

St. Anthony Park Community Council/District 12
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March 15, 2013

Councilmember Russ Stark
City Hall
15 W. Kellogg Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Councilmember Stark:

I am writing to convey a decision taken by the Board of the St. Anthony Park Community Council/District 12 at the March meeting about industrial sidewalks in the industrial part of South St. Anthony.

Our Board reviewed the plan to install sidewalks as proposed by Public Works. The Board recommended on a 6-4 vote with one abstention that all the all the sidewalks be placed as recommended by Public Works.

Because it was a close vote, I wanted to give you a sense of the concerns on both sides of the issue. One argument for not improving Carleton was that it imposed a burden on one business owner that has not been placed on much of South St. Anthony--for example, on Territorial which would truly benefit from sidewalks was not part of this plan.

Those arguing in favor of the sidewalks cited consistency, safety and a commitment to getting people to light rail. It was recognized that the sidewalks being proposed are somewhat of a patchwork that made the best of limited resources. Everyone agreed that a bigger commitment to sidewalks throughout the area is needed.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and willingness to hear people out about this issue.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy H. Sparks".

Amy Sparks, Executive Director
St. Anthony Park Community Council