



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 11, 2015

Capital Improvements Budget Committee
C/o Daley Lehmann
15 W. Kellogg Blvd
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Members of the CIB Committee,

I strongly support the Highland District Council's CIB application for the West 7th Streetscape Project.

West 7th Street is one of the major gateways into our Capitol City of Saint Paul. All traffic coming from the Minneapolis Saint Paul Airport and southwestern suburbs cross the Highway 5 Bridge to enter Saint Paul via West 7th Street. They are greeted with rundown strip malls, inadequate sidewalks and streetlights, and bus stops that are little more than a 5 x 5 pad of cement. Instead, visitors and residents alike should experience the pride and history of Saint Paul's strong and diverse neighborhoods such as the Shepard-Davern neighborhood.

Currently the Shepard-Davern neighborhood is booming with both new families and third-generation seniors but is being neglected. We have not been investing needed resources into parks, public infrastructure and development. The Shepard-Davern Plan that was adopted in earlier this year set a vision for the neighborhood and now it is our job at the City to work hand in hand with neighbors to realize that vision. With that, I ask you to join me in supporting the Highland District Council's CIB Application for the West 7th Streetscape Project.

Sincerely,

Chris Tolbert
Saint Paul City Councilmember, Ward 3



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Saint Paul, MN 55114-1677

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February 25, 2015

Capital Improvement Budget Task Force
C/O John McCarthy
Office of Financial Services
700 City Hall
15 Kellogg Boulevard West
St. Paul, MN 55102

RE: West 7th Streetscape
2016/2017 Capital Improvement Budget

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

Paster Properties, the owner and manager of Sibley Plaza, strongly supports the inclusion of the West 7th Streetscape upgrade proposal for the 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Budget. Paster has owned and managed Sibley Plaza since the 1950's, and improvements to hardscape and landscaping along the West 7th Street corridor in the Shepard-Davern area have been sorely needed for a number of years.

West 7th Street, once crossing the Highway 5 bridge over the Mississippi River, is a major gateway to the City of St. Paul. These phased improvements would add aesthetic appeal, make the corridor more pedestrian and bike friendly and safe, provide a traffic calming effect to this busy roadway, and promote private development in this area of St. Paul.

We would hope that this first phase of improvements to West 7th Street would be included in the 2016/2017 CIB, and that additional phases would be added to future capital improvement budgets in order to complete streetscape along this very important corridor and entry point into the City of St. Paul.

Sincerely,
Paster Properties

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Henk", is written over the typed name.

Kenneth I. Henk
Vice President of Development and Construction

From: Dayton Daberkow
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2015 8:02 AM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: West 7th Gateway Streetscape initiative

Hello Daley,

I read the article in the Community Reporter this morning regarding the West 7th Gateway Streetscape initiative and was encouraged to express my support for the project.

My wife and I recently moved to W 7th with our 18 mo old twins and we often walk the sidewalks along W 7th and can't express how valuable this project would be to the community. We love this neighborhood and want to see it grow and flourish.

This is merely a note expressing my support for the initiative.

Best,

-Dayton Daberkow

From: Cathy Gagliardi
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2015 6:52 PM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul); hdc@visi.com
Cc: Clapp, Merrit; Beaulieu, Michelle (CI-StPaul)
Subject: CIB funding for W. 7th St. area

Hello Daley, Kathy, Merrit & Michelle,

I am writing in support of funding to rebuild the sidewalks, bus stops & improved lighting on W. 7th St.

This area is in great need of improvement for easier accessibility walking and biking, especially in the Sibley Plaza vicinity that is so highly traveled.

Being I cannot make the next Task Force meeting, I'm hoping this letter can represent me requesting funding for this project.

Thank you and best regards,
Cathy Gagliardi
1735 Sheridan Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55116

From: Laura Nichols
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2015 7:59 PM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: CIB funding for W.7th

I am writing in support of the streetscape proposal for CIB funding on W. 7th. Our sidewalks are uneven and crumbling. Impossible for seniors and the handicapped to maneuver, but very difficult as well to walk for those who are physically able.

This area is in great need of public works improvements. Please grant us the CIB funds to invest in the "gateway" to St. Paul.

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Laura L. Nichols, PhD
1754 Field Ave. 55116

From: ibjk@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2015 8:09 PM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: CIB fund request for W 7th streetscape

Mr. Daley Lehmann,

I am a resident in the Shepard/Davern neighborhood in Highland Park. I am writing to inform you of my support of CIB funds for the W. 7th street-scape proposal. I believe that the proposal should be supported as a necessary means for revitalizing the area.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kudelka

From: Arthur Kourajian
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2015 1:37 PM
To: Kathy Carruth; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley Streetscape

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area. Thank you.

Arthur Kourajian / 612-759-8394
1800 Graham Avenue -- Unit 200
Saint Paul MN 55116

Hello Kathy,

I am writing to show my support for the new playground at Highland Rec. It is already a wonderful facility that we use often (my son attends preschool there too) and would be even better with this addition.

Thank you!

-Kelly

From: Daniel
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 11:23 AM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley Streetscape

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area.

Thank you,

Mr. Daniel Scheid
1800 Graham Ave #113
St. Paul, MN 55116
02March2015

From: Lon and Kathy Schmidt
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 11:19 AM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Streetscape Support

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area. Thank you.

Lon and Kathy Schmidt 1800 Graham Ave. Unit 138 Highland Point 02March2015

From: Jan Theobald
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 11:33 AM
To: hdc@visi.com. ; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley Plaza Streetscape

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the Sibley Plaza Project.
Janis A. Theobald, 1800 Graham Ave. # 222, St. Paul MN 55116

From: Jill Seinola
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 11:37 AM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley/West 7th Streetscape

Good morning:

I am writing in support of spending funds from the CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. This area has been unattractive, and some may even say an eyesore, for many years. I believe that investing in the streetscape project will improve the environment and quality of life for the many residents in this area. I also believe that it will enhance the west 7th entrance to St. Paul. Thank you for investing in this project.

Jill Seinola
1800 Graham Avenue, Unit 438
Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: Paula Burns
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 11:40 AM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley Streetscape

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area. Thank you.

Paula Burns
1800 Graham Avenue #310
St. Paul, Minnesota 55116
(651) 699-1198

From: Kent Petterson
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 11:52 AM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: W. 7th Streetscape

Dear Mr. Lehmann

I am writing to send our support of the phased streetscape project on W. 7th. As an entry point to the city and near site of coming developments by Johnson Bros. and at Sibley Plaza, I believe it is very important for the city to put it's best foot forward in terms of appearance and repair of the streetscape. Please add my vote in support of this request.

Kent Petterson
503 St. Clair Ave.
651-222-5536

From: Tom
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 11:58 AM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley Streetscape

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area.
Thank you.

Thomas J. Diamond
(Owner - Highland Pointe Unit #418)

1800 Graham Avenue, Unit 418
Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: meghan.bell-mattice
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 2:00 PM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley Streetscape

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area.

Thank you.

Meghan Bell
1800 Graham Ave. #437
Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: Craig D. Holm
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 3:02 PM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley Streetscape

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area. Thank you.

Craig D. Holm
1800 Graham Ave. #335
St. Paul, MN. 55116

From: Sook Lim
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 3:48 PM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley Streetscape

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area.

Thank you.

Sook Lim,

1800 Graham Ave. Unit 316

St. Paul, MN 55116

From: Rachel Sievers
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 4:13 PM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Support Sibley Streetscape

My husband, Gary and I, support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area. Thank you.

Rachel and Gary Seifert
1800 Graham Ave #326
St Paul, MN 55116

From: Brooke Brockhoff (Barbknecht)
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 5:26 PM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley Streetscape

As a Realtor, past resident and current owner of real estate in the Highland Park area, I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area.

Thank you, Brooke

Brooke Brockhoff | NuStar Realty
507-351-0063 Mobile

From: Bill Rosenbloom
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 5:02 AM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Cc: hdc@visi.com
Subject: West 7th Streetscape

Hello Daley Lehmann:

This email is in support of the CIB request for funding of Streetscape improvements in the West 7th Gateway Area.

I am a resident of the Shepard/Davern Neighborhood and very frequently drive the "gateway" of West 7th to 494 and downtown St Paul.

The area is desperately in need of upgrades and as you enter St Paul from the West, the entrance to the City appears to be the entrance to any disintegrating neighborhood in the United States, and not the entrance to a vibrant and healthy St Paul.

This part of the City has long been neglected and cry's out for the proposed Sibley Plaza development at \$55,000,00, as well as the Johnson Company development of market rate, upper income, rental, with the Streetscape a compliment to all of the coming development.

It is long past time for St Paul to invest in this neglected part of Highland Park, and urge the approval of the Phase 1 grant for the West 7th Streetscape.

William K Rosenbloom
1893 Worcester

From: VINCE CECI
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 6:47 AM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley Streetscape

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area. Thank you.

Vince Ceci, 1800 Graham Ave. Unit 338

From: Robert C. Freeman
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 7:18 AM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Cc: suzfree@aol.com
Subject: Sibley Project Streetscape

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area. Thank you.

*Robert and Susan Freeman
1800 Graham Avenue, Unit 111
Saint Paul, MN*

From: heather.hawkins@spps.org
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 1:03 PM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley Streetscape

To Whom it may concern,

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area. Thank you.

Heather Hawkins @ 1800 Graham Ave Unit 219 St. Paul, MN

Heather Hawkins
Kindergarten Teacher
Mississippi Elementary

From: Chris Roy
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 1:40 PM
To: hdc@visi.com; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sibley Streetscape

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area. Thank you.

Chris Roy
Highland Pointe
1800 Graham Avenue, Unit 406

From: cassidyfam@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 5:41 AM
To: Highland District Council; Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Brendan G Cassidy
Subject: Sibley Streetscape Project

I support the expenditure of funds from CIB to invest in the streetscape surrounding the Sibley Plaza Project. Every dollar spent will enhance the environment and quality of life for the hundreds of residents in this area. Thank you.

Brendan Cassidy, Highland Pointe, 1800 Graham Ave # 435
651-269-2634