## Jennifer Bergstrom

From:

Jennifer Bergstrom

Sent:

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 2:43 PM

To:

Jennifer Bergstrom

Subject:

FW: Public Comment 5/25 Council Meeting

From: Judy Gizzi <

Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 10:44 AM

To: Lisa Wolfe < LWolfe@ci.benicia.ca.us >

Subject: Public Comment 5/25 Council Meeting

Hi there, can you please add this to the meeting tonight.

In 2018, the City amended an ordinance that was intended to provide it with greater enforcement alternatives for business owners and residents whose property was neglected and in disrepair. Long before the Ordinance was enacted, and continuing to this day, the former Sundowner building on East 5<sup>th</sup> St. was and remains a blighted mess at the gateway to our City. Online directions and smartphone apps send northbound motorists not to the Downtown 2<sup>nd</sup> street exit, but to the 5<sup>th</sup> street exit. There, for at least the past 10 years, their first impression of our City has been this burnt out shell that provides an impression more akin to an abandoned industrial town, than the lovely waterfront community we like to think we've become. What possible excuse is there for this lack of code enforcement? If nothing else, we are losing potential revenue from future development of the parcel. It is time for the owner, an out of County resident, to be held accountable as he is maintaining blight at the entrance to our City and therefore doing damage to our community, without being held accountable.

I have contacted city officials no less than four times since 2019 regarding this matter, including my latest request on April 14, 2021. I therefore request that the matter be placed on a future City Council agenda for further review and action.

Thank you. Judy Gizzi

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From:

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To:

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Subject:

FW: Public Comment May 25

Attachments:

3.\_List\_of\_Streets.pdf

From: Rocky Kim <

Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 11:20 AM To: Lisa Wolfe < <u>LWolfe@ci.benicia.ca.us</u>>

Subject: Public Comment May 25

Hello,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Rocky Kim and I would like to submit the following as public comment for the May 25 City Council Meeting. I do plan on attending the meeting as well and can offer them there if that would be easier.

RE: FY 20-21 Citywide Street Resurfacing Project

After reviewing the "<u>List of Streets - FY 20-21 Citywide Street Resurfacing Project</u>" I noticed that there were "streets added due to the cost efficiency of rubberized asphalt" to the city's repavement plan that are not found on any scenarios listed in the <u>2018 MTC P-TAP Round 18 BOR for Benicia</u>. Please refer to the highlighted streets on the attached document.

A few questions about this:

- 1. What is the total cost for these highlighted streets as their cost is not found on the 2018 BOR?
- 2. What criteria from the BOR decision tree was used to add these streets to the plan?
- 3. Is there a financial breakdown by street for the total cost of the "<u>List of Streets FY 20-21 Citywide Street Resurfacing Project</u>" using the \$4,616,740 bid amount from May 18's meeting, assuming it was approved?

Please let me know if there is anything else needed for public comment. Thank you.

Peace,

Rocky Kim
CTE Digital Media | Technology Mentor
Get Focused Stay Focused | eSports Head Coach
Benicia High School







## LIST OF STREETS IN THE BASE BID

STREETS APPROV	ED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON	FEBRUARY 18, 2020
STREET NAME	BEGIN	END
Buena Tierra Street	Vecino Street	Viewmont Street
Del Centro	Hillcrest Avenue	El Bonito Way
East 3rd Street	Military East	St Augustine Drive
East 4th Street	Military East	East N Street
East 4th Street	East J Street	East H Street
East I Street	East 1st Street	East 2nd Street
East I Street	East 3rd Street	East 4th Street
East J Street	East 2nd Street	East 3rd Street
East N Street	East 3rd Street	East 5th Street
East O Street	East 3rd Street	End of Cul de Sac
East T Street	East 3rd Street	300' East 3rd Street
El Bonito Way	Hillcrest Avenue	Hillcrest Avenue
La Cruz Avenue	Hillcrest Avenue	Hillcrest Avenue
La Prenda Street	Vista Grande Street	East 5th Street
Linda Vista Avenue	Hillcrest Avenue	East 5th Street
Rinconada Court	East 5th Street	End of Cul de Sac
Via Alta Court	Hillcrest Avenue	End of Cul de Sac
Viewmont Street	East 5th Street	Casa Grande Street
STREETS APPROV	ED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON	OCTOBER 20, 2020
STREET NAME	BEGIN	END
Campus Court	Dorset Way	End of Cul de Sac
Channing Circle	Oxford Way	Oxford Way
Clifton Court	Channing Circle	End of Cul de Sac
Dover Circle	Oxford Way	Hanlon Way
Hanlon Way	Oxford Way	Dorset Way
Mills Drive	Cambridge Drive	Larkin Drive
Wainwright Street	West 8th Street	West 9th Street
Walsh Court	Channing Circle	End of Cul de Sac
West J Street	West 8th Street	West 9th Street
STREETS ADDED DUE	O THE COST EFFICIENCY OF	RUBBERIZED ASPHALT
STREET NAME	BEGIN	END
Brandon Place	Rankin Way	End of Cul de Sac
Camden Court	Channing Circle	End of Cul de Sac
East 2nd Street	East O Street	I-780 On-Ramp
East 5th Street	Hillcrest Avenue	North End
East 5th Street	La Prenda Avenue	Vecino Street
East 6th Street	Military East	East N Street
East 7th Street	Military East	East N Street
East 7th Street	Military East	East K Street
East L Street	East 7th Street	End of Cul de Sac
East N Street	Address No. 630	Address No.550
Kerry Court	Dorset Way	End of Cul de Sac
Leeds Court	Hanlon Way	End of Cul de Sac
Rankin Way	East 2nd Street	End of Cul de Sac
Rose Drive	Cambridge Drive	Columbus Pkwy
A 20 XXX II	West 2nd Street	West 3rd Street
Semple Crossing		End of Cul de Sac
Varni Court	St Augustine Drive	West K Street
West 7th Street	Military West	
West 9th Street	West K Street	End at Boat Launch

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From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 3:17 PM

To:

Jennifer Bergstrom FW: Public comments

Subject: Attachments:

SG5-25.pdf

From: Stan Golovich

Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 2:59 PM
To: Lisa Wolfe < LWolfe@ci.benicia.ca.us>

Subject: Public comments

Ms. Wolfe-

Please include the attached as public comments for this evening's meeting.

Thank you,

Stan Golovich

May 25, 2021

From: Stan Golovich

Subj: Public comments; Romulan by the Roadside

The weed industry continues to GROW in Solano County. Development projects in Dixon and Vallejo are both situated on major traffic arteries to maximize consumer access and subsequent spending. Weed is more popular than wine or whiskey in this state, with sales volume easily outpacing alcohol sales figures year after year.

In Dixon, HIGHway 80 Dispensary is located just off I-80 next to Cattlemens restaurant, where a steady stream of potential consumers can easily exit and re-enter the freeway. The opposition to this development included operators of Dixon's only other dispensary that will definitely have their consumer base affected by a new and larger weed store.

Vallejo has approved a development called V-Town Farms that will occupy a former supermarket site on HIGHway 29, and is projected to be the largest dispensary in California. Here again, opposition included operators of some of the other ten dispensaries doing business in Vallejo.

Eighty percent of Vallejo dispensaries are located west of I-80. In my opinion, this gives Benicia a tremendous advantage to market our weed store to consumers that are eager for an alternative to shopping in high crime Vallejo. While Vallejo will have the biggest dispensary in the state, Benicia will have one of the best. We should exploit this opportunity as a component of our tourism marketing efforts. Tourists love weed stores.

Every city in Solano County is now on track to make money with weed because it sells like hotcakes at a Kiwanis Breakfast. Members of this council have FAILED to appreciate the lucrative economics of the weed industry. Trying to keep Benicia a "dry town" was a losing proposition from day one, and contributed to the crushing of a candidate in last year's election. By the time next year's elections roll around, we will be counting BIG MONEY from weed, and candidates that have worked to suppress this revenue stream will be the least popular on the ballot. I am hopeful to see a pair of younger, evolved women join our council and kick the weed industry into HIGH gear.

Incumbents are notorious for their opposition to weed sales in Benicia, and would be wise to resume private life, or else take a chance on being BLASTED off the ballot. Benicia voters love the weed industry and detest unevolved, arrogant, and corrupt politicians.

Stan Golovich Senior, veteran, artist, guru