



August 28, 2017

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *cg*

SUBJECT: Sidewalk Expansion Request

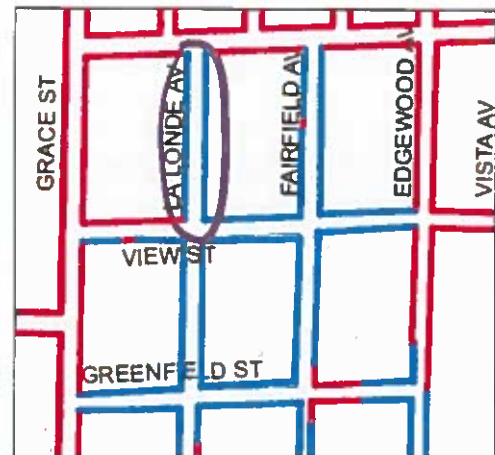
Background

In June 2017, staff was contacted by a resident residing in the 300 block of N. LaLonde Avenue regarding the lack of sidewalks. The concern was over the lack of sidewalks and the desire to have sidewalks installed to address resident concerns over individuals walking in the roadway. As part of the discussion with the resident, staff provided information on the current Village Board policy pertaining to sidewalks. Specifically, staff provided the following:

"B. FILL THE GAP & COMPLETE THE BLOCK"

1. *On improved residential streets, sidewalks will be installed in up to three (3) lots in a city block at 100% Village cost to complete the block. The installation of the sidewalks must complete a continuous walkway around a city block to qualify for this program. Irregular-shaped lots and blocks will be considered on a case by case basis. Funding cap is determined annually during the Capital Improvement Program development process. (Board decision May 20, 1999)*
2. *On improved residential streets, where there are more than three (3) lots in a city block that do not have sidewalks installed in the public right-of-way, the Village will construct the sidewalks to complete the block. The residents adjacent to the proposed sidewalks must pay for 50% of the cost of the work. The Village will only complete sidewalk improvements in the event that there is unanimous support for the extension of sidewalks. It is a first-come first-served program and applications for the current fiscal year will no longer be accepted once the funds are expended. This program is subject to funding of the program in the Capital Improvement Program.*

A map depicting the area that is being surveyed has been provided below. The survey area is denoted in **PURPLE**. Areas with existing sidewalks are shown in **RED** and areas without sidewalks are depicted in **BLUE**.



A petition to gauge interest was circulated to determine the interest of the area property owners to determine whether to further explore the expansion of the sidewalk network. The survey sought input on whether sidewalk expansion was desired, with a cost estimate of total project and cost per property owner to be determined once the scope of the project was better known. An estimate of \$2,000 per property was provided as a rough estimate based upon the Village's 2017 sidewalk contract pricing.

The surveys were due on, or before, August 1, 2017. The final results of the survey of the 15 properties included in the survey can be found below. As part of the initial letter (attached), a non-response is considered a "No" vote.

	YES	NO	NON-RESPONSE (NO)
Votes	1	4	10
Percentage	6.67%	26.67%	66.67%
TOTALS	6.67%	93.33%	

A table of the specific responses can be found on the attached spreadsheet.

Recommendation

Given the very low level of support by the impacted properties, staff would recommend that the Village not proceed with the sidewalk expansion at this time in the 300 block of N. LaLonde Avenue.

Lombard Public Works Department
300 block of N. LaLonde Avenue
Sidewalk Survey

Address	Vote	Comments
355 N. LaLonde		No response
359 N. LaLonde		No response
363 N. LaLonde	No	
367 N. LaLonde	No	50 years without sidewalks and now someone wants to saddle me with \$2000 for a sidewalk when I am ready to retire!
368 N. LaLonde		No response
371 N. LaLonde	No	There are so many reasons that this is a bad idea. Sidewalks are absolutely not needed. This is a quiet street with very little foot traffic. We have our mail delivered at the street. I rarely see people walking on the sidewalks that are already installed in front of some of the houses when people walk up and down this street. Most everyone walks in the street. And, to make the residences pay \$2000 each for it is ludicrous. We already pay the highest property taxes in the state! And I have been notified by my company that I will be laid off from my job at the end of this year....at the age of 57 and replaced by foreign labor! I do not have the money for unnecessary construction whims of the Village of Lombard at this time! No thank you. Not interested. Totally unnecessary and a burden on already strapped middle class tax payers.
374 N. LaLonde		No response
375 N. LaLonde		Returned
378 N. LaLonde		Returned
379 N. LaLonde		No response
382 N. LaLonde	No	
383 N. LaLonde		Letter not delivered
386 N. LaLonde		No response
387 N. LaLonde	Yes	
430 E View		No response



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July 17, 2017

Certified Mail:

RE: Sidewalk Expansion Survey

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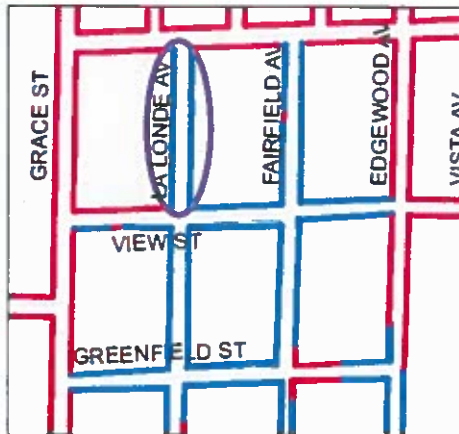
Dear Property Owner:

The Village of Lombard has received a request for an expansion to the sidewalk network in your neighborhood. The Village of Lombard has a Sidewalk Policy that defines the conditions under which the sidewalks are installed. Pursuant to the Sidewalk Policy, the expansion would fall under the *Fill the Gap* provision of the Village Board Policy (attached).

The areas that are being considered for expansion includes the following:

- 300 block of N. LaLonde

A map depicting the area that is being surveyed based upon a resident initiated request has been provided below. The survey area is denoted in **PURPLE**. Areas with existing sidewalks are shown in **RED** and areas without sidewalks are depicted in **BLUE**.



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"The Mission of the Village of Lombard is to provide superior and responsive governmental services to the people of Lombard."

At this time, the Village is gauging the interest of the area property owners to determine whether there is interest in the expansion of the sidewalk network. Your input is extremely important. The information provided will be utilized to determine if constructing sidewalks would be feasible and cost effective.

Per Village Board Policy, it is anticipated that the benefitting properties would be financially responsible for fifty (50%) percent of the cost of these improvements, which may include the replacement of the driveway apron. Based upon current bid prices, the Village estimates the cost to be \$2,000 per property.

Responses can be submitted online at www.villageoflombard.org/sidewalksurvey or by filling out the form below and returning it to the Lombard Public Works Department at 1051 S. Hammerschmidt Avenue, Lombard, IL 60148. Responses must be received by August 1, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact the Village of Lombard Public Works Department at 630-620-5740, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

Sincerely,



Carl Goldsmith
Director of Public Works

cc: William Johnston, Trustee District #4
William Ware, Trustee District #6
Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

ALL NON-RESPONSES WILL BE CONSIDERED AS "NO – NOT INTERESTED".

Certified Mail:

Address: «Address_Line_1»

- YES, I/we are interested in the construction of sidewalks in the 300 block of N. LaLonde and understand that I/we would be responsible for 50% of the cost of the project adjacent to my property.
- NO, I/we are not interested in the construction of sidewalks in the 300 block of N. LaLonde.

Comments: _____
