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I cannot make the public hearing, but wanted to put in a written statement regarding the 2014 Right-Of-Way maintenance program assessments. I disagree with the cost per foot for this assessment. In a cul-de-sac home, the footage is much greater than in a home on a standard street. Therefore, the cost of the assessment for my property is much higher. Also, the last time the street was oil seal coated and chipped, the street sweeper didn't come through our cul-de-sac and left all the excess pebbles on our street for the summer. I crashed my motorcycle in the fall due to this right in the cul-de-sac (I filed a complaint with the city). The street is still in worse shape now than before the seal coating. I am in favor of foregoing the seal coating, and just keep the money for a complete re-pave when the time comes. Second, the snow plowing is horrible. We don't ever see the snow plow during or after a snow for at least 24 hours. And the snow plow doesn't even show up unless there is more than 2" of snowfall. We had to call the city and the snow plow company (sub-contractor) multiple times this past winter to get them out to our location so we could go to work. This all adds up to being unacceptable for the rates we are paying for this assessment each year. We also haven't seen a flush and sweep since I have lived here, and it says that should be done every spring and fall? We have no sidewalk, so that doesn't come into play for the total assessment. I am paying almost \$6000/year in property tax, then I am assessed more taxes for street maintenance and storm sewer maintenance on top of my property taxes. That puts my total property assessment at almost \$7000/year for a \$285,000 home. That is absolutely ludicrous. Something needs to change, I cannot afford to live in St. Paul much longer.

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