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# CITY OF LA CROSSE COUNCIL LEGISLATION

File #

2010-05-026

**CAPTION:**

Resolution approving the installation of sidewalk on the South side of the 1400 block of North Salem Road.

**REFERRAL ROUTE:**

Intro. 04/08/10  
BPW  
HPU

Re- **REFERRED TO**  
**JUN 10 2010**  
Capital improvement  
budget

This legislation  
must be returned  
to the City Clerk  
Office after CIB  
is approved so  
it can be disposed  
of.  
Thank you!  
- Nikki

**ACTIONS AND DATES: (for Clerk's Office use only)**

REPORT AND  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED  
**MAY 13 2010**  
BY COUNCIL

Reconsidered  
**JUN 10 2010**  
by Council

<b>DRAFTED BY:</b>	Randy Turtenwald, City Engineer
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b>	Randy Turtenwald, City Engineer
<b>INTRODUCED BY:</b>	Council Member Andrea Richmond

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of La Crosse:

Your Highways, Properties & Utilities Committee, on May 11, 2010, having under consideration the annexed Resolution approving the installation of sidewalk on the South side of the 1400 block of North Salem Road, recommends the same be adopted.

MAY 27 2010

WD  
RT

Respectfully submitted,

Jai Johnson, Chair, John J. Satory, Mike Larsen, Bernard F. Maney,  
Bruce Ranis, Al Wagner

Typed: 5/12/10  
Approved:  
COW Vote: 9-8 (4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16 and 17 voted No)

REPORT AND  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED  
MAY 13 2010  
BY COUNCIL

File # 2010-05-026



June 9, 2010

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

I recently spoke to the council on behalf of my mother in support of a sidewalk on the 1400 block of North Salem Road. The reason for the support is public safety. My mother has owned her property on the 2500 block of Loomis St. for 55 years. I am writing to communicate another safety example. There is a family living at 2526 Loomis St (two houses from the corner of Loomis and North Salem Road ). Their son likes to ride his tricycle around the block. Despite cautions from his parents he has been observed crossing North Salem Road on his tricycle to get to the sidewalk across the street to make an "around the block" trip.

If this sidewalk serves to protect just one child from harm by automobile or bus traffic the council has served the public interest. This sidewalk will indeed protect many more children.

Please keep the sidewalk and vote "No" on reconsideration.

Sincerely,



Kathleen L. Roberts





OK

# of Files  
Rec  
Mark

## **Elsen, Nikki**

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**From:** Lehrke, Teri  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 2:00 PM  
**To:** Elsen, Nikki  
**Subject:** FW: Sidewalk south side at 1400 blk of N. Salem Rd

FYI for possible reconsideration.

Teri Lehrke, City Clerk  
City of La Crosse  
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La Crosse, WI 54601  
Population 51,900  
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**From:** Char Wegner [<mailto:wegnerlax@centurytel.net>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 30, 2010 7:26 PM  
**To:** Richmond, Andrea; Wagner, Al; Olson, Chris; Johnson, Jai; Schmidt, Eric; Satory, John J; Larsen, Mike; Seaquist, Robert A; Becker, Richard P.; Kader, Audrey; Ranis, Bruce; Sweeney, Tom; Decker, Lorraine; Wigdahl, Marilyn; Swantz, Richard  
**Cc:** Harter, Mathias; Karl, Dave; Turtenwald, Randy; Lehrke, Teri  
**Subject:** Sidewalk south side at 1400 blk of N. Salem Rd

Hello, I have already contacted some of you by e-mail about my concerns of putting a sidewalk in on the 1400 block of North Salem Rd, south side of the street. I thought it best that each of you have the same information. My name is Charlene Wegner, my husband Rick and I purchased our home at 2531 Prospect St, November 2005, and recently a resolution was approved to put a sidewalk in on the north side of our home.

Rick and I have concerns about putting a sidewalk on the north side of our home because the sidewalk will be approximately 5-6 feet from the windows of both of our bedrooms. My husband works out of town all summer, so I am home alone and like to have the windows open at night, when weather permits. I would be concerned with my safety if a sidewalk would be so close to my bedroom windows.

When we purchased our home, there was a sprinkler system and we would have to spend hundreds of dollars to have this moved, additional lines and sprinkler heads installed so our entire yard, including the boulevard would be maintained to our standards and if you have seen our yard, those standards are very high.

I was very upset by the approval of the sidewalk and voiced my concerns to Council Member Richmond because she did not contact my husband or I, or the neighbor at 2532 Loomis St about the proposed sidewalk and find out what, if any concerns we had. The first I had heard about the sidewalk was when Dave Karl, one of the City Engineers, contacted me. After contacting Ms. Richmond, my next call was to Mayor Harter and after talking to Ms Richmond; he has agreed to contact the Engineering Department to put a hold on it, until we were able to work on a motion to reconsider.

In the almost five years we have lived at our residence, we have never heard any concerns, nor had anyone make a comment about a need for a sidewalk at our location. There is a sidewalk on the north side of the street. We have heard many comments about how well maintained, and beautiful our yard, flowers and pond look. There are several reasons we purchased our house, but the things we loved about the yard was that there was not a sidewalk on the north side of the street, and second (more so for me than Rick) was the sprinkler system. We also loved the openness of the yard, neither

of us wanted a fence because we like watching the beauty and activity of the neighborhood. We often have neighbors and others we know stop by when we are outside to visit.

I have contacted Andrea Richmond and explained our concerns to her and due to the circumstances, she was not aware of she has agreed to support a motion to reconsider and apologized for not looking into the situation further. Council member Chris Olson has agreed to contact Teri Lehrke and get the proposal started. I would appreciate your support in the motion to reconsider regarding the sidewalk on the south side of 1400 block of North Salem Rd on June 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

I have an open invitation to you all to stop by our home to observe our concerns and to ask any questions. I have contacted all of you so you have as much information as possible to make an informed decision on this motion.

I appreciate your time and support and look forward to meeting and thanking you on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Char Wegner  
2531 Prospect St  
La Crosse, WI 54603  
608-781-4150  
608-792-3139

COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF LA CROSSE

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Committee of the Whole considered the attached matter and makes the following recommendation to the Common Council:

**SUBJECT:** *Resol. app. sidewalks on south side of 1400 block of N. Salem Rd.*

**MOTION:** *1/2 adopt*

**MOTION:**

**MOTION:**

	Absent	For	Against
1. Richmond			
2. Wagner			
3. Olson			
4. Johnson			
5. Schmidt			
6. Satory			
7. Larsen			
8. Seaquist			
9. Becker			
10. Farmer			
11. Kader			
12. Ranis			
13. Maney			
14. Sweeney			
15. Decker			
16. Wigdahl			
17. Swantz			
TOTAL		9	8

DATA ON PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following persons appeared in favor:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>

The following persons appeared against:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>

Dated: 5/11/10

Signed: *Ali Lehman*

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of La Crosse:

Your Highways, Properties and Utilities Committee having under consideration the annexed resolution approving the installation of sidewalk on the south side of the 1400 block of North Salem Road, and said matter having been referred to the Board of Public Works and same having made and filed its report thereon, recommends the same be referred to the Committee of the Whole with no recommendation (tie vote).

Respectfully submitted,

Jai Johnson, Chmn  
John J. Satory  
Mike Larsen  
Bernard Maney  
Bruce Ranis  
Alan P. Wagner

Typed: 5-6-10

Approved:

HPU Vote: No. #2, 12, & 13



# COMMON COUNCIL CITY OF LA CROSSE

The following Committee(s) considered the attached matter and make(s) the following recommendation to the Common Council:

**Subject:** Resolution approving the installation of sidewalk on the South side of the 1400 block of North Salem Road.

## JUDICIARY & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A   NA   R   AF   RF   NR

VOTE:	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
BECKER	_____	_____	_____
DECKER	_____	_____	_____
FARMER	_____	_____	_____
RICHMOND	_____	_____	_____
SEAQUIST	_____	_____	_____
<b>Total</b>	_____	_____	_____

MOTION: 2<sup>nd</sup>

MOTION: 2<sup>nd</sup>

MOTION: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## HIGHWAYS, PROPERTIES & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

A   NA   R   AF   RF   NR

No Recommendation

VOTE:	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
JOHNSON	_____		_____
LARSEN	_____		_____
MANEY	_____	_____	✓
RANIS	_____	_____	✓
SATORY	_____	1	_____
WAGNER	_____	_____	✓
<b>Total</b>	_____	3	2

MOTION: 2<sup>nd</sup>

MOTION: *Wagner* 2<sup>nd</sup> *Ranis*

MOTION: *Satory* 2<sup>nd</sup> *Larsen*

Date MAY 05 2010 Signed *[Signature]*

## FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

A   NA   R   AF   RF   NR

VOTE:	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
OLSON	_____	_____	_____
KADER	_____	_____	_____
SCHMIDT	_____	_____	_____
SWANTZ	_____	_____	_____
SWEENEY	_____	_____	_____
WIGDAHL	_____	_____	_____
<b>Total</b>	_____	_____	_____

MOTION: 2<sup>nd</sup>

MOTION: 2<sup>nd</sup>

MOTION: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_



# BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

**CITY OF LA CROSSE**  
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LA CROSSE, WI 54601  
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MATHIAS HARTER, Mayor  
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WAYNE DELAGRAVE, Finance Director  
RANDY TURTENWALD, City Engineer  
LAWRENCE KIRCH, City Planner  
TERI LEHRKE, City Clerk - Secretary

April 20, 2010

Honorable Mayor and  
Common Council Members

Re: Resolution approving the installation of sidewalk on the South side of the 1400 Block of North Salem Road.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Board of Public Works considered the above matter at their meeting on April 19, 2010, and recommended the same be adopted.

Sincerely,

Mathias Harter  
President

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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, the installation of sidewalk on the south side of the 1400 block of North Salem Road is consistent with the city sidewalk policy adopted by the Common Council.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that the sidewalk on the south side of the 1400 block of North Salem Road shall be installed.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works is authorized to prepare plans, specs, estimates, advertise, receive bids and report said bids to the Common Council.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED at the City Engineer, and Finance Director are hereby authorize to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.**