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[MPC Comment] Sidewalks are great

1 message

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Tue, Mar 6, 2018 at 11:04 AM

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I have heard that the Commission is revisiting the sidewalk requirement because of some procedural issue?

What ever the issue I support the inclusion of sidewalks in all new development and in any substantial redevelopment. Sidewalks are necessary for the safety of pedestrians, especially children. I see kids walking on the roads in many neighborhoods where there are not sidewalks and it is scary. This is also unsafe for vehicles that have to dodge around pedestrians who must walk in the road way.

People like sidewalks and it adds value to homes in areas that have them no matter what developers may say.

Please continue to support sidewalks and other measures that increase the safety and health of Knoxville and Knox county.

Paul Laudeman

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[MPC Comment] Sidewalks Are Critical

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Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 10:49 AM

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Commissioners,

I can't believe that I even have to write this letter in 2018 regarding the importance of sidewalks in urban planning and development. Study after study has shown the importance of sidewalks in developing community. They create safer neighborhoods, they create healthier neighborhoods, and they level the playing field across socioeconomic classes where some citizens cannot afford a vehicle or public transportation. Moreover, the increase property value and have a positive impact on the local economy.

Do they cost money? Of course they do! But are they worth it? Of course they are!

Please do not focus on the short term financial gains, but instead focus on the long term vitality of our community.

Thank you!

Nolan Wildfire

Oakwood/Lincoln Park resident

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[MPC Comment] sidewalks, Item 2-B-18-OB

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Tue, Mar 6, 2018 at 11:20 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing about the sidewalk requirement to be discussed at the MPC meeting.

I live in a historic area that was built with sidewalks. It is an invaluable resource for our neighborhood. There are sections here, especially in Lincoln Park, that were not built with sidewalks. It is nearly impossible to add them now. We recently created maps for our area based on the existing sidewalks, but had to leave out significant sections of the neighborhood for lack of sidewalks and safe areas to walk.

The importance of proper planning and upfront costs can reap many long term benefits. We have a sedentary society. Sidewalks offer not just exercise opportunities, but a safe walking route to public transportation and a form of neighborhood watch, as well as a neutral place to meet and talk with neighbors.

Don't short-change our future communities by overlooking this valuable asset.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

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[MPC Comment] sidewalks

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Commissioners.

I just learned that the commission is taking up the sidewalk debate again. I've lived in Knoxville 10 years and am struck by the lack of sidewalks every time I travel and return. There's really no good excuse not to mandate 1st-world infrastructure like sidewalks. I'm living in Brisbane Australia for a few months now and I wondered at the great urban infrastructure that they have, including major parks and indeed global city stature. I learned that their launching point as a city came when they hosted the 1988 World's Fair (you should see their world fair park). There are a lot of factors that dictate where Knoxville has been and where it's going, but these two cities at least have that in common.

Knoxville has a lot to offer and I love to live here (there), but I feel like Knoxville has fallen behind in some of the "livability" standards that many cities enjoy and helps attract top companies and workers. Sidewalks are a fundamental core piece of infrastructure that must be in any city (on both sides of the street!). Don't let developers take shortcuts before they move onto the next spot, at the expense of livability, safety and obesity for Knoxville (did I mention that it's hard to find an overweight person here, by design?). Do what other cities have done for generations, mandate sidewalks.

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