



Mindy Barnes <mindy.barnes@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fencing at Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage

1 message

Lisa Montgomery <lisa7richelle@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 8:40 PM

To: pubw@como.gov

Cc: Michelle Niles <michelleniles@gmail.com>

Please, please fund a fence around the upper garage level. We lost a beloved lifelong friend who jumped from that garage on December 11, 2018. My understanding is that he is one of several who have jumped to their deaths from that location.

Thank you for considering this plea.

Gratefully,

Lisa Snyder

573-268-7305

Sent from my iPhone



David Nichols <david.nichols@como.gov>

Fwd: [PubW]: 5th and walnut

1 message

Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: David NICHOLS <David.Nichols@como.gov>

Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 10:40 AM

Dave,

Comments on 5th & Walnut received on PubW email. Please see below.

Dana Sample, CTA
Sr. Administrative Support Assistant / HR Liaison
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From: **Paula Thomas** <paulalou52@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 10:24 AM
Subject: [PubW]: 5th and walnut
To: <pubw@como.gov>

I wish to support the enhancements purposed by the city to help prevent more suicides occurring at that structure. I understand 11 have occurred in which one of those was a relative of ours. Please help prevent others the suffering we experienced.

Thank you,
Paula Abell Thomas



David Nichols <david.nichols@como.gov>

Fwd: [PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: David NICHOLS <David.Nichols@como.gov>

Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 10:41 AM

Dave,

5th & Walnut comments, please see below.

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From: **Lyle Johnson** <lylejohnson42@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 10:36 AM
Subject: [PubW]: Fifth and Walnut
To: <pubw@como.gov>

I support installing deterrents to the "Fifth and Walnut" parking garage as a preventative measure for persons attempting suicide. Somehow there is an attraction to this garage as a means to a tragic life ending act. Perhaps less accessibility would make this facility a "not so easy" choice.

Lyle Johnson
Columbia, MO
445-1418



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Parking Garage Safety

2 messages

'Kate Jagger' via PubW <pubw@como.gov>
Reply-To: Kate Jagger <katiebugg99@aol.com>
To: "pubw@como.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 7:59 PM

Please see the attached form.

Sincerely,
Kate Jagger

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Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: Kate Jagger <katiebugg99@aol.com>
Bcc: Ashlyn Sherman <ashlyn.sherman@como.gov>

Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 7:43 AM

Hello,

The Public Works Department has received your email and your comments have been added to our file for the proposed project. Thank you for sending in your comments.

Sincerely,
Dana Sample, CTA
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Public Comment Form Enhanced Fall Protection Measures at Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage

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Public Works, Engineering Division
City of Columbia
P.O. Box 6015
Columbia, MO 65205

Comments may also be emailed to: pubw@CoMo.gov
(Be sure to include "Fifth and Walnut" in the subject line)

Comments *(additional space for more comments on the following page)*

I am writing in support of putting safety measures such as fencing at the Fifth Street Parking Garage to deter accidents and suicides. Thank you for your consideration of this endeavor.

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name _____ Email _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Elizabeth H. Weber <lweber@rogersehrhardt.com>
To: "pubw@CoMo.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 9:31 AM

Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth Weber

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Please give serious consideration to installing fall protection on the Fifth and Walnut garage. A close friend of mine lost her ex-husband and father of her teenage boy to suicide from the top of the garage. While we all understand that fall protection on this one building cannot prevent all suicides, the number of citizens taking their own lives in this manner should be of great concern to us and to the City. I suspect that a fence or other device would be relatively inexpensive and uncomplicated to install and hopefully prevents other families from enduring such a tragedy.

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name Elizabeth Weber Email _____

Mailing address 2804 Wild Plum Court

City Columbia State MO Zip 65201

Signature _____



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Michelle Niles <michelleniles@gmail.com>
To: pubw@como.gov

Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 11:05 AM

See attached, thank you.

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I support putting preventative measures in place at the garage to deter suicides. Fencing and other measures WILL help deter self-harm. There are many studies that support this statement and I can provide more detail if you need facts.

In addition, the parking garage at 5th and Walnut is drawing a bad reputation in Columbia as the spot to go for suicides. It's sad to have a giant spot downtown that brings sadness and fear to residents.

Please do all you can to install a fence at the parking garage.

Thank you,
Michelle Niles

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name Michelle Niles Email michelleniles@gmail.com

Mailing address 3502 Balkan Court

City Columbia State Missouri Zip 65203

Signature _____



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage

1 message

Dan Niles <dan.niles@gmail.com>
To: pubw@como.gov

Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 11:27 AM

Please find my comments attached.

Thanks,

Dan

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Please do all you can to install a fence or other preventative measure at the parking garage.

Thank you,

Dan Niles

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name Daniel Niles Email dan.niles@gmail.com

Mailing address 3502 Balkan Ct.

City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

Signature _____



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Emily Kebert <emilykebert@gmail.com>
To: pubw@como.gov

Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 11:50 AM

Please see attached for my public comment form regarding the parking structure at 5th and Walnut.

Thank you for your consideration.

Emily Kebert

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Comments (additional space for more comments on the following page)

I fully support putting preventative measures in place at the 5th and Walnut Parking Structure to deter suicides.

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name Emily Kebert Email

Mailing address 2101 Tadley St.

City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

Signature



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I read the Missourian article with this quote " The nine-story parking structure at Fifth and Walnut streets has claimed seven lives through suicide since its opening in 2011...The city is considering preventative measures like fencing — both physical and invisible — along with hotline signage, an increase in security and landscaping change. "

I fully support the above measures. In Dec of 2018, just before Christmas and his birthday, my childhood friend, Marcus Rodhouse, took his life by jumping from this parking garage. The loss of life was tragic in and of itself, but it was also horrific for any bystanders. I have another friend who was there at the time it happened, and she had her small child with her for an errand to the post office. While it is true that a determined individual can find a way to take their own life, we can do something to prevent future tragedies at this location. The signage is a great idea along with physical impediments. Thank you for your consideration.

Leila Willmore
Columbia resident

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name Leila Willmore Email Leila_willmore@mac.com

Mailing address 2816 Butternut Ct

City Columbia State MO Zip 65201

Signature _____



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Comments *(additional space for more comments on the following page)*

I support putting preventative measures at the parking garage at Fifth and Walnut along with posted suicide numbers to help deter future suicide attempts. The investment could save multiple lives.



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: 5th and Walnut Parking garage - loss of lives

2 messages

Wiles, Elizabeth <ewiles@truman.edu>
To: "pubw@CoMo.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 1:10 PM

To Whom it may concern:

Our friend took his own life a year and a half ago when he leapt from the parking garage and 5th and Walnut. He left children, as young as 6, without a father forever. His daughter was my child's friend and in their class. He was a loving, caring person who had so much more to give and we all will miss him terribly. The family and community will NEVER fully recover from this loss.

Please install physical barriers to prevent more deaths at the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage.

Physical barriers save lives. Signs are NOT enough. Physical barriers are critical.

Please take a step back and *see this issue from the point of view* of someone who is ill and could harm themselves – and from the point of view of their family and the whole community who stand to lose them.

Please do something and please make sure it is a WORTHY investment that will accomplish what you mean to do. Signs will not work.

Can you put a price tag on a life? On the lives shattered when a loved one is lost? On the children growing up without a parent?

It is a worthy investment to save even one life!

Thank you,

Elizabeth Wiles

Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: "Wiles, Elizabeth" <ewiles@truman.edu>
Bcc: Ashlyn Sherman <ashlyn.sherman@como.gov>

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 1:12 PM

Hello,

The Public Works Department has received your email. Your comments are being added to the proposed project file.

Thank you for submitting your comments.

Sincerely,

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Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage

1 message

Kate Denehy <katedenehy@gmail.com>
To: pubw@como.gov

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 1:38 PM

I would like to register my support for physical barriers to be added to the Fifth and Walnut parking garage to prevent further deaths. I do not believe anything short of physical barriers will do enough to prevent future tragedies.

Sincerely,
Kate Denehy
Columbia resident



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Sarah Arriagada <sarah.arriagada@gmail.com>
To: pubw@como.gov

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 1:46 PM

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please install physical barriers to prevent more deaths at the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage. Physical barriers save lives. Signs are not enough. Physical barriers are critical.

Thank you,

Sarah Arriagada



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut Parking Structure

1 message

Kilpatrick, Kayla <kilpatrickk@missouri.edu>
To: "pubw@CoMo.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 1:58 PM

Hello City of Columbia,

I am writing regarding the importance of installing physical barriers to prevent more deaths at the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage. Physical barriers save lives; signs are not enough. Physical barriers are critical. I attended the University of Missouri for undergrad and graduate school and am now a provisionally licensed psychologist and nationally certified school psychologist working in our Columbia schools; I have received critical training on suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention and would like to take a moment to share some of the information that I have learned in my years of training.

As a mental health professional in our community, one death by suicide is too many and, unfortunately, with this parking structure being the tallest in our city, it has become known as a local hotspot for suicide completion and **a physical barrier is needed to save lives.**

Research on suicide prevention and intervention indicates that placement of suicide prevention signs or even call boxes have not been shown to affect suicide rates in locations that are highly lethal means of suicide completion. However, research indicates that physical barriers **do** reduce suicide rates in areas that are common and lethal. Please see this article for additional information on research regarding physical barriers.

It is important to understand that individuals who are contemplating suicide are in a state of emotional crisis and are known to act impulsively. Many people incorrectly assume that an individual who wants to die by suicide will just go on to find another way if one lethal method is restricted, although this is not supported by research. Suicidology research shows indicates that nine out of ten individuals who are survivors of suicide attempts do not go on to die by suicide later (see this article). Suicide occurs in a moment of crisis and restricting access to lethal means has been shown to reduce suicide rates. A physical barrier at this garage would serve as a reduction of access to lethal means for our entire community.

Other locations around the world have put up physical barrier deterrents as it has become understood that they do indeed work; the Golden Gate Bridge suicide deterrent that will be completed next year as an example. An advocate for the Golden Gate Bridge suicide deterrent was

a survivor of a suicide attempt and indicated that he regretted the decision as soon as he took the action. Sometimes even just a matter of minutes of passing through the crisis can be enough for an individual to begin thinking more clearly and rationally as the emotional pain abates. Physical barriers and deterrents save lives; signs and call boxes are not enough.

I know, that in these times, the city's budget is tight; however, I do hope that you consider the stakes of this decision. The stakes at hand are the lives of our fellow Columbians and mid-Missourians; if you were to choose the less costly and ineffective methods, you would be sending the message that our city does not value mental health. We know that physical barriers can help deter suicide attempts and save lives, and therefore it needs to be done at this garage. There are families in our community who are grieving the death of loved ones who completed suicide at this very parking garage and it is highly likely that additional attempts and suicide completions will continue at this very location, otherwise, you all would not be having this open platform and consideration as you consider the community's options in addressing this problem.

I sincerely thank you for your time and am hoping to hear good news next steps regarding this critical decision for the City of Columbia.

Best,

Kayla Kilpatrick, Ph.D., NCSP

Regional Coordinator

Boone County Schools Mental Health Coalition

Provisionally Licensed Psychologist, under supervision of Sarah Owens, Ph.D.

kilpatrickk@missouri.edu

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Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Kelly Schieltz <schieltzkm@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 2:12 PM

To: pubw@como.gov

To Whom it May Concern,

Please install physical barriers to prevent more deaths at the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage. Physical barriers save lives. Signs are not enough, making physical barriers critical.

Sincerely,

Kelly Schieltz



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: 5th & Walnut Parking Garage

1 message

Shannon Hensley <shannon.hensley@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 2:49 PM

To: pubW@como.gov

Dear Public Works of Columbia,

I have a lost a friend and know of another young man who ended his life too soon using the all too easy access to the 5th & Walnut parking garage rooftop.

I've been up there several times myself and am shocked at the lack of physical barrier around the entire perimeter of the rooftop. I have seen teens at the top too near the edge apparently in some sort of 'dare' games.

From what I have read of the research of those with suicidal ideation, it is a matter of time. The more barriers there are, the longer it takes and the less likely someone will follow through. Physical barriers matter!

PLEASE prioritize making physical barriers around the rooftop of the 5th & Walnut parking garage to prevent even more deaths! Signs are not enough!
Physical barriers save lives.

Thank you,
Shannon Hensley, MD, MPH
Columbia, MO resident



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage Barrier

1 message

Neeley Current <mcurrent@citygardencolumbia.org>
To: pubw@como.gov

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 3:52 PM

Hello,

Please install physical barriers to prevent more deaths at the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage. Physical barriers save lives. Signs are not enough. Physical barriers are critical.

I am still heartbroken over a parent of one of my young students who took his life by jumping off of this parking garage. I see the parking garage everyday from my house and I wish this student could have her daddy back. Please, I know budgeting is tight, but it how much is a life worth?

Neeley Current
1st Grade Teacher
City Garden School
1st Ward Resident, Columbia, Mo

Thank you



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: 5th & Walnut Parking Garage

1 message

D C <dcrouch@gmail.com>
To: pubW@como.gov

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 4:43 PM

Hi - I'm writing to encourage the city to take action to create a physical barrier to help discourage individuals from jumping or falling from the rooftop. The signs are insufficient. My friend killed himself on that spot and I believe that a barrier that made it a bit more difficult could have prevented his untimely death.

Although I believe that the newspapers and city are doing the right thing by not publicizing the site as a suicide hotspot, this also means that you are less likely to receive the full public support that you would otherwise.

Thank you!
Dennis Crouch
dcrouch@gmail.com



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage

1 message

Stephanie Hayes <stephbhayes@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 8:14 PM

To: "pubw@CoMo.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Please install physical barriers to prevent more deaths at the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage. Physical barriers save lives. Signs are not enough. Physical barriers are critical.
Too many lives have been lost already, we need change, the citizens of Columbia need and deserve a safer parking lot.

Thank you
Stéphanie Hayes

—
Stéphanie Bouchard Hayes



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Joy Wilson <joy@joywilsonpainter.com>
To: pubw@como.gov

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 6:49 PM

Good Evening

I am writing to you to comment on the need for physical barriers at Fifth and Walnut.

I could write something super brief about this, but I don't want it to get skimmed over. This subject is incredibly important to me, and sadly way closer to me than I'd ever like to talk about.

- This school year my daughter became really close friends with a girl named Clara Clara had lost her father from that very spot less mere months prior. Clara is a loveable, sweet, and at times super sad child. No child should ever have to mentally process their father being lost that way. She and her mother are SO incredibly brave and kind. Mental health is a LONG overdue we should all be working hard to normalize in conversation. A sign wouldn't have stopped her father. How do I know? Because it never stopped my mother.

- From the time I was around Clara's age I remember something being very off balance with my mom. Later in life I learned her family had begged she pray her mental health struggles away instead of medicating. As you can imagine this didn't actually work, so for now over thirty years I've watched my mom ride the mental health roller coaster FAR too many are familiar with....ok one day....feeling ok so stopping medication....attempting to harm herself. My story ended in severe abuse and me growing up with my dad, but several years later I asked her what she was thinking when she attempted to harm herself. Her answer..."a means". Said she saw and heard nothing. She just locked into the idea and put the gears in motion. Several times this in fact saved her. She had a fender bender not paying attention once, fell down her living room half stairs once, and even once got lost. I've done a lot of research into the manic/schizophrenic/depressed brain and it often gets described by terms like "going numb" and "seeing red". Nothing I've ever read came anywhere close to the ability to notice much less adhere to a sign in the vicinity. Each time she tried to harm herself some form of physical barrier or person got in her way. I'm sure one day that will not be the case.

- A year ago last week one of my childhood friends reached out to let me know that his brother Chris, whom I also grew up with, had died by suicide at the Golden Gate Bridge. Chris battled a very tragic alcohol addiction, so they couldn't say for certain if he fell or jumped. What would have stopped him either way, even if just for a second, a physical barrier. One more chance to see his family even. There's a sign in that spot. I know because I learned of it in Mark Lukach's book "My Lovely Wife in the Psych Ward." The author is incredibly frustrated that nothing has been done to better barrier this spot, thus many deaths by suicides have occurred.

- A month ago today one of my dear friends, incredibly stressed after recently completing her PhD and her new job in DC became in danger, walked off a parking garage to her tragic early death. Lindsey, like many others, was overwhelmed with mounting stress. She potentially would have recovered from these times had something stopped her. That's a hard pill.

- Three years ago I was project managing a condo building construction in Chicago. My General Contractor was a woman, which I found incredibly impressive, and she was fierce! The project got wrapped up in permitting tape and she started to feel a lot of heat from my subcontractors. At 4am in the morning on a friday she walked

directly up to the plastic fencing we had up for osha regulations, easily pulled it down, and jumped to her death on the sidewalk facing Division Street.

Do I think physical barriers will end death by suicide or fix all of our mental health problems? No. But if it saved even ONE life, isn't that one life of more value than the cost of installing them? It HAS to be.

As a former architect (now homeschooling parent and artist) and project manager I'd love to volunteer my time to collaborate with a planning team or help any way possible.

That garage roof is a really difficult place for many to pass. It would mean the world to me if Clara could see the compassion and action I know this city is capable of.

Thanks for your time,

Joy Wilson

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Joy Wilson

Artist Owner

www.joywilsonpainter.com

573.355.4901

"You get whatever accomplishment you are willing to declare." - Georgia O'Keeffe



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Veronica Manahan <veronica_manahan@hotmail.com>
To: "pubw@como.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 8:24 PM

Please see the attached comment regarding my support of enhanced safeguards at the Fifth and Walnut Street parking garage.

Thank you,
Veronica Manahan

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I am fully in support of the City of Columbia implementing enhanced measures for the parking garage at 5th and Walnut. I know of no other business or facility with this number of fatalities that would still be allowed to operate without being forced to take additional protective steps to keep the public safe. The parking garage, as it is, is clearly an "attractive nuisance" and needs extra safeguards. It is a harm not only to individuals wishing to do themselves harm, but for those caught up in the damage from those actions.

I was at the post office just moments after one of the individuals jumped from the parking garage. An individual, I found out later, who was identified as one of my childhood classmates. I will never forget the trauma that two young children who were in the post office parking lot were experiencing as they witnessed the direct aftermath of my classmate's act, not to mention the terrible pain and suffering that my classmate's family and friend experienced as well. This is not to blame the city for anyone's actions. However, I do believe it is incumbent upon the city to implement some sort of deterrant for those thinking of jumping from the garage.

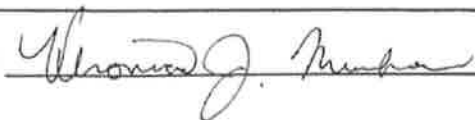
Thank you so much for considering my opinion on this.

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name Veronica Manahan Email veronica_manahan@hotmail.com

Mailing address 2232 Shepard Blvd

City Columbia State MO Zip 65201

Signature 



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: The suicide wall at 5th & Walnut

2 messages

'n2ball4life@yahoo.com' via PubW <pubw@como.gov>
Reply-To: "n2ball4life@yahoo.com" <n2ball4life@yahoo.com>
To: "pubw@CoMo.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 4:31 PM

Please do NOT install physical barriers at the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage. Physical barriers will, unfortunately, save zero lives. Anyone intent on ending their life will accomplish their goal by one method or another. Literally no means of "prevention" will keep one intent on harming him or herself from doing so. To confirm this, please interview suicide victims. (Yes, I realize that you cannot, thereby proving my point.) Physical barriers, as sad as it is to admit, cannot heal broken, hopeless hearts. Only a sound mind and love for others and self, loves worth living for, can do that.

Thank you

Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: "n2ball4life@yahoo.com" <n2ball4life@yahoo.com>
Bcc: Ashlyn Sherman <ashlyn.sherman@como.gov>

Tue, Aug 25, 2020 at 8:01 AM

Hello,

The Public Works Department has received your email. Your comments are being added to the proposed project file.

Thank you for submitting your comments.

Sincerely,
Dana Sample, CTA
Sr. Administrative Support Assistant / IIR Liaison
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Columbia, MO 65201
573-874-2489
Dana.Sample@como.gov

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Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Enhanced Fall Protection Measures at Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage

1 message

'Kristin Hawley' via PubW <pubw@como.gov>

Wed, Aug 26, 2020 at 1:55 PM

Reply-To: Kristin Hawley <kristinhawley@yahoo.com>

To: "pubw@CoMo.gov" <pubw@como.gov>, Ian Thomas <ward4@como.gov>

City Council Members and Project Manager David Nichols,

Please install physical barriers to prevent future deaths from the parking garage at Fifth and Walnut.

According to Dr. Jill Harkavy-Friedman, vice president of research at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and according to a wide range of research studies on this topic:

PHYSICAL BARRIERS WORK.

"There are quite a few studies that show building barriers can save considerable numbers of lives, and people don't just go to another location," Harkavy-Friedman said.

My daughter was 6 years old when her father died at this parking garage. I have no doubt that her dad would still be alive today if these barriers had been in place on December 11, 2018.

Physical barriers save lives. Signs are not enough. Call boxes are not enough.

Please do not let other children lose their parents in this way. Please install physical barriers to prevent future falls and deaths from the Fifth and Walnut parking garage.

Thank you,
Kristin Hawley
801 Crestland Ave
Columbia MO, 65203



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Owens, Sarah A. <OwensSar@missouri.edu>
To: "pubw@CoMo.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Wed, Aug 26, 2020 at 1:34 PM

Hello,

I am writing to you in regards to the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage. I am a professor at the University and a Psychologist. I work with youth and adolescents to support their mental health. In my 8 years in Columbia, I have witnessed at least 2 individuals die by suicide by jumping off this parking garage. I have not just learned of it through news, media, or conversations but have actually **witnessed** this occur, twice. Reflecting on both instants, I thought, there is a simple solution to prevent this and despite my skills and training, I can't be the one to implement this change, but I can advocate for it. Thus, the purpose for this email.

As a psychologist, one of the critical research findings we know of regarding death by suicide is that it can be prevented. More so, the use of physical barriers are effective and critical in saving lives. This is monumental. Psychologist and mental health professionals have plenty of work and tools to effect change regarding mental health needs. But our community, lay persons, and general public can make an impact too. In this case, I am urging you to install physical barriers to do our community's part in saving lives. One death by suicide is too many. The cost of the death is not just one life but the community it impacts, the loved ones of the individual's well-being, and the potential for a contagion effect that is well founded in research.

Thank you for taking the time to reach this email and I welcome any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Owens

Sarah A. Owens, Ph.D., NCSP

Assistant Teaching Professor and Director of Clinical Training (DCT) of School Psychology Program

Associate Director of Boone County Schools Mental Health Coalition

College of Education

University of Missouri

3 Hill Hall

Columbia, MO 65211

(573)-884-4584

8/26/2020

City of Columbia, MO Mail - [PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

Pronouns: she/her/hers



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth & Walnut parking garage

1 message

Theresa Krebs <theresalkrebs@gmail.com>
To: pubw@como.gov

Tue, Aug 25, 2020 at 11:24 AM

My comments are attached.

Thank you,
Theresa Krebs

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Please send comments by August 31, 2020. Thanks for your input.

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Public Works, Engineering Division
City of Columbia
P.O. Box 6015
Columbia, MO 65205

Comments may also be emailed to: pubw@CoMo.gov
(Be sure to include "Fifth and Walnut" in the subject line)

Comments (additional space for more comments on the following page)

I support the city's effort to put preventative measures in place at this parking garage to deter suicides + other incidences of self-harm.

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name Theresa Krebs Email theresakrebs@gmail.com

Mailing address 756 Bellewood Ct.

City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

Signature tkrebs



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Physical Barrier at Fifth and Walnut Garage

1 message

Susan Mathis <susankmathis@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 26, 2020 at 6:02 PM

To: "pubw@como.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Please install physical barriers to prevent more deaths at the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage. Physical barriers save lives. Signs are not enough. Physical barriers are critical.

Thank you

Susan Mathis

     Susan



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Rebecca McCorkle <RMcCorkle@cpsk12.org>
To: "pubw@CoMo.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Wed, Aug 26, 2020 at 4:41 PM

Please install physical barriers to prevent more deaths at the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage. Physical barriers save lives. Signs are not enough. Physical barriers are critical.

Thank you

Rebecca McCorkle



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut Garage

1 message

Kyle and Shannon Ludwig <ludwigks@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 27, 2020 at 6:48 PM

To: pubw@como.gov

Please see attached document with my comments in support of safety measures.

Shannon Ludwig

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Comments *(additional space for more comments on the following page)*

I am writing in support putting preventative measures in place at the Fifth and Walnut parking structure to deter suicides. The seven suicides by jumping that have occurred from that garage is unacceptable. The impact of the suicides have effected many of the deceased's family, friends, neighbors, and the emergency responders that have been on scene.

The Memorial Bridge in Augusta, Maine had a safety fence placed in 1983. Prior to 1983, fourteen suicides by jumping occurred at that location. After the installation, no suicides by jumping occurred from the Memorial Bridge. Even more encouraging, the number of suicides by jumping did not increase at other locations. (Pelletier AJ. Inj Prev 2007; Feb; 13(1): 57-59.)

If these results could be applied to the citizens of Columbia, grief and suffering may be prevented. Preventing future suicides by jumping from the parking structure at Fifth and Walnut may allow suicidal individuals to seek help and treatment. During the economical struggle of COVID19, there have been many reports of increase in depression and suicidal ideation in many people. The installation of preventative measures to the parking structure is vital to help prevent future death in a time that is so uncertain. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name Shannon Ludwig Email sld03rx@juno.com

Mailing address 1808 Madison Park Ct

City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

Signature Shannon Ludwig



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Comments (additional space for more comments on the following page)

As a local psychiatrist in Columbia since 2005, I have been concerned about the 5th + Walnut Parking Garage for many years. The preventative measures that are being discussed could end up saving lives. I cannot emphasize enough how beneficial this could be to families in our community.

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name Jessica Nittler, MD Email jnittlerpsychiatry@gmail.com

Mailing address 2100 Forum Blvd, Suite C-2

City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

Signature J. Nittler MD



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Corin Cesaric <corincesaric@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 30, 2020 at 7:15 PM

To: pubw@como.gov

Good evening,

My comments regarding the Fifth and Walnut garage are attached.

Sincerely,

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CORIN CESARIC

p: 636-543-4905

e: corincesaric@gmail.com



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Comments *(additional space for more comments on the following page)*

I think it is very important that more safety measures and barriers are created for the Fifth and Walnut garage. In my opinion, safety measures should have been created the same time the garage was erected. At least seven suicides have taken place at this garage and it is now nicknamed "The Suicide Garage" in Columbia. If changes and more safety measures aren't made, there will be more deaths here. I hope the city realizes the need for these safety measures, including higher barriers that are not able to be climbed, signage, and possibly a lock on it during the night if possible, and makes them quickly before more people take their lives at this location that is now well-known and publicized as a place to die.

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name Corin Cesaric Email corincesaric@gmail.com

Mailing address 1709 Hinkson Ave. Apt. 11

City Columbia State MO Zip 65201

Signature Corin Cesaric



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Lugine Hein <larhein3@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 30, 2020 at 4:25 PM

To: pubw@como.gov

This is a terrible structure - it is an eye sore to downtown, it should be torn down or at minimum take the top 4 or 5 levels off. This garage should have never been built this high in our downtown.

Blocking off the top level completely might deter a person from harming themselves. You would need to add fences on all the levels all the way around. Are video cameras in use, if not having video observation of the top might help. Also if alarms are installed along the railings might help.

Garagezilla is a monster and has only been an invitation for individuals to hurt themselves. I cannot believe it has taken the city this long to do something about this awfully constructed building without providing deterrence to those who are hurting emotionally and looking for an option to hurt themselves.



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Comments *(additional space for more comments on the following page)*

Please take action to enhance protection on the top floor of the 5th and Walnut garage. Suicide is preventable, and these security enhancements make sense and can help save lives.

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name Emily Fuller Email emilymfuller@gmail.com

Mailing address 1963 Jackson St

City Columbia State MO Zip 65202

Signature 



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Comments *(additional space for more comments on the following page)*

In my five years of living in Columbia, I didn't have an opinion on the Fifth and Walnut parking garage. I didn't use it because it wasn't convenient to me, and I never heard of its glory as a suicide hot spot. Now, on a recent visit to Columbia, driving down Broadway, this garage clouded Columbia's beautiful skyline and was all I could see. It was the chosen place of death of my dear friend, James Carter, who died on August 28, 2019.

Building a tall guard rail or sealing off the top floor to this garage won't stop people from considering death. Suicide is a complicated issue — it is a physical, emotional, existential and acute crisis. What a taller fence and a more complicated means to an end provides is time to reconsider — it buys more time to breathe. Because no matter how big of an issue death seems, access to it is a deciding factor to a person in crisis. As it stands right now, the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage requires a simple jump to a guaranteed end.

Columbia lost the brightest light when James died. Please help ensure that the path for another bright light, staring down at the streets of the Columbia, is not so straight-forward.

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name Jessica Rendall Email rendalljess@gmail.com

Mailing address 4024 Osage Street

City Denver State CO Zip 80211

Signature Jessica Rendall



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Additional Comments

From the Harvard School of Public Health:

"A number of factors are theorized to influence the lethality of a given method. The first is inherent deadliness(...) The second is ease of use(...) The third is accessibility (...) The fourth is ability to abort mid-attempt (...) The fifth factor is acceptability to the attempter."

The Fifth and Walnut Garage ticks all boxes.

Source: <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/means-matter/means-matter/case-fatality/>



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

'Kaylee Sayers' via PubW <pubw@como.gov>
Reply-To: Kaylee Sayers <kayleesayers@yahoo.com>
To: "pubw@CoMo.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 9:55 PM

To whom it may concern,

Enhanced fall protection measures are *essential* for the prevention of suicide at the Fifth and Walnut parking garage. I am in full support of the \$300,000 put aside to go toward these measures to ensure that no one else loses friends, family, or loved ones. This is the time for the City of Columbia to look out for people when they are incapable of looking out for themselves. Thank you for putting thought and time into this project. I pray it is an effective preventative measure against suicide in our city.

Sincerely,
Kaylee Sayers
Columbia Resident



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

'Doris Wooledge' via PubW <pubw@como.gov>
Reply-To: Doris Wooledge <doriswoledge1@icloud.com>
To: pubw@como.gov

Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 9:37 PM

Please add physical barriers to prevent more deaths at the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage. Physical barriers are needed to save lives. Signs are not enough or effective. Physical barriers are critical!
Sent from my iPhone



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth and Walnut

1 message

Sophie Kington <kingtonsophia@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 9:10 PM

To: pubw@como.gov

Sophia Kington.
Sent from my iPhone

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Comments *(additional space for more comments on the following page)*

Please put up some sort of solid dome structure to insure that people cannot climb and successfully commit suicide.

I'm in support of this.

The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.

Name _____ Email _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____



Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: walnut and 5th garage

4 messages

cmbrewer@centurytel.net <cmbrewer@centurytel.net>
To: pubw@como.gov

Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 10:34 PM

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Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: cmbrewer@centurytel.net
Bcc: Ashlyn Sherman <ashlyn.sherman@como.gov>

Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 8:37 AM

Hello,

Public Works received your comment form; however, the comments are not visible on the form. Would you please try saving the form and resubmitting it, or sending your comments in a response to this email.

Thank you,
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On Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 10:34 PM <cmbrewer@centurytel.net> wrote:

cmbrewer@centurytel.net <cmbrewer@centurytel.net>
To: Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>

Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 10:33 AM

I went back to the article and could not find the same sample to comment. I simply said the top railing should be secured for various reason, the suicidal, children, accidents. A barrier of various kinds could make the suicidal person possibly rethink that location and rethink totally and prevent another loss.

From: "Dana Sample" <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: "cmbrewer" <cmbrewer@centurytel.net>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 8:37:49 AM
Subject: Re: [PubW]: walnut and 5th garage

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Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: cmbrewer@centurytel.net

Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 10:37 AM

Thank you. I will add your comments to the file for the project.
Dana Sample, CTA
Sr. Administrative Support Assistant / HR Liaison
City of Columbia, Public Works Department

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City of Columbia, MO Mail - [PubW]: walnut and 5th garage

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Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Fifth & Walnut

1 message

Carisa Kessler <Carisa.Kessler@burrellcenter.com>
To: "pubw@CoMo.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 1:42 PM

Hello,

Attached is the public comment form and the signage examples from Burrell Behavioral Health. Please let me know if you need anything further and I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you!

Carisa Kessler

B CARISA KESSLER*Director of Crisis Services*

Carisa.Kessler@burrellcenter.com

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Comments *(additional space for more comments on the following page)*

Burrell Behavioral Health would like to discuss the possibility of having signage in the parking garage that will offer their 24/7 crisis hotline information. Signs would be placed in each elevator and in the stairwells leading up to the top level of the parking garage. I have attached some examples but of course further discussion would be needed before selecting the final design. Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information. Thank you for your time!

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Name _____ Email _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____

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Dana Sample <dana.sample@como.gov>

[PubW]: Installing physical barriers at Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage is critical to saving lives

1 message

O'Neill, Susan Elizabeth <oneills@missouri.edu>
To: "pubw@CoMo.gov" <pubw@como.gov>

Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 2:55 PM

Columbia City Council and Mayor Treece,

I'm writing to ask that you install physical barriers to prevent more deaths at the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage. Physical barriers save lives. Signs are not enough. Physical barriers are critical.

As a mental health care provider in our community for more than fifteen years, I have worked with a number of suicidal clients who struggle with thoughts of jumping from city and campus parking garages. On one occasion, I coached a client down from the Fifth and Walnut garage by phone, running from my downtown office to get to her. No one died that day. We know that others have and will die at the garage if we do not take more aggressive preventative measures.

Thank you.

Susan O'Neill

Susan O'Neill, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist
Clinical Assistant Professor
Psychological Services Clinic
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6 messages

Kelly Hein <KHein@cpsk12.org>
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Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 12:08 AM

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Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: Kelly Hein <KHein@cpsk12.org>

Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 8:04 AM

Good morning,

Your comments did not save on the form. Could you please save the form to a pdf and type your comments again, or copy and past your comments into an email and send back to me this morning. I am turning in the comments to the project manager this morning, but want to include yours as well.

Thank you,
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On Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 12:08 AM Kelly Hein <KHein@cpsk12.org> wrote:

Kelly Hein <KHein@cpsk12.org>
To: Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>

Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 8:42 AM

Hi Dana,

Yes, I will do that right now. Thanks for letting me know and including me. My little brother died at the parking garage last August and this is a really important topic to me.

Kelly Hein

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Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: Kelly Hein <KHein@cpsk12.org>

Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 8:45 AM

I am so sorry for your loss. Please definitely send your comments. I will make sure they get to Mr. Nichols.

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Kelly Hein <KHein@cpsk12.org>
To: Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>

Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 8:55 AM

The parking garage at 5th and Walnut presents a significant danger to our community. There have been many deaths resulting from the incredibly accessible ledge of this garage - August 28, 2019 was my little brother's. Access is everything, and this is the most accessible location in our city from which one can jump or fall and be guaranteed to die. There are almost no preventative measures to keep people safe. A child could easily fall. This location has become romanticized as a suicide hotspot, not dissimilar to the Golden Gate Bridge. In addition to being used for self harm, high school and college students frequent the top level of this garage as a popular hangout and photo opportunity. Let me reiterate how easy it would be to accidentally or intentionally fall. A few measures that could easily be implemented include: completely closing off the top floor (the garage has plenty of parking availability without it), installing TALL and PROTECTIVE fencing and guard rails, and installing an emergency phone with numbers posted to crisis hotlines.

If we make these necessary changes, we may be able to ensure that my brother's death was the last from this garage.

Thank you.

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Kelly Hein <KHein@cpsk12.org>
To: Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>

Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 8:58 AM

Thank you so much, your kindness means a lot. I just sent you my comments.

Thank you and have a great day,
Kelly

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