

**From:** [Kevin Slovarp](#)  
**To:** [Ashley Strayer](#); [Katie Emery](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ward 6 inquiry; re: Sidewalks  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:38:19 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Ashley,

Would you place the email chain as an attachment to the referral?

Thanks,

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**From:** Sandra Vasecka <[VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 12:05 AM  
**To:** Monte Sipe <[SipeM@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:SipeM@ci.missoula.mt.us)>  
**Cc:** Jeremy Keene <[KeeneJ@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:KeeneJ@ci.missoula.mt.us)>; Kevin Slovarp <[SlovarpK@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:SlovarpK@ci.missoula.mt.us)>  
**Subject:** FW: Ward 6 inquiry; re: Sidewalks

Good Evening!

I'm so sorry for the late email. If it is not a hassle I would like to have the following email chain added to the public comment portion of item 3.1 in Public Works Mobility tomorrow, and if applicable, to items 3.2 and 3.3. Again, I apologize for the late notice, and I can bring it into the public record during the meeting as well. Thank you for all you do!

Sandra Vasecka  
Ward 6  
Missoula City Councilwoman

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**From:** Mirtha Becerra <[BecerraM@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:BecerraM@ci.missoula.mt.us)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 10:24 PM  
**To:** Sandra Vasecka <[VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us)>  
**Cc:** Kristen Jordan <[JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us)>

**Subject:** Re: Ward 6 inquiry; re: Sidewalks

Hi Sandra,  
I would send it to Monte Sipe and copy Jeremy Keene and Kevin Slovarp.  
Thanks!  
Mirtha

Sent from my iPhone

On May 9, 2022, at 9:44 PM, Sandra Vasecka <[VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us)> wrote:

Hi Mirtha,

Who do I contact to get the following email exchange attached to the Eaton Sidewalk issue for the PWM meeting Wednesday? Thanks!

Sandra Vasecka  
Ward 6  
Missoula City Councilwoman

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**From:** Sandra Vasecka  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 9:43 PM  
**To:** 'Bob Sewell' <[umgrizfan@gmail.com](mailto:umgrizfan@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Kristen Jordan <[JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us)>; Mark Todorovich <[TodorovichM@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:TodorovichM@ci.missoula.mt.us)>  
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Bob,

I will submit this email chain to be included in the public record, so there is no need to resubmit unless you would like to. The Wednesday meeting will be recorded so you can look at it after the meeting and email us with any follow up questions. This will be up for final vote on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in person at council chambers, at 140 Pine, Missoula, MT 59801 at 6:00 PM, and I encourage you and your neighbors to attend in person or virtually.

Have a safe trip!

Sandra Vasecka  
Ward 6  
Missoula City Councilwoman

**From:** Bob Sewell <[umgrizfan@gmail.com](mailto:umgrizfan@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 9:33 PM

**To:** Sandra Vasecka <[VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us)>

**Cc:** Kristen Jordan <[JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us)>; Mark Todorovich <[TodorovichM@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:TodorovichM@ci.missoula.mt.us)>

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Sandy / Kristen, Thank you so much for providing this information, it's really helpful.

I'm headed out of town for work and don't have time to get the word out to the neighbors. It appears there's only a very small number of folks that are penalized as much as I am. I suspect it's because of corner lots.

I will try to participate at least for short time on May 11th although I won't really be in a position to clearly articulate my thoughts on this topic if there is opportunity for the public to speak ( probably be driving )

Should re-submit my comments or is this email string sufficient for you share with other Council members?

Thank you,

Bob

On Mon, May 9, 2022 at 6:44 PM Sandra Vasecka <[VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us)> wrote:

Thanks Kristen!

Bob, on that list that Kristen sent shows the revised bids in the farthest right column. From my count, it looks like 19 of your neighbors, including you, received higher bids. I would encourage you to come to the virtual meeting and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Here is the link: <https://pub-missoula.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=295da8a2-b01a-443d-ad63-12cf784b5a34&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=7&Tab=attachments>

It is 9:25 to 10:25 am this Wednesday, May, 11<sup>th</sup>. It is the first item on the agenda. I'm sure city staff will explain during the meeting why the increase, but if they do not either Kristen or I will be sure to ask for an explanation. Thanks again for reaching out, and feel free to ask us any other questions or email with any comment.

All the best,

Sandra Vasecka  
Ward 6  
Missoula City Councilwoman

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**From:** Kristen Jordan <[JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us)>

**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 6:35 PM  
**To:** Sandra Vasecka <[VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us)>; 'Bob Sewell' <[umgrizfan@gmail.com](mailto:umgrizfan@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Mark Todorovich <[TodorovichM@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:TodorovichM@ci.missoula.mt.us)>  
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Hi Bob, and thank you Sandy,

Bob, I agree with Sandy's response. Please submit comment (you can send it via email to Sandy or me) or plan to attend the meeting on Wednesday to speak to your objection. There is a handful of City Council Reps who are working to eliminate these fees to homeowners for city assets. But, we need to hear from you and others who are affected by this project.

Sandy asked me to provide you with a copy of all of the assessments for the Eaton improvement project. [Click here to view that list](#). It is a list of all the bids, homeowner costs, and city supplements for the Eaton improvement project.

Please, please, please send comments to city council and encourage your neighbors to do so as well, and/or show up to the meeting on Wednesday where this will be spoken to in depth.

Thank you for your comment. Reach out anytime!

Kind regards,  
Kristen

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**From:** Sandra Vasecka <[VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 May 2022 5:17 PM  
**To:** 'Bob Sewell' <[umgrizfan@gmail.com](mailto:umgrizfan@gmail.com)>; Kristen Jordan <[JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us)>  
**Cc:** Mark Todorovich <[TodorovichM@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:TodorovichM@ci.missoula.mt.us)>  
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Hi Bob,

I remember the meetings on this project very well. We originally heard the project at Public Works Committee on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Here is the link to that meeting: <https://pub-missoula.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=a3378056-860b-4183-9cdd-7f63727137b2&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=11&Tab=attachments>

During that meeting, around time marker 15:27, John Contos asked how the responses to the letters to the neighbors about the support or opposition to the project. Mr. Todorovich received one response, and that household was in favor. After that, we learned that the max out of pocket for single family homes would be \$3,500, like you originally were quoted. Of course, that was not set in stone. The final vote for the committee meeting was 7 Yes, and 2 No, with Contos and I voting no.

Fast forward to the City Council Meeting Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, this project was up for the final vote under Committee Reports. Here is the link: <https://pub-missoula.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=998fe5a8-93b4-411a-af49-6a2228e54ad2&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=43&Tab=attachments>

It starts around 1:40:00, and it was a lengthy discussion. Kristen Jordan tried to bring the motion back to committee for more discussion, but that failed 7-4, with Contos, Carlino, Jordan, and I voting to bring it back for more discussion. After that, the motion to impose these sidewalks on the homeowners was passed, with Contos, Carlino, Jordan, and I voting no.

I wanted you to see the history of how you were imposed with these costs, and I would encourage you to watch the videos, tell your neighbors to watch the videos, and absolutely participate in the Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Public Works meeting (which is now named Public Works and Mobility). We will know what time the meeting is this Friday after 5:00.

Since there was only one person who said this was supported by the neighbors, and not one person in the neighborhood opposed it, it seems to the City that it is wanted by the neighborhood. From your email, it seems like quite the opposite is true. Please participate in the meeting, write emails to All Council at [CouncilA@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:CouncilA@ci.missoula.mt.us), or call and leave All Council a voice mail at 406-552-6012.

I will look into seeing how many of your neighbors received a higher cost estimate. Thank you for the email, and please call or email with any more concerns. I am so sorry this huge financial burden is happening to you and your neighbors.

Sandra Vasecka

Ward 6

Missoula City Councilwoman

406-529-3851

**From:** Bob Sewell <[umgrizfan@gmail.com](mailto:umgrizfan@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 5, 2022 3:08 PM

**To:** Sandra Vasecka <[VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us)>; Kristen Jordan <[JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us)>

**Cc:** Mark Todorovich <[TodorovichM@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:TodorovichM@ci.missoula.mt.us)>

**Subject:** Ward 6 inquiry; re: Sidewalks

Good afternoon Ms. Vasecka and Ms. Jordan,

cc: Mark Todorovich

Thank you for serving Ward 6 and the City of Missoula, I sincerely appreciate it!

I've attached the letter I recently received as to the Eaton sidewalk project.

Sidewalks are an important part of every neighborhood. I'm out walking around regularly and appreciate where sidewalks are installed.

The first letter estimated my obligation to be \$3,500. While not terribly happy about this, I recognize the need for safe sidewalks in corridors that matter. I appreciate the City's contribution of yours, mine and other taxpayer funds in the amount of \$15,116.96.

The enclosed letter almost triples my personal contribution from \$3,500 to

\$9,000, while the City's contribution increases roughly \$2300. Again, these are estimates, the only direction these costs are going is up.

This is a HUGE burden on me, on top of inflation impacts, costs to maintain a home and countless other financial pressures on all of our personal finances.

Can you please:

- 1) Find out the increased burden on your constituents in Ward 6 to know if I'm alone in my concerns.
- 2) Pause this project until the City can provide additional assistance to what was originally committed to those impacted.
- 3) Pause this project until construction costs recede. I think we all agree supply chain issues and construction input costs will decrease over time. The current costs are not sustainable.

I did not ask for sidewalks to be installed in front of my home. This is something that is imposed on me, at my expense, by decisions made by the City Council. There have not been sidewalks on Eaton since the beginning of time. Pausing this project for a year ( next building season or so) is not a huge burden to those in the neighborhood. I know this because I live on Eaton and talk to my neighbors.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Thank you,

Bob Sewell

Cell 406-370-2315