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April 2, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council, City of Racine

FROM: Ronald G. Halvorsen, 3027 Ruby Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin (639-6824)

RE: 3000 block of Ruby Avenue

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Common Council:

I am writing as a citizen, taxpayer, voter and resident of 3027 Ruby Avenue in the City of Racine. I also write on behalf of the other homeowners and residents of the 3000 block who have signed the attached petition relating to the city's planned removal of trees and replacement of sidewalks on this block in connection with the paving of the street itself.

Although we were informed of the planned paving over a year ago, only one person with whom we spoke was informed of the tree removal/sidewalk relocation, and that came just a few weeks ago. However, virtually ALL of us would be impacted. Since this recent notification, we have contacted Alderman Diehl who represents this district and have circulated the attached petition.

The 3000 block of Ruby Avenue is a highly residential street with virtually no through traffic other than the people who live on this block. It has sidewalks on both sides of the street (many squares recently replaced by order of the city), many mature shade trees and a wide street area. Ruby, paralleling North Main, is a street that is "interrupted" in several sections as it travels north and south, thus contributing to the lack of traffic. The loss of shade trees will significantly affect the natural charm and welcome shade that they offer.

With regard to the sidewalk removal, we are told by the city engineer that this is necessary to correct a "kink" (his term) at approximately mid-block. This becomes absurd when you observe that the "kink" is about 3 degrees from straight. The proposed new sidewalk will take substantial portions of many of our front lawns and will place our homes at awkward angles vis-à-vis the sidewalk.

In my particular case, at 3027 Ruby, this will (according to the plan) destroy a portion of a decorative, stamped concrete walkway that stretches from the current sidewalk to the front door, which we had professionally done at a cost of \$5,500 just last October. Had the city given advanced notice of the sidewalk project, we would have had the opportunity to delay this concrete paving, but now it is in place and is very attractive (see attached photos).

Perhaps the most troubling part of this is the lack of notice and opportunity to be heard on this matter. The form letter notice provided last year said only that the subject was "PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVING." There was no mention whatsoever of the tremendous destruction of our neighborhood that would also take place. Now, we are told that construction/destruction is imminent.

For this reason, and the concerns mentioned above, we respectfully request that the city place this project on permanent hold unless we can come to an agreement on how to pave the street while preserving the trees and sidewalks. We further request that Alderman Diehl follow up to make sure that there will be no more unpleasant surprises.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald G. Halvorsen".

Ronald G. Halvorsen

On behalf of Janet Petrik, Cynthia Magnuson and other residents of the 3000 block of Ruby Avenue

Petition regarding the 3000 block of Ruby Avenue

We, the undersigned residents and/or homeowners of property located in the 3000 block of Ruby Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin, object to any tree removal and sidewalk replacement on this city block in connection with the concrete paving planned for this block.

| <u>Name</u>                            | <u>House Number</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| Janet Petuk                            | 3027                |
| Ronald Malonen                         | 3027                |
| Jim Fultz                              | 3022                |
| Jim                                    | 3022                |
| Pat Skumman                            | 3019                |
| Ellen R Cardwell                       | 3047                |
| Larry D Cardwell                       | 3047                |
| Barbara Brudek                         | 3042                |
| Cynthia Magnuson                       | 3033                |
| Charles Peterson by Peggy Robbin's POA | 3038                |
| Jean L Peterson by Peggy Robbin's POA  | 3038                |
| Dale Huter                             | 3016                |

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Rynn Townsend

442 Melvin

Jennifer Waite

3065 Ruby

Steve Waite

3065 Ruby

Joseph Donaldson

453 Lombard

Jeffrey B. Barton

3058 Ruby Ave.

Laurel Barker

3058 Ruby Ave

Russell

3070 RUBY AVE

Carol Swenson

3030 Ruby Ave

Larilyn Arbelaez

3026 Ruby Ave.

Ben White

3050 Ruby Ave

**3027 Ruby Avenue  
Stamped Concrete  
October, 2013  
\$5,548**



**If sidewalk were removed and replaced at an angle the new stamped concrete would be cut (and ruined) and the pattern would no longer be parallel and perpendicular to the sidewalk.**

## 3000 Block of Ruby Avenue



**Can you find the dreaded kink?**

**Note relatively wide street with many mature trees.**

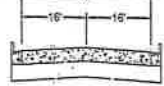
**BENCH MARKS:**

W COUP HYD SE COR MELVIN AVE & RUBY AVE = 624.16  
 W COUP HYD MID BLOCK OF RUBY AVE E SIDE N OF LOMBARD AVE = 625.09

**LEGEND:**

- 4" SIDEWALK REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT= [Symbol]
- 6" DRIVEWAY REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT= [Symbol]
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WEST EAST



PROPOSED SECTION (TYPICAL)

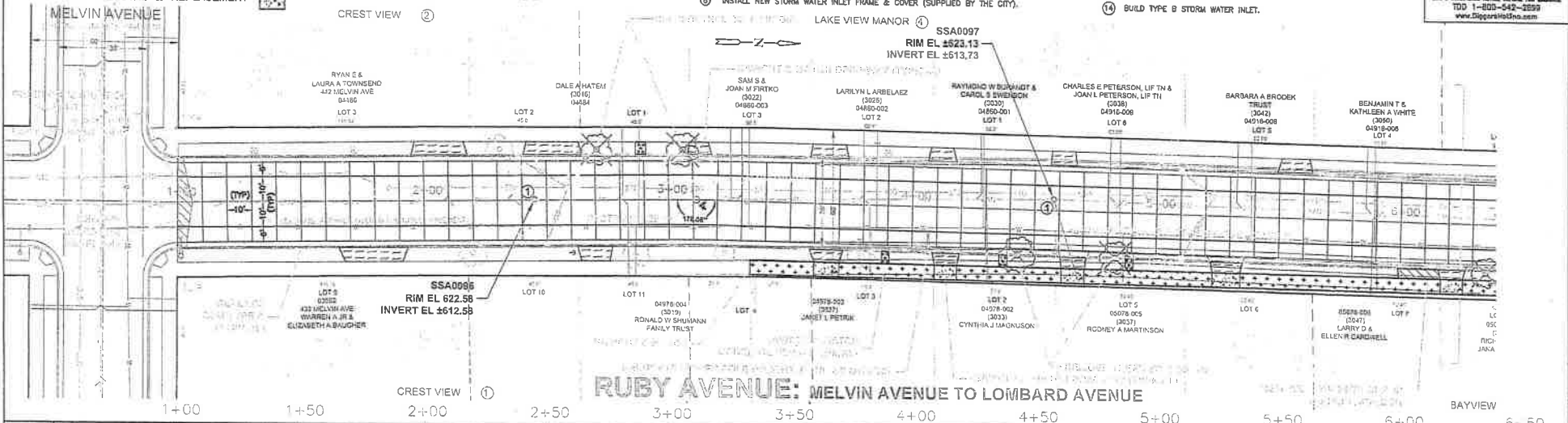
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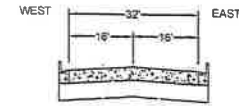
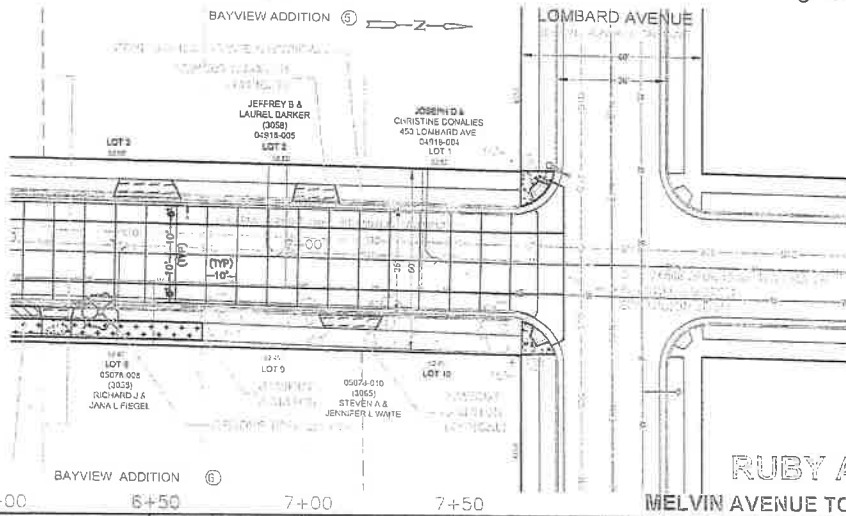
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PROPOSED SECTION (TYPICAL)

**RUBY AVENUE**

MELVIN AVENUE TO LOMBARD AVENUE

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|       |           |       |         |          |       |      |                                   |          |                                 |                           |                             | February 8, 2014     |         |       |        |