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Payne, Nancy

From: Johnson-Martin, Janice
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2012 11:44 AM
To: Yehlen, Mark
Cc: Schweitzer, Debbie; Payne, Nancy
Subject: FW: FW: Duck Crossing

I'm assuming you will have one of your staff enter this into legistar and contact the applicant as to when the item will appear on the agenda. Thanks

From: McCarthy, Terry
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 11:06 PM
To: Yehlen, Mark
Cc: Marcia Matavka; Johnson-Martin, Janice
Subject: RE: FW: Duck Crossing

Mark and Janice,
Please consider this an official communication for the Traffic Commission. Let's be sure that Marcia knows when it is on the agenda so that she can attend the meeting.

Terry McCarthy
9th District Alderman, City of Racine
Chair, Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service
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From: Marcia Matavka [mmatavka@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 6:47 PM
To: McCarthy, Terry
Subject: Re: FW: Duck Crossing

Mr. McCarthy,
Thank you again for following through with this request. The problem is not that the signs will make people stop, the problem is *people do stop, and I think this would just warn people that the reason they are stopping is because of ducks. Being that it is a four lane street, some people in one lane stop, and then people in the other lane are not stopping, until they finally see the ducks. Again, there is duck sign crossings around the corner on Osbourne. I just think it's a safety issue. The signs are not going to make people stop, they are going to make them more aware. I still would like to see the signs put up. The ducks have a pattern and cross the same intersections when they cross the street. As I stated, when cars stop to let them cross, others do not realize what is happening. This would at least warn them. Thank you!*

--- On Tue, 11/20/12, McCarthy, Terry <Terry.McCarthy@cityofracine.org> wrote:

From: McCarthy, Terry <Terry.McCarthy@cityofracine.org>
Subject: FW: Duck Crossing
To: "mmatavka@yahoo.com" <mmatavka@yahoo.com>
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 4:35 PM

Marcia,

Please read below and let me know what you think about making this an official item for the Traffic Commission. Mr. Yehlen is only one member, but he is an influential one. Talk soon.

Terry McCarthy

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From: Yehlen, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 4:18 PM
To: McCarthy, Terry
Subject: RE: Duck Crossing

Alderman McCarthy,

Pardon the delay in my response to your question. I've been trying to determine whether the City or the County is responsible for signage along this stretch of Spring Street, and I haven't gotten a totally satisfactory answer yet, but the City probably is.

The short answer to your question is that this request should be referred to the Traffic Commission. But as a member of the Traffic Commission, I would most probably oppose the installation of a duck warning sign in this location. With Spring Street being a four-lane arterial street, and this location being about 150 feet from a signalized intersection, I don't think it's prudent to install a warning sign that might be interpreted by a driver to require them to stop for ducks in the road. It's not that I don't care about the well being of ducks, but I don't want to encourage people to abruptly stop directly before or after negotiating a signalized intersection.

Mark H. Yehlen

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From: McCarthy, Terry
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 12:18 PM
To: Yehlen, Mark

Subject: FW: Duck Crossing

Mark,

Is something you can just do, or does it require a communication for your Committee? Thanks.

Terry McCarthy

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From: McCarthy, Terry
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 12:17 PM
To: Marcia Matavka
Subject: RE: Duck Crossing

Marcia,

I will check with our Public Works folks and let you know.

Terry McCarthy

9th District Alderman, City of Racine

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From: Marcia Matavka [mmatavka@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 10:32 AM
To: McCarthy, Terry
Subject: Duck Crossing

Dear Mr. McCarthy,

I was wondering if we would be able to get two duck crossing signs put up by our house on Spring Street? We have lived here just over one year now, and have noticed that the ducks certainly have a pattern of walking down Osbourne, turning east on Spring Street, and start crossing the street right before our first driveway. It is

cute to watch them, but of course dangerous for drivers who try to do the right thing and stop, and of course for the poor ducks.

I would like to see two signs put up, one on our side of the street, and one on the north side of the street by the duplexes. At least people would be on the alert that ducks do indeed cross the street, and they should be prepared for people to stop. I know this won't solve everything, but at least it's a good start.

Looking forward to your response. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Marcia Matavka

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