term solutions that might be cost effective and be able to serve the same function as a permanent sidewalk. Staff has not identified any feasible temporary solutions that meet state and federal requirements.

Also at the July 22 meeting, staff was asked to review the temporary all-way stop currently in place at Norfolk and Saratoga to see if anything could be done to increase compliance. Temporary stop bars have now been painted on Norfolk at this location, and warning signs with flags have been installed to give motorists advance notice of the stop signs. Staff will monitor this all-way stop and will make a recommendation as to whether or not it should become permanent. The current temporary stop control on Norfolk runs until January, 2021.

Staff’s recommendation regarding the sidewalk petition remains as presented at the July 22, 2020 meeting.

BACKGROUND

A Neighborhood Petition Form was received on December 3, 2019, requesting a sidewalk on the south side of Norfolk St. from Saratoga Ave. to Carpenter St. The request was signed by five residents. Per the petition, this request is for the safety of elementary school children walking to school.

ANALYSIS

For nearly 30 years the Village has had a policy of constructing a sidewalk on one side of every street. With very few exceptions, this has been accomplished. The rationale behind this policy was:

- Every street should have at least one sidewalk where pedestrians can safely walk.
- Constructing sidewalks on both sides was cost prohibitive.
- It can be difficult and disruptive to a street’s grading, drainage, street canopy, etc. to construct sidewalks in mature neighborhoods that were not designed for sidewalks.

One of the unavoidable results of constructing sidewalks on just one side of the street is that half of the residents must cross the street first in order to get to the sidewalk. Children who live on the side with no sidewalk sometimes have to cross their own street twice in order to get to school. That is the case on this section of Norfolk St.

This situation is not unique to this location. There are many locations around the Village, in close proximity to elementary schools, where this occurs. Some examples of this are:

- Elm St. and Forest Ave. near Highland Elementary School
- Several streets near Henry Puffer Elementary School
- Venard Road near Belle Aire Elementary School
- Roslyn Road near Lester Elementary School
- Lyman Ave. near Fairmount Elementary/O'Neill Middle School
- Other locations

Downers Grove Estates, the location of the sidewalk request, was originally an unincorporated subdivision with no sidewalks. The streets in this subdivision were constructed with a rural cross-section; narrow pavement with little to no drainage system. The sidewalk on the north side of Norfolk was constructed in the 1990's, around the same time as the pedestrian crossing at Norfolk and Main St. The subdivision was then annexed to the Village in 2001. In 2014, the Village reconstructed the streets in this area and added some drainage appurtenances (mostly ditch/culvert systems and some storm sewers). In addition, sidewalks have now been constructed on one side of every street in the area.

Norfolk St. between Carpenter and Saratoga has limited storm sewer on the north side, and a ditch/culvert system on the south. There are also several large trees in the parkway on the south side of the street. Constructing this sidewalk would require drainage improvements and/or the removal of several large parkway trees. Not only would this drive up the cost of construction, but it would have a significant impact on the tree canopy and neighborhood aesthetics. The approximate length of the requested sidewalk is 665 feet. Based on past projects, staff estimates that the approximate cost to construct a sidewalk in this location (in 2020 dollars) is roughly \$80,000. However, the actual cost could be higher, due to the likely need for storm sewer construction and the small project size.

In the recent D99 Pedestrian Safety Study, performed by Sam Schwartz, completed sidewalk networks were recommended adjacent to North High along Saratoga Avenue, Sherman Street and Grant Street, and north of South High along Dunham Road. These are locations with significant potential for pick-up/drop-off traffic and pedestrian conflicts. A sidewalk along the south side of Norfolk St. could possibly be considered in the same context as the sidewalks recommended in the D99 study. However, this is only if warranted by traffic and pedestrian volume, and changes in neighborhood character should be considered. This may also be impacted by the recommendation in the D99 Pedestrian Safety study to relocate the Main Street crosswalk from Norfolk to Oxford.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that, if the Village desires to begin constructing sidewalks on the second side of certain streets adjacent to schools, this should not be done on a request by request basis. A comprehensive analysis should be performed so that decisions can be made on a systematic basis as to where sidewalks should be constructed, which locations take priority, and what the budget and construction schedule should be. A second sidewalk along Norfolk at the requested location could be considered as part of this larger, comprehensive analysis.

Neighborhood Petition Form

Parking and General Traffic Safety Issues

Dear Resident/Business Owner:

The Village takes its role in traffic safety very seriously. From the requests, complaints, and suggestions we receive from you and from various sources, we can then enhance our transportation system.

Through this Neighborhood Petition Form (NPF) neighbors are encouraged to identify and discuss issues affecting them. We require at least five (5) different addresses be submitted to initiate a staff review.

Staff will then conduct a comprehensive analysis regarding the specific issue(s) checked below. This process may take some time to complete, depending on time of year and available staff resources. Following staff's investigation, all the petitioners (including affected neighbors) will be formally invited to a Transportation and Parking Commission meeting at which time staff's report will be presented. Residents may participate and comment on specific issues at this meeting. The Commission will then vote on staff's report and recommend 1.) to Approve, 2.) to Approve with Changes, 3.) to Reject Entirely, or 4.) Recommend a New alternative. Whatever is decided, the recommendation then is forwarded to Village Council for their vote. If citizens are not satisfied with the recommendation of the Commission, they are permitted to petition Village Council for their alternane recommendation when this item is discussed.

SIDEWALK NEEDED

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Street: Norfolk Between: Carpenter and Saratoga

Issue/Concern: (Check One.)
Parking: Speeding: (to connect to 4th school's sidewalk) Other:

Brief Description: Safety of Elementary school children walking to school - NEEDED A SIDEWALK. We are the only area that has an Elementary School and High School within 2 blocks. There is no

PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
1.) <u>Amy Dunlap</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1121 Norfolk St.</u>
2.) <u>Peter Schornaj</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1115 Norfolk St.</u>
3.) <u>Tose Anaya</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1109 Norfolk St.</u>
4.) <u>Julianne Green</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1133 Norfolk St</u>
5.) <u>PAUL STREETS</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1127 NORFOLK ST</u>

Return Forms To: **Public Works Department**
Transportation Division
5101 Walnut Ave.
Downers Grove, IL 60515 FAX 630-434-5495

Date: _____
Contact Person: Amy Dunlap
Phone No. 1030 926 2812
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much traffic between the two schools at peak times in the morning and afternoon. We don't need to wait for a tragedy to happen like at DGN to fix this issue of safety for our kids. Please reference a village hall meeting on 14/14/19 that was held specifically to address the safety issues regarding traffic around the Kingsley Elementary area.

Excerpt of the:

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
Minutes – July 22, 2020
Council Chambers – Village Hall
801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove

File #3-20 Norfolk Sidewalk Petition

Director Andy Sikich gave a presentation on the subject petition. He stated that the petition was received in December, and that the request is for a new sidewalk on the south side of Norfolk from Saratoga to Carpenter, to improve safety of children walking to Kingsley School. The request was signed by 5 residents. There is currently an existing sidewalk on north side of Norfolk.

Pedestrian safety has been a primary focus of the Village for many years. For 30 years there has been a policy of constructing a sidewalk on one side of every street, and this has been accomplished for the most part, with very few exceptions. The rationale behind the policy was that every street should have a least one side with a sidewalk where pedestrians can safely walk. However, constructing sidewalks on both sides was cost prohibitive, and it can also be difficult and disruptive to a street's grading, drainage, and tree canopy to construct sidewalks in mature neighborhoods that were not originally designed for sidewalks. As a result of this policy there are many streets around the Village, some within close proximity to elementary schools, where sidewalks exist only on one side.

Mr. Sikich showed exhibits depicting similar circumstances at several schools around town, such as Highland, Puffer, Belle Aire, Lester, Fairmount, and O'Neill. Some schools do not have many instances of this, such as El Sierra, which was constructed at a time when the standard was to put curb and gutter and sidewalks on both sides of the street.

The issue of putting a second sidewalk on both sides of the street near schools has been raised before and discussed at the Village Council level. Discussion by the Council generally revolved around the margin of safety gained with a second sidewalk on the street versus limited resources, competing capital projects, and changes to the neighborhood character caused by the addition of sidewalks.

Mr. Sikich gave a brief history of capital improvements within the Downers Grove Estates subdivision. On Norfolk there is limited storm sewer on the north side and a ditch/culvert system on the south side with several large parkway trees. The approximate length of the proposed sidewalk is 665 feet, which in 2020 dollars equates to about an \$80,000 project. However, Mr. Sikich emphasized that the price could go up once the extent of drainage improvements are known, and if it can't be bundled with other projects to keep unit prices at a reasonable level.

The District 99 pedestrian study refers to completed sidewalk networks at certain locations: Saratoga, Sherman, Grant, and a small stretch of Dunham north of 63rd St. These are recommended because they are locations with significant potential for pickup and drop off traffic conflicting with pedestrians. The sidewalk being requested on south side of Norfolk could be considered in the same context, if it's warranted by the pedestrian and traffic volumes. Changes

in the neighborhood character would also have to be considered. Another consideration is the study recommendation to relocate the Main St crosswalk from Norfolk to Oxford, and the impact that might have on pedestrian flow.

Staff recommends that, if the Village desires to begin constructing sidewalks on the second side of certain streets adjacent to schools, this should not be done on a request by request basis. A comprehensive analysis should be performed so that decisions can be made on a systematic basis as to where sidewalks should be constructed, which locations take priority, and what the budget and construction schedule should be. A second sidewalk along Norfolk at the requested location could be considered as part of this larger, comprehensive analysis.

CHAIRMAN CARTER OPENED DISCUSSION AMONGST THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Shiliga asked why projects should only happen comprehensively, and not on a case by case basis. Mr. Sikich stated that similar situations exist at many elementary schools around town, and a comprehensive analysis is the most cost effective way to determine where to expend Village resources.

Commissioner Novak questioned the purpose of the petition form if the Village prefers to focus on issues overall, instead of reacting when residents raise an issue. Mr. Sikich stated that the petition has been used for those areas that still do not have a sidewalk on one side of the street. This is the first petition he is aware of requesting a second sidewalk on a street that already has a sidewalk, which is not the current Village policy. Commissioner Novak stated that he prefers to operate on a case by case basis and take care of items when they become an issue.

Commissioner Saricks asked if Downers Grove Estates has been part of a neighborhood traffic study area in the past. Mr. Lorton stated that it has not, but has been identified as possibly being included in traffic study number 8. Commissioner Saricks feels that increases in traffic on Norfolk need to be taken into consideration for the safety of students, as would be done with a traffic study.

Commissioner Heverin asked if anyone at other schools with one sidewalk has filed a petition for an additional sidewalk. Mr. Sikich replied that as far as he knows, this is the only instance where a petition was filed for a sidewalk on a street that already has a sidewalk. Commissioner Heverin stated that it is unclear as to whether there are unique dangers at some of the other schools. She emphasized that these residents are identifying a problem, when residents at the other schools are not identifying that a problem exists, which could indicate there might be a unique concern at this location. Commissioner Heverin asked if there are other options to make the streets safer short of putting in a sidewalk that could be done quickly before school starts. Mr. Sikich stated that the Village has been working with Kingsley over the last year or so, adding changes such as the temporary 3-way stop at Saratoga and Norfolk to see how it operates, as well as additional measures with crossing guards, etc.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked how long ago the new sidewalk construction program was stopped. Mr. Sikich stated it was maybe 2014 or 2015. Mr. Lorton stated that a new sidewalk was put in last year as part of neighborhood traffic study number 6, but that was by petition and part of a larger drainage project. Commissioner Wilkinson stated that there has been a period of 5 years where there really hasn't been a focus on construction of new sidewalks, which may need to be revisited. He is concerned with serious injuries that have occurred.

Chairman Carter stated that he feels that there is a safety issue with kids crossing streets twice, and that a global approach is good when making modifications to a Village program. He believes there is a need here and would like to know if there are things the Village can implement now, in the interim, to help the situation.

CHAIRMAN CARTER OPENED UP THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Elynn Cunningham: wished to emphasize that DGS is a block away from the school. The street that students are crossing twice is a street that many people are using to get to Kingsley and DGS. The stop sign at Saratoga is much appreciated and believes it has already been helpful. Does not have a suggestion of something other than a sidewalk, because students do have cross twice and she doesn't have any suggestions other than what parents are doing by walking them there.
2. Janice Fellowes of 1127 Norfolk: Lives in one of the homes on the south side of Norfolk and proposing to get sidewalk on her side of street. Has 3 children and knows that potentially getting a sidewalk may not be possible during their time at Kingsley, but thinks it's critical to look at the neighborhood in the long term. Thanked the Commission for recognizing her concerns and addressing these issues. Thinks stop sign is fantastic and wants to know what will make it permanent along with stripes on the street. Understands that requesting a sidewalk on the second side of the street is unique, but this is a unique situation where they actually cross the street 3 times. Most of the kids don't do that and walk through neighbor's yards instead. There are many other families walking from Oxford and streets north and south. This is not just for her street, but for the entire neighborhood crossing the street and dealing with dangerous traffic. Thinks long term they should not wait for a study or for an accident to happen. Does not believe it should be based on money. Does not know if there is a short-term solution. Neighbors are walking through lawns right now, and she would be willing to offer her lawn to anybody who wants to walk through it.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CLOSED THE PUBLIC COMMENT DISCUSSION

CHAIRMAN CARTER OPENED DISCUSSION AMONGST THE COMMISSION

Chairman Carter thanked school staff members for attending meeting. Asked school staff if there could be a safety awareness outreach by the school. Asked the Village staff to look at placing pedestrian crossing placards at the 3-way stop to help slow traffic down at those crosswalks, stop cut-through traffic, and get new striping out there.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if the sidewalk could be put on the other side of the trees opposite the street side, and instead of putting down concrete putting a mulched pathway. Mr. Sikich stated he does not think mulch paths are considered ADA compliant. Commissioner Wilkinson disagreed. Commissioner Wilkinson stated it could be a temporary solution since the resident is offering her front yard. Mr. Sikich stated that if easements could be obtained from all of the property owners it could be possible to put something behind the trees.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that he does not disagree that it needs to be looked at overall, but the Village needs to try something. Human life outweighs all of the discussion in terms of cost.

Commissioner Heverin asked if there is a possibility that the ten homeowners on the block could give easements for the duration of the school year. She also asked if there are crossing guards on these streets and if it could be a potential solution. Mr. Sikich stated there are two crossing guards on Norfolk at Barrett and Powell.

Commissioner Novak agrees with prioritizing safety. The residents have brought the issue to the Village's attention, and the Commission needs to be accountable for the safety of the children. He would like to take a case by case basis look at this issue.

Chairman Carter asked to push this issue to next month's meeting. Thinks the easement idea is a great idea even on a temporary or schoolyear basis. Would like to see what extra measures, such as striping and signage, can be put into place in the next month. Does not feel comfortable recommending the global approach at this time.

Commissioner Saricks asked if there is a timeline for doing a traffic study for this area, or area 8. Mr. Sikich stated not at this time. The traffic study area for this year was cancelled due to the pandemic. Commissioner Saricks asked to confirm that the study for this year would not have included Downers Grove Estates. Mr. Sikich confirmed this, also stating that when traffic studies resume, it will start with the one that was cancelled this year first, and then Downers Grove Estates may be the next area after that. Commissioner Saricks does not want this study is being pushed into the future.

Chairman Carter wants to give staff one month to see what kind of timeline a global approach might have, so that the Commission can make an educated decision and recommendation.

Commissioner Shiliga asked, if going down the road of a holistic approach, should this be prioritized as the first issue to be addressed, as a pilot project for ensuring schools have sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked to grandfather this project, so it is done now, and then everything else could be part of the systematic study.

Commissioner Novak stated that these residents took the time to fill out the petition and show up for the meeting, and he thinks they should be first. He then asked when school is starting. Multiple attendees stated that it is starting August 27th. He stated that this is a major issue and does not know if it can wait.

Commissioner Saricks requested that action occur between now and the next meeting in response to the issues that have been raised this evening. He requested that staff come back with a short term possible solution that will work in this neighborhood and not have to wait indefinitely for a neighborhood study.

Commissioner Novak asked what it takes for a traffic study. Mr. Sikich stated that for this purpose we would want a study that included both cars and pedestrians, which would take some time. Commissioner Novak stated that an ideal study would be during the school year when there are students and buses. Mr. Sikich confirmed this,

Mr. Sikich stated that the trial stop sign at Saratoga and Norfolk was just extended, because the last 180 days were not a good test of whether it would be effective. This extension is the limit of

staff's ability to put this stop sign in place. After that it would need to go to the Village Council for approval to become permanent.

Commissioner Novak believes that, in a meeting where the Commission was addressed by the Superintendent of District 58, he stated that there is a problem at this location. Commissioner Novak feels that it is on the Commission to act now.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated that the District 99 study talks about Norfolk, which impacts the Kingsley school.

Commissioner Heverin is interested to hear from District 58 Superintendent Russell to know if he has any information as to whether there are additional concerns at other schools. She believes that a traffic study will not be a representative study until we're out of the pandemic due to some students not attending school in person.

Public Comment: Ms. Fellowes asked if a lane could be marked with striping or cones on the south side of the street to give the impression of a sidewalk there, as a temporary solution.

Commissioner Heverin asked if the idea would be similar to the outdoor dining spaces downtown where barricades are creating a gap at the side of the road.

Chairman Carter asked if Ms. Fellowes is suggesting students walk on the side of the street right next to traffic. Ms. Fellowes responded if there is some kind of barrier designating it as a walking path lined with cones or something where cars do not go as a temporary solution.

Commissioner Novak stated that it's a great idea, but there is concern over how wide the roadway is for buses and cars and if it encroaches into the street.

Chairman Carter asked Mr. Sikich for final comments. Mr. Sikich stated that staff can look at temporary solutions. He does not think there is a simple quick fix, aside from putting in a sidewalk.

Chairman Carter asked staff to return next month with some additional information, and a timetable for a global approach.

WITH RESPECT TO FILE #3-20, MR. SARICKS MOVED TO TABLE THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATION UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING WITH THE PROVISIO THAT STAFF WILL RETURN WITH SOME SPECIFIC CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT CAN BE DONE IN THE SHORT TERM PRIOR TO THE POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK OR THE COMPLETION OF A REGIONAL STUDY SO THAT THIS IS NOT FURTHER POSTPONED, AND TO TRY TO IMPLEMENT SOME NEAR TERM IDEAS. WOULD LIKE TO HEAR STAFF PROPOSALS AT THE NEXT MEETING.

SECONDED BY MR. NOVAK.

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Excerpt of the:

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
Minutes – August 12, 2020
Council Chambers – Village Hall
801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove

File #3-20 Norfolk Sidewalk Petition

Director Andy Sikich gave an update since the previous meeting. Temporary stop bars and advance warning signs have been placed for the stop sign at Saratoga and Norfolk. Staff will monitor it and collect data on the effectiveness of the all-way stop once D58 is back in session in person. Regarding the Commission's request for staff to review any temporary solutions to the sidewalk request, Mr. Sikich stated that staff has considered the options and there is no temporary solution that could be done in the short term that would meet state and federal requirements.

CHAIRMAN CARTER OPENED DISCUSSION AMONGST THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Heverin inquired about the expiration date of the temporary stop sign at Norfolk and Saratoga. Mr. Sikich indicated that he believes it is January 2020. Ms. Heverin indicated concern that it might not be enough time to evaluate its effectiveness, given that D58 might not be back to regular full-time operations. Mr. Sikich indicated that staff could possibly request that Village Council extend the temporary nature of the stop sign or to make it permanent.

Commissioner Saricks asked if the residents could create a temporary sidewalk on their own. Mr. Sikich stated that it would not be allowed in the right-of-way, but possibly they could do so on private property if they met all Village codes.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if anything could be done to improve the existing crosswalks, such as markings and signage. Mr. Sikich stated that two of the crossings have crossing guards and there is existing signage, but that the Village would continue to work with Kingsley School to improve pedestrian safety. Mr. Wilkinson stated that he was in favor of doing this sidewalk first, even if a long term plan is put in place for all schools.

Commissioner Novak stated that he agrees with Commissioner Wilkinson that this sidewalk should be done first, then also apply the systematic approach.

Commissioner Shiliga stated that he agrees with the holistic approach, but that this sidewalk should be prioritized. He also stated that he feels the stop sign at Norfolk and Saratoga should be made permanent.

Chairman Carter stated that he believes this sidewalk is needed, and that he supports making the stop sign permanent.

CHAIRMAN CARTER OPENED UP THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Traffic & Parking Commission

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1. Katie Hannigan: Ms. Hannigan stated that she was there on behalf of Superintendent Russell and District 58. She thanked staff for all of the work that the Village has done at Kingsley, and she agreed that there are other areas around the district that need attention. She is in favor of the holistic approach, but she agrees that prioritizing Kingsley is important. It is absolutely the most prevalent situation of parent concerns. The District has had a lot of parent input on this situation.

Commissioner Heverin asked Ms. Hannigan if the District has received similar feedback from parents at any of the other schools. Ms. Hannigan responded that they have received feedback from parents at other schools, but not to the same degree as Kingsley. It is more prevalent there due to its proximity to South High.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CLOSED THE PUBLIC COMMENT DISCUSSION

WITH RESPECT TO FILE #3-20, MR. CARTER MOVED TO PRIORITIZE A NEW SIDEWALK ON NORFOLK AT THIS LOCATION AND FOLLOW UP WITH A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO ELIMINATING HAZARDS TO AND FROM ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, ALONG WITH MAKING THE ALL-WAY STOP AT NORFOLK AND SARATOGA PERMANENT.

SECONDED BY MR. SHILIGA.

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