

I am calling regarding Resolution 20-1023, the STAR grant for TCGIS school to build a gabion fence. My name is Ron Greene. I live at 1015 Van Slyke Avenue across from TCGIS school. Here is my comment. This is an absolute waste of the City of St. Paul funds. \$70,000 total cost for rocks enclosed in fencing which will provide no sound mitigation relief for the neighbors is simply a stupid use of precious funds in this pandemic period. Answer the question: What sound mitigation does this form of materials provide for us neighbors, Amy? Please tell us how this works to reduce the above allowable noise limits. This action should be delayed until this question is answered and TCGIS solicits true neighborhood input. The immediate neighbors did not have any input into this wasteful ineffective fence.

City of Saint Paul
City Council
City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55101
Council Members:

This is in opposition to RES 20-1023, concerning the use of grant funds through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round program for the Twin Cities German Immersion School to construct a gabion or stone-filled basket fence along the alley adjacent to 1023 Como Avenue.

My name is Teri Alberico and I own the property along the alley adjacent to the proposed stone fence. The construction of a fence has a long history, but it's particularly for noise reduction at the northern end of their property near the playground equipment across from their east entrance. That equipment was put in by the French Immersion School, but the much larger student body of the current school results in significant noise. A wall as tall as the playground equipment will reduce the noise to the adjacent property and makes sense.

Construction of a stone wall along the alley south of the turn-around area will not reduce noise. When the school constructed a building across the previous alley they created a two-story amphitheater that reflects the sound well over the 7-foot height of the fence. It will do nothing to reduce noise and is a significant cost compared to a tall chain link or normal public school fence.

More importantly this solid wall will act as a snow fence dumping more snow in the alley. When the school took public property without providing additional access for our end of the block they reduced the area for us to put snow so we can access our homes and garages. It's difficult to get plows in because they cannot just push through to a boulevard. And there is little room for them to pile the snow as well. Attached is a drawing showing how to induce a snow drift

At this time I believe it is a waste of Star Grant funds to construct a gabion wall. A normal chain link fence will suffice and allow movement of snow through it instead of inducing the development of drifts in the alley.

This project is not a wise or efficient use of Star Grant or public school funding.

Thank you, Illustration attached

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Controlling a Snow Drift

