

15-403

**Greg Minikel**

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**From:** Greg Minikel  
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2015 3:54 PM  
**To:** Al Schema - D9; David Soeldner; James Brey - D4; Jason Sladky; Jill Hennessey  
**Cc:** Greg Minikel; Dan Koski; Sonja Birr  
**Subject:** Alley Paving Program  
**Attachments:** Alleys - 2014 Pavement Ratings.pdf

PI Committee Members:

In order to assist our discussion tonight on the Alley Paving Program (15-403), I have attached a sheet that gives the PASER Pavement Rating for all of the City's Alleys.

There are about 50 alley segments in the City. 18 segments of those 50 segments (36%) are rated a 2, 3, or 4 which would need complete reconstruction.

I have highlighted the segments that are rated a 2, 3 or 4. I have also placed a red asterisk alongside of those segments that are already included in the current 5 year Capital Improvement Plan.

2014 was the first time that we ever rated the alley pavements. I asked our staff to do the ratings after receiving several complaints in the past year or two.

The alleys are not part of the DOT highway system and therefore we were never required to rate them nor do we get any local roads funding for them.

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**From:** David Soeldner  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2015 1:08 PM  
**To:** Greg Minikel  
**Cc:** Dan Koski; Sonja Birr  
**Subject:** RE: Drainage--N. 12th Street

Hi Greg,

Thanks for the background information.

Can you add this to the May PI meeting for discussion? I have already spoken with Mr. Dailey and he plans to attend.

Thanks,

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**From:** Greg Minikel  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2015 9:19 AM  
**To:** David Soeldner  
**Cc:** Dan Koski; Sonja Birr  
**Subject:** RE: Drainage--N. 12th Street

Hi Dave,

N. 12th St. from Waldo to Fairmont St. is currently on the 5 year plan for reconstruction. However, it will not be reconstructed until after the Waldo Blvd. project. I do not believe that the Waldo Blvd. and/or N. 12th St. reconstruction projects will provide any relief to the Ahrens Street backyard drainage problems.

In 1993, we installed a new 12 inch storm sewer on Ahrens Street and also a few 6 inch storm laterals were installed to those homes that had existing sump pumps at that time.

I agree that we would not just start putting inlets on the opposite side of the street to serve the homes with drainage issues.

However, I do see this area and their drainage problems being the same as those we recently dealt with on North 23rd Street.

We could look at installing additional storm laterals or mini-storm sewers to the east side of Ahrens Street in order to make storm sewers available for Mike Dailey and others.

Perhaps, we need to survey the neighborhood again to see which homes have sump pumps and/or have water problems.

Do you want this issue added to the next PI Committee Agenda?? If so, we will invite someone from the Building Inspection Dept. as backyard drainage issues are typically handled through them. Let us know how you want to proceed with this issue. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: David Soeldner

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 8:58 AM

To: Greg Minikel

Cc: Dan Koski

Subject: Drainage--N. 12th Street

Good Morning Greg,

Every spring I get complaints from constituents in the area of N. 12th/Ahrens/Kuhl about drainage issues. I know that we aren't going to do much in this area until we rebuild Waldo, which I understand, but do we have any specific design plans in place about what we plan to do when we do finally rebuild Waldo? One of my constituents--Mike Dailey, 1302 Ahrens Street--Wants to build a yard drain and tie into the storm sewer. But, the inlet is on the other side of the street. So, he wants to petition the city to put an inlet in on his side of the street. Obviously I don't support this idea, but I do wonder whether the design for that area will do anything to ease the backyard flooding in this area? I kind of doubt it, because the main problem seems to be that the water doesn't have a path out of the backyard due to some landscaping that one of the downhill neighbors did in the drainageway.

This comes up every year and it would be nice to try to give this neighborhood some relief.

Thanks,

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**From:** Allen Boruch  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2008 12:30 PM  
**To:** Greg Minikel  
**Subject:** RE: Backyard Drainage Problem--Ahrens Street

I talked with this owner on Friday and referred him to building inspection.

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**From:** Greg Minikel  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2008 12:14 PM  
**To:** David Soeldner  
**Cc:** Randy Junk; Rick Schwarz; Jim Muenzenmeyer; Kevin Crawford; Tina Prigge; Chad Scheinoha; File Only; Allen Boruch; Janet Sosnosky; Jill Erickson; Kim Lynch; Kurt Wilker; Matt Smits; Mike Zimmer; Richard Young; Sherrie Thorpe; Sonja Birr; Steve Herzog; Steve Kipping; Valerie Mellon  
**Subject:** RE: Backyard Drainage Problem--Ahrens Street  
**Importance:** High

Dave,

These types of backyard drainage issues are typically handled by the Building Inspection Department. They will sometimes ask for the Engineering Dept. assistance for determining elevations etc.

I am forwarding this complaint to Jim Muenzenmeyer, Director of Build. Insp. Dept. for his investigation and response.

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**From:** David Soeldner  
**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2008 11:49 AM  
**To:** Greg Minikel  
**Subject:** Backyard Drainage Problem--Ahrens Street

Hi Greg,

Can you (or someone from your department) contact me about a drainage problem in my district? The problem is in the block bounded by N. 12th, N. 16th, Ahrens, and Nagle. An alley used to cut through this block from NW to SE. The alley was abandoned at some point and the 25' was deeded back to the residents. (This is according to residents.) Original backyard drainage was handled by the alley and the block (or at least the SE part of it) drained to N. 12th Street. The southeasternmost 2 landowners (1204-06 Ahrens, 1322 N. 12th) in the block have filled in the natural drainage channel in the backyard, which blocks upstream water from getting to N. 12th. The backyards of the homes at 1302 and 1212 Ahrens were flooded--The only way for the water to get out was around the houses and into Ahrens Street. The resident at 1302 had a lot of water in his backyard and in his basement. He began pumping at 3:30 am this morning with a 3/4 hp sump pump through a 1-1/2 hose and there was still a lot of standing water (and full flowing sump pipe) when I visited at 10:30 am.

Can anything be done about this? In my judgement, the downstream property owners modified the drainage channel which is producing adverse consequences for upstream landowners. Are there any remedies?

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**From:** Valerie Mellon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 01, 2008 11:13 AM  
**To:** David Soeldner  
**Cc:** Greg Minikel; Allen Boruch; Jim Muenzenmeyer; Kim Lynch  
**Subject:** RE: Drainage Issue--N. 12th and Ahrens

Hello Dave... just wanted to follow up to let you know we've not forgotten you and have been discussing the drainage issue at Nth 12<sup>th</sup> and Ahrens... the main problem that I have is that it appears to be a "private property drainage issue" and not one that relates to our public street drainage.... So I have trouble spending public dollars to solve it... Anyway, that said it also appears that upstream neighbors may be negatively impacted by their downstream neighbors and so perhaps it requires a City solution..... Apparently there once was an alley that could have taken the back yard(s) water to the street. Basically, I believe we need to have someone obtain survey grades in order to determine if the cheapest option is to provide drainage swales down the side lot lines to get the water to Ahrens Street.... also there are several trees that were planted which are well established and may be impacted by this.

Normally we have been trying to solve these private drainage issues by having Blding Inspection meet with the owners and insist that they re-grade their lots (at their own expense) to follow the previously approved Subdivision plan. In this case I think this may not exist. I have asked Kim to schedule a meeting with you, me, Greg, Allen and Jim Muenzenmeyer to clarify an appropriate game plan... I'm holding off on sending our surveyor to get shots... it's private property... and will open a can of worms...  
Talk to you soon - Val

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**From:** David Soeldner  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 7:50 PM  
**To:** Valerie Mellon  
**Subject:** Drainage Issue--N. 12th and Ahrens

Hi Val,

Would you and possibly some appropriate staff members be willing to meet with me about a drainage issue in my district? This issue came about during the big storm in June and I have kind of been stewing about it since. Basically, several back yards in the block in question flooded and I believe strongly that it was due to grading modifications that were made by downstream neighbors. At that time I had contact with the Building Inspection Department and to a lesser degree with Greg Minikel. Greg indicated that there was no master drainage plan for the subdivision and Jim M. indicated that as a City we couldn't really force people to regrade their lots, and there was nothing to fall back on due to the lack of a grading plan.

I have been thinking about this quite a bit and it just doesn't seem right; something isn't adding up. Whether the Eng. Dept. has a record or not, there clearly had to be some type of drainage strategy employed when this subdivision went in. There are inlets and a site visit shows a plain drainage pattern (in my opinion). If there is a master drainage pattern, and back yard drainage swales are employed, then it should be incumbent upon property owners to maintain these patterns. If not, are the upstream neighbors just sort of out of luck whenever we get a heavy rain? There has to be some sort of compromise that we can explore, and I am hoping you will be willing to meet with me to discuss this.

Thanks,  
Dave Soeldner  
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