

Amber Noworatzky

From: Todd Lotz
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Amber Noworatzky
Cc: Nick Reimer; Kara Ottum; Dan Koski
Subject: Fwd: Bus Stop

Hi,
I would like to submit this item for the Public Safety Committee Meeting for February 10, 2020. Please read the email from Jean Kraemer below. She is ultimately requesting the bus stop in front of her house on S. 10th be relocated.
Her address is 1937 S. 10th Street.

Some details: I am currently working with Kara Ottum on this to get more data regarding the complaints of people trespassing, and loitering etc. We are looking at the Bus films this Wednesday to see if there are any views of people loitering, and trespassing etc. Kara has been involved with the resident over a period of time, having bus drivers taking data on the number of bus passengers getting on and off of that particular stop, noting any unusual activity on the said property, as well Ms. Kraemer's request of moving the bus stop North of her house to the area of the parking lot area west of Late's.

In the meantime, I will contact her to ensure she contacts police if this type of activity happens, so there is a record of any of the activity described below in her email. Any other advice you have for me, please let me know. Thanks.

Respectfully,

Todd

*Todd R. Lotz
City of Manitowoc
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jean Kraemer <kraem3@sbcglobal.net>
Date: January 12, 2020 at 12:36:49 PM CST
To: Todd Lotz <tlotz@manitowoc.org>
Subject: Bus Stop

Hello, Todd:

Here is what we talked about. Thank you again for talking to me and helping us with this problem.

The problem is this: we have a bus stop in front of our house which Mayor Nickels said the city should have asked or sent paperwork asking permission if it would be ok to put the bus stop in front of our house. They never did and he said it should have never been put here. He also said that he would have it moved down the block by the empty lot by Lates BBQ. This never happened. We have strangers sitting on our cement steps by our mail box, and on our deck attached to our home for people waiting for the bus. They sit on the lawn when it's hot under the tree.

They leave their cigarette butts and garbage behind daily for us to clean up on our property. At 6am there is kids outside yelling at making barking noises making our dog bark when windows are open. They yell at her and bark at her to get her agitated. We have asked for them not to sit on our property and have gotten very disrespectful comments back. I have asked them to please quit harassing the dog, but they keep doing it. It's to the point I can't have windows open on that side of house anymore.

It's very uncomfortable walking around strangers to get mail as they sit on our property. I have to say excuse me to get mail, wait till they move to cut grass or snowplow/shovel. By the time I would call the police and report this they will be gone, so I haven't taken that route. I could call them everyday when it's nice out.

I did call City Hall to talk to Mayor Nichols about this issue again and his secretary had someone call us from bus company. The lady said we should take pictures and confront people and tell them to leave the property. She said there was nothing they can do. I pleaded something needs to be addressed for this isn't the bus stop's property for people to loitering and trespassing on. She refused to help us.

I reached out on Facebook for help and Alderman Brey and Lotz responded to help us. This is a safety matter as well. If they fall on our deck or stairs, who's fault is that? We were never asked if it was ok to have the bus stop in front of our house. We did not ask for this responsibility, liability, and harassment. Having strangers on our property Monday-Saturday between 5am-8pm is very unsettling. My yard is not a garbage pit or for people to do whatever they want while waiting for bus and it's been stressful trying to calm our dog down every hour of the day.

Hopefully we can come to an agreement on what to do about this situation. I prepose we move it down the street near other businesses where it will be less obstructive to us and our neighbors.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Jean T Kraemer