

Dear City Council members,

Our family lives at 1209 Scheffer Ave in the first Phase of the Griggs-Scheffer Paving Project. We have been here almost 16 years. Our street is a quiet street with a modest hill in a neighborhood bound by a bluff on the east side.

We have three main concerns with the plans as proposed:

- 1) The proposed sidewalk width of 6 ft seems unnecessary and unprecedented in the area (4-5 ft is consistent with our greater neighborhood). Note, we currently do not have ANY sidewalk in front of our home.
- 2) The street widening from 29 to 32 ft seems misguided on a street where every home has a driveway and no one parks cars on the street. Because of this, we do not have the intrinsic traffic calming benefit of street parking. With the hill on the street, people naturally gain too much speed and safety will become an even greater concern for those of us living on this block.
- 3) The pure negative visual and environmental impact that adding an 8 ft piece of concrete pavement (6ft walk, 2 ft boulevard) directly abutting the street on the south side of Scheffer will have on our neighborhood. (That is almost the width of our driveway!)

With the city's plan to reduce side street speeds to 20 mph, widening our road width will work directly against this. The oversized design seems environmentally and financially irresponsible.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Griggs/Scheffer Area Paving & Lighting - Public Hearing Comment for 15 April 2020 meeting

I am submitting this comment/concern for the above public meeting.

I recently received a Public Hearing Notice for the above project along with the estimated assessment calculation. I was stunned at the amount. For my property @ 1287 Hartford, the estimated assessment is \$5616.

With the situation we are in now with COVID19 and its drastic implications on the economy, I am doubtful the everyone will be able to handle this extra expense, even with the loan options offered. I am a recent retiree with a fixed income and whose life investments that are on shaky ground. Are interest- free loans an option?

I understand that these aren't easy times for any person, business, or government entity, but I wanted to raise my concerns. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,  
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