

June 4, 2020

Dear City Planning Commission Members,

The City's 2021 CIP budget includes a request for \$300,000 for a three-season shelter in Weigent Park to replace the current shelter that is in disrepair and is 40-45 years old. A new shelter has been a priority for the Weigent-Hogan Neighborhood Association for many years. The current shelter is basically a storage shed that is in very poor condition with peeling paint and missing boards. It is an eye sore and can't be used for neighborhood or family gatherings. When our association received CIP funds two years ago, we talked about dedicating it towards a new shelter but had several safety issues we felt needed to be taken care of first. Now that the safety issues have been addressed, we have dedicated the remaining \$100,000 from our CIP allocation towards a new shelter.

Weigent Park is the focal point of our neighborhood. It is a gem that serves not only our neighborhood but many others in the city. The new play structure, which was paid for with WHNA's CIP allocation, is heavily used & the Parks Dept uses Weigent for Parks Dept programming. By replacing the existing shelter/storage shed with a 3-season, energy efficient shelter, park facilities and the neighboring environment will be improved. A new shelter can be used not only by the neighborhood and families across the city but also by the Parks Dept for community programming benefiting the city as a whole.

We hope you will support this request.

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