

MEMORANDUM

To: Village President Austin and Board Trustees
From: Kevin Barr, Village Manager *KS*
Date: November 1, 2018
Subject: 2019 Street Program Analysis – Follow-Up

Issue: The Board discussed this subject at both meetings in October. Discussion of Eastern Avenue was continued, with a practical deadline of the November 5th meeting to make a decision.

Analysis: The Board has discussed this item on several occasions in recent meetings. If you recall, the Village hand deliver a letter to residents on both sides of the block asking for their thoughts on the proposed project. We received very little initial response. It is difficult to judge what that means, other than that there may be little concern one way or the other. We subsequently made an effort to reach out to residents directly. Of those we have reached, as of this writing, six (6) were supportive of Eastern being included in the road program and three (3) were opposed. There are 14 total properties that we reached out to. It is possible that we will receive additional feedback by Monday night. Beyond the basic issue, there does appear to be a clear consensus that the parking area on the north/east side of the street should remain. Given this, if we move forward, the ribbon should be installed and parking area maintained or improved if possible. There was also a concern mentioned by at least two (2) residents that formal crossings be improved at Park and Eastern. This should be studied as part of the project. The current issue is that there are not proper sidewalks on the north and east sides, which means we should not be promoting people crossing at those locations. We will see if there is some way to do this short of re-building the full intersection.

In regards to the Eastern Avenue water main, my opinion is that we should NOT go forward with that portion of the project. All indications are that the system can continue to operate effectively without it. Also, given the concern regarding construction schedules and impacts, including water main installation on Walker and Prospect, not replacing this one stretch would avoid some additional traffic flow problems.

Please advise if you have any questions before the meeting.

Action Requested: We are updating the Board on the status of the project. Given the timing, it is important to finalize the decision regarding inclusion of Eastern Avenue in the program.